

Boycott finishes Kemp's career

By MIKE BRUDENELL

Item:
Steve Kemp will retire at the end of the year — and Sparky Anderson won't bat an eyelid.
This Steve Kemp excels in track, not baseball. And at 27, he'll be in his athletic prime when he hangs up his spikes to concentrate on selling insurance.
Horrorified? Don't be. . . Steve's not losing any sleep about his decision. He says he might even be back on the track in 1982 or '83.
This season Kemp gave it the best shot he had, but it wasn't enough. When President Carter announced that the U.S. would boycott the Moscow Olympics, Kemp's desire to continue competing dried up.

The story isn't a joke, or the sports scoop of the year. It's simply the epitaph of one Steve Kemp, Canadian decathlon champion who ran his prep track at Farmington High.
Interviewed last week from his home and training retreat in Campbell, Calif., the former Michigan State athlete, who moved from Belleville, Ontario to Royal Oak with his parents when he was 3, was ready to voice his opinion of Canada's support of the United States' Olympic boycott.
You've been asked before but how do you feel now that the Olympics have started and Steve Kemp isn't there?
Real disappointed. . . I never thought it would come down to this. All the hard work I've done just seems like a waste. . . All of that time and effort.

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How much did the Olympics mean to you?
A heck of a lot. After college I kind of retired from track. I was working 10 hours a day in the insurance business and only trained sporadically. I didn't compete in 1977 or '78, but I decided to give it one final shot for Moscow. I placed first in the decathlon in the

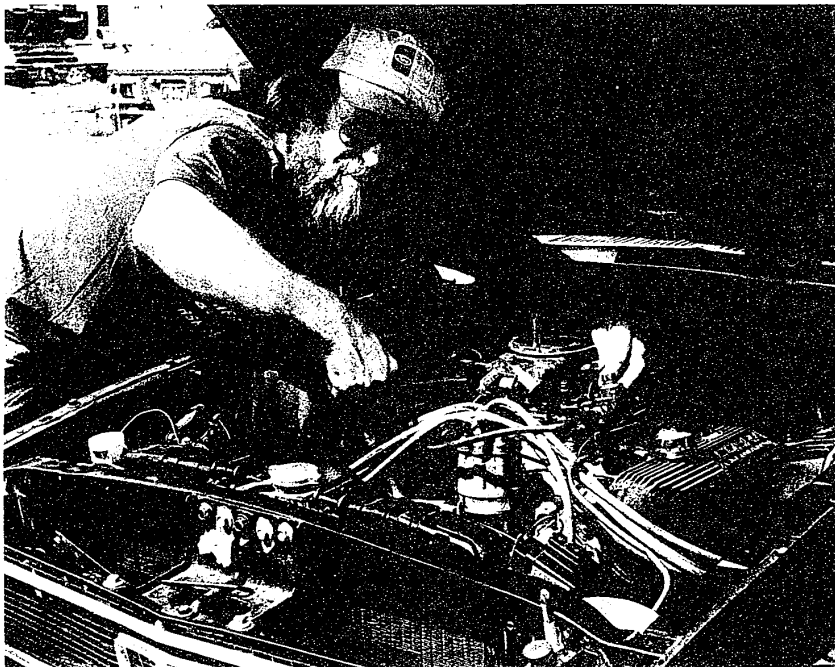
Canadian Olympic trials in June and broke the national record. I was ready. What do you think of President Carter's decision to stop American athletes from going to Moscow, and how much did it influence the Canadian government?
I never thought the boycott would accomplish anything. I can't understand

why Carter announced the boycott so early. He didn't sum up the situation properly; he just made it his own personal crusade, seeing everything else was going wrong at the time for him. . . . He placed plenty of pressure on Canada to join the boycott.
How do your Canadian teammates feel about the boycott?
Cheated. . . that's how they feel.
Have you ever met any Russian athletes. If so, what's your opinion of them?
I competed against some Russians last year in the States and I found them to be friendly and very concerned with making a good impression on us.
Provided the 1984 Olympics in Los



STEVE KEMP

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Lee Detrick, who recently set a drag racing record, is equally comfortable under the hood and behind the wheel. (Staff photo by Art Emanuele)

Drag racer is fine-tuned

By DOUG FUNKE

Drag racing, threatened by the gas crunch in the mid-seventies, is again making some healthy sounds. And if it does roar back into top health, Lee Detrick, a Garden City resident, will be ready.
Well, maybe he'll get involved — it all depends on how his finances hold out.
Detrick, 37, set an International Hot Rod Association record recently when he drove his 1970 Dodge Challenger from a starting position down a quarter-mile strip in 13.33 seconds. That's

equivalent to a speed of 105.90 miles per hour.
And that's the good news.
The bad news is that Detrick, a tool-and-die maker, has been laid off from his job at the Ford Motor Company.
But, maybe, that will be the factor which will tip the balance in favor of Detrick establishing his own performance and general repair car shop — his long-range goal.
Detrick takes his racing seriously, but perhaps more rewarding than the actual racing is the care he puts into

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Farmington '9' downs foe, 7-5

Winning pitcher Mike Tetreault raised his record to 7-1 and kept his earned run average under 1.0 last Wednesday as his Farmington team stopped Auburn Heights, 7-5, in an American Legion 18th-District baseball game.
Tetreault went the distance with a three-hitter. He struck out eight and walked eight. Only two of Auburn Heights' five runs were earned.
Farmington had nine hits in the game and produced four runs in the second inning.
In the second, the winners loaded the

bases on singles by Pete Tompson and Barry Williams and a walk to Rob King. Dave Hall then doubled up the alley to right center, knocking in all three runners. Hall was out at third as Tom Heenan reached on a fielders' choice. Heenan scored as Chuck Kott doubled down the right field line.
Farmington added two more runs in the third. Rich Nutter and Williams singled and scored on King's double. Rex Baker walked in the fourth, stole second and scored on Nutter's single.
The victory lifted manager Wally Christensen's Farmington team to 15-9 this summer.

Fitness winners advance

Champs head for Belle Isle



An intense Mike Matthews glides through the air during competition at the Farmington Youth Fitness Olympics. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Some of the Farmington area's best young athletes will compete Thursday in the 23rd annual Detroit Youth Fitness Meet beginning at 9 a.m. on Detroit's Belle Isle.
The meet is expected to attract more than 2,500 youngsters from 64 area cities.
Farmington's team consists of the winners from the Youth Fitness Olympics held last Tuesday at Farmington High School. More than 200 youngsters ages 9-15 participated in the meet, which tested playground skills.
Boys and girls competed in the 50-yard dash, triple jump, running broad jump, softball throw, shuttle relay, standing broad jump and chinning.
There were four competitive age classifications — Class A, ages 14-15; Class B, 12-13; Class C, 10-11; and Class D, 9 and under. Only the winners from the top three classes will participate in the Belle Isle meet.
Sportsmanship and conduct are important in the Metro Meet. The teams will be shooting for the John J. Considine Award, given to the team which displays the best sportsmanship, conduct and appearance in the track and field events.
Following are the results of the Farmington Youth Fitness Olympics:

YOUTH FITNESS OLYMPICS CLASS A RESULTS
TRIPLE JUMP — Boys: Mike Alexander; SOFTBALL THROW — Boys: Jeff Fisher, Tony Stank, Don Taylor; Girls: Debbie Horton, Ruth Roddy, Denise Taylor, CHINNING — Boys: Mike Forge, Jim Terry, DASH — Boys: Jim Lee.
CLASS B RESULTS
SOFTBALL THROW — Boys: Jack O'Connell, Eric Held, Chris Hickman; Girls: Kerry Rogers, Jenny Wischmeyer, Kim Snyder; STANDING BROAD JUMP — Boys: Mike Brown, Eric DeBorja; Girls: Mary Adams, Wendy Sork; RUNNING LONG JUMP — Boys: Mike Wideman, Scott Peterson, Rod Sorenson; Girls: Diana Nelson; CHINNING — Boys: Kevin Bader; DASH — Boys: Dean Russell, Jeff Schneider, Darrell Tharish; TRIPLE JUMP — Boys: Joe Krawinkel, Craig Alexander, Chris Parley; Girls: Laura Redwood.
CLASS C RESULTS
JUMP — Boys: John Platt, Mike Hansen; Girls: Casey Dierley, Dawn Out, Jill Hilder; SOFTBALL THROW — Boys: Marc Coleman, Tim Kim, Dave McHugh; Girls: Maureen O'Brien, Marie Lockhart, Donna O'Brien; TRIPLE JUMP — Boys: Aaron Kala, Mike Wilson, Eric Curtis; Girls: Nicole Leroy, Maria O'Brien, Becky Pelt; STANDING BROAD JUMP — Boys: Gary Goughnash, Adam Pilewski, Danny Karaman; Girls: Kristie McMillan, Claudia Pedersen, Michelle Baber; RUNNING LONG JUMP — Boys: Ryan Meador, Todd Sorenson, Ray Sorenson; Girls: Jean Anselmi, Kelly Karaman, Anne Marie Smith; DASH — Boys: David Wilson, John Haverstick, Tim McMillan.

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