

# C.I.'s Side

## Olympic lunacy

By C.J. RISAK

"Oh, no," I groaned as I scanned the daily newspaper's headline. The big, black letters across the top of the Nov. 3, 1987, issue read: USA athletes set sail for USA

The lunacy had now gone the full cycle. The headline sounded so ambiguous that those unacquainted with the issues would be confused.

But all Americans were familiar with the subject. For the past eight years, the subject which this headline dealt with struck precariously close to America's heart — namely, sports, and in particular, the Olympics.

The funny thing about the headline was that the two USA's stood for two different things. The first was the United States of America, but the second was a new organization: United in Support of our Athletes.

How did we get into this mess, I wondered. The events of the past eight years flashed through my mind like copy off the Associated Press wire. It started in...

1980 — The world teetered on the brink of nuclear war. Iranians held 50 Americans hostage, and while the U.S. president of the day, Jimmy Carter, tried to make up his mind about what to do about this threat, the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan.

Carter didn't hesitate this time. He knew just how to teach those sneaky Russians a lesson. With the 1980 Summer Olympics scheduled for Moscow, Carter threatened to boycott the games if the Soviets didn't pull out of Afghanistan.

Carter was a crafty politician. Most Americans, he realized, probably didn't even know about the predicament in

Iran. And few, he figured, had even heard of Afghanistan.

But everyone knew about the Olympics. If they were cancelled, Americans would become very ugly.

Most observers thought if the threat was carried through, war was inevitable. After all, the threat was nothing to the Russians. They would lose many millions of American dollars, but what's that to a country of anti-capitalists?

It proved to be more important than the experts figured. The Soviets weighed the issues carefully. Afghanistan itself was nothing, but it did provide a stepping stone to the Persian Gulf and the oil-producing countries. It was another move toward fulfilling the ultimate Communist dream — world domination.

On the other hand, the Olympics would give the Russians the chance to beat the pants off the American athletes while raking in many American dollars. Collect all that money while ridiculing the Yankees — it was too much to resist.

The Kremlin's decision, simply, that the invasion of Afghanistan was an accident. The 100,000 troops had been enroute to Yugoslavia to see how their good comrade, President Tito, was feeling.

"They must have taken a wrong turn at the Caspian Sea," Soviet officials said. When the Afghans started shooting at them, they shot back, they explained.

Carter backed the Soviet explanation and joined in scolding Afghanistan's government for not "being more hospitable toward visitors from a friendly, neighboring country."

Russia won nearly every medal that summer, with the help of some curious officiating from an Eastern bloc of

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## Hawks 4th in WSL

# Raider wrestlers finish 2nd

### WESTERN SIX LEAGUE

Cliff Adams of Northern decimated Farmington's Jim Steiner, 13-2, for the 167 crown, and Farmington's Gregg Lenanski decimated Northern's Melvin Lewis, 10-0, at 185.

Lucas Williams of Northern won the 198 crown by default, and teammate Dave Connor pinned Township's Mike Lewis in 4:30 for the heavyweight title.

Farmington Harrison had three league champions — Phil Palajac, Ken Kopko and Eric Kerastas — after the Western Six conference meet last Saturday at Walled Lake Western.

Palajac, a senior, upped his individual record to 31-2 with a 17-2 decision over Tim Racer in the finals of the 132-

pound class. Kopko, a junior in his first year of wrestling, won the 185 title with a 6-2 decision over Plymouth Canton's Paul Money. Kerastas, a senior, decimated Western's outpointed Wes Rich Richardson, 13-2, for the 198 title.

"I was hoping we'd have Bob Cushing (145) and Mark Kurzeja (155) finish higher," said Harrison coach Bob Sutter. "Both took thirds and lost to the eventual champions."

Harrison, who had won the last three Western Six wrestling titles, finished fifth this season with 86½ league-meet points. Northville won with 153½, Canton had 146½, Western 127½, Waterford Mott 97½ and Livonia Churchill 57½.

Harrison wrestles next in the state Class B district tournament on Saturday (Feb. 16) at Troy High School. Competition begins at 10 a.m.

### NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LEAGUE

North Farmington's wrestling team had three league champs and a second-place finish after the Northwest Suburban League meet last Saturday at Red-

ford Thurston. Westland John Glenn continued its wrestling supremacy in the Northwest Suburban, winning the meet with 219 points. Coach Jim O'Leary's North squad took second with 191 points.

Thurston scored 160½ points, Garden City East 73, Redford Union 34 and Livonia Franklin nine.

North had champions in John Donovan, Bruce Benda and Shawn Cotter. Donovan won the 112 title with a 5-0 decision over Glenn's Jeff Clark. In the 125 title bout, Benda decimated Bill Neil of Thurston, 8-0. Cotter won the 155 title, beating Glenn's Ken Hodges, 11-8, in the final.

Six more North matmen — Brad Fisher, Paul Cotter, Jim Scully, Steve Magyar, Karl Hamina and George Houtekier — will be championship matches before losing.

Farmington High and North will participate in the state Class A district tournament next Saturday (Feb. 16) at Ann Arbor Huron. Competition begins at 11 a.m. The top four wrestlers from each weight class will advance to the Class A regional at John Glenn.

## Mat summaries

### INTER LAKES LEAGUE MEET

TEAM FINISH — 1. Pontiac Northern, 223 points; 2. Farmington High, 182½; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 95; 4. Waterford Township, 86; 5. Walled Lake Central, 86; 6. Milford Lakeside, 23½.

### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

59 POUNDS — Aaron Logan (Northern) decimated Ken Byrnes (Livonia), 11-1, 165 — Donny (Farmington) pinned Cyrus Moore (Northern), 2:25, 112 — Willie Moore (Northern) decimated Greg Giffin (Lakeside), 4:00, 119 — Murphy (Farmington) decimated James Moore (Northern), 5:40, 125 — George Coleman (Northern) decimated Dave Bradner (Livonia), 2:12 — Randall Anderson (Northern) decimated Steve Allen (Central), 5:40, 128 — Dave Hall (Farmington) decimated Dan Berry (Northern), 2:41, 145 — Mark Bartram (Farmington) decimated Rich Guthrie (Northern), 16:11, 155 — Ted Moore (Guthrie) decimated Melvin Lewis (Northern), 10:47, 187 — Cliff Adams (Northern) decimated Jim Steiner (Farmington), 13:21, 185 — Gregg Lenanski (Farmington) decimated Mike Lewis (Township), 4:30, 198 — Lucas Williams (Northern) won by default; HEAVYWEIGHT — Dave Connor (Northern) pinned Mike Lewis (Township), 4:30.

### WESTERN SIX LEAGUE MEET

TEAM FINISH — 1. Northville High, 153½; 2. Plymouth Canton, 146½; 3. Walled Lake Western, 127½; 4. Waterford Mott, 97½; 5. Farmington Harrison, 86½; 6. Livonia Churchill, 57½.

### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

59 POUNDS — Ed Mio (Western) decimated John Humphries (Mott), 8:10, 105 — Neil Penzel (Western) pinned Tom Holloway (Canton), 5:06, 112 — Bill Blanchard (Northville) decimated Tom Herrell (Canton), 2:18 in overtime, 119 — Steve

Parks (Mott) pinned Paul Racostowski (Northville), 4:02, 125 — Jim Atwell (Western) pinned Steve Platte (Northville), 2:12, 132 — Phil Palajac (Harrison) decimated Tim Racer (Canton), 17:2, 138 — Zilas Allen (Northville) decimated Dave Bennett (Canton), 4:0 in overtime, 145 — Steve Hamblin (Canton) pinned Steve Morgan (Northville), 12:25, 155 — Tom Zimbarovic (Mott) decimated Don Lucas (Northville), 6:50, 167 — Angelo Buttazone (Western) decimated Dave Vaughan (Canton), 8:40, 185 — Ken Kopko (Harrison) decimated Paul Money (Canton), 6:2, 198 — Eric Kerastas (Harrison) decimated Rich Richardson (Western), 13:2, 198 — Mark Vance (North) decimated Vince Candelita (Northville), 8:0.

### NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LEAGUE

TEAM FINISH — 1. Westland John Glenn, 219 points; 2. North Farmington, 191; 3. Redford Thurston, 160½; 4. Garden City East, 73; 5. Redford Union, 34; 6. Livonia Franklin, 9.

### CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

99 POUNDS — Pete Bologna (Glenn) pinned Brad Fisher (North), 2:58, 105 — Harry Newton (Thurston) pinned Bob Griffin (Glenn), 2:25, 112 — John Donovan (North) decimated Jeff Clark (Glenn), 5:0, 119 — Eric Cushing (Thurston) decimated Paul Cotter (North), 3:36, 126 — Bruce Benda (North) decimated Bill Neil (Thurston), 8:0, 132 — Greg O'Hall (Glenn) decimated Allen Pesti (Thurston), 5:45, 138 — Kevin Ault (Thurston) decimated Ben Fernandez (East), 20:2, 145 — Duane Giffin (Glenn) pinned Jim Scully (North), 5:36, 155 — Shawn Cotter (North) decimated Ken Hodges (Glenn), 11:8, 167 — Keith Zimmerman (Glenn) decimated Steve Magyar (North), 11:2, 185 — David German (Glenn) won by default over Mark Erickson (Thurston), 198 — Gary Black (Glenn) pinned Karl Hamina (North), 4:45, HEAVYWEIGHT — Steve Alvarino (Glenn) pinned George Houtekier (North), 55 of overtime.

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The opening class will begin following 7 p.m. Communion service. The remaining five sessions will begin at 8

p.m. Thursday Feb. 28 through March 27.

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**CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)**

A Regular Meeting of the Farmington City Council was held February 4, 1980 in the Council Chambers, 21500 Liberty St., Farmington, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor William S. Hartsock. Councilmen Bennett, Buckler, Tupper and Yoder were present. Councilman Buckler was absent at roll call and arrived at 8:02 p.m.

City Officials Present: City Manager Deadman, Director Billing, Lt. Santamuro, Attorney Kelly and City Clerk Viane.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

The Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.

The Council was advised of the Annual Meeting of the Farmington Oaks Homeowners Association on February 7, 1980 at 8:00 p.m.

Council was advised of the 1980 Olympic Style Torch Relay which will proceed through the City on Thursday, February 7, between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. being sponsored by the Twelve Oaks Mall and the Fairlane Town Center.

The Oak Hill Nursing Home was granted permission for use of a temporary banner sign on their building to advertise the "Heart Fun Finale" March 1, 1980.

Council was advised of the opening of the Birmingham District Office of the 1980 U.S. Census, and employment opportunities.

Council supported the Commerce Township resolution pertaining to contributions to the U.S. Olympic Fund through a checkoff on Federal income tax returns.

Appointment of Mr. G. Robert Self as Director of Public Safety for the City of Farmington was confirmed by Council to become effective March 3, 1980.

The following Resolutions were adopted:

- Establishing Wholesale Sewer Rates to Oakland County;
- Authorizing the City Manager to sign an Agreement with Oakland County for the maintenance of Farmington Road from Eight Mile Road north to Grand River;
- Authorizing payment to the U.P. Construction Company in the amount of \$18,699.76;
- Authorizing the remodeling of the Public Safety Dept. Communications Area and the waiving of the bid process and acceptance of proposal from Eclipse Design for a portion of the work.

Financial Report Water & Sewer Fund Quarter ended 12/31/79 was received and filed.

City Manager Deadman reported on the 1980 Assessed Valuation Adjustments.

The following appointments were made:

**FARMINGTON AREA ARTS COMMISSION:** Miss Shirley Busher.

**FARMINGTON LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Mr. Ernest E. Sauter.

The monthly bills were approved for payment.

The following ordinance was adopted:

**ORDINANCE NO. C-453-79**  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 5.10 OF CHAPTER 38 OF TITLE V OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON BY ADDING A NEW DEFINITION.

**THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDAINS:**  
5.10. Definitions Pertaining to Building Measurements.

**STRUCTURE HEIGHT:** The vertical distance from grade to the highest point of the structure. Whenever the height of a building is controlled by this Code, no structure shall exceed the maximum building height limits contained elsewhere in this Chapter by more than ten (10) feet, unless approved by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**5.10 (a) Exceptions to Structure Height Limitations.**  
In any district, radio receiving and/or transmitting antenna towers shall be permitted for non-commercial purposes, subject to the within conditions, to a maximum height of seventy-five (75) feet from grade level, including the antenna thereon, for persons holding a valid amateur radio station license at a Technician Class or higher, issued by the Federal Communications Commission or any successor agency. Building permits are required for all such antenna towers, which antenna towers and supporting structures shall meet all requirements of the City Code. No antenna tower shall be located within the required front or side yard setback. No antenna tower shall be installed at a location closer to any property line than the measured combined height of the antenna and tower. Upon moving from the premises by the amateur radio operator, or the failure to maintain the required amateur radio operator's license, it shall be the responsibility of the owner of the premises to remove the tower and antenna.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor  
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

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