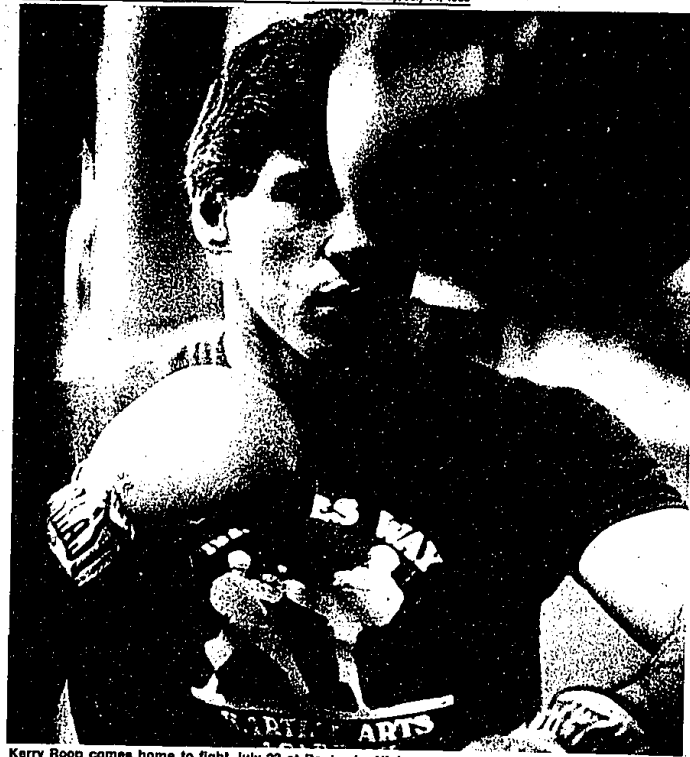




Kerry Roop comes home to fight July 23 at Rochester High.

Thrown for a Roop

Local kick boxer hunts for title

By Dan Bodene
Staff writer

Kerry Roop's hometown fans will finally get a chance to see him fight.

The 32-year-old former light heavyweight world champion kick boxer will take the ring for the first time in Rochester on July 23, during a 10-bout card sponsored by the Rochester-Avon Recreation Authority (RARA).

Roop will face Gerald Curry of Tennessee in a heavyweight matchup. Heavyweight class kick boxers weigh in between 185-190 pounds.

Question: If Roop was tops in the light heavyweight division, why is he fighting heavyweight this time around?

Answer: To train most effectively for middleweight.

Huh?

"My last fight was in middleweight last September," Roop says. "I lost, mainly because I had to lose so much weight so fast. Now I want a couple of light heavyweight and heavyweight fights, and work my way down."

THE OBJECT of all the strategy is to get a middleweight U.S. or world title shot in September. The man most likely to be facing the business end of Roop's hands and feet is Jean Eaz Theriault, a French Canadian, recognized as the world's finest kick boxer.

But Roop's no slouch, either. He has been involved with kick boxing for about seven years. He studied martial arts, primarily karate, for three years before that. In 1975 he tried a kick boxing match and was surprised at its success. "I had good luck at it, and just kept going," he says.

Roop was eventually rewarded for his training and skill with a light heavyweight world championship. After he won the title, contenders were few and far between. So was a decent purse.

"I retired the title because I wasn't getting enough money to fight," Roop says frankly. "But I still had the urge to keep fighting."

Kick boxing's "rewards" aren't only monetary. During his fighting career Roop has suffered broken bones from his face to his feet. "But I feel better now than I did when I was 24," he said.

ROOP's training regimen includes road work (from three to seven miles per day, five to six days per week), sit-ups, push-ups, punching bag work and sparring. Careful attention is also paid to diet and rest.

Meticulous training is very important: the sheer physical punishment in kick boxing is often greater than in other forms of fighting. As in all full-contact sports, athletes who aren't in top condition risk serious injury.

Roop says he knows the dangers of the sport, but they're almost like an occupational hazard. He's owner and in-

structor of Nature's Way Fitness and Martial Arts Academy in Rochester.

And with that kind of background, it's no surprise he's enthusiastic about kick boxing. "It's a little more exciting than boxing, because you get good at boxing and kicking, too. The sport is getting more popular, and bouts are being shown on television. In a couple of years there's going to be big money in the sport."

For the time being, Roop's energies are devoted to the Curry match. "He went the distance with the world champion, and I want to see how I do against him."

The kick boxing card at Rochester High begins at 7 p.m. Roop says if the weather cooperates, the ring will be set outside. Tickets are still available, from R.A.R.A. offices at Fourth and Wilcox in Rochester, phone 551-4216; or from Nature's Way, at 105 Main in Rochester, phone 551-5078.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING JULY 11, 1983

Mayor Hughes opened the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington Hills on July 11, 1983 at 7:30 P.M. Members present were: Burwell, Dolan, Lange, Hughes, Soronen, Williams and Wolf. Others present: City Manager Savage, Assistant City Manager Condit, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Bibeau.

The minutes of June 10 were approved as corrected and the minutes of June 27, 1983 were approved as submitted.

Council denied request for tax abatement for Controlled Precision Machinery, Inc. Council awarded Class C liquor license to Blakeney's Ranch House, Inc.

Council approved request for Flood Plain Fill until further contacted by proponent Brooks and Layne Development Co.

Council approved Fred Hughes as delegate for Michigan Municipal League Annual Convention and Charles Williams as alternate.

Council approved Consent Judgment on Schmier vs. Farmington Hills, with "Easement and Agreement" subject to the approval of the City Attorney.

Council approved agreement with Vilcan Leman and Associates, Inc. for Planning Consultant Services for City of Farmington Hills.

Council approved adoption of amended Fee Schedules for Planning, Board of Appeals and Building Department.

Council approved recommendation from Fire Department on fire hydrant improvements.

Council adjourned Vacation request of Westfield Drive from Thirteen Mile Road to vicinity of Lot 178 to a future date.

Council awarded to Lancer Construction Co. first and second phase of Storm Sewer for drainage improvement in the Richland Gardens project, in the amount of \$390,789.70.

Council set July 28, 1983 as date for special meeting to study and review police facility plans.

Council accepted report on Mercy Center regarding potential expansion of services for the aging and authorized letter to Susan E. Nestor.

Council awarded bids for the following drainage improvements: Grand Duke Drive Storm Sewer, No. ST-83-3, be awarded to the low bidder, J. L. Construction Co., in the amount of \$3,910; Paddock Road Storm Sewer, No. ST-83-2, be awarded to the low bidder, State-Wide Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$8,299.40; and Moran Avenue Storm Sewer Extension, No. ST-83-1, be awarded to the low bidder, State-Wide Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$7,830.

Council advised to proceed with the design and bidding of the Grayfield Culvert Replacement.

Council approved support of SEMCOO referral of application for construction of Baptist Manor Senior Housing Drake House No. 2.

Council recognized "Adults for Kids, Inc." as a Michigan Non-Profit Corporation.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

FREDERICK W. HUGHES, Mayor
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan will accept sealed bids or proposals until Monday, August 8, 1983 - 10 A.M. prevailing local time at which time they shall be publicly opened and read aloud by the City Clerk for the following:

Building Improvements to
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Bids for the above shall be submitted to the City Clerk, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018 on or before the above date and time. Specifications and proposal forms may be obtained by contacting the Purchasing Agent, (313)-474-6115, Ext. 295 during normal business hours.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids if the public interest is better served thereby.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by Mayor Bennett on July 5, 1983, in Council Chambers, 23800 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

PRESENT: Mayor Bennett, Councilmen Hartsock, Tupper, Yoder.

ABSENT: Councilman Mitchell.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Deadman, Director Billing, Director Seifert, Attorney Kelly, City Clerk Hukey.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Minutes of other Boards were received and/or filed.

Council granted a thirty-day sign variance to The Great Getaway at the Farmington Plaza.

Council tabled a decision on House Bill 5885 until they can review the proposed legislation.

Council supported Representative McGee's proposed House Bill to reimburse local governmental units for state-mandated fire fighters expenses.

Council supported City of Northville's resolution to establish the Inactive Veto file.

Council permission was granted to Douglas Breckenridge to paint house numbers on residential curbs in the city.

Council approved the request of Linblad Construction Company to connect to the Farmington Interceptor Sewer.

A Title Retaining Contract for the fire apparatus was approved by Council.

Action on the Proposed Charter Amendment relative to the Employees Pension Plan was tabled until the next regular Council meeting.

Council authorized the following for the Rungs River Erosion Control Project:

Waiving the bid process;

Securing price proposals on fill stone and the purchase of this material in an amount not to exceed \$17,608.00;

The transfer of \$23,997.00 from Unappropriated Surplus to the General Fund, 1983-84 budget.

Council was advised that Oakland County will include the pedestrian signalization on Farmington Road at Alta Loma/Orchard Street in their Federal Aid Traffic Signal Program Grant Application for the coming year.

The following ordinance was adopted:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TRAFFIC CONTROL ORDERS

That the Traffic Control Order issued by the Chief of Police of the City of Farmington, dated February 4, 1979, is hereby amended as follows: Chapter 5, Section 5.23, as provided for in Section 2.53 of the Uniform Traffic Code for Cities, Townships and Villages.

CHAPTER 5 "PROHIBITED PARKING" - Amend the following:

Section 5.23 - Cemetery Drive

(a) Both sides from Farmington Road to Eight Mile Road, "TOW-AWAY ZONE."

This ordinance is declared to be an emergency ordinance which is immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety.

This ordinance was introduced, adopted and enacted at a regular meeting of the Farmington City Council on July 5, 1983, and will become effective immediately.

AYES: Yoder, Bennett, Hartsock, Tupper.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Mitchell.

The City Manager was asked to investigate better signing to help alleviate undesirable parking situations by the ball diamond on Orchard Lake Road and on Drake Road near the park.

Council appointed Nellie M. Young and Geraldine Dietschlein to a three-year term on the Farmington Area Commission on Aging.

Council set an early meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 18, 1983, to interview planning consultants.

Council designated the National Bank of Detroit as Paying Agent for General Obligation and Special Assessment Bonds for the Old Town Drain Project.

Monthly bills were approved for payment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ALTON L. BENNETT, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. BUREY, City Clerk

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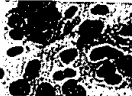
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