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A couple of weeks ago, we received a request from Don Post in Brockport, wanting to know what ever happened to Vince "Boomer" Scott. When Don was little (and Don is now 85) his family was coming back from visiting relatives in the Southern Tier. It was raining pretty hard and they picked up a hitch-hiker who was headed home to LeRoy. It turned out that it was Vince Scott who was the starting guard for Notre Dame that year.

Mr. Post wondered what had become of "Boomer" Scott, so I googled the name and discovered that he was born in LeRoy in 1925. Vince graduated from LeRoy High School in 1943 and was noted in the yearbook to spend a lot of time in the pool room and to become a prize fighter. He made two touchdowns against Amherst, helping LeRoy win 25 to 19. He was chosen for the All Star Grid Team picked by the coaches of Western New York. He went to Notre Dame and wore number 58, playing middle guard. That was pretty amazing since Vince had

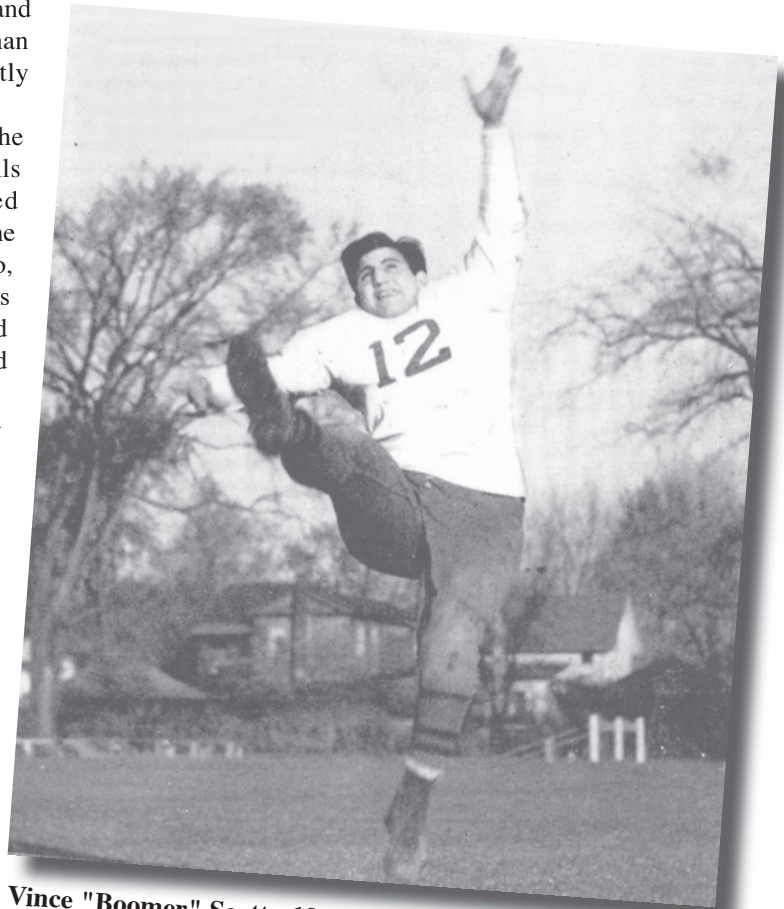
## "Boomer" and "Barefoot"

suffered polio as a child and his left leg was smaller than his right leg, but apparently that didn't stop him.

From 1947 until 1948, he played for the Buffalo Bills when they were affiliated with the AAFC. In 1949, he joined the Hamilton (Ontario, Canada) Flying Wildcats which a year later merged with the Hamilton Tigers and became the Tiger-Cats.

Scott played football until he retired in 1962. He played in six Grey Cups and helped the Tiger-Cats win the cup in 1953 and 1957. He became a Canadian citizen in the mid 1950s. He worked for a while at Stelco and later became involved with real estate.

In the 1970s and 1980s he hosted a talk show and was named to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1982. He also was elected to the



Vince "Boomer" Scott - 1943 O-AT-KAN.

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Hamilton City Council in 1982. He was not re-elected in 1985 and suffered a stroke a year later. After a lengthy illness, he died in 1992. His obituary noted that he was a "Star Full of Heart."

In 2007, he was inducted posthumously into the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Section V Football Hall of Fame.

So I sent all this information to Don Post and today I received a note from him asking if I could google Don "Barefoot" Post, since he did not have internet capability. So I googled Don "Barefoot" Post and discovered another story. It seems that Don was known as "Barefoot" because he was a well-known barefoot baseball player. He was a member of New York State's

Barnstorming Baseball Club, the Rochester Ridge Clippers.

In 1947, he decided to run the Boston Marathon barefoot. He thought he had a chance to win, but after 15 miles he realized he wasn't going to win. "There were just too many professionals and foreign runners that year." So he dropped out and went to a Boston Braves baseball game instead. A few weeks later he was slated to run barefoot in the Canadian Marathon.

"Barefoot" Post, as he's called is a 22-year old Navy veteran from Rochester, N.Y. Who stars down there in the local sports club, as a barefoot performer in football, basketball, softball and baseball." So like everything else here at the Historical Society, one story leads to another.

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