

900 watch at Civic Center

Fans take to bike races

By STEVE KAPLAN

When the first indoor bicycle race began last May at the Southfield Civic Center Arena, the spectators didn't know what to expect or what to appreciate. Now, three races later, the fans are becoming more interested and enthusiastic.

Sponsored by the Madison Velodromes, Inc., the series of five races continued last Friday night at the Civic Center. A crowd of more than 900 broke into thunderous applause as all the races were close and exciting.

And the fans had another treat: Roger Young, an internationally-known bike racer from Detroit, participated in some of the events.

Young, 24, has been racing in Europe since last November. He is considered by many to be the best board track racer in the United States. Referred to by many of his fellow riders as the "Chairman of the Boards," Young is listed among the 10 best riders in the world.

He showed the crowd why he's rated one of the best in the country in

the men's sprint finals. He thrilled the spectators with his quickness and speed, which carried him past 16-year-old James Gesquire.

Gesquire, who led the race almost from the outset, didn't have the strength to hold off Young in the end.

WITH ONLY two laps remaining in the race, Young took second place and began his effort to catch the young Gesquire. Young took the lead on the last turn, and ended up winning by inches.

In the Madison, the premier race of the evening, the team of Mike Moale and Ted Waterbury won the 40-minute with the team of Young and Dan Van-Haute finishing second.

The Madison featured the 1976 U.S. Madison champions, Young and Moale. In last Friday's race, however, they raced on separate teams.

Moale and Waterbury maintained a quick pace as they lapped the entire field and had a relatively easy time winning. The Madison victory was Waterbury's first after finishing second in the two previous races in South-

field. Moale had been winless in the Madison in the earlier races.

Les Barczewski won the men's flying lap in :08.04. Allison Cohen, one of the few women indoor bicycle racers, took the women's flying lap in :09.22. In the Madison pursuit race, Barczewski teamed with Scott Mikker to finish first in 1:11.78. The team of Young and Van-Haute took second place in 1:12.48.

The Southfield racing series continues with the U.S. Madison Championships Aug. 11-13.

INDOOR BICYCLE RESULTS

MADISON RACE — 1. Mike Moale and Ted Waterbury; 2. Roger Young and Dan Van-Haute; 3. Chuck Quast and Dan Camp; 4. Chris Menzies and Walt Menzies. MADISON PURSUIT — 1. Scott Mikker and Les Barczewski; 1:11.78; 2. Roger Young and Dan Van-Haute; 1:12.48; 3. Mike Moale and Ted Waterbury; 1:14.95.

FIRST POINT RACE — 1. Chris Menzies; 2. Mike Moale; 3. Dan Camp. SECOND POINT RACE — 1. Dan Van-Haute; 2. Roger Young; 3. Walt Menzies. MEN'S SPRINT FINALS — 1. Roger Young; 2. James Gesquire; 3. Dan Van-Haute.

WOMEN'S SPRINT FINALS — 1. Jane Brennan; 2. Allison Cohen; 3. Les Barczewski. MEN'S FLYING LAP — 1. Les Barczewski; 0:08.04. WOMEN'S FLYING LAP — 1. Allison Cohen; 0:09.22.

Sports shorts

'Old timer' wins shot put

William Walnroth, a 53-year-old Southfield resident, proved last week that the weight events in track and field aren't necessarily reserved for young men.

Walnroth won the shot put event with a throw of 48-feet-7 in the 50-55 age group at the Masters Track and Field National Championships, held last weekend at Northville College in Naperville, Ill. Walnroth, who works as a commercial artist in Troy, keeps in shape by practicing in the backyard of his Southfield home, where he's constructed a shot putting area.

SOCCER CLINIC

The Michigan Soccer Clinic of Birmingham will conduct two week-long soccer clinics at the Southfield Civic Center in August. The clinics, open to boys and girls aged 5-11, will be held Aug. 15-19, and Aug. 29 to Sept. 2. In-

struction will be given from 9-11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Wayne Pirmann, director of the Michigan Soccer School, will direct the clinics. Registration fee is \$25 per student per session. Applicants may register at the Michigan Soccer School, 593 Pierce, Birmingham, or at the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department, 26000 Evergreen Road.

PAIR OF ACES

Two Farmington area residents are eligible to win a cash prize and a free trip to Scotland as a result of scoring holes in one recently.

They are Henry L. Orul of Farmington who registered his ace at the Bob-O-Link Golf Club and Louis Egnor of Farmington Hills who notched his ace at the Shenandoah Golf Club. Their aces qualified them for the Rusty Nail Hole-In-One Sweepstakes

sponsored by the Drambuie Company of Edinburgh, Scotland. The winner of the 17th-annual competition will be announced early next year.

ANOTHER AREA ACE

Rick Appel, a Farmington Hills resident, scored a hole in one last month on the Beech Woods Golf Course in Southfield. Appel used a four iron to ace the 208-yard No. 6 hole at Beech Woods, a new course, which opened this year.

ON TO GRAND VALLEY

Two outstanding Detroit-area football players have signed letters of intent to attend Grand Valley State next fall. They are John Adair, a defensive back from Bloomfield Hills LaSalle, and John Roe, a guard from Royal Oak Kimball.

Both players were football captains at their respective high schools, and both were selected to All-Area and All-Conference teams.

Adair will join two former LaSalle basketball standouts at Grand Valley, Mark Principe and Mark Chetkikh. Roe will follow his older brother, Rich, a junior, who played linebacker for the last two seasons at Grand Valley.

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