

Local soccer player aims for Ontario team

Although Acton hasn't been noted for superstar soccer players in the past, there is one local resident who has a good chance to represent Ontario through one of five regional teams.

Ron Van Item, RR 4 Acton, had his name submitted to the Hamilton, Central West Region team and on January 14 the young mid field player journeyed to Southmount School in Hamilton to try out.

According to his coach, George Bains, Van Item did very well in the practice and he shouldn't have much trouble making the team.

During the soccer season Van Item's Central-West team will be matched against regional teams from Central-East, North, Southwest and Eastern Ontario and from all of those regional teams the best players will be selected to represent the province of Ontario.

The Ontario team will participate in inter-provincial games, tournaments, and they will possibly be playing in the United States. For the 17-year-old soccer player, representing his province will be quite an honor.

Van Item began his soccer career when he was all of seven-years-old and it all started when his parents, who were actively involved in local sports, enrolled him with a Rockwood soccer team.

"I guess I just fell in love with the sport and if I can I'd like to play nationally one day," remarked Van Item.

After spending a year with the Novice soccer league in Rockwood, Van Item came to Acton where he spent three years learning and improving his skills in the sport.

"After three years I learned all I could in Acton and it was time to move on to a bigger league and better competition," explained Van Item.

From Acton, Van Item found his calling in

Georgetown and spent the next six years putting the boots to the ball on Georgetown's soccer fields.

Currently Van Item is playing for the Georgetown Junior B Falcons and if by chance he doesn't join the regional team this spring, he'll stay in Georgetown but move up to Junior A soccer.

"I've come a long way since I used to come home from school and bug my mother to come out and boot around a ball in our back yard," reminisced Van Item. "I used to watch national soccer when I was a kid and seeing Pele dance down the field whetted my appetite for the sport."

"It's a dream of mine to make a national team," continued Van Item, "and making it on a regional team and then to an Ontario team is definitely a step in the right direction."

Van Item is currently attending Bishop Macdonell High School in Guelph and as well as soccer, he plays badminton in Acton, house league hockey in Georgetown and he belongs to his soccer team as well.

Van Item's Junior B Falcons coach, Bains, said: "Ronnie is a very athletic boy and when compared to the 18 other boys at the practice in Hamilton I think he has a very good chance of making the team. He plays hard and has a great deal of determination."

So far in Van Item's career he and his team-mates have won several soccer titles including the Beech Cup for an Ontario Bantam championship. With his school team he helped capture the district 10 championship.

As for Van Item's place on the district and Ontario teams, he won't know for sure whether he'll be playing for them until later this month, but if a winning attitude counts for anything he'll be a sure bet for one of Canada's top teams in the future.



Ron Van Item has a shot at a place on an Ontario Soccer team this season. Van Item started in the sport at an early age and he says a dream of his is to play nationally.

Rockwood

Soccer club needs coaches

by Barbara Funk
Is this a sign of spring? One of the soccer teams will begin practices on Tuesday January 31 at the school. That takes care of one team, but, if there are to be more than three teams this year the club needs coaches. Can you spare the time? If so call Bob Slater at 856-4167. You do not need to be a soccer pro to coach, all that's required is interest in helping youngsters learn to be good sports and of course good soccer players.

The committee for the Rockwood Winter Carnival has been busy all week, taking advantage of this cold spell. (I'm glad someone needed it). They have been transporting water to the playing fields of Rockwood Park in order to make a large skating area. The carnival will begin on Friday, February 24 and run through to Sunday, February 26. All the events will be at Rockwood grounds.

New probably won't be too soon to start thinking snow, as we could use a bit more of the white stuff for those artists who wish to take part in the snow sculpturing contest. And of course now that the rink is just about ready, we certainly don't want a Chinook.

Saturday, January 28 is going to be one of the busiest this month. The Rockwood Baha's are presenting a concert in a coffee house setting at the Town Hall from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. The musicians will be Doug Cameron, Gordie Munro, and Marg Raynor. There will be an admission charge of \$1.

Also, the Lions monthly dance is also Saturday evening at Rockwood Centre. The admission charge is \$10 per couple and a lunch will be served at midnight. The music will be provided by Jack Reeves.

And finally, St. John's Church will have a euchar and bridge night at the Parish Hall. If you need help to brush up your skills or just want to learn, instruction will be available.

Ospringle

Wolf sighted

by Doris Flies
A wolf was sighted in broad daylight at the corner of Byron Bruce's barnyard. He apparently was in no hurry to leave. Reports are that some wolves have been shot on the First Line coming out of the bush there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce attended the baptismal service of their grandson Adam Garnet Bruce, on Sunday, January 8, at Humber Heights United Church, Toronto. Adam is the son of Garnet and Catherine Bruce. They were dinner guests after the service, at the home of the baby's maternal grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Allan McCallum, Toronto.

A good turnout was on hand for the Ospringle Ladies' Aid Christmas meeting. It was held at the home of Mrs. Blanche Bruce, with a very nice program. Mrs. Mildred Sinclair took charge of the devotional, taken from Glad Tidings and centred around the Nativity Scene. With Mrs. Reta Kearns on the violin, and Blanche on the piano, the readings were interspersed with carols. An exchange of gifts took place, and the meeting closed with prayer, followed by lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Bruce and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bruce went to Port Perry on Friday. The funeral of their cousin Bruce Healslip, took place on Saturday, January 14. A few local friends of Danny McLean called on him at Norfolk Manor in Guelph, on Sunday, January 8, on the occasion of his 90th birthday.

Eden Mills

Tree burning is fun for all

by Mrs. G. MacDougall
Mrs. Edith Jennings is recovering nicely after a short trip to hospital for an operation on a toe.

Get well thoughts are with Mike Marshall after he had stitches in his neck after a freak accident around his truck.

It was a snappy cold night for the Christmas tree burning but young and young-at-heart enjoyed the evening of snowmobile rides and tobogganing with hot chocolate and doughnuts for refreshments. One family snowmobiled up from Milton to join in the fun.

Churchill

by Barb Crawford
Rev. E.M. Jenkins introduced our guest minister, Rev. Jean Stairs of Acton Baptist Church, who delivered the sermon, as part of the pulpit exchange during Christian Unity week.

Our Pastoral Assistant, Mr. Craig Rumble, officiated at service at Acton Baptist Church.

A reminder of the annual meeting at the

Meanderings

by M. E. Barkman
I looked at the empty pail and decided that one household duty I didn't like was filling things.

The pail needed to be filled with water to water the plants. The salt and pepper shakers needed filling. The canisters needed

flour, and sugar. The brown sugar jar also needed filling. The pail for the dog food and cat food needed filling. For that matter the bird seed pail looked pretty empty. For a household to run smoothly all these utensils should be up to the brim with their particular contents.

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Strikes and splits

YBC Bowling
by Michelle Piere
Pee-wee: The Blue Jays came back this week taking both games from the Pirates. The Alligators did the same taking all the points from the Oscars. The Wild Ones took one game and totals leaving the Smurfs with one game. Team Standings: Blue Jays - 30 1/2, Alligators - 24, Wild Ones - 25 1/2, Smurfs - 25, Oscars - 25, Pandas - 11, Top 5 Doubles: Steven White - 85, Ryan Duffield - 74, Chris Wilson - 238, Tanya Martin - 22, Jeff - 21.
Bantams First Shift: Panthers took two games and totals, leaving the Jet Setters with one game. The Hot Shot Expos were on a hot streak taking all the points from the Alley Cats. Go Getters took two games and totals from the Del Leppards. Team Standings: Go Getters - 20 1/2, Hot Shot Expos - 39, Jet Setters - 34, Panthers - 30, Del Leppards - 24, Alley Cats - 21 1/2.
Bantams (second shift): Mary's Marvella did it again taking all the points from the Hot Shots. Dee's Strikers took the first game but the A Team came back taking two games and totals. The Tigers did the same, leaving the Koalas with one game. Team Standings: Mary's Marvella - 42, Tigers - 41, A Team - 38, Dee's Strikers - 32, Hot Shots - 25, Koalas - 15, Top 10 Triples: Angela Dunn - 620, Sheldon Stuckless - 548, David DeForest - 540, Chris White - 490, Chrissy Dunn - 490, Jimmie Wheeler - 484, Renata Luisetto 462, Kasey Ireland, 462, Christine Jennings 460, Steven Sheppard 430.
Juniors: Three teams were left with only one point this week. It was the Smurfs over the Strikers. The Odd Balls over the Invaders and the Block Busters over the Losers. Team Standings: Losers - 40, Invaders - 35, Smurfs - 27, Odd Balls - 27, Strikers - 25 1/2, Block Busters - 21, Top 5 Triples: Stacy Hillier - 584, Kelly Harrison - 577, Richard Crapp - 565, Barb Dunn - 548, Kelly Higgins 542.
Seniors: The Aces took two games and totals from the Bloopers. No Names did the same leaving the Strange Crew with one game. Team Standings: Bloopers - 41, No Names - 36, Aces - 29, Strange Crew - 22, Top 3 Drivers: Teresa Dunn - 665, Chad Crooks - 661, Bruce Shannon - 653, Scott Nowlan - 640, Tom Shannon - 580.
Adult Bowling
by Bob Healey
Top shooters were Cathie O'Heam 250, Julie Heatley 870, Mike Pehora Sr. 257, 292. Team standings are Strike-Outs 25, E.T. 24, A-Team 23, To With It 20.
Boards: Wellers flatten the Tanzers for all games and seem to be on their way out of the cellar. Top single for the ladies went to Pat McClure 280 and Vicki Anderson threw best triple 633. On the men's side Jim Gibson rolled top single 282, and Dee Deforest tripled out at 727. Other top singles went to Chad

Crooks 284, Neil Abbott 284, Gloria Jennings 273, Dee Deforest 270, Vicki Anderson 259. Hitting the triple sheet were Jim Gibson 725, Neil Abbott 702, Chad Crooks 673, Lyle Cripps 640, Jim Markie 634. Team standings are Strikers 38, Buffers 35, Tanzers, Rollers and Wellers 30.
Acton Friends: Siedmans kept their lead by crushing Freezer Frenzy for all points. Top single for the ladies went to Gail Robb 248, and Jackie Parker had best triple 650. On the men's side Darrel Allison had best single 259 and Bob Evans tripled a 534. Other good singles were handed in by Spike Scott 241, Bob Evans 232, Jackie Parker 230, Donna Jeffrey 217, Gord Lott 215. Penciling in the triple column were Darrel Allison 628, Spike Scott 628, Mamie Clarke 596, Gord Lott 591, Lynda Iuse 582. Standings are Siedmans 53, Willow Lane Natural Foods 43, Robert Neal Estate 34, 10A 33, Freezer Frenzy 24, Jug City 16.
Acton Mixed: Missis dominated first place Hoods for all games and points. Best single on the ladies side went to Val Lewis 251 and Val White tripled a 594. On the men's side Bill Cargill led the way rolling both high single 257, triple 679. Other top singles went to Val White 241, George Flinders 243, Don Gray 226, John Sykes 223, Margie Peadar 217. Hitting the triple page were Don Archibald 618, Don Marzo 573, Don Gray 564, Cheryl Phillips 553, Georgina Boerman 551. Team standings are The Hoods 37, Outcasts 38, Hooters 33, Hot Shots and Missis 31, Jungle Juice 24.
Thursday Ladies: Happy Faces blasted second place Mostly Misses for all points. Top single went to Iole Lunetto 246 and Elaine Dowman tripled out a 582. Other good singles went to Loesje Kulasienki 252, Carol Wood 217, Linda Hardy 216, Gail Andrews 215, Ernestine Foster 205. Hitting the triple column were Iole Lunetto 578, Loesje Kulasienki 562, Marg White 560, Linda Hardy 558, Ernestine Foster 554. Standings are Fireballs 46, Mostly Misses 44, Yo-Yo 40, Sizzlers 38, Happy Faces 36, Funny Faces 25.
Western General Contractors: Best bowler for the workers was Pat Bennett rolling both high single 258, triple 658. Other good singles were handed in by Bernice Crispin 238, Adele Nolan 230, Cindy Pickling 220, Barb Nelson 217, Gloria Moore 209. Hitting the triple sheet were Bernice Crispin 597, Deb Storey 560, Betty Cheyne 557, Barb Mellon 554, Adele Nolan 539. Standings are Hard as Nails 75, Power Drills 73, Hard Hata 69, Dirty Half Dozen 50, Ladders 49, Blasters 40.
Golden Agers: Tops on the ladies' side were Helen Waterhouse rolling a 212 single and Edith Watkins knocked off best triple 518. For the gents, Walter Hug singled a 263 and Arlie White threw best triple 667. Other good shooters were Arlie White 252, Wallace Swackhammer 225, Walter Hug 583, Ted Chesky 513. Team standings are Opals 39, Emeralds 37, Diamonds 34, Rubies 33, Pearls 30, Garnets 19.

Ten Days program focuses on Central America

Ten days for world development is a development education program of the Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Church of Canada. During ten days each February, a special effort is made to focus attention on areas of special need.
The 1984 Ten Days For World Development education program will continue its geographical focus begun in 1983 upon Central America.
There are a number of events planned in Acton for Ten Days for World Development. On Wednesday, February 1, at 8 p.m. the Trinity United Church TAG will hold an open meeting to hear Senora Julie Garay, the wife of the Nicaraguan consul-general to Canada.
On Saturday, February 11, Father Robert Stark arrives in Acton. The next day will be the "high profile" day for the Ten Days

program here. At 8 a.m. there will be a men's breakfast with Fr. Stark, women are also welcome to attend, and then Fr. Stark will preach at Trinity at 10 a.m.
At 3 p.m. on February 12, Rev. Jean Stairs will interview Fr. Stark for a taped show to air on Halton Cable's community channel.
At 7 p.m. there will be a coffee hour at St. Alban's Anglican Church which will hopefully be attended by Halton MP Otto Jelinek too. A film on Central America will be shown and there will be a time to write letters to MPs too.
On Tuesday, February 14, Jean Wright of the Toronto Peace Network will speak at Trinity United Church. Mrs. Wright was one of 150 Canadian and American Christian women who flew to Honduras in an attempt to hold a prayer vigil for peace. They weren't allowed to leave the plane and Mrs. Wright has an interesting story to tell.

Pomeroy . . .

lots were superimposed on the land.
Pomeroy questioned the statement in the citizens' brief describing the land purchase as the single largest transaction the Town has done. He contended the completion of the plan for 20 years' growth would have much more dramatic impact on the town.
Citing the statement he had made that the number of town employees had decreased, which the brief used as a point in questioning the need for more space, Pomeroy said the decrease had been primarily in the works department, who would not be in a municipal building anyway.
He defended reserve funds as the sensible way to avoid borrowing and high interest rates. "It is a responsible way to fund capital projects by borrowing from yourself then replenish the fund", he claimed all municipalities would have to do this in the future. "We were a jump ahead of them."
"In the case of the Stevens property any excess land should be put on the market to raise as much as possible." He urged council to start work on the funding package. He recalled a piece of town property on Guelph Street, purchased for \$4,000 or \$5,000 about eight years ago, just sold for \$217,000. "I don't think council plans to give that money back because they can't believe in developing land."
On the legality of the town selling land, he noted Oakville has a large apartment complex on land previously owned by the town.

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ed and even the citizens' group did not question it, but merely the location. He emphasized a building should not be constructed until a responsible financial package with no debenture debt can be presented to the taxpayers.
He claimed the Stevens property, while not a big deal for the hospital was significant for the Hospital Foundation in helping build the nursing home. "Personally I see any assistance to the hospital in funding capital projects as a serious matter. It's clearly in the best interest of the community."
He noted the citizens' report made it obvious all the information was available to the public, and pointed out one of the most difficult functions of elected officials is planning for the future especially when large expenditures are involved.
He concluded by stating, "This project, if properly handled, will benefit the town. It is one of the safest investments made by a council."
Councillor Ross Kechtel pointed out lot levy reserves, or the administration reserve fund as it is properly named, was the source of some of the funding for the Cultural Centre. "Did anyone question its use then," he asked.
Pomeroy replied no-one questioned the legality at that time. "I believe it was supported unanimously."
Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson added that part of the lot levy fund went to the

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