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Activities**

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From the founding of the Sports Society "Soko" in 1929 and during the following 94 years, the sports activity of the Serbs in Windsor was constantly growing and taking on new contents. New soccer, basketball, balote, chess clubs appeared ... and also many individuals who competed in various sports.

Over time, the Serbian community in Windsor became a breeding ground for excellent athletes, some of whom reached the Olympic games, representing Canada at the most popular and massive sports competitions in the world.

Milan Vukadinov, a chess master, defended the colors of Canada at the Olympics in Malta in 1980, in the same year the Brković brothers were selected for Canada's team for the Olympic Games in Moscow.

Eli Šukunda represented Canada 4 times at the Olympics as a fencer (1976, 1980, 1984 and 1988).

Dorđe Veličković, a member of the Canadian rugby selection (for 35+ years veterans) "Golden Beavers" participated in several tournaments with the team in Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Ireland as well as in Canada.

The Serbian soccer club "Maple Leaf", the most trophy-winning club from Windsor of all time, reached the final of the Canada Cup in 1971.

Bojana Kovačević, three-time university champion of Canada in basketball (2011, 2012 and 2013), and many others whose successes you can learn about in this book.

However, the most beautiful sport can offer is the soccer competition called "Srbijada", which brings together Serbian clubs from many cities in North America. The annual tournaments started in Windsor in 1993 and are held in one of the cities of Canada and the USA, each year in a different place.

How much effort, time (and money) it takes to organize such tournaments is less important, and the determination and willingness of athletes and organizers (and often fans) to travel across the continent for thousands of kilometers to reach and participate in is especially admirable.

Looking from the sidelines, such determination is incomprehensible to many, but not to the participants of the tournaments. It is sports competition, recreation, socializing, harmony, unity and charity at its best. It is similar with the Balote tournaments of Serbian clubs in North America which have been going on since the year 1992.

You can read about it and much more in this book, which uses text and photographs to depict the path our athletes took from a group of exercisers in rented halls back in 1929, to the Olympic and many other famous sports arenas worldwide.

Branko Malešević

Windsor: 03.05.2023

Society for physical education "Soko" 1929 - 1933

The arrival of a large number of Serbs in Windsor after the First World War enabled the creation of the first Serbian clubs and societies in this Canadian city. Considering that our emigration at that time consisted mainly of younger people, it was natural that they should organize themselves first through sports activities.

The model for the first Serbian expatriate club in Windsor was "SOKO", then the most widespread and massive social and sports organization in the newly founded Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

Miroslav Tirš founded the "Society for Physical Education" in Prague on February 16, 1862 and named it after the falcon, a bird that symbolizes courage, speed, skill, agility and freedom. His idea was soon accepted in all parts of Austria-Hungary. Sokol organizations sprung up throughout the empire, including in areas inhabited by Serbs. In the newly formed state of the South Slavs, the Sokol movement was accepted as a social organization with clear aspirations to contribute to unity and harmony, and as such it spread and became massive very quickly.

It was, therefore, quite natural for this movement to be transmitted across the ocean, wherever our emigrants were. Thus, on Sunday, March 24, 1929, in the premises of "Kovinsky hall", 142 Drouillard Road, the first sports organization of our emigrants in Windsor was founded. Society for physical education "Falcon" gathered over 50 members, who with the help of falcon activists from neighboring Detroit immediately started working. The main task of the society was to "educate the membership physically and mentally", and in addition to exercise, it was also involved in organizing parties and excursions, organizing an English language school and cultural and educational work. Soko Society was the center around which the overall social life of our emigrants in Windsor and its surroundings was organized.

The membership was twofold, i.e. it consisted of "supporters" and "exercisers".

The task of the first was to provide material support. Among them, the following stood out: Simo Šašić, Adam Ognjenović, Đuro Kegić, Jovan Košutić, Falah Burba, Pavle Rogulja and Miloš Jošanov.

Twenty seven younger members applied for the exercisers: Aleksandar Maćan, Aleksandar Erdeljan, Pero Bulat, Bogdan Jašin, Sava Rađenović, Đuro Mraković, Đuro Kijulski, Petar Badrić, Sredoje Štetić, Ivan Polić, Jovo Ljiljak, Vaso Dragić, Dmitar Vukazić, Vule Vuletić, Vlado Pičeta, Isidor Raletić, Rade Spasojević, Marko Vaščić, Emil Kozarov, Bogdan Milinković, Petar Košutić, Simo Gućin, Milan Milošev, Nikola Stojković and Lazo Gavrić.

Of course, the Society also had its own board, which consisted of: Đuro Kegić, Pavle Rogulja, Pero Bulat, Đuro Kijulski, Dmitar Vukazić, Ilija Meandžija, Vule Vuletić, Jovo Ljiljak and Ivan Polić.

Like the dual membership, a dual membership fee was established: 25 cents for practitioners and half a dollar for supporters. Just one month after its founding, on April 27, to be precise, the first, very well-attended and successful event was held in the nearby Ukrainian House. In addition to the practitioners, reciters also performed on the program, followed by a compulsory dance.

The participants of the program were also members of the Polish Falcon Society from Detroit, whose performance was warmly welcomed.

When the weather allowed, the exercises were performed in nature, i.e. the nearby park, often with the presence of curious observers - passers-by and residents of nearby houses.



*Sokol members exercising in a park in East Windsor 1929 (left)
and Peter Bulat with Simo Travica 1929 in uniforms of the Sokol Society (right)*

Since the society did not have its own facilities for practice and other activities, they used Dubinsky hall (202 Drouillard Road) for a monthly fee of \$50.

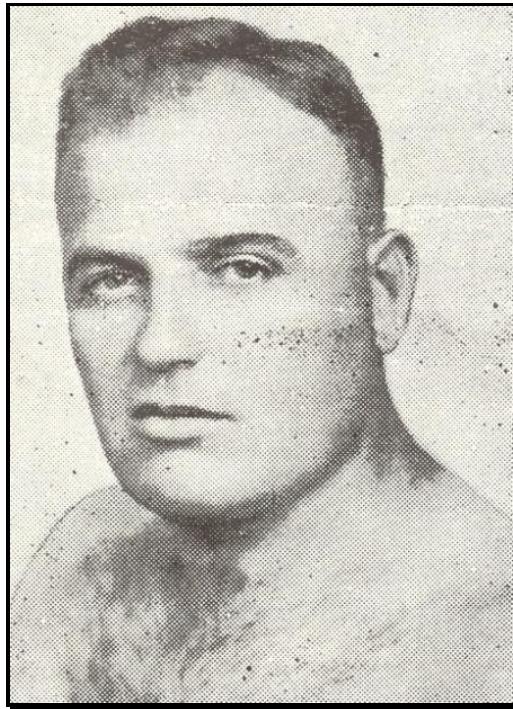
The great economic crisis that occurred in those years led to the loss of jobs for many, so the membership dropped and in the end the society was shut down, which ceased to operate by the decision of the management on January 29, 1933.

Along with the work of "Falcon", parties were organized in the city where two of our emigrants entertained the audience by showing "body strength and spirit skills". Vaso Žakula and Petar Zebić traveled the expanses of North America and showed what they could do with their truly supernatural strength and skill.

According to one of the contemporaries of these strong men, Petar Bašić from Windsor, Petar Zebić and Vaso Žakula were originally from Lika.

These two ads come from the 1930s and were saved by Petar Bašić and handed over to the author of these lines in 1979. There were always an enviable number of spectators, because at that time America was experiencing an economic expansion that had not been seen before in the world. For example, in the period from 1910-1923 Detroit grew by more than a million inhabitants (from about 450,000 to more than 1,500,000).

The workers needed some kind of entertainment in their rare hours of rest, so in addition to numerous performances by magicians, circus performances and various exhibitions, the performances of our compatriots were visited by a large number of curious people.



Midnight Show

Saturday Jan. 17th, 11:15 pm

The King of strong men
Waso D. Zakula of Yugoslavia

***Will demonstrate his enormous strength that
has not been seen before in Canada***

1. Winding of iron around the hands
2. Winding of iron around the neck
3. Winding of iron by his teeth
4. Bending of cold iron on the chest
5. Bending of cold iron on the head
6. Breaking of stone on n the chest
7. Breaking stones on the head
8. Carrying 1300 lbs with the teeth
9. Carrying 2400 lbs on the head
10. Carrying as many people as have room
11. Holds 4000 lbs on his shoulders
12. On the barrel as many as have room



**PROF.ZEBIC, WHO HAS BEST DEVELOPED MUSCLES AND THE
STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD**

Prof. Zebic will hold 4,000 pounds – also two autos will pull him by the arm in full power or two team horses or 16 strong men will try to pull his arms apart. Prof. Zebic will also make with his bare hands a ring from an iron bar that can stand the pull of a train and 100 loaded cars.

PROF. ZEBIC CAN PULL

WITH HIS HAIR 5,000 POUNDS

Prof. Zebic travelled all around the world and so far nobody beat him!

**Prof. Zebic challenges the world features strong acts,
\$5,000 to anyone who can duplicate his acts!**

THERE WILL BE ACTS HERETOFORE UNSEEN

**My exhibition will precede the showing of the genuine
Mummy over 7,000 years old and still in good shape – free**

CALUMET PRESS INC. GARY, INDIANA

Basketball club "Soko" 1940 - 1943

Seven years after the closure of the Society for physical education "Soko", a basketball club was founded under the same name, on the initiative of Ljubomir Murgaški, a young immigrant from Despotovo near Bačka Palanka. The club competed in the "Windsor Intermediate Basketball League" under the auspices of the "Ontario Basketball Association". It took second place twice, and once, in 1943, was the league champion. As one of the eight regional champions of Ontario, "Falcon" participated in the final competition for the championship of the largest Canadian province, in the city of Brantford, from March 31 to April 3, 1943, and won second place in that tournament.

The Windsor Star, April 2, 1943

HARD BATTLE

The O.B.A. officials predicted that the last game of the night would be the closest contested. The figures proved they were right. The Windsor Falcons, a group of Young Serbs, gave the St. Catharines Alumni a good argument. The teams were checking hard with but 31 points on the board at halftime.

The Serbs were ahead 20-11 at that time.

The Serbs got a comfortable lead in the second half, but a grand rally by the Alumni made it look as if they would tie the score or take the game, but their drive came too late. The final score was 34-31. The Alumni outweighed their opponents all the way but were a little older. Gus Madsen, the well-known senior lacrosse player, was a member of the St. Catharines Club. P. Mudry was the best under the basket for the winners with 12 points. Jim Cipparone backed him up well with 11. D. Myers took the honors for the Alumni. He scored 13 points. The Serbs were in a spot. They had been told that only enough accommodation for the four winning teams had been reserved, it being understood the losers would go home. They did not intend to go home win or lose. They jocularly spoke of sleeping in the parks.



First row: Bogdan Stojanovic, Louis Murgaski, Sava Roslov

Second row: Peter Bulat, Sava Jankov, Rudi Kahlic, Milan Barac, Bogdan Jashin

Third row: Obrad Jashin, Nikola Vujaklija, Slavko Miric, Josif Prpic, Danilo Uzelac

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FALCON FIVE SCORES UPSET

Patrick Hoopsters Are Nosed Out, 24-23 `BURG DRUBBED

One game proved an upset and the other was turned into a rout as the Intermediate Basketball League swung into its second week of action last night. The upset was provided by the Falcon A.C. when it nosed out Patrick's Service, 24-23 while the rout was the 45-13 drubbing the Stokes Service Club handed Amherstburg.

REAL SIZZLER

The Falcon - Patrick game produced everything that even the most critical cage fan could ask. It was a sizzler from start to finish with a foul shot by Louis Murgaski, high-scoring Falcon centre, in the last minute of play deciding the issue. The score at half-time was 15-11, in favor of the Patrick brigade and in the last half the lead changed hands no less than three times. Murgaski was high scorer for the winners with five field goals and two fouls, while Zelba and Dawson, with five points each, split top scoring honors for the losers. It was Falcons first win.

ASSUMPTION LOSES AGAIN Falcons give College Intermediate Los

Assumption College Bees lost their second game in as many starts in the Intermediate Basketball League Saturday night, dropping a 30 to 16 decision to the pace-setting Falcons. The Falcons threw up an effective defense in the first half of play to hold Assumption to one field goal. Score at halftime was in the Falcons' favor, 16 to 2. L. Murgaski led the winners with 13 points. Kavanaugh and Hathaway, each with 4 points, were leading scorers for the College five.

Falcons Beat L.Y.F. 48-25

Opening the scoring throttle in the second half to outscore the opposition by 25 points, Windsor Falcons defeated Labor Youth federation, 48-25 in an Essex County Intermediate Basketball league fixture last night. The score at the half was 14-12 for L.Y.F.

Scoring by the winners was pretty well distributed among all hands with Murgaski topping the list with nine points.

Falcons 48 - L.Y.F. 25

Uzelac	8	Jasin	6
Mudry	7	Trimesc	3
Murgaski	9	Curgin	6
Stevenson	0	Suttak	6
A.Boroski	9	Roslov	2
Foy	8	DeMarko	2
Cipparone	7	Wysinsky	0
B. Boroski	0	Yakovlev	0
Jankov	0	Zeller	0
Gilliland	0	Masaro	0

Referee: Slim Patrick

S.C. White Eagles 1949-1953

The first Serbian soccer club in Windsor, "White Eagles", was founded at the end of 1949. It is also the first Serbian soccer club in Canada, and on the entire North American continent.

The founding session was held in the "Pero's House" (after the owner Pero Bulat). The first president was Aleksandar Đorđević, and later Rade Vitorac, Nikola Budimir and Slobodan Paražanin also held that position.

The club's greatest success was winning the "Firemen's Cup" trophy and placing second in the "Essex County Soccer League" in 1952. The previous year (1951), the "White Eagles" were finalists of the "Windsor Star" cup, when on October 28, in front of 800 spectators, they lost with a high score (5-1) to the "Caboto" team.



Fireman's Cup 1952 Final: "White Eagles" – "Hungaria" 7:3

Standing: Bogdan Vonchina, Dusan Vasic, Mihailo Rume, Branko Sekulic, Moma Ilic, N.N., Emil Kajer, N.N., Dusan Tomic (with trophy), Bosko Stefanovic, Ljubisa Vlajkovic, Milan (Lala) and Milan Kecha

Front: Nikola Petronijevic, Dusan Manojlovic, Aleksandar Calic, Momir Kuzmanovic, Nikola Budimir, Boza Bozanovic, Rade Vitorac, Vlado Bobinac, Nikola Stosic, N.N., Milan Pavlica



Serbian Day (Vidovdan) 1950, Niagara Falls

Host Pero Bulat and President of White Eagles, Nikola Budimir,
Present the trophy to Slobodan Janjatovic, captain.

From left to right: Aleksandar Calic, Bogdan Voncina, Zarko Maksimovic, Jozef Nagy, Dusan Tomic, Gojko Rajkovic, Pero Bulat, Milenko Milosevic, Slobodan Janjatovic, Petar Crljenica, Nikola Budimir, Boza Bozanovic, Dusan Vasic, Branko Sekulic & Mihailo Rume.



Celebration in Serbian Hall on Drouillard Road after winning Fireman's Cup



Sports Society "Yugoslavia" 1956 – 1957



Standing, from left to right: Branko Borčić, Dragoslav Radosavljević, Niki Kristifalucci, Zika Apić, Nikola Stošić, Aca Lazović, Hari Walkinfus, Franja Stipanović, N.N.

Front: Čeda N., Dušan Irić, Branko Spasojević, N.N., Missing from the picture: Gojko Rajković, Đorđe Rapaić, Ljubiša Vlajković, Aca Calić, Boža Božanović, Dušan Tomić – "son", Branko Sekulić and Duško Jovanović

During the winter period of 1955/56, the sports club "Yugoslavia" was formed, which had over 60 members, and had its premises in a restaurant on Drouillard Road in the eastern part of Windsor, where the largest number of Serbs lived at that time. Three sections operated within this sports association. The soccer team was the champion of the "B" group of the Essex County Soccer League in 1956. The table tennis section with over 30 competitors, among whom Zika Apić, Aca Lazović, Boža Božanović, and Fedor Rajić stood out.

They won first place in a tournament and had a meeting with the Serbian Youth Sports Club from Toronto in 1956. The chess team consisting of Zika Apić, Fedor Rajić, Franja Stipanović and Harry Walkinfus competed in the "YMCA" chess league in Windsor. The players of the football club were: Branko Borčić, Dragoslav Radosavljević, Nik Kristifalucci, Zika Apić, N. Stošić, Aca Lazović, Hari Vokinfus, Franja Stipanović, Dušan Irić, Branko Spasojević, Gojko Rajković, Đorđe Rapaić, Ljubiša Vlajković, Aca Calić, Boža Božanović, Dušan Tomić, Branko Sekulić, Duško Jovanović, Čeda (surname unknown).

Serbian Sport Club 1958

After the closure of the sports association "Yugoslavia" in 1957, it did not take long for the new Serbian Sports Club to appear, which was formed in the spring of 1958. The club competed in the "Essex County Soccer League", (Second division) and finished in 5th place at the end of the season. The president of the club was the famous Serbian businessman Nikola Budimir. It is worth noting that this club achieved a significant success by defeating SSC Milwaukee with a score of 1-0. Boža Božanović scored the only goal in that friendly match played in July in the city of Milwaukee. (SSC Milwaukee - the oldest Serbian club and US amateur champion).



Standing: Ljubiša Vlajković, Ilija Drekić, Zika Apić, Duško Jovanović, Frenk Nađ, Dragoslav Radosavljević, Branko Sekulić, Đorđe Rapaić.

Front: Dušan Vasić, Dragan Maslovarić, Dušan Irić, Aca Lazović, Boža Božanović.

Serbians, Italia fall in opener / BY MATT DENNIS

Both Teutonia entries in the Essex County Soccer League scored victories in the opening games of the first round of the Injured Players` Cup playoffs Friday night at Wigle Park.

Before 250 fans, Teutonia "A" edged Serbian Sports Club 3-2 while Teutonia "B" blanked Italia 3-0. Teutonia "A" hopped into 2-0 lead before the 10- minute mark of the game with Mike Gatti counting both tallies. He fired a 25-yard drive past Serbian goalie George Rapaić after seven minutes and "headed" home the next rush.

Zivko Apich's successful penalty boot after 12 minutes pulled the Serbians back into the game.

The Windsor Star

They put on the pressure and were rewarded with the tying marker eight minutes later. Dan Irić took a short pass from Bob Bozanovic, slipped behind a Teutonia fullback and completed a clever effort by blasting a hard drive past Netminder Nick Kamrad.

Score remained 2-2 until Steve Manz broke up the struggle with less than five minutes to play.

He broke in alone from the right side and caught the corner with a deadly 10-yard shot.

Frank Artner and Gatti sparkled throughout for Bill Dewald's Teutonians.

Danny Jovanich and Bob Sekulich never gave up for the losing Serbian squad.

S.C. Ravanica 1960-1961

There was no other information about this football club except the text published by the newspaper "Glas Ravanica". It is the best proof of the importance of the written word. As the old Greek saying goes, "what is not written down - did not happen".



Standing: Đorđe Vučković, Slobodan Hrnjak, Zika Apić, Fred Aleksander, Aca Lazović, Slobodan Lukić, Đorđe Maksimović, Đorđe Rapaić, Branko Sekulić.
Front: Milorad Radović, Ljubo Stanković, Dragiša Jeremić, Vlada Malivuk and Petko Mihajlović

Since we have behind us a full year of work, we can go back and give a brief overview of the events and what we have achieved in the first year of work, and then briefly present to our members and friends our guidelines and the coming new season. As you already know, our Club was founded in early 1960, by players from Detroit and Windsor. For the first time in the history of Detroit Serbs, a club like this appears in Detroit, which also includes football fans from Windsor. Our Club proudly takes the name of our Detroit church and places itself under the auspices of the Board of Education of the Detroit Church Municipality. Club "Ravanica" immediately enters the competition of the local league, called: Detroit Football League. Since the Club was just founded, according to the rules of the Detroit League, it could only compete in the second division of that League. Thanks to the efforts of all our players and management, the Club achieved enviable results. In the league competition, he takes second place, and in the final competition for the Cup, he takes first place and wins the Cup of his division. In addition to competing for the Cup with local clubs of all other nations, our Club had as its guest the Serbian sports club "Karađorđe" from Cleveland. In all these competitions, the Club gathered under its wing and gave opportunities to around thirty players to practice this beautiful and interesting sport. In addition to these young men, we are pleased to note that our youth team is made up of children who were born and raised here. The youngster has shown great results so far and has attracted a lot of interest. The club ended its successful last year's season with a nice banquet on March 11 this year. About 300 friends and fans gathered at the banquet, in whose presence the players of our club paid tribute to their young president, Mr. Nikola Budimir, presenting him with a nice memorial, as well as his manager, Mr. Čedomir Manojlović, presenting him with a wonderful wristwatch as a token of recognition for his exemplary leadership. In the first season, when we had to get all the equipment, pay insurance for the players, registration in the League and bear other various expenses related to the support of the Club, we turned to our friends and fans for help.

We have had an extraordinary response. In a short time, we registered a larger number of contributors than we expected, mostly thanks to the involvement of our local priest Miodrag Mijatović and our club president, Mr. Nicholas Budimir from Windsor. The list of our contributors who donated over 50 dollars is kept by our president, Mr. Nikola Budimir, followed by: John Orlic, Vlasta Jocic, Milan Drekić, Charles Ekner, Pero Bulat, Roy Nichols, Dr. Rajko Margulis, and others. All of them, as well as the other contributors, made it possible for us to work in the first year, and we from the Club would like to thank them most heartily, we are happy to have them in our midst. We are especially honored by our two honorary presidents, priest of Detroit Serbs Proto Miodrag Mijatović and priest of Windsor Serbs, Proto Stevan Lastavica. With their continued support, as well as with their blessing, we believe that we will achieve success in the future as well. And, finally, here we are with the group that helped us the most - both morally and materially. These are our loyal fans.

During the last season, there was not a single club in Detroit that had as many loyal fans as our club "Ravanica". The number increased from week to week, so that at the last game we had over 200 fans. The players and management take this opportunity to thank our dear fans for their loyalty and support, and we will try to justify their trust in us, providing them with nice and interesting matches in the coming season. Speaking of the upcoming season and the fans, we would like to take this opportunity to appeal to our fans to always behave in a sportsmanlike manner and show everyone else that the group of Serbs who appear on the playing fields is a well-mannered and cultured group. During that time, our players on the field will also be disciplined, so as a whole we will be an example to others and we will serve the honor and pride of the Serbian name. We believe that you are all interested in which opponents will play against our Club during the coming season. For the first time in the history of Detroit and Windsor, a joint league of the strongest clubs from both cities was established. Its official name is "Michigan-Ontario International Soccer League". This league includes: the champion of Windsor 'Teutonia' (German team), the club in second place 'Caboto' (Italian team); from Detroit: "Kickers", "Ukrainians", "White Eagles", "Belgika", "Sport Klub", "Hungary" and "Ravanica". It looks like the season will be full of good matches. Our Club, which competes in such a serious competition for the first time, will need a certain period of time to adjust and adapt to the new environment. With that, we ask our fans to be patient, because we are sure that we will sort ourselves out and stand on equal footing with everyone else. For such a strong and combined League, two of the best playgrounds are planned: one in Windsor, called "Wigle Park", which is not far from the tunnel and is located at the intersection of McDougall and Erie streets, about a 3-minute drive from the tunnel. The playground in Detroit is called "Mack Park" and is located at the intersection of Mack and Fairview (ST.Jean) streets, which is on the east side of Detroit. For those coming from the west side of town, or from Windsor, it is best to take the Ford Expressway to the Conner exit, turn right there and take Conner to Mack Street, then turn right again to Fairview, and at that intersection turn left on Fairview, just half a block. Once we have introduced you to the participating clubs and the playing fields, we believe that you are also interested in when the season starts, as well as what our team will look like. We can tell you all that the first four games we play against the four best teams in the League, so they will probably be very difficult for us. With that, we ask you once again to have patience, to be sportily prepared for eventual defeats and victories, which will come in due time. You will see the composition of our team for this season for the first time on Sunday, May 14, at three o'clock in the afternoon in "Mak Park". Here we list only the names of players who have signed up for our Club and are training with us. On that day, those who are currently in the best shape will be chosen from among them, and who will represent our colors that day against the champions of Windsor, "Teutonia". The players are: Milorad Radonić, Majk Stojanović, Fred Aleksander, Dani Vasić, Slobodan Hrnjak, Živko Apić, Mile Stojković, Vlada Malivuk, Duško Popadić, Ljuba Stanković, Aca Lazović (team captain), Tibor Vig, Jim Barda, and Radiša Jeremic.

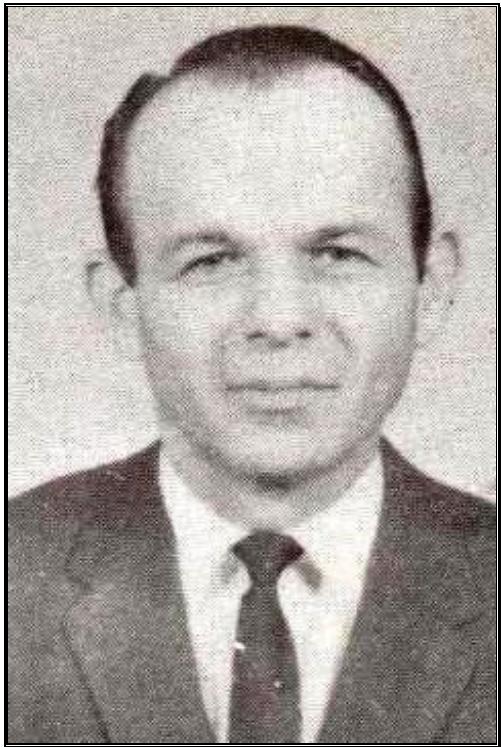
Be good and save this paper, since we have no possibility to inform you again, because the Voice of "Ravanica" is published only once a month. You all know that last year on Memorial Day we had football players from Cleveland as our guests. This year we owe them a visit and a game in Cleveland. The fan bus would leave at 7 o'clock in the morning, on May 30, from the Serbian Home in Detroit and would return the same day in the evening. Those who would like to go with the team to Cleveland should contact the manager of the Club, Čedomir Manojlović, no later than May 15 of this year. by phone: PR 8 - 5117. The voice of Ravanica, May 1961 First Match and First Victory "Ravanica" football team On Sunday 24 o.m. the football team of the "Ravanice" church in Detroit played its first game, within the competition for the Second League, and defeated the team of the "Kickers" club with a high score of 7:1. "Ravanica" performed in the following composition: Lukić, Rapaić, Sekulić, Apić, Hrnjak, Mihajlović, Jeremic, Stanković, Lazović, Malivuk, (Primorac, Vučinović and Radović). Goals were scored by: Stanković 2, Malivuk 2, Primorac, Lazović and Jeremić. The match was very lively and took place in the obvious superiority of our team, whose players are not yet well-coordinated, considering that it was their first appearance together. The whole team worked well, but the rush was more busy and it stood out in particular. right winger Jeremic, who promises to develop into a high-class player. Besides him, Stanković and Lazović stood out with their mature game, shooting at the goal and accurate passing. This first victory gave a boost to both the players and the numerous fans, who went home satisfied. The football team of the "Ravanica" church was founded a short time ago by football players from Detroit and Windsor. The honorary president of the Club is Fr. Miodrag Mijatović from Detroit, the president is Nikola Budimir from Windsor, vice president Dr. Spasa Papić from Detroit, and secretary, manager and coach Ceda Manojlović from Detroit. The goal of the football team is to qualify for the First League this year. Based on the game shown and the result achieved in the first game, that goal seems very realistic. In addition, the "Ravanica" football players intend to hold a series of meetings with other Serbian football clubs across America. In all likelihood, there will soon be a meeting with the team of the club "Karađorđe" from Cleveland. All sports fans from Detroit and Windsor should help this team of ours, and first of all support it by cheering at the games.

"Maple Leaf" s.c. 1968 - 1972

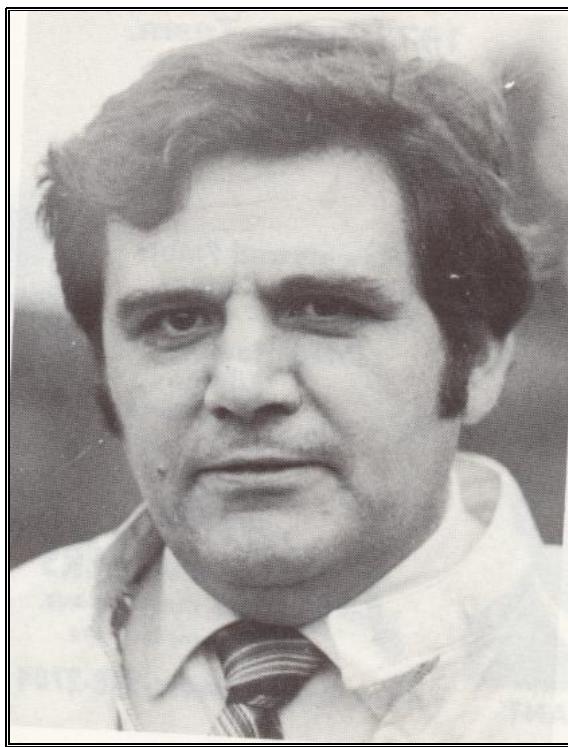
The most successful Serbian football club in Windsor was founded during the winter months of 1967/1968 in the hall of the Gračanica church, and the initiative came from members of a folklore group that met and practiced in those rooms under the leadership of choreographer Gruja Stevanov-Lala, and the president of which was Miša Božić . All the necessary prerequisites for the formation of a new football club were acquired, as it were, at the same time. The Serbian community has not had its representative in the local football leagues for 6 years, a large number of young football players were available as a result of the new wave of our immigrants, there was interest from Serbian businessmen to help the club financially, and there were also capable organizers and coaches.

The club was named "Maple Leaf" ("Meple lif" - symbol of Canada) at the suggestion of the first president, Dušan Manojlović. Other members of the board elected at that meeting were: Stevo Budimir, (vice president), Fedor Rajić, (secretary), Miša Božić (treasurer), Ljubiša Vlajković and Aleksandar Calić (coaches) and Gruja Stevanov-Lala and Žarko Petković (board members). The application for competition in the local football league was submitted by Ljubiša - Jimi Vlajković, in the spring of 1968, right before the start of the season.

Already in the first year, the "Injured player cup" was won, and in 1970, the "Fireman cup". The sudden death of club president Dušan Manojlović did not question the survival of the club, as one might expect in such cases, but on the contrary, it created a motive for the management, players and sponsors, that in memory of the popular president, everyone is additionally involved in the sports field and to the work of the club.



Dusan Manojlovic



Fedor Rajic



1971 Canada Cup Finalists

Standing: Aleksa Babić, Zoran Mojsilovski, Dmitar Sarapa, Boris Kocjan, Ron Glover, Ilario Bontorin, Dragan Nestorović, Frank Mora, Perica Sekulić, and Jovan Urukalo.

Front: Stanko Bogdanović, Neil Steward, Aleksandar Tufegdžić, Lothar Mueller, and Julijan Stojan.

The following year, in 1971, Maple Leaf achieved previously unrecorded sports results, which have not been surpassed even after 50 years! "Carling Cup", "Fireman cup", "Windsor Star cup", "Ontario Cup", "Eastern Canada Cup" got in the showcases of the Club, which then reached the final of the Canada Cup. In addition to everything mentioned, he also became the first champion of the newly founded and strongest league in the region, the "South Western Ontario Soccer League". The success of the Maple Leafs has raised a lot of interest in the sport in Windsor and the surrounding area, especially among the younger generations. For winning the football championship, the players received special awards from the prime minister of the largest Canadian province of Ontario, Bill Davis, and for reaching the Canada Cup final, very nice medals from the Canadian Football Association and the government of British Columbia, where the final was played. The president of the club in 1971 was Fedor Rajić, manager Mile Marić, Coach Aleksa Babić, assistant coach Gruja Stevanov-Lala, treasurer Rade Senić. Board members, in addition to those already mentioned, were: Žarko Jovanov, (president in 1972), Milan Cvejić, Žarko Petković, Dragan Bašić, Vaso and Milan Stanković.

The following year, in 1972, the Club fell into difficulties, there were changes in the management that was not up to the task of facing the problems, there were not enough sponsors, and therefore no motivation among the players. The very survival of the club was at stake, and the main reason for such a situation was the unhealthy relationship between the two Serbian clubs, Maple Leaf and Serbia, due to which both sides suffered damage. That year (1972) was also the last year of their existence.



"Maple Leaf" 1968

First row: Gruja Stevanov - Lala, Carlo Mauro, John Gombar, Frank Levar, Jovan Urukalo, Stevan Stojković
Standing: Tom Tomas, Darko Rebić, Nikola Stojković, Ivan Petrić, Dragan Bašić,
Branko Budimir and Mišo Guljaš



Professional approach from the beginning: Part of players and management in 1970 Standing: Miša Božić, Aca Calić, Frenk Levar, N:N., Aleksa Babić, Marijan Vusan, Dragan Dimitrijević, Dragan Bašić, Aca Tufegdžić, Ljubiša Vlajković and Dušan Manojlović Front: Milan Cvejić, Stanko N., Predrag Džudović, Nando Gidilini, Ivan Horvat, Gruja Stevanov Jovan Urukalo, Petar Pican, Karlo Mauro



*After a very successful season in 1972 - Trophies for the best:
Lothar Muller - the most scored goals; Jovan Urukalo - with the "Windsor Star" cup;
Manfred Michel - athlete of the season, Alex Tufegdžić - best player (MVP)*



Eastern Canada Cup Final

Celebration for a superb game and victory 7:2 in St. John 1971



Aleksa Babic, Ljubisa Vlajkovic - Jimy, Alex Tufegdzic and Jovan Urukalo

S.C. Serbia 1970-1972

With the establishment of S.C. "Serbia" In 1970, the Serbian community in Windsor for the first time had two sports (soccer) clubs at the same time. However, the only good side of the existence of two clubs was that through rivalry (stubbornness) they created two really good teams, especially "Maple Leaf", which reached the finals of the Canada Cup the following year (1971). Already in the first competitive season (1971), "Serbia" achieved good results. With 7 wins, one draw and only 2 losses, she took second place in the "Essex County Soccer League-West". During the opening of the sports center in Cleveland, Ohio, (1971) "Serbia" was the winner of the tournament and won a very nice cup.



Standing: Pero Novaković, M. Dragutinović, Toma Stanišić, Ilija Javor, Birčarević, Zoran Jovičić, Miki Vučković, Petar Jokić, Bogdan Pavlica, Ožegović, Jovica Gajić. Front: Vaso Barišić, Jugoslav Savić, Jovčevski, Jovan Škara, Dimić, Steva Balažev, Nikola Miščević and Stojanović.



S.C. "Serbia" before the start of the 1972 season

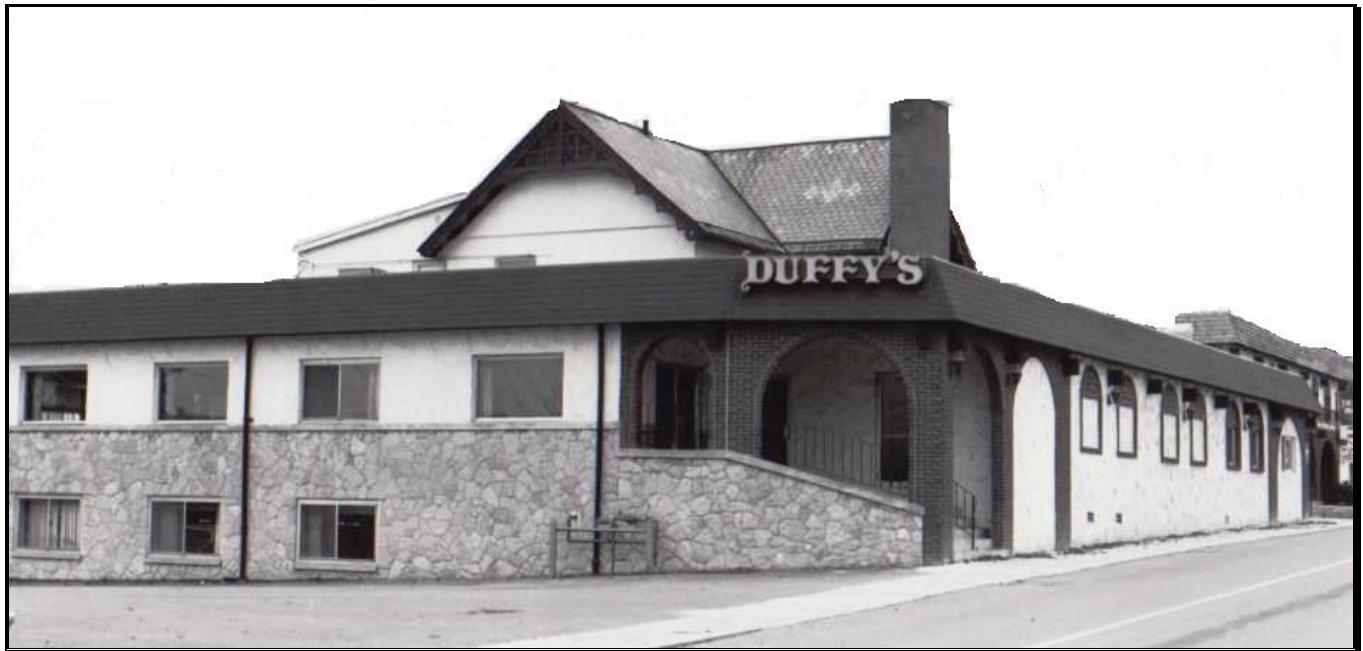
Standing: R. Dimić, Slobodan Topalović, Branko Đorđevski, M. Dragutinović, Pero Jokić, D. Dimitrijević, Zoran Jovičić, Miloš Popović, Slavko Nenadov, Milan Prljević.

Front: Slobodan Burzan, M. Brajković, Toma Stanišić, Mika Vuičić, Jugoslav Savić, Ilija Javor and Vaso Barišić.

The founders and board members of "Srbija" were Pero Novaković, Jovica Gajić, Žarko Vučinić, Sreten Jovanović, Spasoje Uljarević, Savo Mandić, Predrag Jovanović, Steva Balažev, Nikola Drekić, Milorad Čalić, Mile Radomirović, Voja Milošević, and those who led the negotiations regarding unification were: Milan Prljević, Branko Malešević, Milan Drekić, Petar Jokić and Stevan Momčilović. The following season, both Serbian clubs fell into crisis. Seeing the pointlessness of the existence of two opposing Serbian clubs, even before the end of the competition, discussions about the possibility of unification began. Committees were formed on both sides with the sole task of implementing it.

S.C. Windsor Serbs.

After several months of negotiations and agreements, the representatives of the two clubs met to make the unification official. The host of the meeting was prominent Serbian businessman, Žarko Vučinić, owner of "Duffy's Tavern", in the small town of Amherstburg, about 30 kilometers from Windsor.



Duffy's Tavern in Amherstburg where the unification took place on May 3, 1973

As it was already agreed, both sides elected and authorized 5 representatives each to implement the unification.

After a long consideration and several proposals, it was decided to name the club "Windsor Serbs".

Then the first administration was elected, which consisted of: Žarko Jovanov, president; Žarko Vučinić, Milan Drekić, Mile Marić, Milan Prljević, Aleksa Babić, Jovan Gajić, Gruja Stevanov – Lala, Petar Jokić and Žarko Petković.

It was difficult to reach the unification that followed a lot of effort, good will and patience. But it wasn't easy to implement all the ideas to make the Club the way we wanted it to be. It should be borne in mind that it was a time of the fiercest divisions in our emigration, a time of church schism, and that any thought of communion was doomed to failure in advance. The Club's greatest success was achieved precisely in that field: for the first time in the entire Serbian emigration, a sports club appeared that overcomes divisions, brings two opposing sides together on the path of reconciliation. Despite occasional crises, The Windsor Serbs have survived and have been going on for 50 years.

In the first years of its existence, when it was the most difficult, the club achieved the best competitive results, such as winning the first place at the tournament in Cleveland (Ohio, USA) in 1974, winning the "Windsor Star" cup in 1975 and 1976, winning the "Western Ontario" cup 1977, Canada Cup quarter-finals in 1977, SWOSL champion in 1976 and 1979, friendlies with German vice-champion "Eintracht" (Braunsweig) in 1977 and the "Brasil Select" (professional players from Brazil who play in Detroit and Windsor) .



First training (May 1973)



Consultation with the president Zarko Jovanov



The first team "Windsor Serbs" in 1973

*In front: Jovan Urukalo, Nikola Miščević, Lazar Stojčevski, Mirko Vujošević, Ane Mihajlović and Ron Glover
 Standing: Lothar Muller, Miloš Krstić, Zoran Jovičić, Slobodan Topalović, Frank Mora,
 Dragan Nestorović and Slavko Nenadov*



The first line-up of "Windsor Serbs" before the meeting with "Eintracht" on June 9, 1977

*Žarko Jovanov is standing on the left, behind him are Aleksandar Tufegdžić, Julijan Stojanović, Jovica Urukalo, Milan Kragujevac, Aleksandar Erdeljan, Slobodan Topalović, Greg Kocidis, Dmitar Sarapa (in yellow shirt, goalkeeper),
 Front: Branko Jovanovski, Ivan Horvat and Srba Topalović (in white jerseys)
 In yellow jerseys are players of Eintracht – names not listed*



The rejuvenated team of "Windsor Serbs" before the game with "Italy" - 2:1
Standing: Slobodan Topalović, Dmitar Sarapa, Slavko Nenadov, Perica Sekulić, Jole Sarvan,
Pero Kovačević and Đorđe Šrbac.
Front: Slobodan Burzan, Milan Šrbac, Srba Topalović, Nenad Jokić, Branko Jr. Malešević,
Kostadin Jovanovski and Nikola Miščević.



Club flag



Club pin



SWOSL Cup (1979)



Cheers for the winners of "Windsor Star Cup" 1975



Windsor Serbs S.C. President Gliša Rosić with the Cup 1975



Winners of the Windsor Star Cup 1975

Standing: Mile Marić, Gliša Rosić, president, Miloš Popović, Nikola Janev, Bill March, Slavko Nenadov, Zoran Davidović, Slavko Vrhovac, Dmitar Sarapa, Konstantin Jovanovski, Žarko Jovanov, Boža Božanović and Slobodan Topalović.

Front: Stevo Momčilović, Milan Prljević, Slobodan Burzan, Rajko Radovanović, Mark Hillis, Vančo Ćirovski, Srba Topalović, Pero Kovačević, Branislav Malešević and Nenad Jokić.



Trophies

Serbian Sports Festival Cleveland / Western Ontario Cup / Windsor Star Cup / Memorial Cup



S.C. "Windsor Serbs" 1976

Standing, from left to right: Perica Sekulić, Slavko Nenadov, Slobodan Topalović, Jovica Urukalo, Slobodan Burzan, Vladimir Kunstle, Milan Kragujevac, Pero Kovačević, Derek Valentine, Pero Jokić
 Front: Srba Topalović, Vančo Ćirovski, Aleksandar Tufegdžić, Ivan Horvat, Nenad Jokić, Slavko Vrhovac
 The boy with the ball: Zoran Malešević



Team "Windsor Serbs" Ontario Cup Finalists 1977

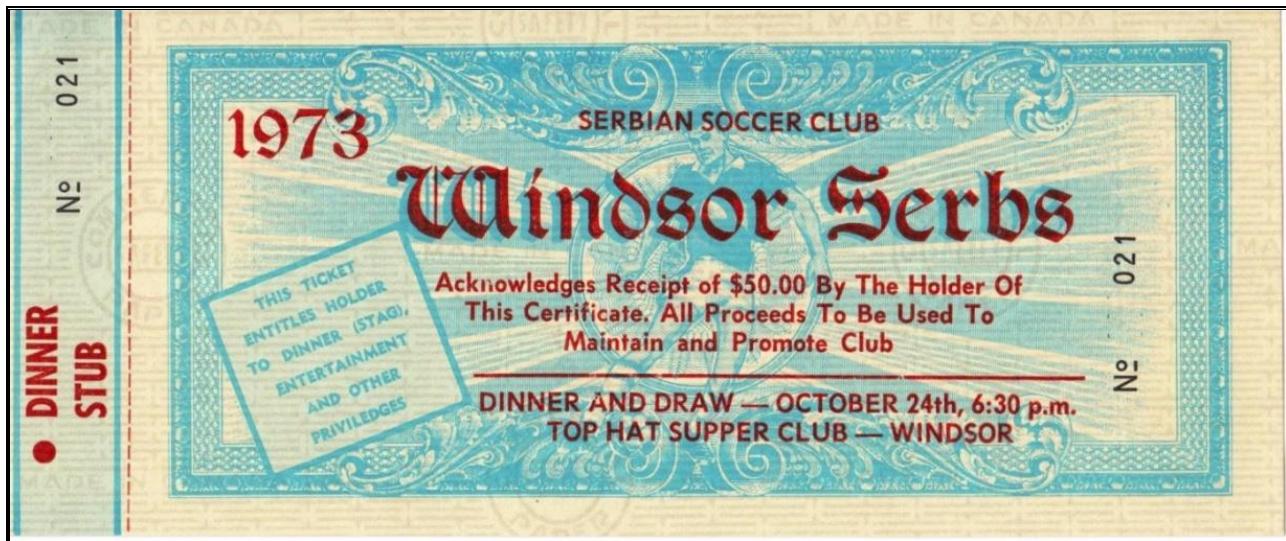
Standing: Srba Topalović, Aleksandar Erdeljan, Rade Katanić, Slobodan Topalović, Van Niforos, Vladimir Kunstle, Dmitar Sarapa, Branko Jovanovski, Milan Kragujevac.
 Front: Boy with a ball: Deni Babić, Pero Kovačević, Vančo Ćirovski, Ivan Horvat, Julijan Stoja and Jovan Urukalo

Players 1973 - 1979

*Babic Aleksa
Babic Savo
Bandulj Stanislav
Baraslievski Milan
Brkovic Dragan
Burzan Slobodan
Vitanovski Vaso
Vranesevic Mirko
Vrhovac Slavko
Vuicic Mika
Vujosevic Mirko
Vuletic Jovan
Grbic Slobodan
Davidovic Zoran
Davidovic Slobodab Boban
Djuric Aleksandar
Erdeljan Aleksandar
Janev Nikola
Jovanovski Branko
Jovanovski Kostadin
Jovicic Zoran
Jokic Nenad
Jokic Petar
Katanic Rade
Kovacevic Pero
Kovrljan Dragisa
Koraksic Dragan
Kotevski Ljubomir
Kragujevac Milan
Krstic Milos
Kukic Petar
Kunstle vladimir
Lazovic Miodrag
Malesevic Branko Jr.
Miscevic Nikola
Mihajlovic Ane
Nedic Aleksandar
Nenadov Slavko
Nestorovic Dragan
Pavlica bogdan
Pantovic Dragoljub
Pecarski Milan*

*Popov Boris
Popovic Milos
Radovic Veljko
Sarapa Dmitar
Sarvan Jole
Sekulic Perica
Stoja Julijan
Stojcevski Lazar
Tamindzic Milorad
Topalovic Slobodan Boban
Topalovic Srboljub
Tufegdzic Aleksandar Aco
Cirovski Vanco
Urukalo Jovan
Horvat Ivan
Strbac Djordje
Strbac Milan
Alla Sal
Berisaj Djordje
Clarke Alban
Cuevas Jose
Derek Valentine
Ferreira Agenor
Glover Ronald
Hart Stephen
Hillis Mark
Hope Allan
Juncaj Zeka
Kotsidis Greg
Licata John
Luldjuraj Nick
March Bill
Mora Frank
Mueller Lothar
Niforos Van
Papageorgiu Jonis
Parkinson Paul
Qafa Simon
Reiter Franz
Rizzo Osvaldo
Tiplady Keith
Vlahos Nick*

The work and successes of this club have been written about in many newspapers and magazines in Canada, the USA and Serbia. The club regularly celebrated its patron Saint George, and the most attended parties and celebrations were precisely those organized by the club "Windsor Serbs". The club was the first to have its own monthly newsletter, "Sportske Vesti", in which the results of all competitions and many other important data about the club's work in 1977 were published.



S.C. "Windsor Serbs" member of the society Club 5000 - \$25.00
organized to build Center of the Diocese of Eastern America and Canada in Edgeworth, Pennsylvania

Windsor Star and other newspapers articles

Seven goals for Tufegdzich as Leafs bomb London

No matter how strong his supporting cast may be, any team intending to sideline the Windsor Maple Leaf express in the Ontario Soccer Cup play-downs will first have to deal with Alex Tufegdzich.

Maple Leafs, First Division leaders in Essex-Kent action and obviously a tough force these days, won their second straight Ontario Cup game in powerful fashion at Windsor Stadium Saturday night by crushing London Scottish, 10-0.

And, for the second straight play-down game, the fleet, blonde Tufegdzich scored seven goals.

The effort matched his feat of two weeks ago when leafs began the single-game knockout competition by ripping Sarnia, 9-0.

Within six minutes Saturday night with a large crowd looking on, Leafs had two goals and Albert Van Wyk in the London goal was a beleaguered individual the rest of the game.

Tufegdzich picked up Stanko Bogdanovic's through ball after four minutes and clicked, then two minutes later he pulled van Wyk to one side and passed to Frank Mora for an easy kill. At 14 minutes and 33 minutes Tufegdzich completed a first-half hat-trick, first on the end of a pretty passing play then by heading home Neil Stewart's pass.

The rout continued in the second hal. Lothar Mueller set up Stewart at 10 minutes then Tufegdzich converted Jovan Urukalo's pass before teaming with Stewart for the more sharp markers.

Mueller got into the act at 33 minutes with the best goal of the game, picking up at the midfield marker, beating several defenders then crashing home a shot from 30 yards.

Two minutes from the finish, Tufegdzich finished off his seven-goal performance.

The game was so one-sided that Leafs' goaltender Dmitar Sarapa had only one though chance, but one Roy Inglis's free kick early, in the first half.

Maple Leafs close in on Cup

Unless they suffer one of the most abrupt turnarounds in sports history, Windsor Maple Leafs will be the next champion of the Ontario Soccer Cup competition.

With a crowd of nearly 1,400 roaring approval at Windsor Stadium Saturday afternoon, the powerful Windsor club all but clinched the 1971 Ontario crown by walloping Toronto San Fili 7-0.

Since it was the first of a two-game series, total goals to count, it would seem difficult for Leafs to blow a seven-goal margin when the teams return to Toronto for the second contest this Saturday at Stanley Park at 8:00 PM.

Once again it was Centre forward Alex Tufegdzich, constantly provided glittering opportunities through the brilliant work of frontline mates like Julian Stoja, Neil Stewart, Stanko Bogdanovic, and Lothar Mueller, who set the scoring pace.

Tufegdzich scored five of the seven Windsor goals and now has 22 of the 30 tallies Leafs have racked up in four winning performances so far in Ontario Cup play. Stewart added the other pair of Windsor tallies.

Saturday's game was only three minutes old when Stanko Bogdanovic, the outside right passed to Tufegdzich who stepped past two defenders and went in to beat Toronto goaltender Sergio DeLuca easily. After Mueller and Tufegdzich were stopped by DeLuca, the fine play of outside left Stoja paid off in Stewart's first goal at 25 minutes, the latter pulling the trigger while on the run.

San Fili has had its best scoring chance when Hugh Shields pulled Leaf goalie Sarapa Dimitar but fired wide of the open goal.

At 40 minutes Stewart manipulated the Toronto defense perfectly then flipped to Tufegdzich who clicked from point-blank range. Three minutes later, Stoja, who gave Toronto fits all game, again made a great run then passed to Tufegdzich who scored from 10 yards.

San Fili came to life early in the second half with Ed Wigley coming close on a header and Camillo Chiodo hitting the crossbar with Sarapa well-beaten.

Then at nine minutes Tufegdzich caromed his fourth goal home off a post with Mueller's maneuvering setting up the play.

Leafs were fortunate in the next few minutes when Wigley shot wide and Leaf's Ron Glover booted the ball off the goal-line with Sarapa beaten.

Stewart and Allan Caines exchanged post hits before Stewart scored his second marker at 33 minutes, Tufegdzich providing the pass for his inside right to pull DeLuca and tap it home. Toronto continued all-out in the search for goals but couldn't click against Sarapa's good work.

Two minutes from the end, Tufegdzich made it 7-0 on a pass from Stewart.

Maple Leaf sew up cup, Reach Eastern semi-final

Special to the Star

Toronto - With Ontario Cup safely tucked away, it's on to Montreal next for Windsor's Maple Leaf squad as it continues its search for Canadian soccer supremacy.

Maple Leaf, as expected, sidelined Toronto San Fili at Stanley Park here Saturday to win the 1971 Ontario Cup, the first such triumph by a Windsor team since Caboto turned the trick in 1961.

Leafs more or less won the Ontario title at home a week previously when they licked San Fili 7-0 in the first game of a two game, total-goal series. The Windsor team won the second contest here by a 4-2 score and easily triumphed on the round, 11-2.

An opponent for Windsor in the sudden-death Eastern Canada semi-final at Montreal's Jarry Park this coming Saturday has not been named.

In any event, should Windsor continue winning, it would then go to the East Coast the following Saturday for the Eastern Canada final then trek all the way to Vancouver on October 2 for the Canadian title contest.

It took Leafs only five minutes to begin paddling their series lead here Saturday.

A corner by Julian Stoja crossed to Alex Tufegdzich who passed to Neil Stewart and the latter banged an angle shot off a post past Toronto goaltender Sergio DeLuca.

Six minutes later the Leaf defense allowed Hugh Shields to get in the clear and his shot left Leaf net-minder Sarapa helpless.

The Windsor club got back in front at 22 minutes, Stoja combining with Stewart to set up Tufegdzich who slipped around DeLuca easily.

In the second half, Edward Wigley tied the game at seven minutes on a penalty shot, giving Sarapa no chance.

But Leafs rebounded like champions to whip home the final two goals in the series.

Lothar Mueller, the club's top goal-getter in league play, clicked with a 30-yarder at 17 minutes. The goal was reward for a standout effort by Mueller in the game.

Then at 26 minutes, the big shooter, Tufegdzich nailed his second of the game and 24th of the 34 Leafs scored in five Ontario Cup victories.

Maple Leaf advance via forfeit route

Windsor Maple Leafs has advanced to the Eastern Canada soccer final without even lifting a boot in anger.

Maple Leafs, who were to have played a Montreal team this Saturday in the Eastern semi-final, were rewarded when the Quebec Football Association pulled out of the Canadian championship.

Montreal's defection resulted when the Canadian Soccer Association reversed a protest on a game during the Quebec playoffs which had originally been tossed out by the Quebec body.

"According to the information I have", said Windsor's CSA representative Wally Lomas, "Montalia" protested a Quebec Cup loss to Rangers because two referees were used, instead of one referee and two linesmen.

"Quebec tossed out the protest and continued with its play-downs. In the meantime, Montalia appealed to the CSA and they upheld it. This resulted in havoc in the Quebec Cup play-downs and they decided to chuck the whole thing, apparently".

Maple Leafs thus will be idle until the September 18th weekend when they will travel either to Halifax or St. John, Nfld.

SINCEREST CONGRATULATIONS are in order from all of us to the Maple Leaf soccer club which did the expected Saturday at Toronto and brought home the Ontario Cup, the first such victory for Windsor since Caboto Club achieved the feat in 1961.

The triumph must have been deeply satisfying to Ilario Bontorin, the Centre half and captain of Leafs who played on that Caboto club.

THERE IS A sprinkling of other ethnic groups on the club but the Maple Leafs are basically of Serbian extraction, sponsored by a group of Windsor businessmen interested in the game of soccer.

The only unfortunate thing as the Leafs continue towards a possible Canadian title is this fact Windsorites will not be able to see them play.

They are in Montreal this Saturday in the Eastern Canadian semi-final and should they win, Leafs must then travel to the home base of the winner between Newfoundland and Nova Scotia for the Eastern final.

Then it would be across the country to Vancouver for the Canadian championship game. Is there any chance the Leafs backers might offer a guarantee to the Canadian Soccer Association to have the Eastern Canada final played here?

Wally Lomas, the knowledgeable expert on the game around here say:

"it's not likely the CSA would go for it if such an offer was made.

It might be worth a try, however.

A crowd of 2,500 or so at \$2.50 a head in Windsor Stadium wouldn't be an impossibility, I'd say."

Windsor Maple Leaf gives soccer lesson to St. Lawrence, Win 7-1

The Daily News, St. John's, Newfoundland, September 20, 1971

By Gerry Reddy

St. Lawrence Laurentians were given a soccer lesson Sunday afternoon by the Windsor Maple Leafs of Ontario.

With more than 5,000 fans watching, the Maple Leafs defeated the Laurentians 7-1 at the King George Fifth Pitch.

The lopsided decision gave Windsor the Eastern Canada senior soccer crown and a berth in the Canadian championships at Vancouver, B.C., on October 3.

The loss eliminated St. Lawrence, the Atlantic champions, from further national competition for this season.

Striker Alex Tufegdzich scored four goals for the Maple Leafs as the visitors took 5-0 first half lead. Neil Stewart, Stanko Bogdanovic and Julian Stoja added one goal each.

Nils Molloy had the ST. Lawrence marker.

The Laurentians won three titles prior to Sunday's contest.

They took the Burin Peninsula championship over Grand Bank Geebees, the provincial title over Feildians of the St. John League and the Atlantic crown over Wolfville Hortons of Nova Scotia.

But they were unable to contain the Windsor Maple Leafs who gave a tremendous display of soccer finesse. St. Lawrence employed their patented "slog-and run" style of play to capture their first three titles.

The Laurentians tried to greet Windsor with the same style but discovered early in the game that the Maple Leafs were not to be kept off balance by this type of game.

In fact, it was the Windsor club that set the pace of the contest.

Windsor displayed top ball control, used short passes to perfection, had players moving at all times and were never in trouble against the Newfoundland club. The ability of the Leafs to "give and go" played a major role in their important victory.

Windsor went on the attack from the opening whistle. They applied the pressure to the Laurentians for most of the 90 minutes and gave St. Lawrence goalie Bob Slaney his busiest game of the season.

Besides the seven goals they scored, Windsor could have added several more but often, late in the game, were content to give the fans a display of passing never seen in Newfoundland prior to Sunday's game.

The Maple Leaf was the best soccer club to ever visit Newfoundland and they gave fans an insight into how the game should be played. They must rate as one of the top soccer clubs in Canada. Six of their seven goals came on picture plays.

Defensively, Windsor was just as effective as they were offensively. They cleared the ball with confidence and took advantage of the full pitch as well as their goalie to move the play out of their zone.

Stewart opened the scoring for the visitors. The smallest player on the pitch, but also one of the fastest. Stewart completed a "bang-bang" play that left St. Lawrence wondering where the ball was.

There were three top passes before Stewart tapped the ball into the corner behind Slaney.

Tufegdzich made it 2-0 with 18 minutes gone as he started his four goals performance. Tufegdzich, who was very effective when he had the ball deep in the Laurentians' zone, finished off another great passing effort with an easy, low tap that left Slaney with no chance of a stop.

Tufegdzich made it 3-0 at the 25 minute mark. Again the score was set up by three short passes that worked Tufegdzich unchecked for the tap behind Slaney.

Bogdanovic gave Windsor 4-0 spread with 11 minutes remaining in the first half and Tufegdzich's third of the afternoon at 41 minutes sent the Maple Leafs into the final 45 minutes with a healthy 5-0 advantage. Molloy broke the shootout bid of Windsor goalie Dmitar Sarapa with 15 minutes left in regulation time.

Cyril Quirke belted a long ball from deep into St. Lawrence zone to the Windsor 18-yard line. A Maple Leaf fullback headed the ball in the wrong direction and Molloy found himself free six yards out. His low, hard drive caught the far corner for a 5-1 score.

Tufegdzich notched his fourth goal on another good passing display at 78 minutes and Stoja got the final score with 6 minutes remaining in regulation time. Stoja's goal was the only Windsor score that didn't result from a top passing play as his shot from 25 yards went into the mesh as Slaney slipped while moving to block it.

Vancouver Eintracht Canadian Champions

It was pouring with rain as the two Challenge Cup finalists took to the field at Vancouver's Swangard Stadium on Sunday, October 3 1971.

One day earlier, fog had prevented the Windsor Maple Leafs from departing to Toronto and their flight connection to the west coast.

Consequently, the Eastern representative side failed to arrive in Vancouver in time for a dinner reception honoring the cup finalists, courtesy of the BC Centennial Corporation. They also forfeited tickets to the BC Lions vs Montreal Alouettes football game on the Saturday night.

About 1,350 fans were on hand to see Aubrey Sanford, President of the association, perform the official kick-off.

It took only 8 minutes for Eintracht to open the scoring. Buzz Parsons won possession of the ball almost at the goal line on the right side, just inside the penalty area.

He pulled the ball back into the middle, and Peter Arnett tapped the ball into the net while Windsor defenders stood watching.

That was all the scoring up to half-time. Though Windsor had the better of the play, they were not able to get the ball past Graham Lee in the Eintracht net, who handled the greasy ball exceptionally well as the rain continued to pour down.

However, 5 minutes into the second half, Neil Stewart, who had played a strong game for the visitors, hit a hard ball over the head of Lee and just under the bar.

A beautiful goal.

It didn't take Eintracht long to rebound and Peter Arnett scored his second goal 10 minutes later.

A lob from Adie Becker on the right side landed at Arnett's feet and he simply tapped the ball into the corner. Becker had been brought into the game at half-time.

The play continued very even, with both teams playing exceptionally well under very soggy conditions.

Eintracht's third goal was perhaps the best of the match. Danny Webster hit the ball from just inside the penalty area and gave Dmitar Sarapa no chance. That goal came with 10 minutes remaining in the game. Though tempers were a little frayed during the remaining minutes of the game, both teams are to be commended on their performance.

Referee Stan Tait of Montreal ably assisted by his linesmen, kept the game well under control. John Barnes, First Vice-President and chairman of the Challenge Cup Committee, presented the beautiful trophy to Greg Arnett, the Eintracht captain. Medals were presented to both teams at a reception following the game.

Leafs clear table at soccer banquet

It was of little surprise Saturday night at Teutonia Club when Alex Tufegdzich of Maple Leafs was named most valuable player of the Essex-Kent Soccer Association at the Association's annual dinner.

The MVP trophy was only one of several that Tufegdzich lugged home along with his Maple Leafs team-mates.

Leafs, perhaps the most dominant team in the history of EKSA, were presented with five championship cups.

Besides the first-division league and playoff trophies, Leafs also secured the Star Cup, the Association Cup and the Firemen's Cup. Only the Injured Player's Cup eluded them.

It went to Italia.

Two Leaf players joined Tufegdzich in the individual winners' circle, Dmitar Sarapa as the first division's outstanding goaltender and Lothar Mueller as the first division scoring champion.

Manfred Michel of Teutonia "A" won the association's second most coveted award, being selected as the most *Sportsmanlike player*.

The two outstanding goaltenders in the second division were Hungaria's John Jurak in the West and Scots' Robert Mitchell in the East.

Firemen`s Cup another Leaf prize

Winding up a busy and successful weekend, Maple Leafs whipped Teutonia "A" 6-2 Monday afternoon at Windsor Stadium to capture their second straight Firemen`s Cup championship. Leafs, of course, brought home the Ontario Cup Saturday from Toronto through an 11-2 victory on the round in the two-game final with Toronto San Fili. With their scoring ace Alex Tufegdzich being rested, Maple Leafs still had too much power for Teutonia in the sporting feature of the annual Firemen`s Field day celebrations.

Teutonia`s Dennis Jorgenson and Werner Machnik blew excellent scoring chances in the first five minutes and after that Leafs regrouped to take over.

A move by Julian Stoja, working in from the wing to give goalie George Breckner no chance, opened the scoring at 11 minutes.

Then at 23 minutes, Dragan Nestorovic, replacing Tufegdzich, set up Neil Stewart for a slam-bang goal. Teutonia finally got one back at 38 minutes as Jimmy Smith put Machnik into the clear and he gave Dmitar Sarapa no chance.

Breckner, who made a fine save on Stoja just before the interval, robbed Stewart after the second half began but there was no way he could hold off Leafs forever.

At 14 minutes Stanko Bogdanovic converted Stewart`s pass and three minutes later Nestorovic scored with a short shot on another Stewart`s pass.

Manfred Michel cut the lead to two at 29 minutes, moving through the Leaf defense and around Sarapa neatly.

Agenor Ferreira made it 5-2 at 32 minutes and with two minutes remaining Nestorovic scored his second, again on a final pass from Stewart.

Serbs click on penalty kicks

Serbia and Hungaria must have been tired when it was over. The two teams needed 90 minutes of regulation time, 30 minutes of overtime and 18 penalty shots each before their Ontario Cup district play-down soccer match at Windsor Stadium finally ended, with Serbia the victor.

The final score was 3-3, with an 8-7 margin in penalty shots for the Serbs.

In another cup game at the stadium, Italia eked out 2-1 win over Hellenic and will meet Anglo in semi-final play Tuesday.

Serbia tackles the high scoring Maple Leafs the same night.

Hungaria got on the score sheet first with a little help from Serbia`s Velko Petroski in the seventh minute. Petroski put the ball into his own net attempting to clear a pass from Alex Harris of Hungaria.

At 38 minutes Mirko Vujosevic neatly beat Van Niforos from close in to tie the match. The Serbs stormed back in the second half, scoring two quick goals, in the first and fifth minutes. Ljubomir Stankovic was the marksman on both occasions.

The Hungarians narrowed the deficit five minutes later when Steve Toth scored from a goalmouth scramble. Dino Brotto`s header in the 74th minutes momentarily staved off elimination for the Hungarians.

In the first batch of penalty kicks, Serbia missed on its second of five tries; Hungaria being foiled on the third of five for 4-4 standoff.

In the second go at it, Hungaria missed on the fourth attempt and Serbia ended with a perfect slate.

Serbs clinch West title

Windsor Star, June 1971

Windsor Serbs overcame an early own goal and rallied to clinch first place in the West division of the Southwestern Ontario Soccer League Friday night.

Serbs` 3-1 triumph over Teutonia at Mic mac Park wrapped up the division title and qualified them to meet either Hellenic or Croatia for the league championship.

Slobodan Topalovic had the misfortune to score into his own net midway in the first half but it proved to be the only score Teutonia, also bidding for the division crown, could put on the board.

Early in the second half Topalovic atoned by scoring Serbs` first goal and the issue stayed that way until the last few minutes when Serbs broke it open.

Ivan Horvat got the winner with five minutes left and a minute later Pero Kovacevic added the clincher.

The win left Serbs with a 16-1-3 record, two points ahead of both Teutonia and Inter Calabria who wound up with 15-2-3 records.

Serbs extend streak

Windsor Serbs continued their unbeaten march in the Southwestern Ontario Soccer League Thursday evening with a 5-1 victory over SS Italia.

Alex Tufegdzich and Serbo Topalovic scored first-half goals to lead Serbs to victory.

In the second half, Ivan Horvat struck from 12 yards on a pass from Tufegdzich, then Topalovic notched his second and Pero Kovacevic completed Serbs scoring.

Kovacevic shines for Serbs

Pero Kovacevic scored three times to lead Windsor Serbs to an 8-2 win over Budapest in Southwestern Ontario Soccer League action Thursday.

Alex Tufegdzich scored twice for the winners with Srbo Topalovic, Jovan urukalo and Vanco Cirovski adding singles.

George Sapardanis and Alex Harris replied for Budapest, who trailed 3-0 after first half.

Serbs scuttle Croatia

Serbs triumphed in the first showdown for top spot in the Western Ontario Soccer League Sunday night with a 4-3 decision over Croatia.

Prior to the game, the two had been tied with unbeaten records after three games but Serbs raced to a 3-1 half-time lead and then held on for the win.

Alex Tufegdzich led Serbs with three goals and Serba Topalovic had the other. Tony Tiselj scored two for Croatia with the other going to Steve Semenski. Two by Tufegdzich and one by Topalovic gave Serbs their early lead after Semenski had opened the scoring in the game after only four minutes.

Tufegdzich put Serbs ahead 4-1 early in the second half, but Tiselj brought his club from behind with two in 10 minutes.

In the other game, Guy Ricardi, Paul Fotia and Neil Stewart scored for Italia before Sarnia's Brian Spowart scored his club's only goal with five minutes to play. The victory moved Italia into third place, four behind Serbs and two back of Croatia.

Hungaria defused by Serbs

The lights literally went out on Hungaria in the Southwestern Ontario Soccer League match at Windsor stadium Thursday evening.

Hungaria were trailing Windsor Serbs 5-1 en route to their sixth straight defeat of the season when the lights were doused during a brief downpour.

Altough the game was not completed it will stand as a Serb victory.

The win by the Serbs kept them in a third place tie with Teutonia who defeated cellar-dwelling Italo-Canadians 1-0 in the opening game of the doubleheader.

Srba Topalovic had a pair for the Serbs with singles going to Slobodan Burzan, Nick Ianev and Kostadin Jovanovski.

Serbs tarnish Italia glitter

Italia suffered its first loss of the season but held onto first place in the Eastern division when they were shaded 2-1 by Windsor Serbs in Southwestern Ontario Soccer League soccer play Tuesday night at Windsor Stadium.

Nenad Jokic opened scoring for the Serbs seven minutes into the first half by putting the ball into the top left corner off the crossbar.

At the 40 minute mark, the Serbs went ahead 2-0 on a free kick by Slobodan Topalovic. He hit the centre of the net just under the crossbar from 30 yards out.

Windsor Serbs crush Scots 6-1

Alex Tufegdzich scored three times Sunday as Windsor Serbs remained unbeaten in the Southwestern Ontario Soccer League with a 6-1 triumph over Windsor Scots.

Srba Topalovic added a pair for the Serbs who have now won 10 straight and lead second place Hellenic by seven points.

Nenad Jokic scored the other goal for Serbs with Pat McNelis replying for Scots on first - half penalty shot.

Italo no match for Serbs, 7-1

While SS Italia and Budapest had a hard-fought soccer game Tuesday at Wigle Park, Windsor Serbs had an easy time against Italo Canadians in Southwestern Ontario League play.

Alex Tufegdzich scored two goals to lead Serbs to a 7-1 romp over Canadians. Single Windsor goals went to Nenad Jokic, Jovan Urukalo and Pero Kovacevic.

Serbs' championship first since 1971

Serbs wrapped up their first Southwestern Ontario Soccer League championship since 1971 Friday night at Wigle Park by edging Hellenic 3-2 and winning the two-game, total-goals final 5-2.

Ian Guthrie of the losers produced the lone goal of the hard-fought second half. They had triumphed 2-0 in the series opener Thursday night with Branko Jovanovski scoring for both of their goals.

Branko Vitanovski, Ivan Horvat and Pero Kovacevic tallied Serb goals in the first half. George Psishogios replied for Hellenic.



S.C. Windsor Serbs 1979 SWOSL Champions

*Front: Milan Kragujevac, Stephen Hart, Ivan Horvat, Al Salla, Branko Jovanovski and Zoran Davidović
Standing: Bora Ćup, Slobodan Burzan, Julijan Stojanović, Nenad Jokić, Slobodan Grbić, Paul Parkinson,
Slobodan Topalović, Allan Hope and Pero Jokić*

Serbs run streak to five victories

Serbs maintained their unbeaten record in the Western Ontario Soccer League Saturday with a 2-0 victory over Chatham city.

The victory left Serbs in first place with five wins. Croatia is second with eight points after a 5-3 triumph Sunday over Sarnia City with Hellenic tied for fourth with Italia after a 2-0 victory over their rivals Saturday.

Serba Topalovic opened the scoring for the Serbs on a pass from Julian Stoja in the 69th minute.

Stoja's pass eluded Chatham goalie John Van Heldan and Topalovic slid the ball to the empty net.

Topalovic set up the second Serbs' goal five minutes later when he teamed up with Pero Kovacevic, who took the pass 10 yards out and drilled a shot off the crossbar into the net.

Chatham's only good scoring chance came with 15 minutes to play when Centre forward Mirko Petrak outran Slobodan Topalovic of Serbs for a loose ball but his quick shot was handled easily by goalie Dmitar Sarapa.

Flare-up mars Serbs' streak

Windsor Serbs remained unbeaten on the field in the Western Ontario soccer League on the weekend.

However, the league leaders will have to wait until after a league meeting to find out whether their 3-1 triumph over Hellenic will stand.

The game at Wiggle Park Saturday night was abandoned by the officials after 30 minutes because of unruly fans. A league meeting will be held this week to discuss the outbreak and determine penalties should any be warranted.

Windsor Serbs semi-finalists for Star Cup

Windsor Serbs and Italo Canadians moved into the semi-finals of the Windsor Star Cup soccer competition Tuesday evening with victories at Windsor Stadium.

Serbs blanked Hungaria 4-0 and Italo Canadians defeated Calabria 2-0 to join Macedonia and Croatia in Thursday evening's semi-finals. The two survivors will meet in the final at Windsor Stadium on Saturday evening.

Serbs took a 1-0 lead in their match on a goal by Nick Ianev when a pass from Serba Topalovic found him in the clear just at the edge of the penalty area.

Nick Miscevic struck twice for Serbs in four minutes midway through the second half to add to the lead.

His first came on a hard drive between a defender's legs and then he fired home a rebound off the post from 18 yards. Nenad Jokic ended the scoring, again on a pass from Topalovic.

Serbs Star Cup finalists

In the Serbs-Macedonia contest, Topalovic got his first of the evening in the 25th minute, picking up a rebound off a defenseman to score from 11 yards away. The Serbs lead Macedonia 2-0 at half-time, their other goal coming from Kostadin Jovanovski.

Topalovic scored two quick goals in the 16th and 18th minutes of the second half to give the Serbs a commanding 5-1 lead. He picked the top left corner from 20 yards out first time and followed that by shooting to the low left side from 18 yards away.

Nenad Jokic, Pero Kovacevic and Vancho Cirovski also scored for the Serbs in the second half.

Serbs capture Star Cup, 2-1

Windsor Serbs captured the Windsor Star soccer cup competition Saturday with a 2-1 victory over Croatia at Windsor Stadium before 600 fans.

Serbs, who occupy fourth place in the Southwestern Ontario League's western division took a 2-0 half-time lead over the first-place opponents from the same division.

They then held off a rally by Croatia in the second half.

Srba Topalovic set up the opening goal for Serbs with a high pass from the right wing to Kosta Jovanovski.

Jovanovski headed the ball high into the right corner of the net.

Topalovic added the second goal six minutes later when he took a long pass from Nenad Jokic, raced down the right wing, cut across the penalty area and fired low shot into the left corner of the net.

Thirteen minutes into the second half Jadran Vukorep put Croatia on the scoreboard with a penalty kick.

Altough Croatia applied pressure in the closing minutes they were unable to obtain the tying goal.

Serbs on move

Windsor Serbs continued on the trail to the Canada Cup Saturday with a 3-1 triumph over London Celtic. The win moves Serbs into the third round of Cup play, a sudden-death knockout competition that will decide a national senior amateur champion.

/The Windsor Star, Tuesday, August 2, 1977/

Serbs advance in Canada Cup

LONDON – Windsor Serbs moved into the third round of the Canada Cup soccer competition Saturday with a 3-1 win over London Celtic.

A pair of goals by Julian Stoja and one by Alexander Erdeljan gave Serbs the victory over the London First Division club.

/London Free Press, August 2, 1977/

The Canada Cup is a sudden-death knockout competition with the eventual winner declared the national senior amateur champion.

Canada's other senior amateur champions will be decided after competition in the various provincial cups across the country.

Stoja, a left winger who played with Windsor Stars of the National League's First Division last season, opened the scoring after seven minutes Saturday.

He took a lead pass from midfielder Milan Kragujevac and fired a 10-yard shot past goalkeeper Bill Lamont.

Erdeljan added to the score shortly after with a penalty shot after Pero Kovacevic had been tripped in the London penalty area.

Rob MacDonald put London back in the game midway through the second half, but Stoja wrapped up the scoring seven minutes later.

Serbs will play a side from Kitchener in the next round.

The Windsor Star, Saturday, July 30, 1977

Serbs to play Sunday

Windsor Serbs will meet Kitchener-Waterloo Olympics Sunday in the fourth round of the Canada Cup soccer competition.

Serbs moved into the fourth round in the knockout cup to determine Canada's senior amateur champions with a 3-0 win over London Celtic Saturday.

The winner of Sunday's game will compete in a four-team tournament in Toronto August 13-14. Other teams will be a Toronto representative, Sudbury and Ottawa.

The semifinals will be Friday with the final Saturday. All games will be at York Stadium. This year's Serbs' team is a combination of Serbia and Maple Leafs, who were Canadian finalists in 1970 and 1971. They were also Ontario and Eastern Canadian champions both years.

Included on the roster are a pair of players from Detroit and two from Yugoslavia, including Alexander Erdeljan who started this season with Windsor Stars of the National Soccer League. Missing from the line-up this weekend will be Centre-forward Alex Tufegdzich. He is vacationing in Yugoslavia.

Sunday's game is at Windsor Stadium at 7:00 p.m. (August 7, 1977)

Windsor team beats Celtic in Challenge Cup playoff

Windsor Serbians defeated London Celtic 3-1 in a Challenge Cup soccer playoff game at Celtic field in Lambeth Saturday. A pair of goals by Julian Stoja and a penalty shot by Alexander Erdeljan, all in the second half, gave Windsor its margin of victory.

The Serbians play in the Western Ontario Soccer League,

Bob McDonald scored for Celtic, representing the London and District Soccer Association.

The Challenge Cup is a sudden-death knockout series with the eventual winner declared the senior amateur champions of Canada.

Stoja, a 22-year old left-winger who has played First Division soccer in Yugoslavia with Olympia Ljubljana and has had a trial with New York Cosmos of the North American league, opened the scoring in the seventh minute of the second half.

He took a long pass from midfielder Milan Kragujevac and beat Celtic goalie Bill Lamont on a 10-yard shot from a narrow angle.

Before Celtic had a chance to recover, Brantford referee Al Newsome called for a penalty shot against the London First Division team when Pero Kovacevic broke through two defenders and has his feet taken out from under him 10 yards in front of the Celtic goal in the eighth minute.

Lamont guessed correctly on the penalty, diving to his right, but Erdeljan's low shot was good, just inside the post.

McDonald put Celtic back in the game in 23rd minute of the second half and Celtic had a dangerous rash broken up by the Serbian defense five minutes later with Windsor goalie Van Niforos well out of play.

Stoja put the game out of reach when he beat Lamont to the ball on another long pass and flicked the ball into the goal with 15 minutes remaining.

London Free Press, Monday, August 1, 1977

Serbs reach Ontario final

Pero Kovacevic's three goals Sunday at Windsor Stadium helped Windsor Serbs whip Kitchener-Waterloo 6-1.

The win clinches a spot for Serbs in the Ontario finals of the Canada Cup soccer competition this weekend at Toronto.

Windsor Serbs qualified for the Ontario finals in the Canada Cup soccer competition with a 6-1 win over Kitchener-Waterloo Olympics Sunday at Windsor stadium.

Pero Kovacevic scored three goals in front of 750 spectators to send Serbs into the semi-finals Friday against *Hakoah* of the Metropolitan Toronto League.

The other semi-finalists at Toronto's York stadium are Ottawa and Sudbury. The final will be played Saturday with winner entering the Canada Cup finals later this month.

Other scorers for Serbs, who turned in their best performance in eight years, were Julijan stoja, with two, and Ivan Horvat.

Predrag Begovic scored for Olympics in the second half, after Serbs had taken a 5-0 lead.

Kovacevic opened the scoring in the 15th minute with a fine solo effort and two minutes later Ivan Horvat scored on a pass from Branko Jovanovski.

Kovacevic added to the lead in the 28th minute, Stoja got his first goal on a pass from Serba Topalovic in the 30th minute and less than a minute after that Topalovic rattled shot off the crossbar from 30 yards.

Kovacevic's third goal made it 5-0 a minute before halftime. Begovic scored for Olympics after 17 minutes of the second half and Stoja wrapped up the scoring three minutes later after taking a pass from Kovacevic.

Fans mob field, Star Cup destroyed

The Windsor Star Cup has perished after the outbreak of fan violence at a soccer game this season. Windsor Serbs lead Hellenic 2-1 Saturday with five minutes to play in the Cup final but the game had to be called when irate fans started throwing bottles and running onto the field.

The Windsor star Cup, first won in 1948 was smashed beyond repair and the police had to be called into Windsor Stadium for the third time this season to end the violence. No arrests were made.

The disturbance started when a Hellenic score was called back because the referee had blown the play dead. Fans tried tearing down the goal nets and they ripped off the corner flags in protest.

The Southwestern Ontario League will hold an emergency meeting Tuesday to try and resolve the problems but until then all future games in the league have been cancelled. Serbs were not awarded the championship because the referee said the game was never officially finished. A decision on that what will happen to the game will be made at the meeting Tuesday.

The Windsor Star, Saturday, August 22, 1976

SWOSL season all over

It` s all over for the Southwestern Ontario Soccer League – at least for this season.

The league, at a meeting Thursday evening, decided to cancel all remaining games after the referees refused to continue following the second attack on an official in four weeks. The executive will continue to function but will be concerned with bringing the club managements together in the hopes that a solution can be found to the recurring problems.

"We were sitting on a bomb with no real way of defusing it ", explained league President Art Bellamy Thursday night.

"I think it may work out for the best if we can sit down and work things out during the off-season".

About a month ago the league held meetings to determine the fate of the Hellenic club after some of their fans went on a rampage, attacking the officials and destroying the Star Cup in a game against Serbs.

After this latest incident, the officials resigned leaving the league with no alternative but to suspend further play for the remainder of the season.

"Once again, the majority suffers", said Bellamy. However, we felt we had to stop now before anybody got hurt.

"We` ve been lucky no one has been hurt, but it can` t last with the type of individuals we have coming to some of our games".

Serbs were leading the Star Cup match 2-1 when some of Hellenic` s fans invaded the field.

The association has therefore awarded the game to Serbs whose players and fans played no part in the disturbance other than to try and protect the officials.

The Windsor star, June 4, 1977

Serbs bringing in Eintracht

By Marty Knack

Windsor's Serbs Sports Club is willing to take an \$8,000 gamble to host a first-class soccer team.

Club president Zarko Jovanov and past-president Fedor "Fred" Rajic announced at a Friday noon press conference at the Richelieu Inn that West German side Eintracht Braunsweig will play Serbs, members of the Western Ontario League, next Thursday night at Windsor Stadium.

Jovanov, who has known Eintracht coach Branko Zebec for about 30 years, talked to his old friend when the West Germans played in Ypsilanti, Mich, last Saturday night against Lazio of Rome and then convinced members of his club to take a chance on bringing in the European touring team. Eintracht is fulfilling tour commitments in Venezuela right now, is scheduled to play in Cleveland Monday night and will then play Toronto Metros, the North American League champions, in Toronto a week from Sunday.

"Without Branko Zebec's help, we would not have the opportunity to play the game", said Jovanov, "but the team has some time off between the games in Cleveland and Toronto". "it's a little bit of luck and a little bit of friendship", said Rajic.

Both officials with the Serbs admit their team is likely to be outclassed, but as Rajic put it: "They'll (Eintracht) play more to exhibit and show individual finesse".



Spectators watching "Eintracht" and "Windsor Serbs" play

The Serbs had to guarantee the touring team \$6,000 and the figure grows with the incidentals that are necessary, such as a percentage to the Canadian Soccer Association, referees fees, advertising and the club's expenses while here.

Tickets will be priced at \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for ladies and students if purchased in advance, with prices at the gate increased to \$6 and \$3, respectively.

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Serbs lose 3-0

Windsor Serbs failed to score but pleased a large crowd of enthusiastic soccer fans at Windsor Stadium Thursday night, even though they dropped a 3-0 shutout decision to the touring West German side, Eintracht Braunschweig.

Attendance was 1200 as the powerful Germans had more trouble with an amateur side that they did in recent outings with pro and semi-pro teams in Cleveland and London. Eintracht had defeated a pro team in Cleveland 4-0 and London City of the National Soccer League 7-1.

Serbs had several chances to score, too, but couldn't quite break through the last line of defense set up by the visitors.

Stojanovic impresses local fans

By Andre Onorato
The Gazette

The much-awaited Serbian White eagles of Toronto came to town to play the Quebec Selects and Cantalia on the weekend and the fans weren't disappointed.

The man everybody came to see was Momcilo Stojanovic, the Serbians' super striker. He lived up to his star billing as he scored hat tricks in each of the Serbians' 5-0 and 4-0 wins over the Selects and Cantalia respectively.

John Fahy scored the first and third Serbian goals to help Stojanovic topple the Selects. Against Cantalia, Stojanovic even managed to put his mark on the one goal he didn't score as he out-jumped Juan Monje to head a pass to Mladen Katic for an easy goal from inside the goal area.

It's been a long time since the local fans have been treated to such a show of strength.

Soccer Stars dominate play, but lose 2-1 to White Eagles

By Jim Nelson

"This club isn't as bad as our record (3-3-4) would indicate", manager Ken Stanojevic said of his Toronto Serbian White Eagles during the half-time break in Saturday night's National Soccer League first division rest at Windsor Stadium.

The White Eagles, although down to 10 players through much of the second half, went out to prove it, eventually stinging Windsor Stars 2-1 in a cliff-hanger watched by a crowd approaching 1,300.

The loss, only the second of the season for the Stars, dropped them behind White Eagles in the division standing, although the Toronto club has played twice more than Windsor. Oddly enough, White eagles' chances soared after ejection of back fielder Steve Bosnjakovic for rough play 12 minute into the second half.

It was 1-1 at the time, as it had been at the half, but Eagles dropped into a defensive shell, utilizing delaying tactics, hustled outstandingly on defense and waited patiently for any break that might develop.

With five minutes left, the chance came.

Stars, now 3-2-3, were concentrating overly on offense in search of home victory when Mike Bakic controlled a ball on the right side and, with an open 25-yard lane, blasted a ball to the far corner that had Stars' goaltender Ian Moffat beaten from the point of contact.

White eagles broke on top after 12 minutes, Milan Zlatar penetrating down the left side on a fast breaker, crossing to outside right Mike Skoric, whose relay into the middle was pumped home by a diving Luis Bolea.

Perdo DaSilva tied it after 34 minutes, beating goalie Alex Geiger to a loose ball at the corner of the net and deftly flicking it back into the cords.

The score came off a long release by half-back Waldir DaSouza that Gus Moffat pushed ahead into the goal area when the Eagles messed up checking assignments.

Despite the edge of play, the Stars developed few good scoring chances, something they hope to remedy through signing of Victor Batista, who was one of four White Eagles released subsequent to contractual disputes last week.

Windsor Star, Thursday, July 13, 2004
By Dave Waddell - Star Sports Writer

Rebels rise to occasion

Miljevic scores twice in 6:3 win over Sabres. This time, there would be no surprises. Ambushed by their own arrogance in an early season defeat by Sandwich, the Riverside Rebels gave the Sabres their full attention Wednesday.

The rebels pounded Sandwich with too much pace, power and possession in a 6:3 victory in WECSSAA AAA boys cross-over elimination soccer action at St. Clair College. "We'd heard they weren't very good and the guys didn't play the game with enough interest the first time", said Riverside midfielder Pero Miljevic, who had a pair of goals.

Sweeping attacks

Matched with the Rebels other midfield maestro, Sasa Markovic, the duo orchestrated a series of sweeping attacks.

Miljevic opened the scoring after five minutes with a rocket into the left corner from 18 yards.

Dressed in their all-black uniforms, the Rebels were fittingly putting on a cultured display that lacked only polished finishing.

The dangers of such casual finishing became shockingly evident when sandwich's Chris Nelson scored against the run of play after 26 minutes.

However, Riverside substitute Matt Hayward, who proved quite the goal poacher in 20 minutes of work in the opening half, replied inside a minute. Four minutes later, Hayward converted Gorjan Stjepanovic's sweeping cross from the right to reignite the rebel uprising.

"Getting that goal back was very important", Markovic said.

"If we didn't do something fast, we could've got off our game".

Miljevic put the contest out of reach with a penalty conversion 10 minutes into the second half that was earned when Markovic was hauled down in the box.

With both benches beginning to be used liberally, the game got a bit sloppy during a four-goal exchange that completed the scoring.

Sonny Hosseini and Jonathan Bekic struck for the Sabres while Stjepanovic and Milan Popadic replied for the Rebels.

Windsor Star, Thursday, July 20, 2004

By Mary Caton – Star Sports Writer

ST.ANNE 3 RIVERSIDE 2

Key save leads to winning boot

Dordevski seals win for St. Anne

The St. Anne Saints advanced to today's city soccer championship by the slimmest of margins. Ninety minutes of regulation play against the Riverside Rebels decided nothing. Two overtime sessions left the score tied 1:1. A round of penalty kicks failed to settle anything. It came down to sudden death penalty kicks and a diving save by Saints goalie Jim Hogan on the Rebels' fourth shooter, Ilija Djankovic, leaving the penalties even at 2:2. St. Anne captain Ryan Dordevski then drilled his penalty shot just inside the post to seal the win.

"I love penalty kicks. I've got a lot of confidence in them", said Hogan, who didn't even play the game a year ago. "I played basketball and football so I really didn't have time but I was talking to the (soccer) coach and he said he needed a goalie".



The team "Windsor Serbs" under 19 won the ECSL 2002 championship and playoffs
Standing: Goran Lazović - assistant coach, John Matovski, Milan Sarapa, Marko Babić,
Mat Topalović, Kris Tsiavalis, Aleksandar Vukičević, Aleksandar Marulić, Ljubiša Graovac,
Petar Miljević, Nemanja Popović, Dmitar Sarapa - coach.
Front: Šejn Topalović, Igor Lazović, Stevan Vukosavljević, Srđan Stanić,
Đorđe Preradović and Saša Marković



Team "Windsor Serbs" 45+ Champions ECSL 2002
Standing: Milenko Danilović, Mile Kukuruzović, Mišo Janevski, Dušan Andrić, Mladen Tojčić,
Toni Janevski, Peter Efthymiou, Goran Manojlović, Goran Knežević, Aco Milidrag,
Nikola Zastavniković, Vlado Vasiljić, Srdjan Pešić and Igor Primorac.
In front: Danijel Obrenić, Mark Vukanović, Mile Škrba, Avdija Ramčilović, Rade Šekarić, Marko Tomić,
Blaž Majetić, Mirko Tegeltija, coach Goran Lazović with granddaughter, Vanja Primorac, ?.
Missing from the picture: David Jelić, Andrija Jelić, Janko Postić, Borislav Sanković and Dušan Zubac.



First team "Windsor Serbs" / Champions 2015 (ECSL)

Standing: Davor Novaković, Kajl Dobrić, Kris Baraslievski, Petar Miljević, Gorjan Stjepanović, Gracian Codea, Darko Pavličević, Kristijan Nedinić, Slavko Vrhovac, coach.
 Front: David Newlands, Nolan Bernard, Jose Lermak, Lukas Sawiak, Oscar Da Silva, Hamza Mezahi, Mike Dangy. The first coach Srđan Pejić is missing from the picture.



Windsor Serbs under 19 - 2017 ECSL Champions

Front row: Shane Topalovic coach, Al Iraqi, Aiden Mitrevski, Konnor Lowenberg, ?, Carlo Zambitto, Andrew Noade and Braiden Valev
 Back row: Dragan Glisic Manager, Aleksandar Stankovic, Isaiah Chesney, Hussein al-mousawi, Aleksandar Jeftic, Sergey Glisic, Jaksa Vulovic, ?, Stefan Matic, Luka Jokic, Hassan Zaitoun and Srdjan Pejic, coach,



The Windsor Serbs 1999 boys under 15 unbeaten in The Windsor and District Soccer League under 15 boys division in both the regular season and playoffs.

Front Row from left: Stefan Matic, Dylan Satto, Adrian Noade, Husein Al-Mousawi, Isaiah Chesney, Hassan Zaitoun, Brandon Lachin, Aiden Mitrevski, Andrew Noade.

Back Row: Team Manager Dragan Glisic, assistant coach Gorjan Stjepanovic, Sergey Glisic, Marko Popovic, Jaksa Vulovic, Elijah Williams, Martin Lopez, Aleksandar Stankovic, Luka Roganovic, head Coach Srdjan Pejic



The Windsor Serbs under 14 Boys soccer team won the Cedar Point Coster Classic 2013 Soccer Tournament in Sandusky, Ohio.

Front row: Stefan Matic, Aleksandar Stankovic, Hassan Zaitoun, Isaiah Chesney, Adrian Noade, Husein Al-Mousawi, Andrew Noade.

Back row: Coach Gorjan Stjepanovic, Luka Roganovic, Dylan Satto, Marko Popovic, Martin Lopez, Jaksa Vulovic, Elijah Williams, Sergey Glisic, Lazar Radic.



*Back row: Coach Shane Topalovic, Coach Srdjan Pejic, Mardin Lopez, Marko Popovic, Jaksa Vulovic, Marko Roganovic, Dylan Satto, Manager Dragan Glisic, Coach Gorjan Stjepanovic
Front row: Sergey Glisic, Aiden Mitrevski, A Lachinio, Isaiah Chesney, Andrew Noadem, Adrian Noade and Stefan Matic.*



*Back row: Marko Popovic, Stefan Matic, Husein al-mousawim, Darko Borovicanin, Aleksandar Stankovic, Connor Lowenberg, Mardin Lopez, Luka Roganovic, Slavko Vrhovac, coach
Front row: Sergey Glisic, Dyllan Satto, A Lachinio, Adrian Noade and Andrew Noade.*



This generation of juniors popularly called "Windsor Serbs '99" in the period 2013-2018 won countless trophies at competitions in Ontario and Michigan. Slavko Vrhovac, coach; Stefan Matić, Jakša Vulović, Marko Popović, Sergej Glišić, Liviu Donescu, Darko Borovicanin, Aleksandar Stankovic, Connor Lowenberg, Luka Roganović, Mardin Lopez, Srđan Pejić, coach, Dragan Glišić, manager / Front: Hussein Al-Mousawi, ??, Hasan Zaitoun, Isaiah Chesney, Dyllan Satto, Adrian Noade, Andrew Noade.



*The young team "Windsor Serbs" in 2001
 Standing, from left to right: Mirko Vranešević, coach, Miloš Vukićević, Dejan Đurović, Đorđe Jankulov, Bojan Pikula, Dejan Tegeltija, Darko Pavlicevic, Gorjan Stjepanović, Dejan Jović, Miloš Graovac and Slavko Vrhovac.
 Front: Vedran Dabić, Steve Topalović, Dejan Savić, Marko Vrhovac, Vlado Stajić, Nikola Vranešević, Dejan Kuljanin and Vaso Globarević*



Slavko Vrhovac with the future stars





Mirjana Vujanović and Slavko Vrhovac with the youngest participants of the football school



Boys' team - "Windsor Serbs" 1984

Front: Ljuban Stankovic, Veljko Spiric, N.N, Aleksandar Sevo, N.N.

*Back row: Pedja Sekulic, Shane. N., Zoran Malesevic, Vlado Krndija, Zoran Kacarevic,
Dusan Skara & Jovan Skara, coach*

Serbo-Canadians 1979

In the summer of 1979, the sports club "Serbo-Canadians" was founded in Windsor.

The main reason for the formation of this club was the need for the existence of a different sports club that would deal primarily with organizing activities for older players, for the sake of recreation, but also for holding meetings with other Serbian clubs in Canada and the USA.

The initiative for the formation of this club came from a few "older" sportsmen led by Đorđe Veličković - Velja, who previously only played rugby. This Club, as the first step in its existence, organized the Memorial football tournament in memory of the meritorious sports workers Dušan Manojlović and Žarko Jovanov.

Participants of the tournament were football veterans SS "Italia", "Teutonia", "Windsor Scots" and "Serbo Canadians". The winner was the Italian team. At the banquet after the tournament in "Michael's Tavern", the memories of two great and deserving sportsmen were revived:

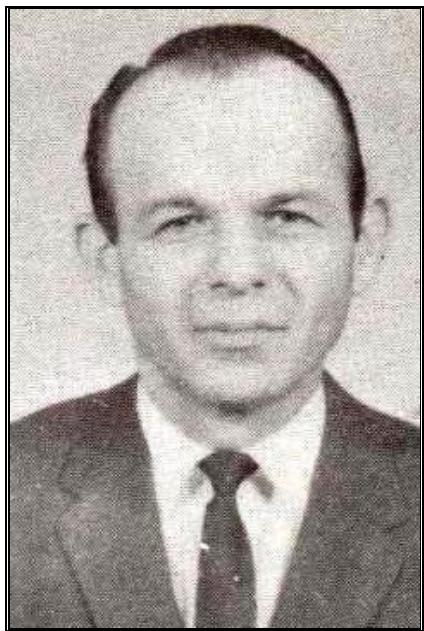
Dušan Manojlović was the founder and first president of the "Maple Leafs" club, and Žarko Jovanov, the first president of S.C. "Windsor Serbs" and the founder of the first professional football club in Windsor, member of the first National League of Canada, "Windsor Stars", and they stood out as social workers and helpers of numerous Serbian organizations and societies.

The intention is to make this tournament a tradition and to be held every year.

From the very beginning, there was a desire to call the club "Belgrade", but the prevailing opinion was that "Serbo-Canadians" was more appropriate. But that name was used only during the first tournament, and then the name "Windsor Serbs" was finally accepted for the reason of not creating rivalry, but to organize and act under one common name more easily.

The idea of holding meetings with Serbian teams from Canada and the USA every year, according to a fixed schedule, alternately in the cities that accept the organization of these tournaments, existed before, but the best conditions for this were only achieved with the establishment of this club. The first all-Serbian tournament on the North American continent was held 1993 in Windsor, on the "Ford Testing Grounds" in the immediate vicinity of the Gračanica church.

That tournament was preceded by two "trial" games with the Chicago team (at the St. Clair College field), and the Oakville team at (Serbian Day) in Niagara Falls (1992).



Dusan Danny Manojlovic



Memorial Cup



Zarko Jovanov

At the meeting, where the decision was made to establish this club, the following were present: Miladin Ristic, Đorđe Veličković, Dragan Mitrović, Branko Malešević, Rastko Ristic, Aleksa Babić, Slobodan Burzan, Mika Vuičić, Miloš Popović, Ljubinko Mitić, Franja Ivanković, Steve - Strašimir Miletić and Jerej Radiša Ninković.



The meeting of the "Old timers" teams at the first memorial tournament in memory of Žarko Jovanov and Dušan Manojlović, held on Sunday, June 24, 1979, with the participation of the teams "Italia", "Windsor Scots", "Teutonia" and "Serbo-Canadians". The winner was the Italian team, and a festive banquet after the tournament was held in the "Car Dušan" restaurant, during which the trophy was presented to the winner with a suitable program.



Founding Board: From left to right: Miladin Ristić, Đorđe Veličković, Ljubomir Mitić, Franja Ivanković, Aleksa Babić, Mika Vuičić, Slobodan Burzan, Miloš Popović, Dragan Mitrović and Rastko Ristic.
Missing from the picture: Jerej Radiša Ninković, Strašimir Stiv Miletić and Branko Malešević (who photographed this meeting))



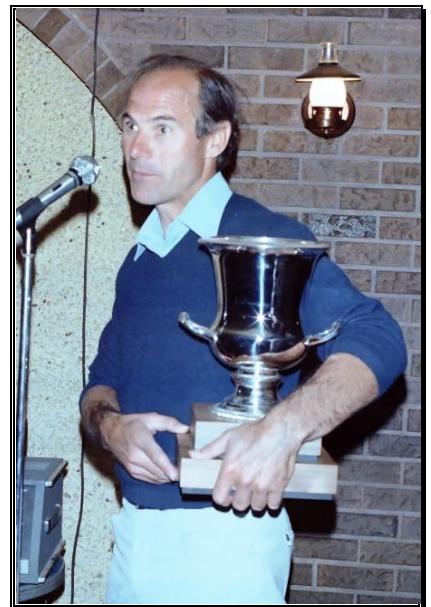
The true sporting spirit and the good mood from the field continued at the banquet, with a rich meal and a suitable program. The Scotts contributed to the pleasant atmosphere by playing the famous Scottish bagpipes, and the captain of the winning team of Italy, once the captain of the Maple Leafs on their way to the finals of the Canada Cup, Ilario Bontorin, handed over the newly won trophy to the widows Milka Jovanov and Božana Manojlović, for safekeeping until the next tournament. This gentlemanly act of the winner was warmly welcomed by those present. The representatives of the tournament participants thanked for the well-organized tournament and promised their participation in the next gatherings as well.



Jerej Radisa Ninkovic and Mickey Vuckovic



Scottish bagpipes



Ilario Bontorin



Team "Windsor Serbs" 1988 (Inter City League) Standing: Vladio ?, Milan Pecarski, Jovica Urukalo, Slobodan Topalović, Avdija Ramčilović, Slavko Vrhovac, Stevan Lakić and Bogdan Pavlica
 Front: Ivan Horvat, Slobodan Davidović, Srba Topalović, Saša Birčaković, Milan Došen, Deni Babić.



London 2000
 Standing: Milan Vuletić, Dragan Vuletić, Jovo Marjanović, Mile Kukuruzović, Mladen Vuković, Stevan Lakić, Avdija Ramčilović, Rade Sekarić, Slavko Vrhovac, Slobodan Ćučuz, Dane Bruić, Vlado Jović,
 Front: Blaž Majetić, Vladimir Kojević, Srba Topalović, Goran Miljević, Jerej Radiša Ninković, Dušan Vukičević and Bil Vukanović.

Српско Северно-Америчко Фудбалско Удружење 1998
Serbian North-American Soccer Association 1998

СРБИЈАДА



Chicago and Windsor teams before a friendly in Windsor in 1992

Windsor had the honor of organizing the first tournament of Serbian football clubs in North America, the city where the first Serbian football club in North America, Windsor "White Eagles" was founded in 1949. Since then, a beautiful tradition has continued, every year the tournaments become more and more attended, new and old acquaintances and friendships are made between our people, and considerable material resources are collected for charitable purposes.

Teams are formed and compete in an agreed format based on age. Participants in these tournaments are the cities: Windsor, Hamilton and Niagara, (Ontario), Vancouver, (British Columbia) from Canada, Milwaukee, (Wisconsin), Cleveland, (Ohio), Chicago, (Illinois), Mesa (Arizona), Peterson, (New Jersey), St. Petersburg, (Florida), Phoenix (Arizona) and Akron (Ohio) from the USA.

The tournaments started in Windsor in 1993, and five years later they became official under the name Serbian North American Soccer Association, but the name "Srbijada" is most often used.

Teams of the "Windsor Serbs" at the first tournament of Serbian clubs of North America in Windsor in 1993

Team 30+

1. Babić Aleksa
2. Bruić Dane
3. Dosen Milan
4. Fantinić Silvio
5. Grmuša Ranko
6. Horvat Ivan
7. Jokić Nenad
8. Jokić Petar
9. Karanović Dusan
10. Lakić Stevan
11. Marić Mile
12. Marković Dragan
13. Mitrović Dragan
14. Pecarski Milan
15. Miloš Popović
16. Ristic Miladin
17. Sarapa Dmitar
18. Strbac Đorđe
19. Tanasijević Budimir
20. Todorović Goran
21. Topalović Srba
22. Topalović Slobodan
23. Veličković Djordje
24. Vrhovac Slavko
25. Vucković Miodrag
26. Dragan Vukosavljević

A Team

1. Amene Uchenna
2. Babić Deni
3. Dingulescu John
4. Francis Vladimir
5. Jaroszewicz Peter
6. Jelić David
7. Jelić Andrija
8. Jokić Dragan
9. Jovanović Dragan
10. Koontz Donald
11. Miščević Dejan
12. Ramčilović Avdija
13. Stanković Ljuban
14. Tomović Djoko
15. Vukanović Marko
16. Vuletić Milan

Team B

1. Bogdanović Nenad
2. Brković Bogdan
3. Bogunović Dejan
4. Ilić Mića
5. Jelić Aleksa
6. Joksić Dragan
7. Krndija Vlado
8. Sekulić Marko
9. Sekulić Petar
10. Stajić Aleksandar
11. Špirić Veljko
12. Stanojlović Toma
13. Vidaković Slavko
14. Vorkapić Marko

Tournament hosts:

1. Veličković Djordje
2. Marić Mile
3. Babić Aleksa
4. Ristic Miladin
5. Vrhovac Slavko
6. Marković Dragan
7. Tanasijević Budimir
8. Popović Milos
9. Pecarski Milan
10. Sarapa Dmitar
11. Lakić Stevan
12. Strbac Đorđe
13. Joksić Dragan
14. Bruić Dane
15. Jokić Petar
16. Jokić Nenad
17. Karanović Dusan
18. Jojić Miloš
19. Mitrović Dragan
20. Fantinić Silvio
21. Vucković Miodrag
22. Vuletić Milan
23. Todorović Goran
24. Vidaković Slavko
25. Vukosavljević Dragan
26. Timotijević Sasha
27. Dobrić Dragan
28. Senić Rade



"Windsor Serbs" Team "A" "Srbijada" Windsor 1993

Standing: Aleksa Babić, Ivan Horvat, Ljuban Stanković, Milan Vuletić, Uchene Amene, Slavko Vidaković, David Jelić, Dušan Babić, Dmitar Sarapa, ??, Đoka Tomović and Petar Jokić.

Front: Dragan Jović, Veljko Špirić, Mleta Cvetković, Toma Stanojlović, Avdija Ramčilović, Johnny Dencelescu, Marko Vukanović, Andrija Jelić.



"Windsor Serbs" Team "B" 30+ "Srbijada" Windsor 1993

Standing: Ivan Horvat, Dane Bruić, Dragan Matijević, Dmitar Sarapa, Stevan Lakić, Miladin Ristic, Mile Marić, Milan Pecarski, Đorđe Veličković and Miloš Popović.

Front: Jovica Urukalo, Julian Stojan, Stanko Bogdanović, Slavko Vrhovac, Dragan Joksić, Nenad Jokić, Eric Keller, Srba Topalović and Aleksa Babić

American Srbobran

Wednesday, October 6, 1993

Gordana Stevanovic

FIRST SERBIAN NORTH AMERICAN SOCCER TOURNAMENT IN WINDSOR IS A GREAT SUCCESS

Windsor, Ontario – There was fierce competition on the field, exuberant cheers from fans, and lots of food and spirits consumed to the tunes of Serbian folk music. Such were the sights and sounds marking the first Serbian North American Soccer Tournament in which 17 teams from across the US and Canada convened in Windsor, Canada over the July 4th weekend to vie for the tournament trophy. The United Serbs / Delije, who travelled across the continent from Los Angeles to play at this premier tournament, took home the shiny, first-place trophy. They defeated the United Serbs of Milwaukee in penalty shots after a tie game. United Serbs of Chicago placed third among league teams after 2 days of competition.

Thirteen Serbian communities were represented at the Windsor event by 17 teams in 2 divisions: Over 30 and League. United Serbs of Chicago took first place in the Over 30 division with Karadjordje of Cleveland and Windsor Serbs trailing in second and third place.

“People thought this was the greatest event in sports for Serbs in North America”, exclaims tournament organizer George Velickovic. “We had tournaments before, but this is the first formal tournament that’s been organized like this.” While such an event had been discussed casually for years, it wasn’t until last year’s meetings during regional tournaments held in Windsor on July 4th weekend and subsequently in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend, that a clear strategy for the tournament emerged.

“We sent out invitations to all teams across North America that we knew existed,” explains Velickovic.

“And we were thrilled with the response.”

A total of 201 League and 106 Over 30 players participated in this year’s tournament.

They represented the following cities: Los Angeles, Phoenix, Detroit, Chicago, Seven Hills (Ohio), Milwaukee, East Chicago (Indiana), South Chicago, Toronto, Vancouver, London (Ontario), Hamilton (Ontario) and host city Windsor.

As the first hosts of this very significant sports event, the Windsor Serbs under the direction of club president Mile Maric and organizer George Velickovic, took every precautions to ensure its success. With a string of activities including banquets and entertainment at the local Serbian Community Centre, fans and players alike were kept busy throughout the 3 days event. Over 2000 people took part in the festivities.

For their flawless organization and great planning, the Windsor hosts got rave reviews from all their guests.

But Velickovic is eager to spread credit among all those who participated in organizing and executing the vent.

“We had a good reputation for organization and that helped as in being selected as hosts for this tournament, says Velickovic. “But you also need the support of the community to make it a success. We had some 140 volunteers involved in everything from fundraising, food services, security and ticket sales. Adding to the event success was help we received from organizations such as the Serbian Youth Church Choir and the young Chetniks.”

Praise and gratitude for a job well-done came in many forms for days after the tournament ended. Velickovic and Maric both received numerous telephone messages and faxes from guests such as Misko Lipovac, a player from the Los Angeles team *United Serbs/Delije*.

In a fax sent to Velickovic, he says:

“Again, I would personally like to thank you for your friendship and the time taken to put up with all the guys from *Delije*, and especially for the warm welcome you gave us.”

Following a large and very spirited reception banquet on Friday, July 2 at the Serbian Community Centre, the teams and their supporters congregated on the field Saturday morning for a formal ceremony which signaled the beginning of the first round of games.

The American star spangled banner waved beside the Serbian tri-colors and the Canadian red maple leaf, as all three national anthems were heard.

"Let this sports tournament be an honorable battle between friends that ends in a good will," said Reverend Zoran Milosevic of Windsor's Saint Dimitrius Church in an address which marked the opening of the games.

Rev Milosevic was joined by Reverend Bozo Bakajlic of Windsor's Gracanica church in a short prayer and blessing preceding the games.

The honor of kicking of the first ball in this tournament was reserved for 6 year-old Adam Grmusa whose late grandfather Dusan Manojlovic was instrumental in organizing Windsor's soccer club more than two decades ago.

Division qualifying games got under way at 10 a.m. and continued throughout the day on four playing fields at the Windsor Soccer Club.

A grueling day on the field in temperatures hovering above 90 degrees, was followed by Saturday evening's banquet at the Serbian Centre which brought more good times for all those who attended. Coordinator George Velickovic presented each team with memento from the host club. Team captains filed up one by one to receive the beautifully executed blue satin banner with gold braiding marking the dates and location of this year's tournament.

Semi-final and final games were played Sunday morning and the afternoon followed by awards presentation at the Serbian Centre. In the festive ambience of the banquet hall, glasses were raised to songs such as "Bosno Moja" and "Vidovdan" and toes tapped to the beat of the Serbian *kolo* as both new and old friendships were reinforced.

Next year the Serbian North American Tournament will move to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where it will take place over the Labor Day weekend. The location was unanimously endorsed at a meeting of team presidents who agreed to honor the 30th anniversary of the *United Serbs* of Milwaukee soccer club by naming them hosts of next year's soccer extravaganza.

The tournament will coincide with the team's anniversary celebration.



Windsor had the honor to organize first tournament



Blessings by father Miroslav Todorovic

“SRBIJADA” Cleveland, Ohio 1995
 WINDSOR SERBS TEAMS OFFICIAL PLAYER ROSTER

Open Division 1

1. Goran Dresic	1970
2. Roberto Agostini	1963
3. Dave Gombar	1970
4. Peter Efemio	1971
5. Predrag Jokic	1967
6. Milan Vuletic	1964
7. Dragan Vuletic	1972
8. Milan Korac	1963
9. Dragan Jovanovic	1970
10. Marko Tomic	1964
11. Mladen Calija	1974
12. Novica Kovacevic	1965
13. Milan Kapetanovic	1964
14. Predrag Janevski	1964
15. Nikola Malic	1965
16. Sasha Culum	1970
17. Dusan Sekulovic	1967

Team Coach: Milan Crevar

Team Manager: Branko Polovina

Club President: Mile Maric

Open Division 2

1. Danny Babic	1964
2. Goran Stojanovski	1965
3. Andrew Jelic	1971
4. David Jelic	1969
5. Carlos Da Gloria	1968
6. Louie Stankovic	1972
7. Dimitar Jovanovski	1974
8. Steven Nagy	1959
9. Djoko Tomovic	1966
10. Dragan Jovic	1968
11. Aleksandar Stajic	1965
12. Veljko Spiric	1966
13. Branko Dimitrijevic	1960
14. Amene Uchenna	1969
15. Steven Flay	1968
16. Darko Bolehradski	1974

Team Coach: Vlado Kojovic/Nenad Jokic

Team Manager: Nenad Jokic

Club President: Mile Maric

30+ Division

1. Aleksa Babic	1939
2. George Velickovic	1945
3. Mile Maric	1943
4. Milan Pecarski	1956
5. Stevan Lakic	1954
6. Ranko Grmusa	1952
7. Ivan Horvat	1950
8. Nenad Jokic	1952
9. Dane Bruic	1957
10. Miodrag Vuckovic	1943
11. Slavko Vidakovic	1963
12. Dejan Bogunovic	1962
13. Milija Ilic	1964
14. Nenad Jovanovic	1962
15. Milovan Vuicic	1939
16. Slavko Vrhovac	1954

Team Coach: Stevan Lakic

Team Manager: Stevan Lakic

Club President: Mile Maric

Teams of the "Windsor Serbs" at the second tournament of Serbian clubs of North America in Windsor 2002

Team "Open 1"

1. David Aguilar
2. Gianfranco Scipione
3. Adamović Aleksandar
4. Đaković Vlatko, coach
5. Đurović Boško
6. David Jelić
7. Petar Jokić, manager
8. Jović Vlado, assistant coach
9. Lazic Žarko
10. Igor Lazović
11. Mrđa Danilo
12. Djordje Mitrović
13. Naumovski Vlatko
14. Novaković Davor
15. Stevan Ogrizović
16. Pejić Srđan,
17. Nikola Popović
18. Primorac Igor
19. Savić Bogdan
20. Djoko Tomović

Team 30+

1. Babić Deni
2. Beatović Miki
3. Rade Čenić
4. Branko Dejanović
5. Branko Dimitrijević
6. Andrija Jelić
7. Dragan Joksić
8. Dragan Jovanović
9. Jovanović nedeljko
10. Mile Kukuruzović
11. Cebara Miroslav
12. Stevo Ogrizović
13. Pantić Branko
14. Zoran Pantić
15. Avdija Ramčilović
16. Sekarić Rade
17. Tegeltja Mirko
18. Slavko Vidaković
19. Vuletić Milan
20. Zubac Dusan

Team "Open 2"

1. Babić Marko
2. Anđelko Bajić
3. Dereta Aleksandar
4. Djuro Đanković
5. Graovac Ljubo
6. Dejan Đurović
7. Kalvacev Đorđe
8. Kožul Davor
9. Saša Marković
10. Marunić Aleksandar
11. Petar Miljević
12. Mitrevski John
13. Đorđe Preradović
14. Sarapa Dmitar, coach
15. Stanić Srđan
16. Topalović Mat
17. Šejn Topalović
18. Tsiavalias Chris
19. Aleksandar Vukićević
20. Vukosavljević Dragan, assistant coach
21. Stevan Vukosavljević

Team 40+

1. Andrić Dušan
2. Babić Aleksa
3. Bruić Dane
4. Ćućuz Slobodan
5. Dosen Milan
6. Jovanović Nedeljko
7. Jokić Nenad
8. Vlado Jović
9. Vlado Kojović
10. Stevan Lakić
11. Goran Lazović
12. Majetić Blaž
13. Jovo Marjanović
14. Milićević Aco
15. Mićo Popović
16. Sarapa Dimitrije
17. Djordje Veličković
18. Veselinović Slobodan
19. Vidaković Slavko
20. Mirko Vranešević
21. Vrhovac Slavko
22. Vukanović Bil
23. Vuković Mladenko



Windsor Serbs team 40+ Windsor 2002

*Standing: Mirko Vranešević, Slobodan Veselinović, Slobodan Ćućuz, Stevan Lakić, Dmitar Sarapa, Dušan Andrić, Vlado Jović, Vilijam Vukanović, Mlađo Vuković, Blaž Majetić, Mile Škrba, and Slavko Vrhovac
In front: Dušan Vukićević, Nedeljko Jovanović, Milan Došen, Girl Vanesa Vrhovac, Goran Miljević, Nenad Jokić, Vlado Kojović, Aco Milidrag, Dane Bruić and Avdija Ramčilović*

Windsor Serbs Soccer Club

Established May 3, 1973

Club Leadership 2002

Slavko Vidakovic, President
Petar Jokic, Vice-president
Stevan Lakic, Vice-president
Mirko Vranešević, Vice-president
Bill Vukanovic, Treasurer
Branko Dimitrijevic, Secretary
Dusan Andric, Director
Miso Neskovic, Director
George Velickovic, Advisor
Mile Maric, Advisor
Aleksa Babic, Advisor

“Windsor Serbs” Best Scores 1993 - 2023

		open	30+	40+	50+	Junior
1993	Windsor, ON		3			
1994	Milwaukee, WI					
1995	Cleveland, OH					
1996	Chicago, IL					
1997	Mesa, AZ					
1998	Hamilton, ON			2		
1999	Chicago, IL			1		
2000	Milwaukee, WI			1		
2001	Paterson, NJ			1		
2002	Windsor, ON			1		
2003	Cleveland, OH			2		
2004	Milwaukee, WI			2		
2005	Niagara Falls, ON			1		
2006	St. Petersburg, FL			1		
2007	Vancouver, BC					
2008	Hamilton, ON					
2009	Cleveland, OH					
2010	Phoenix, AZ					
2011	Chicago, IL				1	
2012	Paterson, NJ					
2013	Akron, OH				2	1
2014	Milwaukee, WI					
2015	Vancouver, BC					
2016	Orlando, FL					
2017	Chicago, IL					
2018	Cleveland, OH					
2019	Chicago, IL					
2020	Not played/Covid	-	-	-	-	-
2021	Parsippany, NJ					
2022	Akron, OH					
2023	Chicago, IL					
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"Windsor Serbs" 40+ Champions, "Srbijada" Chicago 1999

Back row: Slavko Frković, Erik Keller, Slavko Vrhovac, Stevan Lakić, Dane Bruić and Đorđe Veličković

Middle row: Ranko Grmusa, Dmitar Sarapa, Branko Sudar, Milan Crevar, Blaž Majetić, Vlado Cvetković and Mile Marić.

First row: Miki Vučković, Dragan Joksić, Nenad Jokić, Mileta Cvetković, Nedeljko Jovanović and Alekса Babić.



Participants from Windsor at "Srbijada" in Vancouver in 2015.

In the picture: Srđan Pejić, Slavko Vrhovac, Lukas Sawiak, Petar Miljević, Đuro Đanković, Miša Nešković, Davor Novaković, Miša Janevski, Saša Marković, Igor Primorac, etc.



Team "Windzorski Serbs" over 40 years, Finalists of "Srbijade" 2011 (Chicago) six-times winners of the "Srbijade" trophy and two-time vice-champions

Standing: Dane Bruić, Slavko Vrhovac, Dušan Andrić, Dmitar Sarapa, Vladimir Kojević, Marinko Novaković (Milwaukee), Stevan Lakić, Nikola Zlatar, Mišo Nešković and Mile Škrba.

Front: Slavko Vidaković, president of the club, Rade Obrenić, M, Cvetković, D. Matijević, Aco Milidrag, Mlađo Vuković and Blaž Majetić.



"Windsor Serbs" over 30 years, Champions Memorial Tournament, Cleveland, Ohio 2015

Standing: Nikola Zastavniković, Marko Tomić, Lukasz Sawiak, Davor Novaković, Goran Knežević, Đuro Đanković, Mat Topalović, Ciprianu ?, Danijel Obrenić,

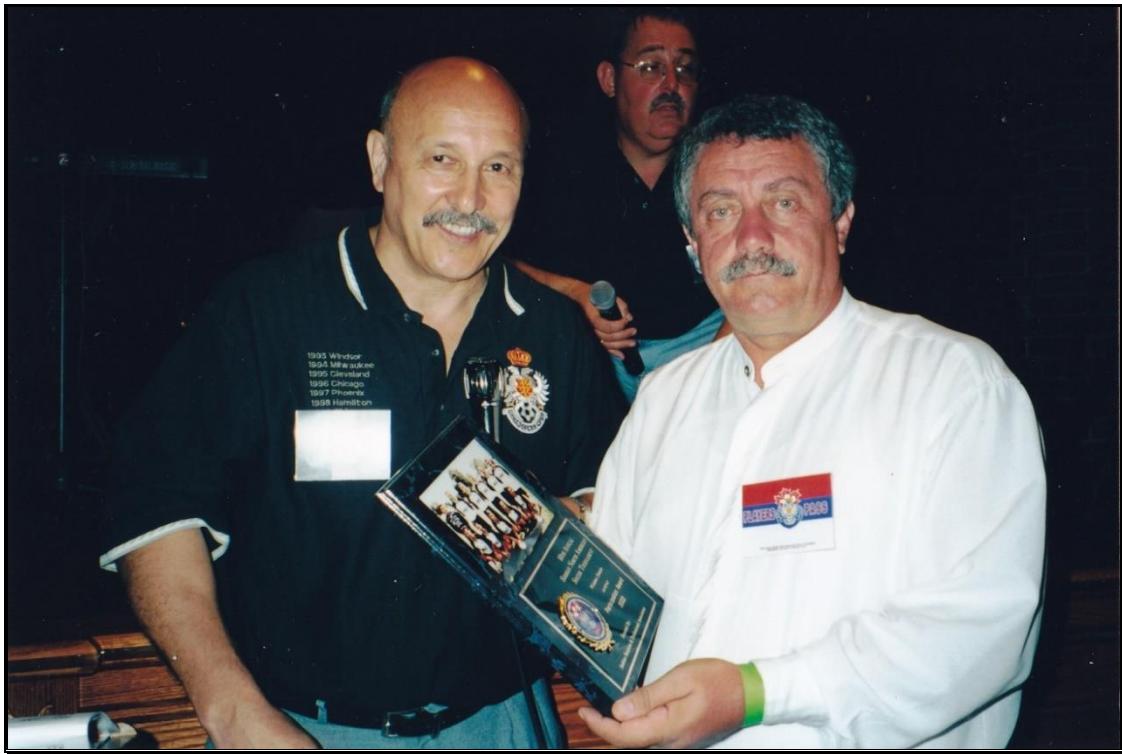
In front: Petar Miljević, Peter Eftimou, Miloš Bačko, Srdjan Pejić, Vlado Vasilić, Šejn Topalović, Peđa Vučak, Nemanja Petrović and Mišo Janevski



First "Junior Srbijada" 2013 in Akron, Ohio.
Juniors of the club "Windsor Serbs" up to 14 years old - the first champions of the first "Junior Srbijada"



First "Junior Srbijada" 2013, Akron, Ohio, Windsor Serbs U14 team Champions
Back row: Coach Srdjan Pejic, Elijah Williams, Sergey Glisic, Marko Popovic, Jaksa Vulovic,
Dylan Satto, Luka Roganovic, Mardin Lopez, Manager Dragan Glisic
Front row: Stefan Matic, Hassan Zaitoun, Isaiah Chesney, Hussein al-mousawi,
Adrian Noade and Andrew Noade.



Exchanging some presents for safekeeping



*Slavko Vidaković and Đorđe Veličković:
Smiles on their faces and satisfaction for the successful organization of the tournament.*



Well deserved appreciation!



Farewell match for Slavko Vrhovac and Stevan Lakić in 2019

Standing: Miša Janevski, Mile Kukuruzović, Goran Lazović, Slavko Vrhovac, Stevan Lakić,

Mišo Nešković, and Borislav Sanković.

Front: Aco Milidrag, Mladen Tojčić, Milenko Danilović and Siniša Samardžić.



Soccer in the snow, February 2022

A long Canadian winter, spring is far away, and the soccer players have lost their patience.

If the Brazilians can play in the sand, so can the Canadians in the snow.

Borislav Sanković, Dušan Andrić, Dragan Bašić (with mask), Slavko Vrhovac, Rade Obrenić,

Goran Lazović, Mile Kukuruzović and Mišo Janevski.

Front: Blaž Majetić, Marko Tomić, Milenko Danilović and Jovan Marjanović.

It's been thirty years since the first Serbian North American Soccer Tournament was held in Windsor (SNAST/“Srbijada”) and the event is still going strong ...

(By George Velickovic)

Keeping tradition alive gives people a sense of accomplishments. Memories of certain experiences at the event enhance that feeling. I am proud to be one of the people that organized and hosted the first SNAST.

It all started with our Serbian community in Windsor. It is a known fact that there is no Serbian community in the world of diaspora that does not have a church parish, soccer team or a folklore group to help keep traditions alive. Several larger communities had fairly successful soccer teams that competed in organized competitions outside Serbian communities. Our club Windsor Serbs, especially after the revival in 1983, started to contact other Serbian Communities. We tried to pay frequent visits to teams from Hamilton, London and Niagara Falls or to host them at home. Since this Windsor community is closer to the US, we tried our luck against teams from the Cleveland, Chicago, and Milwaukee communities. Many times during these “social hours” we tossed the idea of a larger all Serbian Tournament. We understood the difficult task of travelling distances across the North American Continent. However, if once a year we could provide opportunities to teams to travel and meet new and old friends, compete, socialize and learn about new communities it would be beneficial not only to visitors but to a host club as well as a fundraiser for a next year’s trip. There were three major rules that I have incorporated in the first constitution that was accepted at the first tournament meeting of representatives. These rules are part of this portion of the podcast or will be eventually published in a book by a tireless author Branko Malesevic.

As we got older, we played for over 35, 40, 50, etc. then we became just “the old-timers” who people might remember. We were happy to attend and enjoy to re-living our past experiences with old friends. I met some outstanding and dedicated personalities that helped with their talent, sacrifices and finances for an event like this to become and stay as a tradition. It’s hard to list all individuals but I am forever grateful to the Serbian Communities like Cleveland, Milwaukee, Chicago, London, LA, Hamilton, etc., for their part in launching this event.

At the end I would like to share my observation and opinion regarding some issues that appeared in the past and still might be an issue:

- To be fair, teams should represent clubs not a selection of players from different clubs.
- Youth teams below 18 should be a part of a separate event to reduce complexity.
- Meeting minutes of the team representatives should be kept and distributed.
- Portion of profits from the event should secure next year’s participation.
- People/teams that have shown their past support should be recognized at the banquet.
- A small memento from the event should be distributed to all teams and participants.

Nikola Misčević

A very notable sporting success was achieved by the young expatriate Nikola Miščević, who is also worth noting as an example that playing sports does not interfere with studies or daily activities, but on the contrary, they usefully complement each other.

Nikola is a versatile athlete, but soccer, like to most young people, is the closest to him, and he achieved the most by playing that sport. He started in the newly founded "Serbia" in Windsor in 1971, and then in the club "Windsor Serbs". Five players from this club made up the team that won the Ontario Junior Championship in 1974. They were: Slobodan and Srba Topalović, Pero Kovačević, Nikola Miščević and Branko Jr. Malešević. At the same time, Nikola was also engaged in wrestling. As a member of his school's team (Forster Secondary School) won the high school championship a few times. His team mate was also Branko Jr. Malesevic.

After finishing high school Nikola goes to Montreal to Concordia University. As a member and captain of the soccer team of this university, Nikola achieved very notable results - he won the championship of the province of Quebec three years in a row and in 1976 the university championship of Canada. Nikola also played soccer for the Yugoslav expatriate club from Montreal, "Tornado", with which he won the Quebec championship in 1977. In the same year, he was a member of the Quebec team in meetings with the English first league team "Queens Park Rangers", the Portuguese league team "Porto" and the Haiti national team. The following year (1978) he won the "Quebec Excellence League" championship with the "Ellio Blues" team.

During his service in Africa, he became the long jump champion at the Nigerian regional championship. A truly impressive and rare sporting achievement.



Nikola Miscevic (first row, far right)

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February 18, 1976

Mr. & Mrs. B. Malesevic,
412 Bridge,
Windsor, Ontario

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Malesevic:

As you are now probably aware, the Forster Spartan Wrestling Team won the W.S.S.A. championship for the seventh straight year. This is an incredibly successful story. However, it was not achieved without great sacrifice on the part of our coaches, Mr. Strong and Mr. Karcz, and also on the part of the wrestlers involved.

The reputation of Forster Secondary School has been well established in wrestling circles across the province of Ontario.

Admittedly, the members of the wrestling team derive personal satisfaction from their accomplishments, as well they should. To some degree they are achieving for personal satisfaction. In that process, however, the school as a whole derives considerable benefit from their successes.

Your son, Branko, is a member of this team. We wish to congratulate you and him on behalf of the entire Forster Community.

Yours truly,

Graham B. Jenkins,
Principal

GBJ/j

Bosko - Bob Colak

American football is a sport that requires extraordinary physical fitness, which is precisely why it is most popular among high school and university youth, from where the most prepared and able to compete in professional arenas are recruited.

After many years of playing this sport, Bob Cholak got a chance in 1980, when he signed a contract with the professional club "Eskimos" from Edmonton, a member of the Canadian Football League and two-time winner of the biggest trophy "Gray Cup".

Boško's physical qualities (height 182 cm and weight 120 kg.), as well as a good knowledge of the tactics and skills that this sport requires, were crucial for fulfilling the conditions for playing this real "man's sport". Boško started playing this sport very early, as an eleven-year-old, playing for A.K.O PEE-WEE (Walkerville) for three years, then through junior and senior competitions, where he was always in the spotlight, made it to the University of Windsor team, the Lancers, who compete in the Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Conference". During three years of competition in this team, he won the title of the best player (MVP) in 1977 and 1978.

Bob was born on January 31, 1955 in Windsor. He completed his studies at the University of Windsor and has a Bachelor of Arts degree. After finishing his sports career, Bob Colak returned to his profession, teaching, and now he is the director of a high school in Windsor.

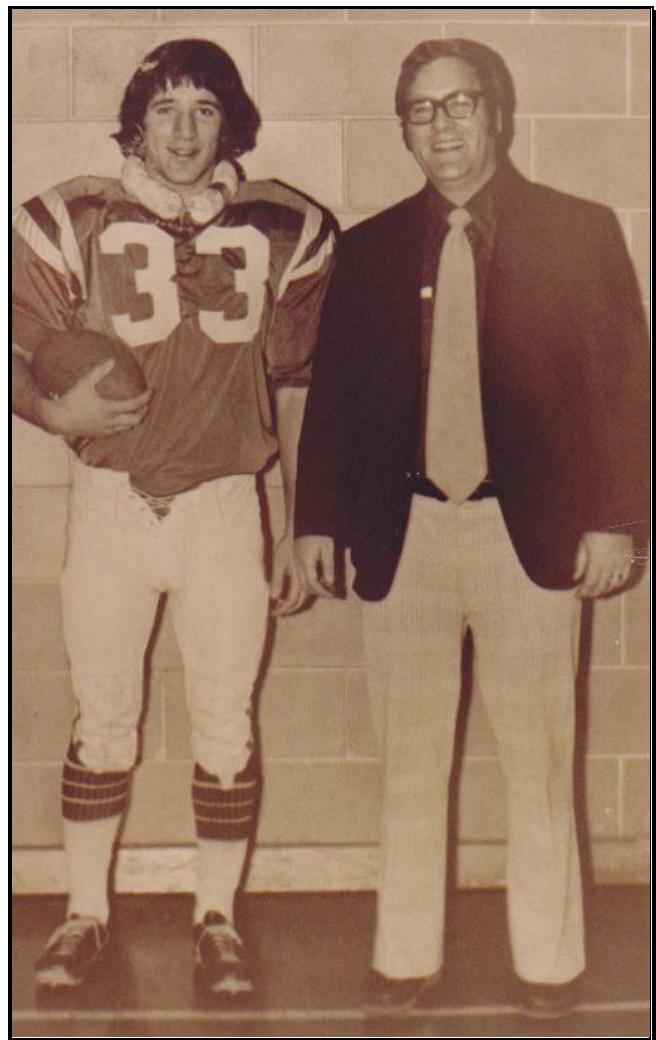
COLAK gets CFL tryout

Defensive tackle and linebacker Bob Colak, who has played with University of Windsor Lancers in the Western Division of Ontario-Quebec Intercollegiate Football Conference for the past three seasons, has signed a tryout contract with Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League.

He attended Walkerville Secondary School, where he played both running back and linebacker, and spent one season with the AKO entry in the Ontario Junior Football Conference.

Colak has indicated following the 1979 OQIFC season that he would welcome another tryout with Eskimos.

Windsor Star, Saturday, April 19, 1980



Bob (Bosko) Colak with his coach

Dorđe Veličković - Rugby

"Borderers R.U.F.C" Windsor is one of the best rugby clubs in the "South-Western Ontario Rugby Union". Dorđe Veličković was declared the best player (MVP) of this sports club in 1970. This was not a surprise for Velja, because he had already "recorded" even greater successes playing rugby, with the club "Brodarac" from Belgrade, played as reinforcements for the rugby club Dinamo from Pancevo in the European Rugby Cup against the champions of Germany and Poland, selected for the national team of Yugoslavia against Bulgaria and against Spain. He missed the first because of the exam and the second because of going to Germany. Before coming to Canada, he played one season (1969) for "Post-Sportgemeinschaft" from Stuttgart, West Germany. During his short stay in Toronto, he played for R.C. "Nomads", and upon his arrival in Windsor, he became the mainstay of his new club "Borderers" and MVP in 1971. In the same year, he suffered a severe fracture of his left leg, which kept him away from the sports field for a whole year. The return (1973) was successful, he was again in his team at the competitions for the championship of Ontario and Canada, he stood out defending the colors of his club.

Rough time for MSU

Borderers won their second straight of the spring season, 17-0 over MSU, with **George Velickovich** scoring a try and a penalty goal. Paul Richards and Jim Lovegrove also tallied tries. Windsor rugby club won its first outing 12-9 over State, with Dan Muldoon and Don May scoring tries and Roger Mousseau adding two converts. Ron Tompkins, with a penalty goal and convert, and John Petrie, with a try, clicked for MSU.

Good start for Leeds in rugby

Leeds University began their Canadian tour with a 24-0 victory over Windsor Borderers in rugby action Sunday afternoon. Leeds, who will be competing in the Borderers tournament over the Labor Day weekend, got two tries from Ali Tingle and singles from Sam Sparrow, Neil Robinson and Alan Maudsley. Sparrow also kicked a pair of converts.

On Saturday the Borderers trounced the Windsor Rugby Club 27-0 on tries by Greg Findlay, Bob Konyu, Dick Balmer and Paul Richards.

George Velickovich had two converts with one each going to Alan Trenhaile and Richards.

Borderers put up fight before losing

ST. LOUIS – As the first Canadian participant in the annual St. Louis Easter rugby (Rugger) tournament, Windsor Borderers acquitted themselves quite well at the weekend.

The Borderers advanced to the semi-finals in the 32-team tournament before bowing to Central Methodist College of Missouri in the semi-finals.

Central Methodist tipped Windsor 13-6, with Paul Richards scoring a try and **George Velickovich** a conversion for the Borderers` points, and went on to win the championships.

Comeback win to Borderers

LONDON – Windsor Borderers erased a 6-3 half-time deficit to tumble London Forest City 15-6 in a South Western Ontario Rugby League game at Forest City Sunday.

Borderers raised their league record to 2-3 as **George Velickovich** scored six second-half points on two penalty goals and Damian Gorman and Phil Nadeau added three points each on tries.

Velickovich contributed a penalty goal in the first half sandwiched between a drop goal and a try by London`s John Reed.

Borderers win, 13-7

Paul Richards scored two penalty goals Saturday to lead Windsor Borderers to a 13-7 exhibition rugby victory over Burlington at the Ford Test Track.

George Velickovich added one penalty goal and John Farrel collected a try for Borderers. Ron Smith's penalty goal and a try by Mike Rayan accounted for the Burlington scoring.

Borderers dump Sarnia crew, 9-3

Windsor Borderers defeated Sarnia saints 9-3 at Windsor Stadium Sunday in a South Western Ontario Rugby League match.

George Velickovich was the whole show for Borderers, booting a penalty goal in the first half and two more in the second half to account for all his team's points.

George Neihouse scored a try for Sarnia in the second half.

Borderers rip Detroit side

Windsor Borderers lathered Detroit B 24-0 in an exhibition rugby match Saturday at Belle Isle.

Jim Matthews led Borderers with two tries with Bob Konyu, Brian Prime and Erhard Post carrying the ball across once each. **George Velickovich** added two conversions.

Borderers will practice each Tuesday and Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at AKO Park, starting this week. Newcomers interested in playing are invited to turn up at the park, or call 252-3266 for further information.

Borderers split pair

Windsor Borderers split a pair of exhibition rugby matches with teams in Alma, Mich., and here in Windsor over the weekend.

Borderers thumped the Chatham Rugby Club 19-7 Sunday at Mic Mac Park but were edged out 8-6 Friday night against the Lincoln Park Club from Chicago at Alma's annual Highland Games.

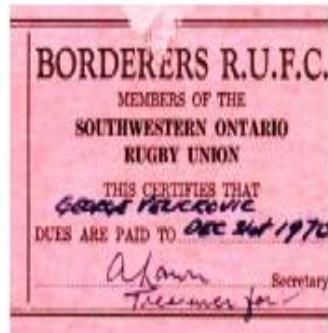
Tries by Tony Brazel and Bob Gray, and a convert and three penalty kicks by **George Velickovich** accounted for Borderers' scoring in their romp over Chatham. Losers' points came from a try by Damian Gorman and a penalty kick.

Barbarians split

Toronto Barbarians broke even in a pair of exhibition rugby games Saturday at Mic Mac Park.

After defeating Windsor Borderers' Rugby Club 18-6, the Barbarians bowed to Detroit Rugby Club 18-4.

George Velickovich scored a pair of penalty goals for Borderers in their losing game.



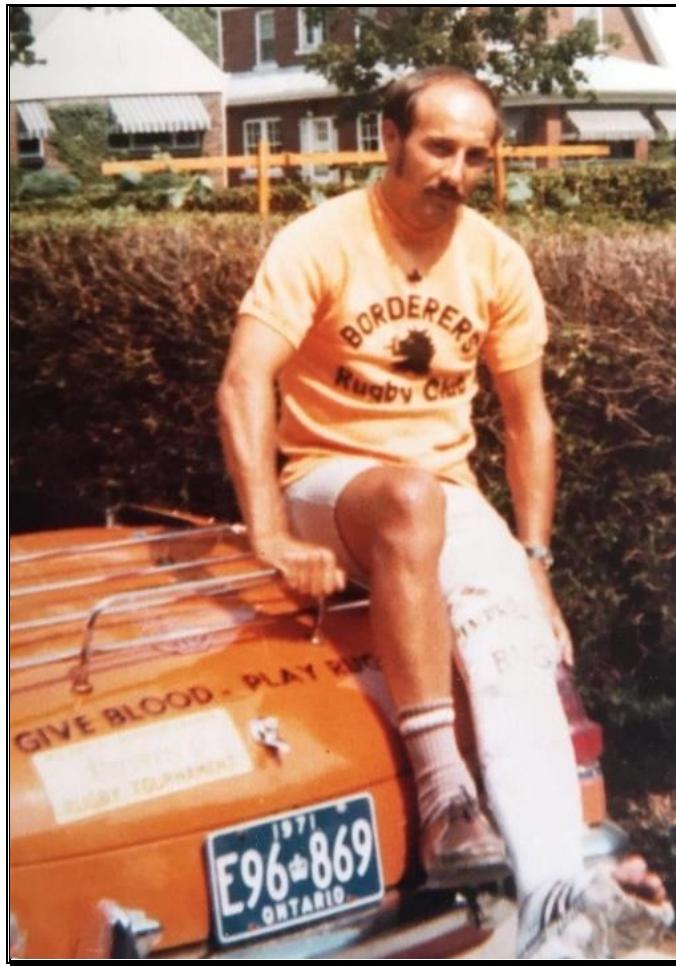
Played for these sports clubs



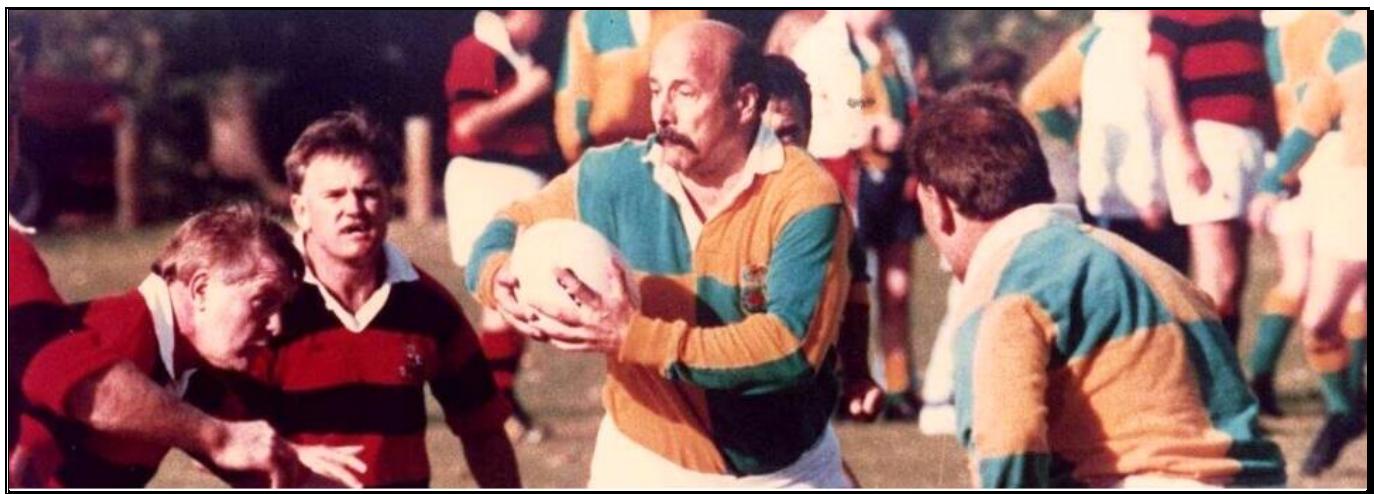
Rugby Club "Brodarac" Belgrade. George is first from left, second row.



R.C. "Borderers" Windsor / George Velickovic third from left, back row (1971)



Brocken leg 1971 / Singapore (1991) member of the Canadian team for over 35 years.



*Newspaper picture: Perth, Australia (1991) World 35+ Tournament.
The tournament was also played in Singapore, Hong Kong and New Zealand.
The Canadian selection performed under the name: "Golden Beavers".*



R.C. "Borderes" Windsor / George Velickovic (first from left, first row) 1975



Meeting after 37 years: Veterans r.k. "Brodarac" Belgrade. First visit to his native Belgrade and Serbia (2006).

RUGBY.RS: Interview with Đorđe Veličković

If you fall in love with rugby, there is a real danger that you will love it for the rest of your life. It is a sport whose rules are quite complicated, but once you master them and get the big picture, then you begin to enjoy the complex beauty of rugby. It is no coincidence why Đorđe Veličković is a great lover of rugby, why rugby is an indispensable part of life. From the 60s until today, Đorđe enjoys rugby, and what's more, he lives rugby. What is rugby in its essence, what is it in essence, what is it about that sport that is so essential that you would be guided by its values throughout your life? We think that the interview with Đorđe will give you inspiration and guidance on how to find the answer to that question. Rugby can't give you a concrete answer, rugby gives you experience that you improve and refine over time. Hard and dedicated work, with respect for yourself and others, is just one of the life lessons that rugby teaches us. And the lessons are many. We are extremely honored and even more pleased to have had the opportunity to interview Đorđe and we are very grateful that he took the time to devote to rugby readers in Serbia. We tried to tell an interesting and interesting rugby story that is still going on. Enjoy.

Rugby.rs:

When did you start training rugby? How did you learn about rugby?

Đorđe Veličković:

In my time, when there was not much money, television or mobile phones, the only hope was membership in as many club sports as possible. Success in sports also opens up better opportunities, popularity in society, and if you are a prospect, then equipment and trips. Due to mass interest, breaking through and progressing in any sport was not easy. Growing up I spent time doing gymnastics, wrestling, boxing, rowing, swimming, etc. In high school, I ran, played basketball and handball for school, and football in the street and in the yard of a nearby school. My neighbor, later a close friend, coach and teammate, Serbian rugby legend Branko Piper is the one who directed me to rugby. He looked from the balcony at the school yard and saw that I was fast but too rough for football, so he just ordered me "Bato, you're going to training with me". In those days you had to listen to your elders. Apart from the fact that a few of them from the area played rugby, I had no great understanding of the sport.

Rugby.rs:

What attracted you to stay in rugby during the first training sessions?

Đorđe Veličković:

Since I was the youngest, it impressed me to compete with other older and experienced players such as Branko, Cajnko, Aca, "bilder", Drakulić, "yellow", Šaponja, Zdravko, the Vitas brothers and others. I quickly realized that it is a sport where you have to use everything you have: speed, quick reactions, skill in passing and shooting the ball, fearlessness, endurance and I got the opinion that it is one of the fastest sports. I went home with one thought: "I found myself and my sport". For me, it was a pleasure to be part of the team, training, socializing and traveling. There were trips to Pula, Ljubljana, several times to Zagreb, Split, Zemun, Pančevo and matches in Belgrade. Neighboring countries were also traveled. The valuable experience from Romania showed me how much this sport can be perfected.

Rugby.rs: Brodarac was at the top of Yugoslavian rugby at the time, which game left the most impression on you?

Đorđe Veličković: Matches with Nada from Split, Dinamo from Pancevo and Mladost from Zagreb were always tough. From Zagreb, the match was even on television, so I was in trouble because of my parents because they saw that it was a "rough sport" and they didn't like me playing rugby! Branko and I had a whistle as a password when we went to training. And the match with "Politehnik", the first visiting team from Russia, was interesting in terms of the composition of the players and the positions. However, fighting for first place with Nada from Split and traveling on a charter flight is an unforgettable experience. Not only because of the plane flight, but also because of the atmosphere and circumstances in the stadium and the interrupted game.

Rugby.rs: How much did the enthusiasm of Branko Piper and the experienced rugby players of that time influence the development of rugby in Serbia?

Đorđe Veličković: Branko was "both father and mother" to us. We called him "black lightning from Tesla". He knew rugby and pushed us to exhaustion to be successful. We went to the French and English reading rooms to look at pictures from rugby magazines. We trained on the sand between two bridges, on the Proleter playground in Žarkovo, passing the ball in a fast run through the forest. The trees were a tough opposition that did not know how to move. An unforgettable experience. Training in the new sports center in Kosutnjak was a real luxury.

Rugby.rs: Were there differences in quality between the rugby players who came from all the republics in Yugoslavia?

Đorđe Veličković: The youth from Zagreb had a lot of "differs" and they were good athletes. Their captain Krišković, fast, good with the ball and weighing around 120 kg, was difficult to stop. Nada from Split was a team of friends with leader Štimac who was a good rugby connoisseur like Branko and Duda from Pancevo.

Rugby.rs: What was missing in those years for rugby to be more popular in Serbia?

Đorđe Veličković: As in any sport or business, everything always depends on how much is invested in advertising, constant reports from matches, audience education, and most importantly, to create a program for guiding and educating the younger generations. Without that, there is no continuity, and there was none.

This has only now been achieved in Serbia, and that is why it is progressing. It will take time, but thanks to you who work voluntarily, success is ahead of you. With better quality and success abroad, advertising and through school programs for greater popularity and interest, rugby will also be more popular. If more youth would separate themselves from the imposition of American football as a race for the west and leave Rugby League, we would have a stronger basis for world ranking. In Scotland (1916 - 1918) they noticed it a long time ago, when they said about our Heriot schoolboys in their victory over the Commonwealth selection "Serbs are born for rugby"!

Rugby.rs: Your life paths took you first to Germany, if you were to compare the level of rugby in Germany and Yugoslavia then, what would be your conclusions?

Dorđe Veličković: Since I was a candidate for the national team before going to Germany (I didn't go to Bulgaria because of the exams and then I emigrated), I was in top condition and immediately played a major role in the club from Stuttgart. I also expected to play against our Cajnko, who I think played for Hanover, but I quickly received papers for Canada. At that time, the quality of rugby, in my opinion, after a few games in their league, he wasn't much different. Only their training conditions and subsidies were better. This can now be seen by their progress and placement proven in the qualifications.

Rugby.rs: You also played rugby in Canada, which has become your home, tell us more about your career in North America?

Dorđe Veličković: Without knowing English, getting a job as an engineer in Canada was almost impossible. My first job and more permanent residence was in Windsor, where I got a temporary job under contract for Chrysler because the manager was Austrian and the interview was in German. During lunch with colleagues someone mentioned rugby, which I understood, and this led me to one of the three rugby clubs in Windsor. As in Germany, I was immediately noticed as a player and the newspapers started mentioning my name. In that first year, I also received the award of the best player. My competition was players from Wales and England who played for regions (counties) and local athletes without much knowledge of rugby. My career came to a screeching halt when I returned to Toronto. While I was looking for a new job and playing for the Nomads team (like our Goran Božićković later), I went to Windsor to play for my old club. In one game I unfortunately had an open fracture of both bones and the doctor told me that I would not be able to run anymore and my leg would be shorter. However, since there was no work, I returned to Windsor for postgraduate studies because I was already good at English. After less than a year, with perseverance and the desire to play again and relentless rehabilitation, I had a chance against the University of Michigan. I also played for the selection of Southern Ontario, but I never regained my old form and life took its course. Over 200 people passed through my club in 25 years, which shows the stability of rugby in Canada. The Toronto District is much stronger in that because they don't have to travel 400 kilometers as guests in the league championship.

Rugby.rs: During your career, in which positions did you play?

Dorđe Veličković: I started as a young "speedster" on the wing (#11) and then as a permanent defender (#15). As a guest of Dinamo in the cup against the Polish and East German teams, I played #6 in the melee. In Canada I played for my club as a permanent opener (#10) and for over 35 years the Canadian selection "Golden Beavers" in all "Golden Oldies" mostly #10 and sometimes #12 or #15.

Rugby.rs: Did you stay in rugby even after your playing career?

Dorđe Veličković: Yes, I played for a time for the club and mostly for the Canadian national team for over 35 years. Nice impressions from Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Canada, etc. I even helped the Manawatu club from New Zealand a few times due to exhaustion and their journey. I played my last game at the age of 58. For a while, I financially helped the club Dorćol until it switched to the rugby league. Now I watch matches wherever I can on television as well as live matches of the only home team.

Rugby.rs: How popular is rugby among people of Serbian origin?

Đorđe Veličković: In my local club, there were two from our Serbian community, and they were excellent athletes. I don't know about others! In my opinion, Predrag Dragičević could freely play for Serbia in his time! Rugby.rs: Are there currently active players of Serbian origin playing in Canada? Đorđe Veličković: I'm not sure because I don't have any insight or that I can recognize it by the last name!

Rugby.rs: Canada has a great rugby tradition, how do Canadians view rugby? How popular is the sport?

Đorđe Veličković: After my arrival, there was a lot of emigration from Great Britain and their Commonwealth, so the interest and the number of players was more numerous. In the last few decades, emigration from other regions of the world has been much more numerous, and that is why interest in European football has grown and that sport is rapidly expanding and progressing. In order to face the current situation, one needs to familiarize oneself with the reality of doing business in all of North America. Huge revenues from sports from matches, television and merchandise sales also bring in large revenues from which millions are paid out to players. In addition to hockey, basketball, American and Canadian football, baseball, and now with European football, it is difficult to break through to their level. Popularity, media, advertisements and money that the players get, are eye-openers for younger athletes, and for the older ones, they are good topics for discussion. Interest in rugby is greater for Rugby World Cups as Canada has always qualified so far, the Six Nations Cup is popular with the Anglo-Saxon and French population.

Rugby.rs: How did the Canadians handle the fact that they did not qualify for the next World Cup?

Đorđe Veličković: Apart from us rugby fans, without any great sadness. It can be seen that the countries that have players under contract and on the payroll are progressing in the ranking of the world. Canada does not have such a great chance because of the huge distances and the money invested. The hope for America and Canada is a new professional league, where only one very successful team from Toronto participates. The interest is slowly but steadily growing, especially since now excellent players from the southern hemisphere, such as Nonu from New Zealand, are on contract, matches and discussions are broadcast, local top athletes are quickly getting used to it, so the level of quality of the game is growing rapidly.

Rugby.rs: Who will you support at the World Cup in France in 2023?

Đorđe Veličković: Like from the youth days for NZ "All Blacks". I have been to five World Cups, the most memorable being 1995 in South Africa. To spend 3 weeks and see all the finals, to be in the hotel with the All Blacks before the final and to meet John Loma is a child's dream.

Spending the weekend with the "Springboks" in "Sun City" and meeting most of the players - unforgettable!

Rugby.rs: What are your hobbies and interests outside of sports?

Dorđe Veličković: Despite a responsible job at Chrysler and a 100-mile trip across the border, three children, being part of the rugby team, exercising to stay in shape, I didn't really have much free time. Despite everything, I managed to help our Serbian community in Windsor, which has 3 churches and several thousand parishioners. The "Gračanica" church to which I belong, founded in 1946, is one of the most beautiful in the diaspora. As one of the mainstays of the community, I was involved in all actions related to the creation of frescoes, the construction of a large Serbian Center, a recreational park, a playground, the first Serbian museum, etc. I help our people in Serbia through the organizations "28 June" and "Serbs for Serbs"!

I traveled a lot, especially now in retirement, until the appearance of this so-called. "pandemic" that stopped everything, including me, I take care of my grandchildren and work around the house and follow rugby in the world and thanks to you in Serbia.

Rugby.rs: What would you say to young players in Serbia?

Dorđe Veličković: Rugby is a sport that not only includes all the elements of athleticism and considerable intelligence, but also builds you as a personality and prepares you for a better life. Try it and they will see you if it suits you. I am, one of the many examples who have felt the heat of this sport for whom rugby has become a part of their life path.

Rugby.rs: How much has rugby influenced your life?

Dorđe Veličković: Huge! It is together in a group with faith, tradition and family.



George Velickovic

Rugby helped me to build and grow as a person, provide for my family, make a professional career and help where and who needs it. I met my wife Sue, who is Canadian, 53 years ago when she came to the game. I made friends all over the world, who are like family to me. I've traveled the world! Helped me at work to be a better HR manager, to be a team player, to persevere until the end of a project and help those who are at the beginning of their career. A small proof is the words of motivational advisor and professor Dr. Terry Lyons, who, at the invitation of Chrysler, held a seminar for managers because he is at a job of 13,000 people, where every day someone had a heart attack. During my discussion with him about how I cope with the pressure (stress) at work, his comment was: "You have brought your experience from rugby to work and it is helping you"!



Family Velickovic (2023)



It is still too early to say whether they will continue on their grandfather's path, because two older grandsons, Đorđe (8) and Marko (5), are already playing (training) hockey, which is the number 1 sport in Canada.

The youngest Alexander (15 months) with a rugby ball.

"White Eagles" Serbian hunting and fishing society

The Serbian Center and the Gračanica Church have a large number of various sports and social clubs and associations under their auspices. Among them is the Serbian Hunting and Fishing Society founded in 2005. Hunting and fishing among our emigrants has long been a form of sport and recreation, but it was only in 2004, during a hunting dinner in the Serbian Center, that it was proposed to organize it more seriously. The idea was to establish a club that would bring together hunters and fishermen, with the aim of organized recreation and entertainment, while at the same time engaging in the social and humanitarian field. At the hunting party in 2004, considerable financial resources were collected and sent to war invalids, war orphans and other vulnerable individuals or organizations that needed help. And that is how the beautiful tradition of charity of the Serbian Hunting and Fishing Society in the Serbian community of the city of Windsor was created and maintained all these years. All these years, President Ljuban Stanković was the initiator of many activities, which, with the wholehearted help of the members, benefited the vulnerable in the Old Region, most often refugees from the suffering Serbian regions from where they were expelled, and who are still prevented from returning to their homes. The vice president of the company is Mirko Vranešević, the secretary is Edi Bas, and the treasurer is Dušan Novaković. In addition to the above mentioned, the following hunter-fishermen are also members of the club: dr. David Dražić, Radovan Turtureja, Stevan Vučak, Mile Pašić, Milan Pašić, Mile Škrba, Bogdan Pavlica, Lazo Zlonoga, Željko Galijaš, Branko Antić, Žarko Pandža, Goran Knežević, Milan Stanković, Milan Stanković Ml., Radovan - Raja Jovanović, Sveti Vitošević (+), Jovan Novaković (+), Ilija Vranešević (+).



A group of hunters at the home of Ljuban Stanković on May 27, 2005.

First row: Stevo Vučak, Goran Knežević, Mirko Vranešević and Milan Stanković jr.

Second row: Mile Pašić, Radovan Turtureja, Ljuban Stanković, Mile Škrba and Dušan Novaković.

Zoran Malešević - cyclist

Cycling is a strenuous sport that requires, in addition to physical fitness and a lot of skill, a sense of co-ordination with other race participants, good balance and reflexes, but also a lot of courage, discipline and solidarity in driving. It can be driven in any weather, rain, wind, heat, on any terrain: streets, roads, mountain roads or indoors. There are many competitive disciplines: sprint, road race, criteria, team or individual, there are categories for all ages. Cycling is very popular among all generations, because of the exceptional opportunity for recreation as well as the low cost. Zoran is, as far as is known, the only cyclist registered with the Ministry of Sports, among our compatriots in Windsor, and perhaps beyond. In the first international race, when he was just 14 years old, in the senior class, he took an unexpected third place and thereby hinted at his capabilities and talent. That success gave him an incentive and he completely devoted himself to cycling. In the three years he practiced this sport he achieved very good results and drew the attention of experts outside of Windsor. However, the expectations were not fulfilled, and the reason was "mono" after which he lost interest in sports.

In any case, the results achieved deserve to be noted.



Zoran Malešević

Windsor Star ...

Cycling: Donna Assef, of the Maple Leaf/TBQ Cycling Club, won the over-18 novice ladies` 40-km event at Sarnia Summerfest Road Race Sunday.

Zoran Malesevic, of the same club, was third in the men`s under 18 15-km. race while Mike Caturay of the Trend Toyota Club finished third in a 45-km junior man`s race.

Windsor Star, October 6, 1986

Way, Williams race to cycling victories

Sean Way of Windsor Bicycle Club and Tommy Williams of Maple Leaf Cycling Club captured the 40-mile and 25-mile Inter-Club bike races, respectively, at the Ciociaro Club Sunday.

The races are between Michigan and South Western Ontario bike clubs.

Way, in the 40-mile race, held off Roberto Zuech of the Ciociaro, who finished second. Ray Dybouski of Wolverine finished third.

In the 25-mile novice race, Williams took the win in front of fellow club member Paul Hayman, who grabbed second place. **Zoran Malesevic**, an independent rider from Windsor, finished third.

Windsor Star, June 4, 1988

Competitors from the Maple Leaf Cycling Club of Windsor were among the top finishers Sunday at the Chatham Cycling Clasic. **Zoran Malesevic** and Cam Szabo were 1-2 in the boys` 14-15 division and Jeff Quenneville and Clive Perry had a similar finish in the 18 and over division.

Windsor Star, June 28, 1988

Cycling: **Zoran Malesevic** of the Windsor TBQ- Maple Leaf Cycling Club placed second Sunday in the 10-mile novice (under 18) event at the Vaughn Classic at Woodbridge.

Windsor Star, August 12, 1988

Cycling: Art Yanamoto of the Caboto Club won the 70-km Senior A Group race Thursday evening as the Can-Am Bicycle Series continued at the Ciociaro Club.

The 35-km Senior B group event was taken by **Zoran Malesevic** of the Maple Leaf Club and the three km novice race was won by Joe Byrne, an unattached cyclist.

Windsor Star ...

Cycling: Guy Lupino of the Caboto Velo Club won the 60-mile main event on Sunday`s cycling program at the Ciociaro Sports Day Festival.

Lupino finished ahead of Rob Zuech of the Gardin-Cannella Club and Marchall Sfalcin of TBQ-Maple Leaf Club. Chris Burgon of TBQ-Maple Leaf won the 40-mile B group race over club-mate **Zoran Malesevic** and Glen Davies, an unattached rider.

Windsor Star, September 6, 1988

McDonald`s – Windsor Star Classic

The following are the results from the McDonald-Windsor Star Classic Cycling race held Sunday on the Erie Street Course, known as *Tour di Via Italia*.

- 1.Cummings Killan, Owen Sound; 2.Rob Miani, Guelf; 3.Shmidt Matthias, St. George;
- 4.Ron Hamilton, Bay Village; 5.Dave MacIsaac, North Bay; **6. Zoran Malesevic, Windsor;**
- 7.Chris Grimo, Niagara Falls; 8.Osmond Bakker, Owen Sound.

(8 best cadets)

Racing Record for Zoran Malesevic

date	class	race	km	place
01.10.1986	novice	<i>Michigan-Ontario International</i>	64	3
1987	novice	<i>Windsor Championship</i>	25	3
03.09.1987	novice	<i>Gardin-Canella Road Race</i>	25	1
1987	novice	<i>Maple Leaf Club Championship</i>	40	1
1987	novice	<i>Amherstburg Road Race</i>	30	1
22.05.1988	N/18	<i>Sarnia Summer Fest</i>	15	3
29.05.1988	N/18	<i>Delaware (London) Road Race</i>	10	13
26.06.1988	N/18	<i>Woodridge (Toronto)</i>	16	2
03.07.1988	N/16	<i>Chatham Classic</i>	10	1
17.07.1988	Cadet	<i>St. Catharines</i>	30	F.R.
23.07.1988	Cadet	<i>Ohio, USA-International</i>	40	5
07.08.1988	Senior B	<i>Michigan-Ontario International</i>	35	1
14.08.1988	Senior B	<i>Ciociaro Festival</i>	64	2
03.09.1988	Junior	<i>Gardin-Canella Criterium</i>	45	4
04.09.1988	Cadet	<i>McDonald Classic International</i>	16	6
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Zoran Malesevic (leader)

Miroslav and Milan Jakšić – basketball

"Miro Could Be the Best Player ever from Windsor & its 1st NBA Draft pick or future NBA Player"

Miroslav Jaksic, 6-11, PF/C, 2014: This promising Serbian-born Canadian prospect is oozing with potential. He's Shawn Bradley-thin, but is just entering his sophomore year, so he has plenty of time to fill out his frame. Jaksic displayed an impressive arsenal of offensive moves for a big man his age, though he was never guarded by a player within four or five inches of him, and when he got the ball around the hoop, it was almost an automatic bucket. He showed off a nice hook shot and proved he can shoot effectively in the mid-range and even out to the three-point line. Jaksic was active in collecting offensive rebounds and scoring via tip-ins. Though he showed great coordination in blocking shots, his slender stature makes it hard for him to hold position in the post against stockier big men.



Miroslav Jakšić

It is obvious that something is expected from Miroslav that surpasses all previous achievements of young talents in basketball from this area.

It is of particular interest to our community, for the simple reason that he is a young Serb from Windsor.

What Miroslav has shown so far hints at the emergence of a new star that will surpass the big names we are used to reading about in newspapers or watching on television. Miroslav has been very dedicated to basketball since he was a child; the seriousness with which he approaches his efforts to achieve what he wants is really at a high, professional level, already now. This has been noticed by coaches and many experts for whom this sport is a life calling.

Will the Jakšić brothers, Miroslav and Milan mark their basketball career with successes like the Brković brothers, Milan and Dragan did not so long ago, is a question that many basketball experts are looking for an answer to.



Milan Jakšić

These days (January 1, 2020), Milan signed an application form for the "MacEwan Griffins" team, MacEwan University, Edmonton, where he enrolled in Computer Science studies.

His performance in the "Kennedy Clippers" team at the Ontario AAA High School championships and the silver medal for the second place was a good recommendation that universities across Canada were interested in him.

Brother Miroslav currently plays for "La Antigua", Salamanca, Spain, and previously played for several clubs in North America, including "Windsor Express" (NBL).



Milan (above) and Miroslav as members of their University teams



Bojana Kovačević - basketball

With the exception of the Serbian National Federation, which has girls' basketball and bowling teams in its sports activities, women's sports were neglected, we are used to watching what our "boys" achieve on the sports field. With her successful practice of basketball, Bojana Kovačević has written a new page in the long and notable sporting activity of the Windsor Serbs in her city, and in Canada as well.



Bojana Kovacevic

She was born in 1989. in Knin, in Serbian Krajina, where many Serbian athletes like Miloš Degenek, Milan Borjan, Ilija Petković have their roots...

As a six-year-old girl, she found herself in a refugee column when the Serbs were forcibly expelled from their homes in 1995.

In the new environment, where they temporarily took refuge (in Serbia, and where else?) she fell in love with basketball and spent hours almost every day, usually alone, with the ball under the basket whenever the opportunity arose, across the street from the apartment where she lived with her parents and family .

Arriving in Canada (2001), she soon attracted attention with her game and won a place in the "Travel Team" already in the eighth grade. In the first days of playing at school, since she didn't know English yet, she didn't understand the coaches: "I didn't really know what he was talking about and what he wanted me to do."

It was like that for a year until I learned the language," says Bojana. In the tenth grade, she was in the "Senior" team of her school among significantly older players.

She soon became interesting to the coach of the University team "Lancers", Chantal Vallee, who watched her play at school (Riverside High School). When it came time to choose which University and scholarship based on sports, she almost decided for USA, and that was based on playing soccer! Coach Chantal Vali, with her presence in her parents' home, significantly influenced Bojana to stay and study at the "Nursing School" at the University of Windsor.

She accepted the proposal, opted for basketball, which was "closer to her heart", and did not regret it. She became a star in her team, one of the best basketball players in the "Ontario University Athletic Association", and significantly contributed with her game in the "Lancers" team to win three national championships (CIS championships), in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Milica Kulidzhan – athletics

Milica came to Canada with her parents and two younger sisters in 2001 from Trebinje. She was born in Nikšić. After finishing high school (Riverside High School), she enrolled in sports management and marketing studies with full tuition based on her success in athletics at Central Michigan University.

She competed in discus and javelin throwing. The results are shown in the following table.

With the title of Bachelor of Arts, in 2015 she returned to Windsor and continued her education, this time at the Education Faculty (teacher's school), because all her life up to that point she was obsessed with the desire to teach children and to dedicate herself to that noble profession.

She found employment in London, a city halfway between Windsor and Toronto.

In addition to teaching children literacy, he pays a lot of attention to their sports education and various activities outside the compulsory school curriculum.

Her motto is: "Experience is the teacher of all things in life".

And she selflessly passes it on to young people by her personal example.

2012 (Outdoor Track and Field):

Finished 5th in the javelin (142-03) at the LSU Relays (3/24) ... finished 10th in the discus (118-02.50) at the Toledo Collegiate Challenge (3/31) ... finished 3rd in the javelin (137-05) at the Spartan Invitational (4/7) ... finished 4th in the discus (124-06) at the Northwood Open (4/14) ... won the javelin with 145-09 at the CSULA Twilight Open (4/19) ... won the javelin (141-10) at the Lyle Bennett Open (4/28) ... broke the school record in the javelin with a mark of 151-03 en route to a runner-up finish and second-team All-MAC honors and finished 15th in the discus with a career-best throw of 127-11 at the MAC Championships (5/10-5/12) ... qualified for the NCAA National Championships in the javelin with a school-record mark of 154-10, good for 6th place at the NCAA East Prelims (5/24).

2013 (Outdoor Track and Field):

Finished 1st in the javelin (138-00) at the USF Open (3/8).

2014 (Outdoor Track and Field):

Placed third in the javelin (129-08.8) at the Lenny Lyles-Clark Wood Invitational (3/29) ... finished sixth in the javelin (147-07) at the Triton Invitational (4/26) ... placed first in the javelin with a mark of 128-07 at the Billy Hayes Invite (5/3) ... finished fourth in the javelin with a mark of 148-05 at the MAC Outdoor Championships (5/15).

NCAA Division I All-American honours in her freshmen year, and to this day holds the school record in the javelin (154-10)

2015 (Outdoor Track and Field):

Took fourth in the javelin throw at the Lenny Lyle-Clark Wood Invitational (119-8) (3/27-28).

Serbian National Federation - basketball

The most numerous Serbian expatriate organization on the North American continent, the Serbian National Federation (over 50,000 members), in addition to its social and charitable functions, also maintains a sporting tradition that has a wide significance in the life of our emigrants in these areas. strikingly said in the welcome he gave on the occasion of the bowling tournament in Windsor, the priest of the "Gračanica" church, Proto Mirko Višnjić: "The goal of these sports tournaments is to develop sports and fun activities, and in addition, healthy and peaceful relations among members, reciprocity, social solidarity and bringing our people together and unites us." The branch of the Serbian National Association number 45 from Windsor hosted numerous meetings at tournaments in golf, basketball, bowling and other types of activities within the work of the SNS. How much effort and time is required to organize such tournaments is best shown by the fact that more than a hundred volunteers participate in the organizing committees, and that despite the high costs of holding the tournament, considerable financial resources are also generated for the needs of the Association. More than 250 competitors from the USA and Canada take part in the golf tournaments, and up to 1300 participants in the bowling and basketball tournaments. Bowling teams, representing their cities, i.e. branches of the Alliance are often formed by family members or relatives. The best and most beautiful example of this is the team made up of mother Božana and her 4 daughters, Milica, Liza, Marija and Gordana Manojlović, from Windsor.



Left: Winners of the SNS basketball tournament in 1960.

First row: Gordana Budimir-Barać, Jovanka Sparavalo-MacMillan, Dana Ljepava-Golušin,

Second row: Silvija Vukanović-Jelić, Mira Kovač-Piper, Ljubica Bašić, Lili Ćuk-Ciganović
and Nancy Matijašević-Payne

Right: Men's SNS team from Windsor in 1960

First row: Mič Mašanović, Eli Drekić, Džordž Radović, Sam Dragić

Second row: Ljubomir Murgaški, Al Polimac, Aleks Radović, Nikola Rapaić, Rade Bijelić and Dan Nedin.

The Serbian National Federation is very responsible for the progress of basketball in Windsor. For the first time, a team from Canada participated in the SNS tournament (1953 in Chicago), mostly thanks to the efforts and commitment of Mica Bijelić, who was recognized as the "Father of Serbian basketball in Windsor". The team was headed by veteran Ljubomir Murgaški, otherwise the organizer, player and coach of the first Serbian basketball club in Windsor (1940).

At the end of the 50s, a women's basketball team was formed thanks to the efforts of Jovanka Sparavalo.

At the first SNS basketball tournament in Windsor in 1960 this team won first place and Silvija Vukanović was declared the best player in her group.

Thanks to the efforts of Nikola Gačeša and Manojlo Šešlja, the Windsor Serbian team (under 10 years old) won the Ontario championship.



First row from left: Jovan Pribojan, Aleks Pecarski, Niko Zagorac, Aleksa Zubić, Nenad Preradović, Robert Csoror

Second row: Todor Bruić, Marcus Pelger, Marko Gačeša, Igor Stjepanović, Victor Zehan, Filip Stikić, Predrag Ignjatović

Third row: Ben Pelger (coach) Nikola Gačeša (assistant coach)

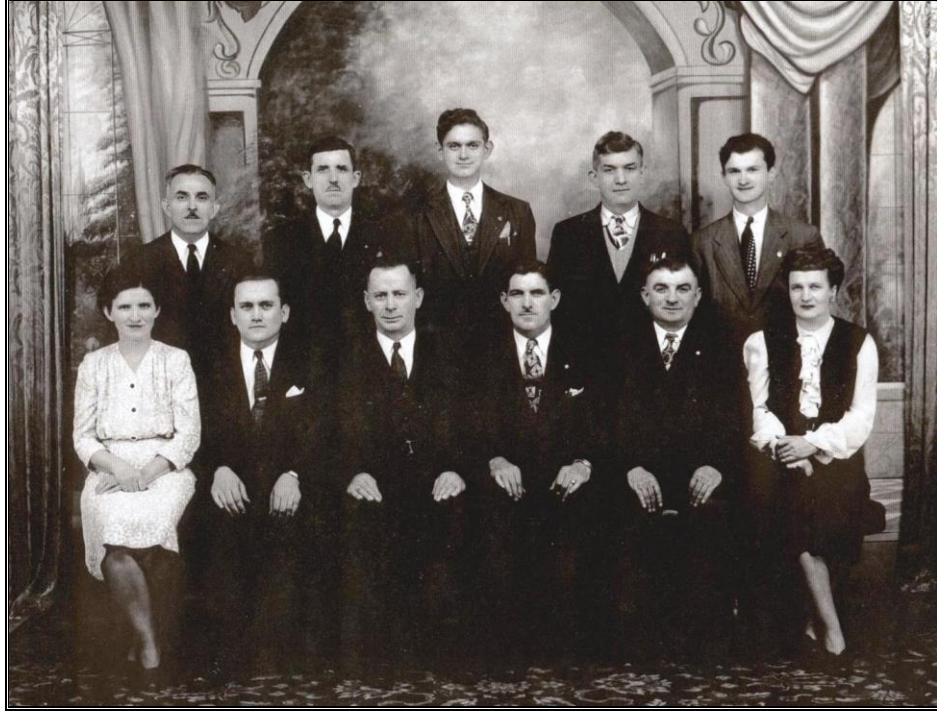
In recent years teams from Windsor have regularly played in SNS tournaments as well as in the Pan Orthodox Youth Association, Detroit, Michigan competitions.

Windsor Serbs Gracanica Basketball acts as an affiliated organization of the Serbian Center in Windsor, whose existence guarantees that basketball will be played among Serbs in this city for a long time to come.

If we add to that the Church of St. Petka in Windsor has a sports hall and several outdoor basketball courts, which enables activity throughout the year, even greater successes can be expected. Each of the three Serbian churches in Windsor has something that the others don't have, and together they have everything.



*First row: Mike Brkovic, Ron Šarcevic, Rod Šarcevic, Bato Mijač, Don Brković
Second row: Mike Vorkapić, George Šarčević, Mark Ceklić, George Jelic, Bob Vujović
(Joint team of Windsor and Detroit, SNS champion 1990)*



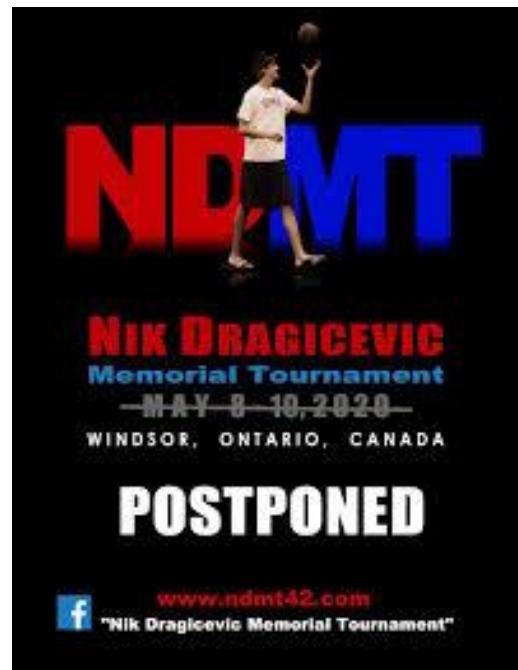
*SNS Board of Directors, Branch (Lodge) 45, Windsor 1960
Standing: Petar Ćuk, Paja Popov, Mile Lončar, Jovo Aralica and Miloš Jakšić.
Sitting: Zagorka Popov, Branko Utješinović, Rudi Kaklić, Mića Bijelić, Ziva Kušev and Vukosava Todorović.*

Tournaments, or rather gatherings under the auspices of the Serbian National Federation, largely express the feelings of togetherness, harmony and love, and the sports competition is only an occasion for the aforementioned. How many baskets someone scored or knocked down cones is soon forgotten, but the memories of acquaintances and friendships gained at those tournaments last, are remembered and passed on to the next generations. That is the best meaning of these meetings.

Nikola "Nik" Dragičević - basketball

Born and raised in Windsor, he loved basketball more than anything. The main factor in the victory of his team "Sandwich Sabers" in the school competition, a frequent participant in the tournaments of the Serbian National Association, OYAA (Ontario Youth Athletic Association).

Based on his talent and success, he received full tuition at Oakland University, Michigan.



Nikola-Nik Dragicevic

Due to previously undetected heart problems, he did not play a single game in his new team.

Three risky heart surgeries followed, and his basketball career was stopped.

Family, relatives and friends, as well as the Serbian community in Windsor and Detroit, were shocked after the discovery that Nikola was seriously ill with cancer in an advanced stage, after which he died at the age of 31, on April 25, 2012.

The family, the Serbian community and basketball fans organized the "Nik Dragičević Memorial Basketball Tournament", which is held every year as a memory of this very gifted young basketball player, who was not given the opportunity to realize his dreams and expectations that were within reach.

The tournament, which was supposed to be held in Windsor on May 8-1, 2020, was postponed due to the Covid-19 epidemic.

The fates are often unfair and cruel, but that is not in our hands. What can be done is to preserve the memory of Nikola Dragičević and his efforts and kindness, and pass it on to younger generations as an example, and that is precisely this memorial tournament.

"Red Star" and "Partisan" in Windsor

Sports events that should be mentioned here are certainly the visits of "Red Star" and "Partizan" in Windsor in 1988, at a time when these two teams were highly ranked on the European soccer ladder.

On July 16, 1988, "Red Star" played against the "Windsor Wheels" team, a member of the Canadian Football League, at the city stadium "Jackson Park" and won with a score of 7:3.



"Red Star" and "Windsor Stars"

The fans, mostly Serbs, invited the guests to lunch at the "STEVE 'n' EDDY's Fish & Chips" restaurant, and the owners Stojan and Živka Jovanovski, originally from Tetovo, big fans of "Zvezda", generously treated the guests with selected sea fish and crab specialties. The players said after lunch that they had never tasted such delicious food, and the hosts were overjoyed that they had the opportunity to host them in their restaurant.

"Partizan" also visited the same stadium, in a meeting with the team "Panhellenic" from Toronto, a member of the first league of Canada.

Partizan showed football that had not been seen before in this region, defeating the opponent with 10:0. There were more than 3 thousand spectators who really enjoyed the game of one of the best European teams. Partizan played another game in Detroit, with the Detroit Metropolitan Soccer League All-Star Squad.

Windsor Serbs Balote Club



*The Cup of "Serbian Balote Association of North America"
a transitional trophy awarded to the MVP of the annual tournament*



Members of the "Puma" and "Velebit" teams:

*Nikola Zrilić, Ilija Dragičević, Milorad Andić, Miroslav Lakić, Draško Marcheta and Jovica Vuletić
Front: Milan Vuletić, Goran Miljević and Petar Miljević*

“Windsor Serbs” Balote - Club Membership List

1. Adamovic Zeljko	28 .Javor Ilija
2. Andic Milorad	29. Kozul Dario
3. Andric Dusan	30 .Lakic Miroslav
4. Babic Radomir	31. Lakic Slavko
5. Barisic Vaso	32. Lakic Stevan
6. Backo Stevo	33. Malic Dinko
7. Bogdanovic Nenad	34. Malic Nenad
8. Bojanic Nikica	35. Malic Nikola
9. Vidakovic Slavko	36. Malic Predrag
10 .Vranic Milorad	37. Malic Stefan
11. Vujakovic Nikola	38. Marceta Drasko
12. Vuletic Dragan	39. Marceta Jovan
13. Vuletic Jovica	40. Miljevic Goran
14. Vuletic Milan	41.Miljevic Petar
15. Vuckovic Savo	42. Mitrovic Jovo
16. Dereta Miso	43. Neskovic Miso
17. Dobric Dragan	44. Petko Milan
18. Dobric Spiro	45. Pribojan Vladimir
19. Dragicevic Zivko	46. Pribojan Dusan
20. Dragicevic Ilija	47. Pribojan Jovan
21. Dragicevic Ilija Jr.	48. Pribojan Nikola
22. Dragicevic Lazo	49. Samardzija Davor
23. Djukic Nikola	50. Sankovic Boris
24. Djurdjevic Boro	51. Todorovic Bosko
25. Djurdjevic Ciro	52. Cenic Rade
26 .Zrilic Nikola	53. Cenic Sasha
27 .Javor Zoran	54. Simpraga Cedomir



“Windsor Serbs” balote players in Oakville 2015

1.Nenad Malic, 2.Boris Sankovic, 3.Petar Miljevic, 4.Aco Stagnajic, 5.Goran Miljevic, 6.Cedomir Simpraga, 7.Dario Kozul, 8.Bosko Todorovic, 9.Predrag Malic, 10.Radomir Babic, 11.Savo Vuckovic, 12. Jovo Marceta, 13.Stevan Lakic, 14.Jovo Andic, tournament director , Oakville, 15.Ilija Javor, 16.Ilija Dragicevic, 17.Zeljko Adamovic, 18.Drasko Marceta, 19.Jovica Vuletic, 20.Nikola Malic, 21.Miroslav Lakic, 22.Mirko Derota, 23.Stevan Backo, 24.Stevan Malic, 25.Dinko Malic, 26.Nikola Zrilic

Balote was played for years without management and a club, just for a pleasure, the main organizer was Vladimir Pribojan. It was decided to found the "Windsor Serbs" ballot club, elect the management and start more serious work on the development of this sport in Windsor. The first elected president is Miroslav Lakić, and the board members are: Dragomir Marcheta, secretary; Milan Vučetić, treasurer; Ilija Javor, accountant; and Savo Vučković, Vladimir Pribojan and Nikola Malić, members of the board. The results showed this already at the tournament in Oakville in 2015, when two teams from the club "Windsor Serbs" found themselves on the podium. The team "Velebit" (Goran and Petar Miljević, Nikola Zrilić and Čedomir Šimpraga) won the first place and the team "Windsor Serbs" (Ilija Dragičević, Slavko Lakić, Jovica Vučetić, Dragomir Marčeta and Miroslav Lakić) won the second place. In addition, Čedomir Šimpraga, from the "Velebit" team, was declared the most successful participant of the tournament (MVP).

Tournament Rules

- 1. Teams must play all matches*
- 2. The game is played according to the point system with goal difference - who fills first.*
- 3. 4 players play and preferably 1 reserve. Registration fee is \$40 per player.*
- 4. Cheering is free and accepted, provocations will not be tolerated.*
- 5. If a player is injured and the team does not have a reserve, the team remains with 3 players and eight ballots.*
- 6. Only the captain of the team can play instead of the injured player.*
- 7. If the referee excludes a team player, only 3 players and 6 ballots remain.*
- 8. In case of interruption of the game, the referee's commission will investigate the situation and decide who is to blame for the interruption. The culprit will be ruled out and the opponent will be declared the winner with a score of 11:0*
- 9. After the end of the game, the captains of the teams will come to the two referees who will keep score and announce the result of the game.*
- 10. If the ball is kicked into the other team's area, the teams will wait for the other teams to finish their throw and then continue the game.*
- 11. The 2 best teams from each group go to the second round of the competition.*
- 12. At the end of the tournament, the captains choose the best player and vote where the next tournament will be held.*
- 13. All other misunderstandings and decisions will be made or resolved by the commission of judges.*
- 14. All teams should have their ballots.*
- 15. If one of the teams does not appear, surrenders the game or leaves the tournament, the opponent is declared the winner with a score of 11:0*



*The "Tesla" team took second place at the first tournament in Windsor in 2001
Nikola Zrilić, Boro Đurđević, Milorad Vranić and Jovo Mitrović*



*Team "Puma" - First place at the Windsor tournament 2019
Draško Marčeta, Milorad Andić, Milan Vuletić, Ilija Dragičević and Jovica Vuletić*



Applause for the winner



Dusan Pribojan (holding balotes) and his son Vladimir

Four Serbian Olympians

Although numerically small, the Serbian community in Windsor produced a large number of athletes who attracted the attention of not only the local public, but also across Canada.

Among them as many as four Olympians:

Milan Vukadinov defended the colors of Canada at the Chess Olympiad in La Valletta, Malta in 1980;

Ilija Šukunda, four-time Olympic participant: 1976, 1980, 1984 and 1988;

Mike and Don Brković selected Olympians for the 1980 Moscow Olympics (missed because of boycott).

Milan Vukadinov

On the way from his native Čenta, not far from Belgrade, to the Chess Olympiad, Milan Vukadinov went through many trials and uncertainties during which it was difficult to expect any satisfaction and achievement. But it still arrived and confirmed the old experience that man is shaped and created by challenges and not by roads strewn with roses.

The award came in the form of an opportunity to represent his new homeland of Canada at the 1980 Chess Olympiad in Valletta, Malta.

From Pancevo, where he began his chess career, as a master candidate with a restless spirit and a desire for adventure, he set out for the white world. The first stop was Germany, where he stayed for some time.

Desire, however, dragged him across the ocean, and so he arrived in Windsor in 1965.

Like any new settler, he had to go through an "adjustment period" working in industrial enterprises, in jobs he was not used to. In his free time, he often visited the city's main library to find suitable literature for learning English and to meet book lovers with whom he most often socialized.

There he also met an employee of the city library, named Ruth, with whom he began to make friends, and at whose persuasion he enrolled in Slavic studies in Windsor, and then graduated in London. After completing his studies, he got a job at the main city library in Windsor, at the Center for Foreign Languages and Literature.

Friendship with Ruth, at work and in free time, led to marriage. After he got a job and got married, his life sailed into calmer waters and for the first time he was able to devote a little more time to chess.

It should be mentioned on this occasion that he had the very important support of his wife, who often accompanied him to tournaments.

He earned the title of chess master in 1975 at the Canadian Open Championship in Hamilton, and over time he reached a very high rating of over 2400 points. In his chess career, he often achieved very good results in meetings with famous world grandmasters such as Epishin, Smirin, Schwartzman, Spragget and many others. Due to business obligations, he could not be absent for a long time in order to participate in international tournaments to a sufficient extent in order to obtain the Grandmaster title.

That's why he devoted his attention to young talents with more enthusiasm, transferring his experience and knowledge of the game of chess to them. His student, Ray Stone, became the champion of Canada and Olympian, and many others became known chess players. During his 20 years of playing chess in Canada, he led the Windsor team in Detroit-Michigan Chess League competitions, regularly winning first place. He enjoyed the camaraderie that only team and club competition can provide to true fans of this ancient game. After returning from the competition in Detroit, often after crossing the border, in the "Trevi Restaurant and Pizzeria", with pizza and coffee (and sometimes beer), they would stay until the wee hours analyzing the games they had just played. Milan was the one who commented and pointed out possible wrong moves and thus held a chess class after midnight, which is certainly a unique case in coaching practice in any sport.

Because of his willingness to help in any place and at any time of the day, he was very popular among chess players of all ages.

The news that Milan was seriously ill shocked all his friends and acquaintances throughout Canada and America. At the age of 66, too early, Milan left this world on November 13, 2002.

Milan's contribution to the popularization of chess in this region is immeasurable, but he also left his mark in other social and sports activities.

He was elected to the boards of numerous clubs and associations, where his remarks and suggestions were accepted with respect and appreciation.

Milan died 22 years ago and memories of him began to fade, which is an inevitable consequence of the passage of time, and then unexpectedly and suddenly came the joyful and beautiful news that Milan Vukadinov left behind heirs: a son and two grandsons! The circumstances were such that Milan did not know that his son Colin O'Donnell, born a year after arriving in Canada (Windsor) in 1965, also lived in the same city.

Colin, as a baby, was given up for adoption to the virtuous family of Michael Paul and Lottie O'Donnell in Windsor, who, together with their later born daughter, raised him as their own son, where he did not lack parental love and attention. Fifty-six years later, father Michael Paul O' Donnell, on his deathbed, told Colin who his biological parents really were.

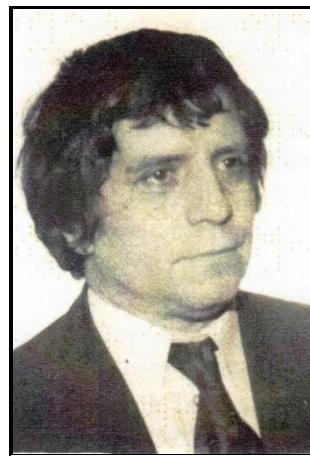
That's how Colin found out that his natural father Milan Vukadinov died 20 years ago, but he didn't stop there: he wanted to know more about him, where he worked, what he did, where he moved, who he hung out with, just to complete the picture of his biological father whom he never saw.

Colin got recommendation to contact me (Branko Malesevic) for information about his father Milan Vukadinov, reached out with an email, an introduction, and a request for updates.

After we exchanged a dozen letters, I invited Colin to visit, which he gladly accepted.

The meeting was very exciting, heartfelt, touching. Colin arrived with a gift, and the manners of a gentleman, very reminiscent of his father Milan, in appearance, manners, cordiality. He told on that occasion that he was preparing to visit Serbia, to meet and get to know his relatives. And he did that in October 2023. He was accompanied by his younger son, Donovan, and his other son, Ryan, and his wife, Gina, stayed at home this time.

For Milan Vukadinov, this news came too late, but for his many friends and acquaintances in Canada, the United States and Serbia (and beyond) it is a reason for rejoicing - the fact that he left descendants cannot be interpreted and felt differently.



Milan Vukadinov



Colin O'Donnell



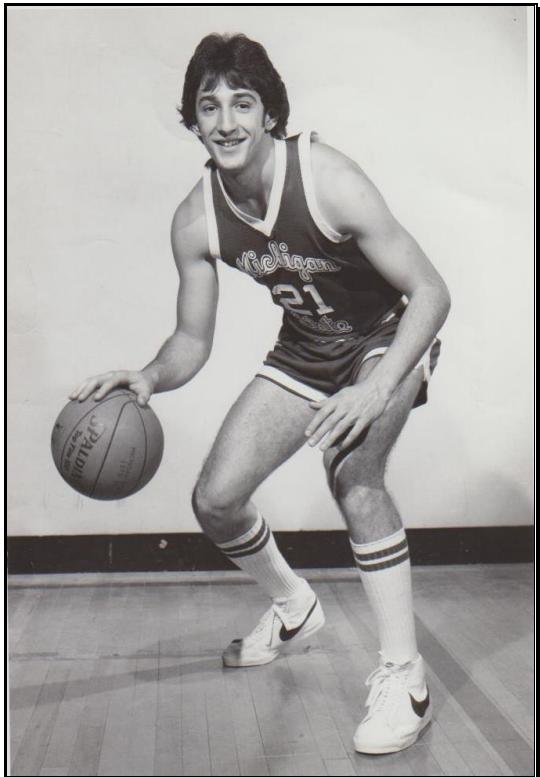
With newly found relatives in Belgrade

The Brković brothers

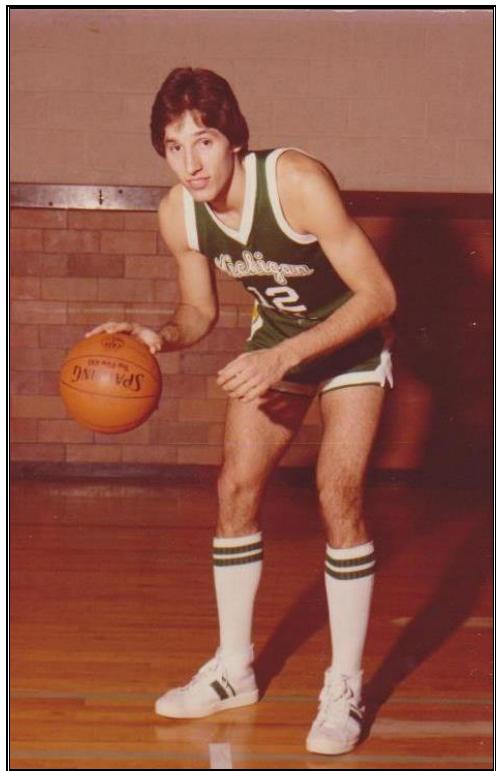
Stevo Brković arrived in Canada in 1926 just before the beginning of the great world economic crisis. In search of a job, he found himself in Windsor, after several years of working in the mines in the north of Canada. After 29 years of being alone, he decided to start a family. In 1955, he married a girl from his hometown, Mara, and they soon had three sons, Blagoje, Milan and Dragan. The first-born Blagoje (Blažo) helped his parents in the family business while studying at the university. The brothers Milan and Dragan, in addition to excellent success in school, also achieved remarkable results in sports. From the beginning, they excelled in playing basketball and soon became famous throughout the North American continent.

From the high school championship to the American championship required a lot of effort, perseverance and self-sacrifice, in which they had a lot of support from their parents.

Milan won the high school championship four times and Dragan 3 times. Playing together, they became Ontario champions in 1976 and 1977. The managers of many university teams in Canada and the USA noticed the Brković brothers, followed their steady progress through high school competitions, and a real competition arose as to who would manage to win them over to their team. Michigan State University (East Lansing) was happy to hire them with good conditions for their studies at the same university center. Already in the first year (1978), the title of champion of the "big ten" league was won, and the following year they also won the university championship of America. The contribution of Milan and Dragan to that success was undoubtedly very noticeable, as evidenced by the numerous exclusions from the competition published by the daily and sports press. Milan's game drew the attention of the national team selectors and soon he will wear the jersey of Canada at the Pan American Games in Puerto Rico. Immediately after that, he became a member of the Canadian Olympic team at the Moscow Games in 1980. At the moment when the younger Brković was named as a member of the Olympic team, the participation was canceled due to the boycott instigated by the USA. Milan, very disappointed, said at the time: "There were rumors that the Americans would boycott the Olympic Games and we hoped that Canada would not follow... Most of us were 21 or 22 years old, children in fact, but grown up enough to understand that others there will be no opportunity for us. When the coach told us the news, we were disappointed." The alternative of organizing a competition as compensation for a missed opportunity did not interest him: "I wasn't interested, it's not the same..." And so, when politics intervenes where it does not belong, dreams remain unfulfilled, the goal that has been striven for years, with much effort and sweat, remains unfulfilled. Only athletes know how much regret there is for a missed opportunity. Since the end of his sports career, Milan has been very successful with his company, which includes a large number of commercial and residential buildings, and he is also the owner of the Walkerville brewery in Windsor. The eldest of three brothers, Blagoje-Blažo, financial expert and economist. He was very involved in numerous Serbian organizations, especially the Serbian Church, where he was a member of the Council of the Canadian Diocese for many years, and a vice president in the Serbian National Defense. In his sporting life, Dragan followed his older brother right to the end, and as the crowning glory of all their successes, they found themselves in the Hall of Fame in their hometown of Windsor. Dragan (Don) works in insurance business in Las Vegas, USA.



Don



Mike



Mara & Steve Brkovic watching their sons performance on TV

Eli Sukunda

As a high school student, Eli Sukunda was successful in athletics, especially track hurdles.

Due to the results achieved in this sports discipline at Walkerville Secondary School, he received a scholarship to Wayne State University, Michigan.

However, a more accidental meeting with the famous fencing expert Istvan Danoši at this university center made Eli dedicate himself to fencing, of which, as he says, he became an eternal prisoner.

Playing this sport took hold of Eli so much that it became a "way of life" to which he completely surrendered. Each practice provided by the trainer was duplicated on his own initiative.

Persistence paid off in the form of victories, trophies and recognition.

The first significant success was winning second place at the Canadian National Championships in 1975 and first place at the Winter Games of the same year.

The following year, he was already a member of the Canadian team at the Olympic Games in Montreal, and he participated in two more Olympics.

He did not participate in the Olympics in Moscow due to the boycott of Canada and other Western countries led by the USA. He won silver medals at the Canadian Championships in 1975, 1978 and 1979.

At the 1979 Pan-American Games in Puerto Rico, he made it to the finals. He also took second place at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 1978.

At the open international tournament in Wroclaw (Poland) the same year, he overwhelmingly won first place. He recorded most of the above-mentioned successes after recovering from serious injuries he received at his workplace on March 8, 1978.

One of the visitors inflicted serious injuries on him with a knife. It took a lot of persistence, strong will and perseverance to rise again to the podium from a case that had already been written off and regretted as an athlete. After the end of his competitive career, he devoted himself to coaching and was very successful. In the period 1978-1993, he was a coach at the University of Windsor, and then at Carleton College in Ottawa. During his 15 years at Windsor, his teams regularly finished in the top three.

Out of a total of 39 trophies awarded to the winners of university competitions in that period, his teams won 25, which remained unrecorded in the history of that competition until then - and to this day.



Eli was born on April 10, 1949 in Windsor. He finished his studies at the Faculty of English Language and Literature in Toronto in 1972.

With his sister Stana, he very successfully and for a long time ran the St. Clair Tavern in Windsor, which they inherited from their parents.

Chess

On Mitrovdan, the eighth of November 1998, the first tournament of the newly founded Serbian Chess Club in Windsor, which proudly bears the name of our most famous grandmaster Svetozar Gligorić, was held. The founder and first president of the club was Branko Malešević. The tournament was held at the Trevi Restaurant & Pizza House near the Windsor-Detroit Tunnel, a well-known meeting place for chess players. The tournaments were then held in private houses or the aforementioned restaurant for two years, and then Slobodan (Bob) Davidović and his wife Rada, managers of the residential complex "Zavičaj" ("Homeland"), gave the extraordinary premises for the club's needs. The most active period of the chess club's work was precisely at that time and in that place numerous tournaments and competitions were held. But, given that it was a residential building, another, more permanent solution had to be sought. The election of a new president of the club, Branko Stajić in 2001 also indicated the need to resolve the issue of premises where the club could work for a longer period of time. There was hope in the possibility of giving the club the use of one of the classrooms of the school in the Serbian Center, which normally unused when there are no classes.

This was not approved on the grounds that it was intended only for school teaching, and instead a room where alcohol was served (a pub) was offered. The conditions of the tavern cannot be ensured. For the serious work of the chess club, which had the intention of establishing a chess school for the younger generations, it represented an insoluble problem and all the activities of the club soon stopped. However, it was recorded that something was wanted, started and done in the past few years.

Of the 29 members of the club, only eight were members of the Canadian (CFC) and United States (USCF) Chess Federations, who regularly participated in official rating and category tournaments. The reason for this is the distance of Windsor from all major Canadian cities where chess tournaments were a frequent occurrence.

Due to these circumstances, the best solution for Windsor chess players was the Detroit Metro Chess League. The team competition with 7 rounds, during 7 months and in 4 leagues, provided an opportunity for everyone who wanted to compete. More than 150 chess players of all categories participated in those tournaments, from beginners to grandmasters, each in their own category, of course. In the first league, the most successful was Milan Vukadinov and his team "Windsor I" in which Cvijan Radovanović often played on the third board and Bob Đorđević on the fourth board. In the second league (rating up to 2000) Branko Malešević was declared the most successful competitor in 1996-1997, winning the most points for his team "Windsor II" (5/6).

#	Name	CFC	USCF
1	Milan Vukadinov	2412	2441
2	Cvijan Radovanovic	2255	2250
3	Bob Djordjevic	2180	2150
4	Branislav Rajsic	1928	-
5	Terry Coulombe	1812	1778
6	Branko Malesevic	1749	1938
7	Sinisha Stajic	1480	-
8	Branko Stajic	1432	-

Among the other members of the club there were very good chess players, who did not have the opportunity to participate in official tournaments and gain a rating, such as Vlatko Đurović and Davor Samardžija, for example. Other members of the club were Rade Brdar, Janko Pavela, Dejan Bogunović, Marko Tomić, Ilija Stevanović, Živorad Šutić, Nikola Savić, Đuro Pandža, Dušan Kovačević, Pero Kovačević, Nikola Popović, Slobodan Popović, Marko Zubac, Đorđe Stajić, Luka Čelic, Slobodan Bijelić, Mihajlo Popović, Spasoje Vujanović and Pavle Gagrica.

In Windsor during 1990 - 2005 chess activity was at a very high level, there were as many as 4 chess clubs: Windsor C.C, Riverside C.C, Windsor University C.C and Svetozar Gligorić C.C..

The initiative to establish the Serbian Chess Association in Ontario came from Windsor, at the suggestion of Branko Malešević, who was also its first president. The first tournament of the Association was held in Niagara on August 22, 1998, and then in Toronto in 1999, Hamilton in 2000 and Windsor in 2001. Since 2002, the tournaments have been held continuously in Toronto. Until 2006, it competed in two formats, individual and team, and then only individually. Financing was almost entirely provided by businessmen from Windsor in the first years (1998-2004), and later the main sponsor was Oljeg Pajkić and his company PRO Computer Consulting services. Under the influence of the Internet and the possibility to play chess at any time and in any place, traditional tournaments have become less interesting and less attended. The Serbian Chess Association still exists, but with a rather reduced activity and number of tournament participants. Numerous local tournaments such as Vidovdanski in Niagara, Windsor, Ottawa, Toronto, Kitchener, Hamilton...

The Christmas blitz tournaments organized by Zoran Tutić and Oljeg Pajkić in Toronto have been going on for 27 years, and the Annual Tournaments of the Serbian Chess Association have been going on for 25 years.

At those tournaments, there were often up to 40 participants, including international master and Canadian champion Igor Žugić, international master Milorad Dimitrijević, FIDE master Dragan Draško, FIDE master Goran Milićević, ŽIM (4 times Canadian champion) Natalija Kudgarian (Milićević), Milan Mitrović, Duško Radulović, Miladin Đerković, Andrija Despotović, Živomir Mašić, Zoran Tutić, Predrag Putić, Srđan Fotić, Cvijan Radovanović, Oljeg Pajkić, and many other high-ranking chess players. And sometimes a guest from Serbia who happened to be in Toronto at that time would be a participant, such as soccer player Dragoslav Šekularac and popular singer Miki Jevremović, who were also known as good chess players.

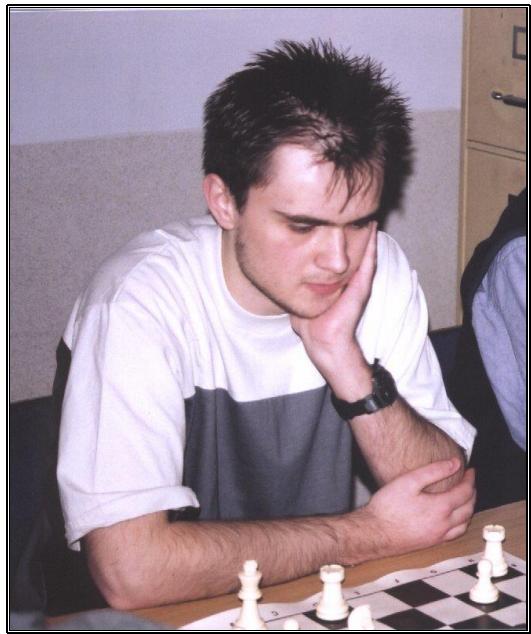


Duško Radulović, Cvijan Radovanović, Goran Milićević, Igor Žugić and Branko Malešević

The activities of the Serbian Chess Association were published on the website and in the chess bulletin, and Večernje Novosti, Novine Toronto and Vesti often carried reports from the tournament.

The international chess master and senior champion of Europe, Siniša Joksić in the program on Radio Belgrade and Goran Tomić from Podgorica in his checkmate list, also reported on these tournaments.

Thus, the existence of the Serbian Chess Association in Ontario could be known all over the world.



IM Igor Žugić and Oljeg Pajkić

Oljeg Pajkić is the president of the Association, organizer, judge and tournament participant at the same time. In addition, the main sponsor with his company PRO Computer Consulting Inc, Toronto.

All these obligations certainly affect his placement at the end of the competition, but he does not attach any particular importance to it.

The Serbian Chess Association has established trophies since its inception: two large cups, on which are written the names of the winners in the team and individual Competitions



Part of the participants of the tournament in Toronto 2004 @ Saint Sava Center, Mississauga



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The Challenge Cup



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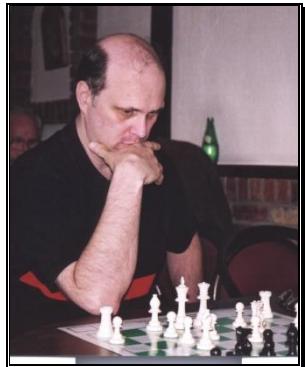
*Tournament at the home of Dušan Kovačević in 2007
Dušan Kovačević, Branko Malešević, Rade Brdar, Milovan ? and Boža Davidović*



Branko Stajic



Davor Samardzija



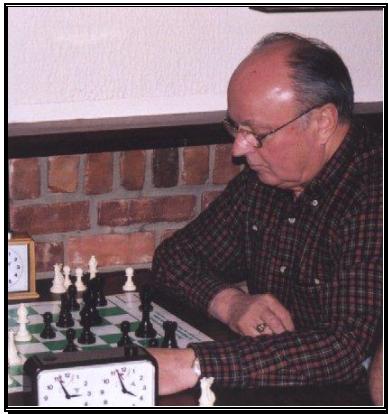
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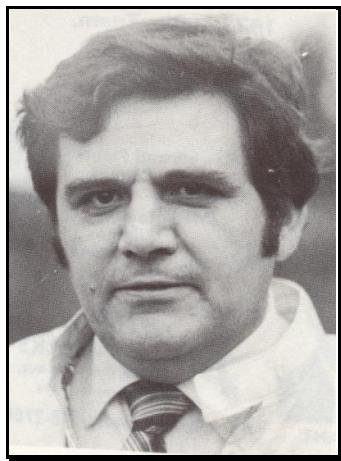
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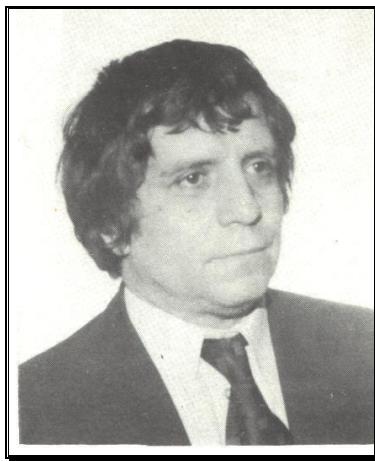
Žarko Petković

From the moment they arrived in these areas, the Serbs played chess, mostly for leisure, because there were no conditions for organized chess at that time. Only in 1956, with the establishment of the sports association "Yugoslavia", which, in addition to football, also had sections for table tennis and chess, it was recorded for the first time that chess was also on the competition list.

The team consisting of: Žika Apić, Fedor Rajić, Franja Stipanović and Hari Walkinfus competed in the "YMCA" chess league in Windsor.



Fedor Rajić



Milan Vukadinov

Fedor Rajić is the first chess player who started an organized competition and played in official tournaments in this region. Apart from the oral information that the author of these lines received personally from Fedor Rajić, there are no other written traces about it.

The most famous Serbian (and in general) chess player in Windsor was master Milan Vukadinov, a native of Čenta. He came to Windsor in 1965, studied Slavic Studies at the Universities of Windsor and London, worked as an employee of the Main City Library in Windsor at the Center for Foreign Languages.

He was among the ten best Canadian chess players and a participant in the Olympics in Malta in 1980.

His highest rating was 2412 and despite the fact that he never fully devoted himself to chess, as most great chess players did. Chess was more of a pastime for him, since he did not depend on the money he would earn from playing chess exclusively. Many famous Canadian chess players have emerged from his chess school, such as Ray Stone, Canadian champion and Olympian, Vladimir Drkulec, Brian Profit and many others. He was a member of the "Svetozar Gligorić" chess club since its foundation and a tutor to many members of the club to whom he was available at any time and in any place free of charge.

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27	George Rapaic, Nationwide Tax, Windsor	25.00
29	Nikola Krkljus, Niagara Falls	20.00
30	Jovo Loncar, Niagara Falls	20.00
31	Ilija Pila, Niagara Falls	20.00
32	Milan Dobric, Niagara Falls	20.00
33	Jovo Nijemcevic, Niagara Falls (entry fee, '98)	15.00
34	Niagara '98 Tournament (entry fee surplus)	47.29
	Total:	8,137.29

**Serbian Chess Association of Ontario
Serbian Chess Club “Svetozar Gligoric” Windsor**

List of Expenses 1998-2004

#	Spent on:	\$	note
1	Niagara 1998 / awards	400.00	
2	Niagara 1998 / trophies	179.46	
3	Embosser	46.80	
4	Medals with SCA logo	381.23	
5	Association Annual Cups (2)	626.75	
6	Bulletin #1 / printing	383.00	
7	Bulletins #2 & #3 / printing	330.00	
8	Mississauga 1999 / awards	600.00	
9	Hamilton 2000 /awards	600.00	
10	Windsor 2001 / awards	400.00	
11	SCA tournaments 2002, 2003, 2004 / awards	3,000.00	
12	SCA tournaments 2002,2003,2004 / trophies	665.00	7,612.24
13	Windsor '99 Active Trophies	130.74	
14	Windsor Chess Club / clocks rental	20.00	
15	Windsor Class Active / 1999 trophies	125.01	
16	Bank Services Charge	17.30	
17	Svetozar Gligoric / Club Championship	130.27	
18	Windsor Spring Swiss 2000 / trophies	126.80	550.12
		Total:	8,162.36
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List of sponsors and donators to sports clubs and associations 1973 - 2013

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Mandic Dusan / Bellvue Tavern & Restaurant
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Masic Zivomir / Ontario Hydro, Toronto
Miletic Andrei / Prime Realty Inc.
Miletic Steve & Zdravka / Prime Realty Inc.
Milicevic Mihajlo / 747 Travel Agency, Toronto

Miokovic Bora / Tops of Windsor Restaurant
Misic Milos / Misic Printing Co.
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Ostojic Mile / Windsor Feedscrews Inc.
Pajkic Oljeg / Pro Computer Consulting, Toronto, ON
Popovic Radomir / Innotelco Inc. Toronto, ON
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Sarcevic Vladimir, Voja & Nikola / Vladimir's Exquisite Cousine, Farmington, Michigan
Sukunda Ilija & Stana / St. Clair Tavern & Restaurant

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Computer Distributors Windsor
Courtesy Chrysler / Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep
Detlinger Larry / Vienna Deli
Dinasty Driving School, Hamilton, ON
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Palombo John / Courtesy Bike Shop
The Welding Solutions, Hamilton ON

Thank-you note

Most of the data contained in this book (and others) I collected over the years, starting with 1973 and the unification of the "Serbia" and "Maple Leaf" clubs, recording with pen and camera the events I attended, while some others discovered the hard way, browsing through the archives and reading records on microfilms in the city library or on the Internet.

I received a significant number of information from the former players and sports fans who saved photos and some newspaper articles, helped identify the faces in the photos, or contributed in some other way to the realization of this project.

*Also, some information are found in various publications of church and social organizations.
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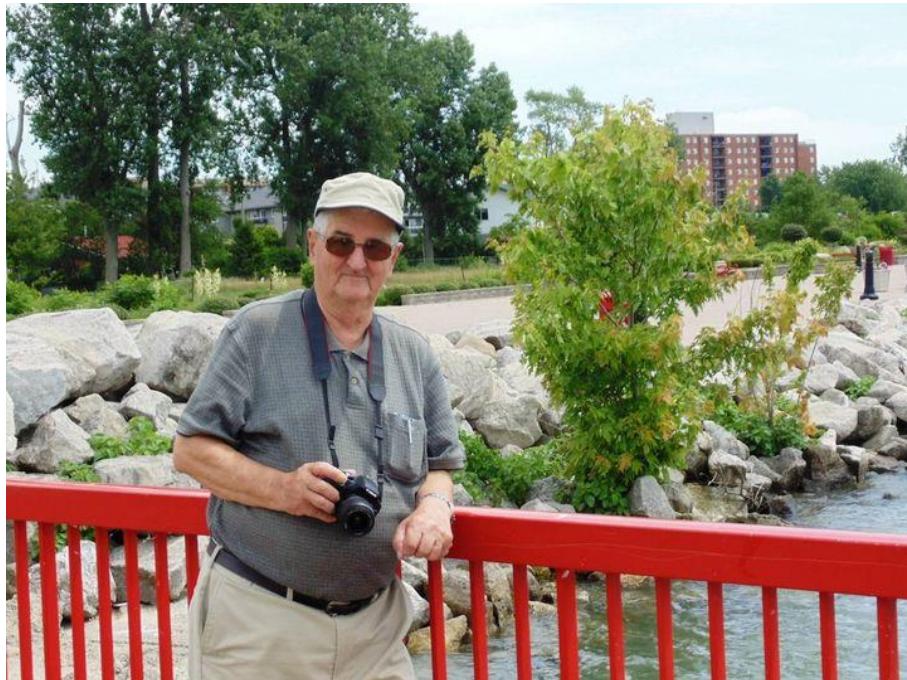
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Tomic Marko
Tufegdzic Aleksandar - Aco
Chuk Bogdan - Bob
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Colak Bosko - Bob
Sukunda Ilija
City of Windsor (history)
Windsor Public Library (micro film)
Windsor Star*

A note about the author

Since the establishment of the sports club "Windsor Serbs", i.e. since the unification of "Maple Leaf" and "Serbia" in 1973, in which he played an important role, the author has been collecting data on sports activities of Serbs, on life of the Serbian community and the history of Windsor, where Serbs have been living since 1910

He edited "Sports News" of the sports club "Windsor Serbs", "Chess Bulletin" of the Serbian Chess Association, "Chess News" (Windsor Chess Club), "The Maple Leaf Cyclist", "The Maple Leaf Bulletin" (Maple Leaf Cycling Club, Windsor).



*Branko Malesevic
Photo by: Doug Bell, Leamington, 2015*

The book "Sports activities of the Windsor Serbs 1929-1979" was published in 1980, the first of its kind in Canada, where the sports activities of an ethnic group were ever described, and in 1989 the booklet "Worker and Warrior Janko Majstorović" was printed based on stories about the life journey of this emigrant of ours. As the secretary of the committee for the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Vuk Stefanović Karadžić, he participated in the adoption and implementation of a very rich program of the celebration, which lasted throughout the year. He is the founder and first president of the chess club "Svetozar Gligorić" in Windsor and the Serbian Chess Association in Ontario. He wrote about some of these activities for Večernje Novosti, Vesti, "Zavičaj", Radio Belgrade, Voice of Canadian Serbs and American Srbobran.



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Other books by the same author:

1. *S.C. Windsor Serbs 1973-1976*
2. *Sports activity of Windsor Serbs 1929-1979*
3. *Janko John Maystorovich - worker and warrior 1980*
4. *The 200th anniversary of Vuk Stefanović Karadžić 1787-1987*
5. *Chess News Bulletins 1997*
6. *Bulletins of the Serbian Chess Association 1998-2001*
7. *Serbs in Windsor 1910 – 2010*
8. *Balote club "Windsor Serbs" 2020*
9. *Serbs in Windsor 1910-2023*
10. *Serbian Chess Association 1998-2023*
11. *My Chess Book 1995-2013*
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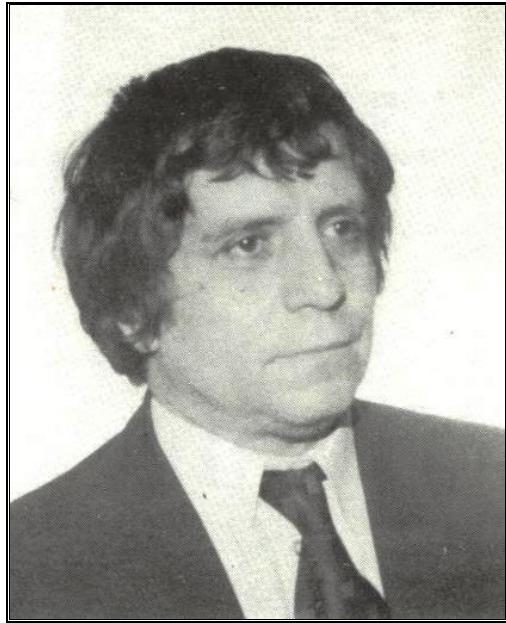
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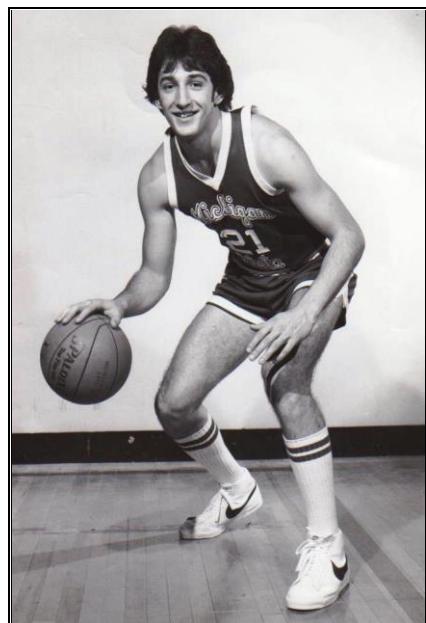
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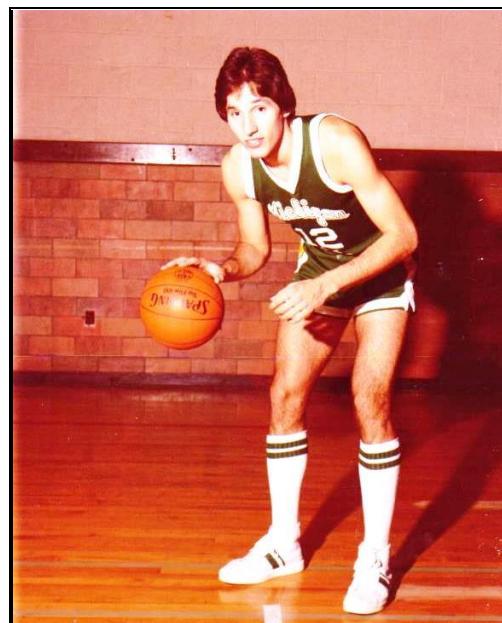
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