

Roller skater whirls to world championship

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Tim McGuire will never forget the summer of '81.
A senior at Rochester Adams High School, McGuire last week capped the season by winning the Senior Men's World Roller Skating freestyle championship in Nelson, New Zealand.
McGuire finished ahead of West German opponents Michael Butzke, who finished second, and Joachim Helmke, who finished third. The 17-year-old skater competed in a two-minute short

program and climaxed his performance with a five-minute long program.
"I scored 329.7 points, but it's the number of judges that put you in first place that really determines the champion," said McGuire, who skates out of Rollhaven Skating Rink in Flint.
"There were seven judges, so if you had the majority of them giving you first place then you automatically win. I ended up with all seven of the judges.
"My final routine went really well. I went just about perfect except for a tiny slipup on a spin that really didn't affect the outcome too much," he said.

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"I was the only one out there with a triple lutz (jump) so that gave me an edge."

McGUIRE SAID the most emotional part of winning the title came afterward at the flag-raising ceremony.

"It was great to win," said McGuire, whose coach is Bev Schein.

"The most moving moment was standing on the platform when they played the National Anthem. I shed a few tears when they were playing it. It was a very nice feeling of accomplish-

ment after all the years of hard work."
Earlier this year, McGuire won the United States skating championship in a meet at Ft. Worth, Tex. Four of the five judges awarded him first place, and the remaining judge gave him second.

The victory in Texas ended a long string of second-place medals. McGuire had competed in three previous national championships, taking second each time.

"I wasn't really thinking about the world (title) earlier this year," said McGuire. "My goal was always to win

the nationals. I was feeling good about that.

"I started training just for the nationals," he said. "But, if you do well in the U.S. you have a good chance of doing good at the worlds because the U.S. is good in skating."

ARE THE OLYMPICS, which do not have roller skating among its list of official events, in McGuire's plans?

"I don't know about the Olympics. I'm aiming for one or two more world titles," said McGuire. "Skating probably won't get into the Olympics until 1988."

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Hall of Fame to induct 12

The Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame will induct 12 members at its 16th-annual awards banquet on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. at Roseville's Athena Hall.

Four local sports personalities will be inducted in that group of 12, including bowler Bill Williams of Farmington, Birmingham golfer Margaret Russell and skeet shooter Ila Hill along with handball expert Paul Stobbe of Lathrup Village.

Williams was an all-star bowler from 1942-70 and was a key figure in the development of youth bowlers. Russell was the Women's District Golf Association's Match Play Champion in 1938, 1940 and 1950. She was also a 15-time women's champion at Oakland Hills Country Club. Hill was the first woman to win an international skeet shooting medal. She had claimed over 400 titles in her shooting career. Stobbe was the national YMCA Singles Champion in 1950. He was also the Michigan Open Singles Champion for five years.

Other members of the inductee class are: Bill Fredericks (soccer); Harry LaPointe (hockey); Sam Lombardo (soft-pitch softball); John Spring (fast-pitch softball); Lorraine Sabbe (speed skating); Vonnie Malcolmson (swimming); Jeanne Omelenchuk (multi-sport) and Jim Burch (sponsor).

● ALMA FOOTBALL

Eight Oakland County High School graduates will be playing for Alma College in the second game of the Mich-Dome Football Classic against Michigan Tech University on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 3:30 p.m.

The Scots' roster includes senior linebacker Chris Whitfield and sophomores Brian Murphy and Doug Gravelle, all from Rochester Adams High School; senior linebacker Mark Merlo from Rochester High School; junior offensive guard John MacFarlane of Birmingham Seaholm; sophomore defensive tackle Craig Bauer of Bloomfield Hills Lahser; freshman linebacker Pat Buzolis of Novi High School and Tim Payne, a junior defensive back from Troy Athens High School, who is also a member of the Scots' track team.

● HOPE FOOTBALL

A pair of North Farmington High School graduates are starting on the Hope College football team this year.

Junior defensive back Rich Burrell and senior punter Mark Thompson will see plenty of action for head coach Ray Smith, who has a 70-27-3 record in his coaching career.

● CLASSY CHASSIS

Two local women have been selected to the Detroit Pistons' Classy Chassis.
Southfield's Caroline Best was picked as one of the 10 regulars, while Mickey Petkus of Troy was selected as an alternate.

Other members of the Classy Chassis squad are: Jodi Clauser, Sheila Clayton, Tammy DeBano, Kim Krug, Marijean LeBlinc, LaDonna Leyva, Kim Livingston, Sabrina Miller, and Laura Smigajski. The three other alternates are: Cindy Lasinski, Cheryl Rash and Linda Waterworth.

For statistics bluffs, the composite member of the 1981-82 Classy Chassis stands 5-3 1/2, weighs 111.7 pounds and measures 34.5-23.8-34.7.

● TRIATHLON

So you think you're a good athlete? Well, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan will conduct a triathlon, which includes a 25-mile bicycle race, followed by a three-mile canoeing race and a six-mile run, on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 10:30 a.m. on Detroit's Belle Isle.

Registration is limited to the first 200 persons, 18 years of age or older.

For further information call 225-0211.

● GOLF OUTING

The National Football League Players Association Celebrity Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Lake Orion's Indianwood Golf Club with all proceeds going to the March of Dimes charity.

Four golfers will be chosen at random to accompany Arnold Palmer in an 18-hole tournament. For ticket information contact the Indianwood Country Club at 639-9100 or the March of Dimes at 864-6000.

● MOTOCROSS

The Waterford Oaks Country Park will host a bicycle motocross to aid leukemia research on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 11 a.m. on the BMX track.

The race will be dedicated to 11-year-old Todd Kingsbury, who led his district in the American Bicycle Association points prior to discovering he had leukemia. He is now unable to race and is undergoing treatment. For more information call 859-0915.

● TITAN EXHIBITION
The University of Detroit will open its 1991 season ticket sales campaign with an exhibition contest between the Titans' stars of the 70's and a cast of local basketball celebrities.

Included on the U of D team are: Earl Cureton of the Philadelphia 76ers, Boston Celtics' guard Terry Duerr, and Detroit Pistons' John Long and Terry Tyler. The local celebrities' squad will have such personalities as former Pistons Dave Bing, Willie Norwood and Curtis Rowe, former Detroit Lion Lem Barney and Alan Hardy of the Los Angeles

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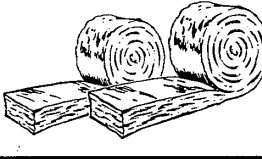
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