



Working out on the punching bag, featherweight Olympic team. Instead, he says, "I want to be featherweight champion of the world."

(Staff photo by Randy Borst)

## Unknown boxer fights uphill recognition battle

By C.J. RISAK

Recognition — that's the only thing Garry Martin feels is holding back his boxing career.

When Martin talks about it, he calls it a "politics game." It's the practice of judges and officials to let the well-known gym or popular manager decide the outcome of a fight. In other words, vote for the people you know, instead of who won the fight.

Martin knows. He's found himself on the short end a couple of times in fight she knows he won.

Martin, a Farmington resident who boxes out of Detroit's Laskey gym, had that very thing happen to him during the Ohio State Fair tournament two weeks ago.

He won his first fight and thought he had taken his second bout as well. The judges thought otherwise.

"He (Martin's opponent) only hit him twice, both times in the last round," said Glenn Wilson, Martin's manager.

It was the second year in a row that Martin was eliminated in the second round of the tournament, which is one of the largest amateur boxing events in the country. It would be understandable if the young boxer became bitter about such decisions, but neither Wilson nor his other supporters would let him.

"THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO destroy my gusto," Martin said. "But my coach and everyone else keep telling me, 'Be strong,' and 'Don't let it get you down.'"

"When I go into the ring, I know I have to be boxing with the best skills I have. I have to fight every fight like it's my last."

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## SPORTS

Despite his relative anonymity, the 20-year-old featherweight has had a highly successful amateur career. He has fought only 20 bouts, but has won 16 of those, including three straight state Golden Gloves championships in the past three years and a second-place finish in the state AAU tournament in 1978.

Martin first started boxing in 1973, but a series of mishaps kept him from devoting much time to it until 1977. He credits Wilson with getting him back into the gym and getting him started again.

It was in 1977 that Martin decided he would win the Golden Gloves crown.

"My friends all said I was crazy, you know, they said I'd never be able to do it," Martin recalled. His friends weren't the only ones who didn't think he belonged in the Golden Gloves tournament.

"My mother wouldn't sign the entry blank for the tournament," he said. "I had to get my sister to forge my mother's name on it. She never knew I was even in the tournament until she read the results and saw my name in the paper."

"She realized there was nothing she could do to keep me out of the ring. Now she's one of my biggest supporters."

GETTING MARTIN OUT of the gym might still be a problem. He works hard every day, running ½ miles and jumping rope for a half hour. He also goes through a routine of exercises and works on the heavy punching bag.

That's just a normal workout. When a major tournament he plans on fighting in is a month off, he doubles everything in his workout.

"Got to be strong, stay strong," Martin said. "Amateurs can't rest like the pros can. You never know when the call comes and you have to fight. You have to stay ready."

"The only way you know you're working hard is if you're tired. If you got a good coach he won't let you rest."

Martin is also careful with his diet, avoiding greasy and junk foods and soft drinks.

Unlike other amateur fighters whose big dream is to fight in the Olympics, Martin isn't putting that much emphasis on a trip to Moscow in 1980. Even though his style is "keep moving all the time," which is better suited to Olympic-style boxing than that of a knockout puncher, he isn't overly optimistic about his chances.

"It's the favoritism and popularity again — politics," Martin said.

## Don't worry, U-M still a football power

By W.W. EDGAR

"For our 100th year in football we will have a damn good football team."

With this terse statement, Glenn "Bo" Schembechler, coach of the Michigan Wolverines, issued a challenge to all others in the Big Ten that his team will have to be considered again for top honors in the title race.

Speaking to the members of the media at the opening wedge of the 1979 season, Bo confided that much of the team's strength will lay with the eight returning defensive players. But he also added that the offense — the best in the league last season — will be in good hands.

In evaluating his 1979 squad, Schembechler stressed that the Big Ten race no longer can be considered the "Big Two" — namely Ohio State and Michigan. Instead, he pointed out, that Michigan State, co-champion a year ago, must be considered a real contender along with Ohio State, Purdue and Minnesota.

With the mention of the Gophers, the Michigan coach advised the media not to sell them short. They could be the real dark horse of the conference race, he said.

Among the things that has pleased Bo to date is that he has six qualified candidates for the quarterback spot vacated by Rick Leach.

AMONG THE CANDIDATES is Rich Hewlett, who starred at Plymouth Salem for the past three years. While Bo claimed he had not yet made a

decision, he did admit that Hewlett looked "damn good." There was a twinkle in his eye as he spoke and it wouldn't be too surprising if the former Plymouth star would be the quarterback when the Wolverines open the season against Northwestern Sept. 8.

It's unlikely that a freshman will start at quarterback, said Schembechler, "but I always learned never to say the word never. Leach did it four years ago."

Schembechler said that Hewlett "has many of the characteristics of a Leach."

Hewlett didn't throw the ball much in high school but that doesn't mean he can't throw," Schembechler warned.

In another bright note, Bo pointed out that he often dreamed of having Butch Woolfolk, the New Jersey speedster, and Stan Edwards, another crafty wingback, in the same backfield, something that could possibly happen this year. Along with them is Ralph Clayton, a senior letterman, and it's possible he may be shifted from flanker to fullback.

One of the real surprises, according to Bo, is Ali Haji-Sheikh, who was born in Ann Arbor, but whose parents, moved to Arlington, Tex. He is a kicker and nothing like him has been seen in the stadium for years, Bo predicted.

Summing up the team, Bo said it should be physically stronger than last year — especially on defense — and the new backfield candidates are fast and sure pass catchers.

All told, he repeated, "We'll have a damn good football team to face one of the toughest schedules in years, with Notre Dame in the second game."

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## Swim club makes mark

By BOB GROSS

Long Course Swimming Championships.

Nearly two years ago, two swim clubs from Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills decided to merge. It took them about a year to get things off the ground, but last September they finally started competing.

After less than one full year of competition, the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills swim club finished second overall at the recent Michigan AAU

Championships.

"We finally made it happen about a year ago," said club president Mark Dull. "We had been working on it about a year before, knowing we weren't large enough to compete."

"We knew if we ever wanted to be a major competitor we would have to get together."

The Atlanta club finished second behind the huge Penguin swim club

of Royal Oak. The Birmingham-Bloomfield

swimmers were led by Mike Noonan in the boys'

10-and-under age group, and by Kara McGrath in the girls' 13- to 14-year-

old age group — both swimmers were the top

point-getters in their respective categories.

Noonan won the 50-meter butterfly (34.64)

and set a new state record in the preliminaries (34.21). He also won the 50-meter backstroke

(39.02), the 100-meter butterfly (1:18.54), the 50-

meter freestyle (31.42) and the 100-meter back-

stroke (1:21.29). He competed in nine events and five of his times were

among the best 25 turned in this season in his age

group.

McGrath set state records in both the 100-

meter butterfly (1:06.55) and the preliminaries of the 200-meter individual

medley (2:30.04). She also won the 200-meter IM (2:31.03), the 400-meter

IM (5:18.52) and the 200-meter butterfly (2:27.10).

She competed in nine events, qualified for the Junior Olympics in the 100-meter butterfly and the 400-meter freestyle,

and turned in times among the best 25 in the country in seven different events.

With swimmers like that, and a second-place finish in a state meet, one might be justified in

thinking the Atlanta club something of a swimmer factory, cranking out

talent.

The Angels have scheduled a game against Plymouth on Monday, Aug. 27, at Plymouth Junior High School at 6:30 p.m. The Farmington team beat Plymouth earlier in the season, 7-1.

A league meeting has been set for Sept. 6 in the Farmington library to discuss the future schedule of games and the extension of the season into the fall.

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## Angels win another

Debbie Pacheco slammed home two second-half goals Wednesday night and newcomer Debbie Hunt tallied a third as the Farmington Angels rallied to a 4-1 win over the Detroit Silver Streaks.

The victory was the third in four games for the Angels; the only blemish on their record is a 1-1 tie against Ann Arbor. Ann Arbor and Farmington remained tied for first in the Women's Soccer League, which is in its first season.

The first half of Wednesday night's game was evenly contested with both teams scoring once. Martha McIntosh scored the Angels' first goal.

But the Angels turned on the juice in

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