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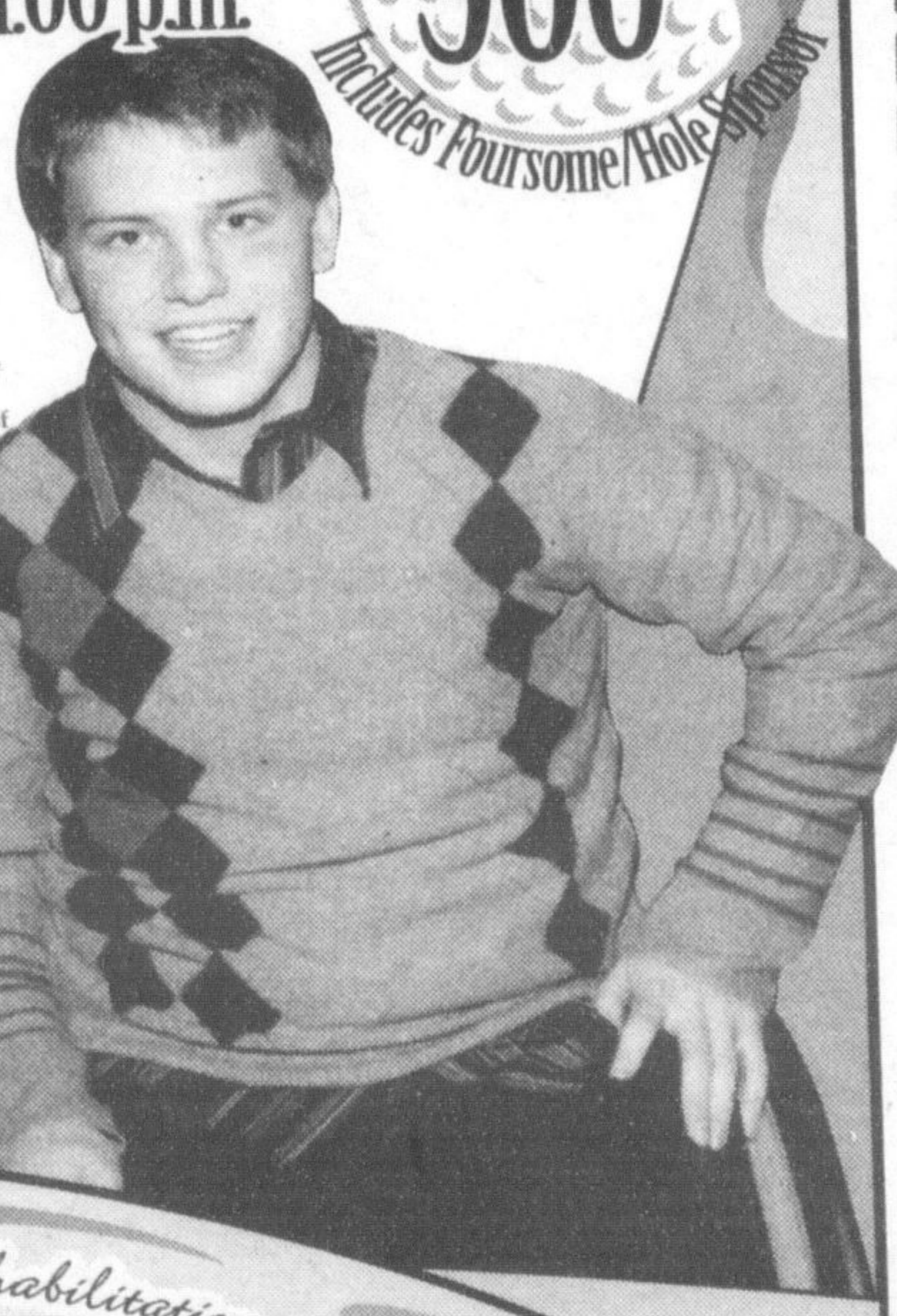
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Uninsured rugby star paralyzed

E-mail spam filter deleted notice cancelling ORU coverage a day before Hornets game

BY JOHN BURMAN
An e-mail spam filter deleted the warning that might have kept a promising rugby star out of the game that left him paralyzed.
Had the Hamilton Hornets known the Ontario Rugby Union's catastrophic injury insurance was cancelled Sept. 8 at 12:01 a.m., Hornets officials say the exhibition game in which Sean Corner, 21, was injured Sept. 9 might never have been played.
Corner, the Hornets' starting scrum-half, is paralyzed from the waist down.
"It is a permanent injury," Sean's father Tom said last night. The elder Corner said his son is a strong, straightforward young man who asked the doctors not to sugar-coat the results of tests on his spine.
Now his family and the club are scrambling to raise money for home renovations, a modified van and other expenses as they try to insure the young man.

Hamilton General Hospital. "He's getting up more and taking therapy and he has goals because you have to have goals," he said.
Tom Corner said the rugby community has come out strongly in support of Sean because it is "a tight-knit community, a different breed of family for sure."
Hornets' president Chris Gilks said yesterday the warning about insurance was sent to the club's website and was deleted by e-mail filters because it was a mass mailing. "The union sent it out in a block to all the clubs," said Gilks. "The warning did not go to individual officers and club's executive officers were not followed up to make sure officers were informed."
"We did not see it," said Gilks. "Had the club known there was no insurance to cover the devastating injury, the club could have scrubbed the Sept. 9 cancellation notice was sent out Sept. 7 and posted on its website. "Our recent claims history (\$1 million plus) forced our current million-plus insurer (Lloyd's) to cancel effective 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 8," Williams says in a letter on the website dated Sept. 21. "Rugby Canada tried to find an alternate insurance supplier but the cost was prohibitive, he said, and there was no chance of raising the money immediately because registrations for the year are finished."
Cancelling the insurance means there is no "first-party insurance" for players (no fault insurance), which would have provided automatic eligibility for injured players to receive up to \$500,000 without proof of negligence.
Gilks said there may be some money available for Corner under the accident portion of the league's liability insurance but he said he would require proof of insurance.



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