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Filane, Winner at Games

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Dominic Filane has made his dreams come true.

Last week, he boxed himself to a light-flyweight bronze medal, at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland, New Zealand.

In his debut flight, Filane defeated a Tanzanian boxer, and advanced to the medal round. When he lost to an intimidating boxer from Uganda, in the semi-finals, he collected the bronze.

"It's starting to sink in now, but I was really down after the fight because I was so close (to the gold)," said the 20-year-old Filane the next day.

A telegram he received from Schreiber with at least 300 signatures gave Filane the confidence he needed before his first fight. He knew his town and his family were behind him, win or lose.

"That was a real boost," he said. "It really pumped me up."

His world-wide travels with the Canadian team with the Canadian boxing team will be an

unforgettable experience for Filane. Yet he admits that he still misses home.

"You get lonely when you're on the road here," he said. Filane left Canada at the beginning of January, and expects to return on Feb. 14.

Filane's team members and coaches have all been supportive.

"Everybody's really, really close. We all get along together," he said. "But you miss all your friends back at home and your family. You miss it a lot."

As with many boxers, Filane has to watch his weight while he fights. Yet, with a break between competitions, he was able to enjoy the forbidden treats in the village food tent.

"Today I ate good. I ate REALLY good today," he said. "Ice cream an everything!"

But now, the fight goes on. This week, the Canadian boxing team is in Indonesia to compete in the Presidet's Cup, and Filane's boxing future has never looked brighter.

"Domenic can surprise everyone," said Filane's personal coach, Adrian Theodorescu, before the Games began. And he did. Only one year after he started

boxing again, Filane captured a bronze medal at the Commonwealth games.

"I really want to thank (everyone at home) for all they've

done," said Filane. "It's a great feeling seeing all these people you know back home wishing you luck. It was just like being there."

Area MNR employee recipient of award

North York, February 3 - Four Forest Wildfire Prevention Awards winners were announced here today. They recognize four people who have been particularly helpful in protecting Ontario's forests from unwanted wildfires during the past year. The Awards are presented by the Ontario Forestry Association, upon the recommendation of its forest fire education committee, to those who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in forest wildfire prevention through education, legislation, engineering or other specific activity.

MaryLou McLauchlan, Toronto, of Molson Ontario Breweries Limited, is named recipient of a Forest Wildfire Prevention Award for securing an animated forest fire prevention message on Molson's electronic billboard over Toronto's downtown Gardiner Expressway. From April through June in 1988 and

1989 the message read: "Spring fire hazards may be high. Help the Ontario Forestry Association Prevent Forest Wildfires."

"Reaching a large urban audience with a highly visible forest wildfire prevention message is the answer to our dreams", said Lew Ringham, Bracebridge, forest fire education campaign chairman for the Ontario Forestry Association.

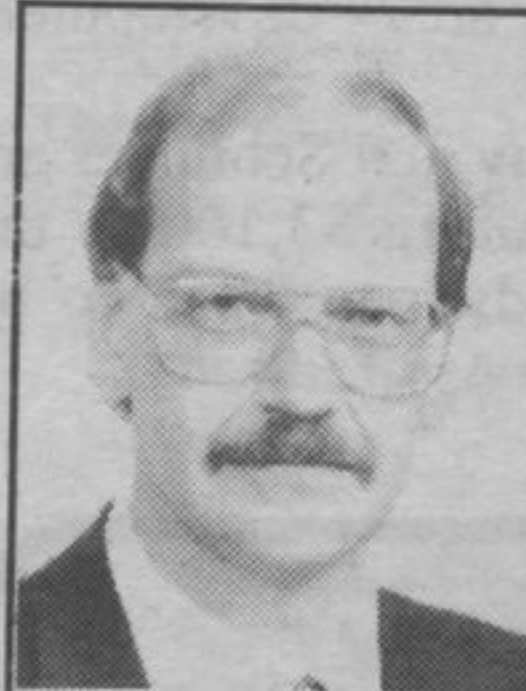
Three Forest Wildfire Prevention Awards were announced for the prevention of railway-caused forest wildfires. There are about 150 such fires annually in Ontario.

First is to Gilbert Dube, General Supervisor, Track Maintenance, Canadian National Railways, Hornepayne, Ontario, for his direction to crews and cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources which led to a reduction in the number of railway-related forest wildfires in the

area under his jurisdiction. There have been a number of improvements made by the railways in recent years and Mr. Dube has been extremely helpful in this regard.

Two Ministry of Natural Resources' employees were also named recipients of Forest Wildfire Prevention Awards for their work in producing a 35 minute video called "Fire Prevention on Railway Maintenance". They are Daryl Curran, Senior Fire Technician, Terrace Bay and Dale Randa, Unit Crew Leader, Nipigon. Their video has been widely used in training railway, forest industry, Transport Canada and Ministry of Natural Resources staff in the potential hazards of railway maintenance operations from tie burning to rack grinding. It suggests wildfire prevention alternatives one should consider to reduce fire danger.

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