

Politicians scuttle cyclist's Olympic hopes

By C.J. RISAK

The decision was made months ago. Still, the pain lingers, a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity lost, never to be recovered.

The United States will not compete in the 1980 Moscow Olympics, a reprisal for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The sacrifice is small enough for most Americans. But for those athletes who put in countless hours rearing themselves for the competition, it was a heartbreaking setback.

Tom Schuler is one of those athletes. No one asked him whether or not the U.S.

should boycott the Olympics. He kept working and hoping sanity would prevail.

It didn't.

And now Schuler, a 1974 graduate of Birmingham Seaborn and one of America's premier bicyclists, will never have the chance to race through the Russian countryside against the world's best.

"YOU KNOW, you block things off in four-year segments around the Olympics," Schuler said

in a phone conversation from Chicago. "I was an alternate on our 1976 team, and it was a real honor. I really wanted to go on our next team."

"The real disappointment was in February when the Olympic Committee decided not to go. There's just nothing you can do."

And so he trains — five hours a day "except the day before and day after a race." He did participate in the U.S. Olympic trials the first week in June in Lima, Ohio and won a spot on the eight-man team, even though he knew he would never get a chance to travel to Moscow.

SIX MEMBERS of the team did get a chance to compete, traveling to France for a series of races. However, three team members weren't used to cycling overseas and went home early, eliminating any chance the U.S. team had in the Tour d'Auvergne, a five-day stage race of approximately 100 miles per day.

Schuler was doing well in the Paris-Auxerre, a single-day event of about 110 miles, until a succession of three flat tires ended his chances.

For the American Olympians, the landscape of France will never substitute for the Russian terrain. But the U.S. Olympic cyclists did get an opportunity to race against the best, because, in cycling, Europeans are dominant.

"They are superior!"

select few. He proved his mettle by winning the 1979 National Prestige Series championship, a 21-race competition featuring the top riders in the country.

"I didn't set it as a goal but when I got close (to the leadership) I decided to go for it," Schuler said.

HE HASN'T had much of a chance to compete for this year's National Prestige title. Already 12 races have been run and, because of commitments in overseas races, Schuler has managed to make only three.

Tourney planned

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course will proceed to the finals Aug. 12 at Salem Hills Golf Club in Northville. Separate awards will also be presented to the best three golfers in each division at each course.

Tournaments also will be played at Hollycher Golf Club, Springfield Oaks Golf Club in North, Oakridge Golf Club in Lennox Township, and Godwin Golf Club in South Lyon.

The entry fee of \$20 also entitles the golfer to participate in a clinic conducted by Randy Erskine, the Michigan Open champion, Aug. 8 at Godwin Glen.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A Regular Meeting of the Farmington City Council was held Monday, July 7, 1980 in the Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor William S. Hartsock. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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

Request from the Farmington Area Jaycees for a Beer Tent at the Founders Festival was denied.

Request from the Farmington Area Jaycees to close Grove Street during the Founders Festival for a Haunted House was approved.

Permission was granted to the Founders Festival for use of the Sillawassee Street City Park on July 27, 1980 for the annual "Sunday in the Park" and for the Festival Parade on Saturday, July 26, 1980 at 10:00 a.m.

Request from Mr. David Corwell for waiver of sidewalk construction on Drake Road was denied.

City Manager Deadman reported on the proposed wholesale water rate increase by the City of Detroit.

City Manager Deadman reported on the Agreement with Oakland County to purchase sirens for participation in the County Severe Weather Warning System.

Director G. Robert Seifert, Public Safety Department, was appointed to serve as representative of the City on the Farmington Area Advisory Council.

Authorization was granted to homeowners on Moore Drive to have Moore Drive between Fleming and Gill Road closed from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 12, 1980 for a "Block Party".

City Manager Deadman will study possibilities for altering the number of members on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The following Resolutions were adopted:

Opposing the establishment of duplicate Water Quality Agency;

Authorizing the closing of Grand River for the Festival Parade;

Recognizing the 15th Anniversary of Oakland Livingstone Human Services Agency;

Accepting the bid of William Anderson, Inc. for Municipal Building Improvements;

Ratifying a 2-Year Agreement with Department of Public Services hourly employees;

Authorizing Agreement with Oakland County Road Commission for traffic control device in the amount of \$6,910.00;

Authorizing Final Payment to Morrison Company in the amount of \$19,842.28 for work completed on the 1979 Road Construction Program;

Proclamation was issued joining the Animal Protection Institute of America in their efforts to protect the Great Whales.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

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CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
of Oakland and Wayne Counties

TO WHOM CONCERNED:

In compliance with Act 267 of Public Acts of 1976, Sec. 5, Part 29, the following is the schedule of the Clarenceville Board of Education meetings for 1980-81:

1980	July 10 & 24	1981	January 8 & 22
August 14 & 28	February 12 & 26		
September 11 & 25	March 12 & 26		
October 9 & 23	April 9 & 23		
November 6 & 20	May 14 & 28		
December 11	June 4 & 25		

The meeting will be held at the Board of Education Office at the above address and will start at 7:30 P.M.

Notice of special or rescheduled meetings will be placed on the door of the Board of Education Office at least 18 hours prior to the special or rescheduled meeting.

Please know that all citizens are invited and welcome to attend all or any of the meetings.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 14, 1980

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills held a regular meeting July 14, 1980. Mayor Soronen opened the meeting at 7:30 o'clock. Members present were: Burwell, Lange and Alkateeb. Absent: Wolf, Dolan and Oppenheimer. Others present were City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Bibaux.

Council approved the June 16 and 23, 1980 minutes.

After the Cost Hearing the Special Assessment Road Improvement for Nine Mile S.A.D. C138 in the amount of \$172,310 was confirmed. Council approved the agreement with Derin Construction, Inc. and the City re: paving Nine Mile Road. Cost Hearing for Inkster Road Improvement, S.A.D. C139 was adjourned to July 28, 1980.

National Bank of Detroit was designated as paying agent for the \$250,000 Supervisor's Eight Mile Grand River Area Sewer Improvement Special Assessment Bonds. Resolution setting Hearing Date of July 28, 1980 for Hunters Square Project Plan and for Ronson Company Project Plan was approved.

Reapproval of Final Preliminary Plat for Strathmore Subdivision in Section 7, was approved.

Necessary Hearing date August 18, 1980 was set for Omenwood Avenue-Supervisor's Middlebelt Ten Mile Road Plat No. 2.

Approval was given the request for Festival Permit from St. Alexander's for September 5 through September 7, 1980 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. subject to complying with recommendations of Chief Nichols and Ralph Magid.

Public Hearing was set for August 18, 1980 for request to vacate northern 140' of Bond Street from Orchard Lake Road to Eastfield.

Approval was given to the amendments to the City Manager's employment contract. Mayor Soronen's appointment of Kathryn Briggs to the Farmington Area Arts Commission for a three year term was approved.

Upon the recommendation of the City Manager the bid requirement was waived to purchase a Blazer for the D.F.W.

Approval was given to the Non Union Salary Plan.

Executive session was set to follow this meeting for consideration of pending litigation.

Council to review the status of road improvement and ditching in Lincolnshire Subdivision July 28, 1980.

Upon motion meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk
Approved by: MAYOR SORONEN

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