



Kerry Roop of Rochester is ranked seventh in the world among middleweight kick-boxers. (Staff photos by David Frank)

# Boxer gets kick out of sport

By JAY DUNSTAN

The thought of being punched, kicked and knocked down appeals to few people. But for Kerry Roop, it's part of a dream.

Roop, a 29-year-old resident of Rochester, is currently the seventh-ranked middleweight in the United States Kick Fighting League (USKFL). Roop's seven-round fight against

10th rated Mike Moore of Atlanta was the featured bout at the Self-Defense and Kick Boxing Spectacular at the Pontiac Silverdome Feb. 24. Roop, a Tae-Kwon Do stylist, outpointed Moore, 244-253, to win the fight before an estimated crowd of 3,500. Despite the closeness of the score, it was clearly Moore who received the greatest punishment — two broken ribs in the first round and a cut eye in the second. "This is the cleanest (physically) I've

come out of a fight," Roop said after the Moore bout. "I wouldn't recommend kick-boxing to just anybody."

At present, kick-boxing isn't very profitable. Roop usually earns about \$200, but much of that is eaten up by expenses. But he doesn't think it will be that way for long.

"There's going to be big money in kick-boxing eventually. I want to be there when it happens."

**ROOP WORKS OUT** at his school, Nature's Way Martial Arts Academy in downtown Rochester.

"It's something physical I do. I've been practicing six or seven days a week, two hours a day for the past six years.

"To train for kick-boxing, you follow the ordinary boxing workouts." His routine includes windprints up and down a flight of stairs at Bloomer State Park, which he does three times a week.

The martial arts are a family affair for Roop. His 11-year-old daughter, Toni, is a black belt and helps instruct with her father. Traci, Roop's eight-year-old daughter, is a blue belt and his wife, Linda, is a green belt.

The strain of raising two children while working have curtailed Linda's Karate activities. "Because of all the things I'm involved with, such as work and the Girl Scouts, I just haven't been able to find the time," she explained.

She does find the time to see her husband's fights and gets as excited as any other fan. "I get hyped about it. This is what he wants to do. I try not to think of him getting hurt. When he does well, I get really excited."

Roop first became interested in kick-boxing after seeing several fights. He started competing two years ago.

"I THOUGHT I'D give it a try," he said. "I lost a few fights by several points but I did win my first one."

Getting his martial arts teaching income, he also manages Carmen's East Disco in Warren at night, and once a month he supervises a kick-boxing show at Carmen's.

He has a great deal to do to keep active in the martial arts. "It's myself influencing myself. More than anything else I enjoy the discipline which is involved."

"Until I became interested in martial arts all I did was work, sleep, drink beer and smoke cigarettes."

Roop's next fight is against fifth-ranked Bob Biggs of St. Louis on April 5 in Anderson, Indiana.

## Cager earns academic honor

Oakland University's Helen Shereda has been selected to an All-Academic girls' basketball team.

Shereda was chosen to the Co-SIDA (College Sports Information Directors of America) Skool Happy Days of the U.S. Tobacco Co. team on the basis of her 3.2 grade point average with an elementary education major.

Shereda, a 6-foot, 145-pound senior, had an outstanding scoring average to go with her grade point. She was third in the nation in scoring (27.3 points per game) and fourth in rebounding (14.4 per game).

Joining Shereda on the first team was Jill Rankin of the University of Tennessee, Mary Hile of University of San Francisco, Susan Shue of San Diego State and Lia Brauer of Illinois.

The honor earned Shereda a \$1,000 scholarship for OU in her name and a six-day trip to New York city.

While in New York, Shereda and the other first team picks were honored during halftime of the National Invitational Tournament semifinal basketball game on March 17.

### WRESTLING CLUB

OU is forming a wrestling club with assistant coach Tony Basirico as the man in charge.

The club's first meeting will be today at 5:30 p.m. in the Hollis L. Lepley Sports Center. Future meetings will be every Monday and Wednesday until June 15.

Both freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling programs will be offered. The cost is \$25, with each participant

receiving a T-shirt and AAU membership card. Assisting Basirico will be Jack Gebauer, OU's head wrestling coach and other area coaches.

"We're hoping for a good turnout," Basirico said. "This club will enable wrestlers to get ready for spring and summer tournaments and give wrestlers the opportunity to wrestle year-round."

### SOCCER COACH PICKED

Klaas de Boer, former director of player development and public relations for the Detroit Lightning of the Major Indoor Soccer League, has been named as OU's new soccer coach.

deBoer, 36, was formerly an assistant coach and director of scouting and development for the Detroit Express. He graduated from Michigan State in 1965 and coached at Cleveland State from 1972-78.

His 1977 squad was ranked fourth nationally and made it to the NCAA quarterfinals before losing to Southern California in three overtimes. He was chosen as Ohio, Midwest and National Collegiate Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association in 1977.

"I am very happy to return to collegiate soccer," deBoer said. "I think OU has the potential of having a very good soccer program because of the location, the excellent facilities and the very competitive schedule that it plays."

"Collegiate soccer really appeals to me because there is more teaching involved and there is some incentive of seeing your progress."

"I would not have accepted any collegiate program. I think OU soccer has a lot to offer and I'm glad to be a part of it."

### MEN'S TENNIS

The OU men's tennis team opened the 1980 season competing in the Big Gold Tennis Tournament in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The 32-team field provided tough competition for first-year coach Russ Smith's squad, but he was pleased with his team's performance.

"I was impressed with the way some of the guys played considering it was our first match of the year and many of the other teams were well into their seasons," Smith said.

Senior Ken Bloom lost a pair of three set matches to Northeast Louisiana's and Texas A&M's No. 1 singles, while freshman Ted Williams lost two matches by identical 6-3, 6-1 scores to Belhaven College and Northeast Louisiana netters.

Senior Marc Berke won the Pioneer's only singles match with a 6-2, 6-2 decision over Alcorn State. Berke lost to another Northeast Louisiana player, 6-1, 6-1, in his next match.

Juniors Jim Fitzpatrick and Tom Simpson and freshman Jim Pinchoff all lost in straight sets in fourth, fifth and sixth matches.

In doubles, Berke and Williams split four matches in the No. 3 pairing, Fitzpatrick and Pinchoff were 1-2 in No. 2, and Bloom and Simpson lost both of their No. 1 matches.

## Bloomfield schools dominate ski teams

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Cranbrook wasn't the only local boys' ski team to enjoy an outstanding season. The Andover boys finished with a 10-0 dual meet record, won their divisional at Pine Knob, finished second in the Pine Knob Regional, were eighth in the Mt. Holly Invitational, and were eighth in the state meet.

Alex Blum was the main figure in Andover's eighth-place showing in the state, winning the slalom and finishing 22nd in the giant slalom.

Blum was fourth in the giant slalom and sixth in the slalom in the Pine Knob Regional, and he was second in the slalom and third in the giant slalom in the Pine Knob Divisional.

Teammate Paul Mooradian was seventh in the giant slalom and 14th in the slalom in the state meet. Mooradian won the giant slalom in the Mt. Holly Invitational and the Pine Knob Divisional, and was fifth in the event in the Pine Knob Regional.

Tuppenlatz finished 21st in the state in the slalom. He was third in the giant slalom and eighth in the slalom in the Pine Knob Regional. Tuppenlatz was second in the giant slalom and third in the slalom in the Pine Knob Divisional.

**KINGSWOOD'S LINDSEY** Aikens was the top area finisher in the state meet with a fourth place in the giant slalom and a fifth in the slalom. Aikens

led the Aardvarks to an 8-0 regular season dual meet record and to wins in the Mt. Holly Invitational, the Pine Knob Regional and the Mt. Holly Divisional.

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Teammate Amy Honer was seventh in the giant slalom in the state meet. She was sixth in the giant slalom in the Mt. Holly Invitational, second in the slalom in the Pine Knob Regional, and was third in the slalom in the Mt. Holly Divisional.

Divisional. Honer is a repeater from last year's first team.

Linda Rosalik was the third Kingswood skier selected by the coaches' panel. Rosalik was fourth in the slalom in the Mt. Holly Invitational, was third in the slalom and fourth in the giant slalom in the Pine Knob Regional, and was fourth in the giant slalom in the Mt. Holly Divisional.

The Lahser and Andover girls battled all year. The Knights won their division with an 8-0 dual meet record behind Dana Chladek and Becky Johnson, but Andover won the division meet at Pine Knob behind first-teamer Lisa Dove. The Andover girls finished at 8-1 in dual meets.

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