

Fighters chase dream at Young Center

Continued from Page 1
 Blue Thunder. Blue Thunder is what ABC Promotions has decided to call Hopper, which may not be much but it's better than Fred Adam's nickname. He's a 16-year-old featherweight from Kentucky who is about as thick as your forearm and is billed as The Tank.
 Steve Darnell strolls by. A Livonia resident, he got his start with Soucy, too, but now is managed by Madro Carradi of Bloomfield Hills, who owns the National Ladder and Scaffold Company. Carradi also manages MacDonald.
 Though Darnell, a middleweight, is three years younger than Hopper, he carries himself with a cocky grace Hopper has yet to learn. Where Hopper seems shy, almost unsure that he belongs here with some of the best boxers in Michigan —

over there is Lindell Holmes, who will soon fight for the middleweight world title in Korea, and there is Willie Edwards, a former No. 1 light-heavyweight contender — Darnell strolls like he owns the world.
 He jokes and teases with the other boxers, shucks and jives and fills the place with his presence. Why not? He is 16-0-1. In a couple of days he will be fighting in Atlantic City on a bout that might make ABC-TV if the main event ends early. He fought on the Marvin Hagler-Thomas Hearns card in Las Vegas and was seen on closed circuit throughout the world. And he's been a regular on ESPN.
 His manager obviously has connections — there are thousands of young boxers who would kill to get on a Hagler-Hearn card — and his trainers, Luther Burgess and Bill Miller, have national reputations.

"It's a hell of a gym here," said Darnell. "I'm just trying to make my mark. If I can't do it, it's my fault. I got the two best trainers in the world and a super manager. He's paying me a salary and picked up my Blue Cross and dental."
 Behind him, Hopper is doing surprisingly well against MacDonald. After a slow start — Hopper seems more interested in survival the first minute or so — he whacks MacDonald with a few good combinations and backs him up.
 He lands a right hook that echoes off the cinder block walls and nails him with a left and right.
 But Darnell's eyes are on MacDonald. "That sucker can really punch with his right hand," he says. Hopper survives his five rounds in good fashion, then leaves the ring to attack the speed bag and then the

heavy bag. When he is done a half-hour later, he will wring the sweat from his shirt as if it had just come out of the washer. It pours out of his shirt and into the bucket.
 1:15. There are 45 in the gym, now. Outside, it is pouring. Inside, drops fall from leaks in the roof. It's hard to believe the laws of physics will allow more moisture into the room. The air is heavy with the smell of sweat.
 All the oxygen seems to have combined with hydrogen and there is none left to breathe. The air is so thick you can punch it instead of the heavy bag. You have to push it aside to walk through. The temperature continues to rise.
 Darnell is on the speed bag, now. He watches the action in the ring as he whack-whack-whacks. He looks

so easy. His eyes are focused on the boxers in the ring, his hands held in front of him as he hits the bag faster than you can count, never mistaking a beat, never looking at what he's hitting.
 Now it is his turn. Darnell gets in the ring with Ernest Houser, who carries the less-than-impressive nickname of Ice Tea. Maybe it means he'll hit you on your lip a ton.
 Boxers, trainers and hangers-on yell and scream encouragement. Though most of those present are black, as is Houser, the white kid, Darnell, gets equal support. It's a color-blinded environment. You whack someone with a good left hook, you get your roars and whoops. Respect is earned inside those ropes, it isn't parceled out according to pigment. Darnell, it's obvious, is respected, but Houser gives as good as he takes

and their five rounds could be called a draw. The day before, Darnell had knocked around Caveman Lee, a Kronk fighter who lost a title bout to Hagler, then spent time in prison for armed robbery.
 "Steve's a good prospect," says Burgess candidly. "But until he proves himself against some 17-0 16-0 fighters like himself, that's all he is. It's hard to tell (ill) you see him against better people. He's very quick. He's got a good left cross, he puts his punches together well, but he's got to work on his consistency."
 "I want to see him in there against some better guys. That's when we'll be able to tell."
 In the bout in Atlantic City, Darnell, like Hopper, is about to fight his last eight-rounder, against Darrell Fromm of Dayton, who is listed at 9-2.

United wins Cup

A pair of local youth soccer teams brought home Michigan Cup titles June 7.
 The WSSL United, a 1972 girls team sponsored by the Northville Soccer Club with players from Northville, Plymouth, Canton and Farmington Hills, won the Michigan State Cup championship in Sterling Heights, beating Troy 2-1.
 Marcie Dart, on an assist from Sara Hayes, and Amy Trunk scored for United.
 The team advances to the Midwest Regional Tournament in Carmel, Indiana July 19-20.
 Earlier this year, United won the prestigious Buckeye Invitational in Ohio, considered the largest youth tournament in the Midwest.
 The team plays in the Bonanza Premier Soccer League and is coached by Bob Dart of Northville and George Martin of Farmington Hills.
 The players are: Margaret Martin, Anne Scullen and Amy Trunk from Farmington Hills; Sara Hayes, Renee Lanzon and Jennifer Marshall of Canton; Jennifer Degenhardt, Debbie Pondant and Jennifer Russell from Plymouth; Andrea Barber, Neysa Colizzi, Marcie Dart, Liz DeMatita, Jennifer Howland, Dana Lehmkuhl and Kristy Turner from Northville.

THE CANTON COUGARS, a boys under 12 team, also brought home a Michigan Cup title from Sterling Heights.
 The Cougars beat the Livonia Strikers 1-0 to clinch the title. Earlier this season, the team won the Boys Premier Division title in Bonanza play.
 The Cougars will also be on hand at the Midwest Regional.
 The Cougars are coached by Frank Cespio, Roy Larner, John Boots and Dave Cook. The players are: Rick Andrusiak, Tom Baker, Mike Brennan, Dominic Cespio, Matt Cook, Brian Harrington, Chris Hayes, Scott Larner, Jason Lipke, Matt Lee, Mike Makowiec, Jeff Nafe, Brendan Sullivan, Mike Wdowiak and Kerry Zavagin.

Vellucci a Whaler

Continued from Page 1
 "I've loved hockey since I was nine," said Judy. "I remember watching Gordie Howe, and what's really nice is Gordie's part of the Whalers organization. My parents are both Canadian and that's how the kids got started so young. My husband, Frank, can't skate. He's from Ohio and they don't play much hockey there."
 Mike started skating when he was three, began playing organized hockey when he was five and at 14 was on travel teams for Compuware's outstanding hockey program.
 "A lot of parents have such expectations for their kids. We just wanted him to have fun," said Judy.
 "We hoped he could get a college scholarship," she continued, "but that was it; we never dreamed beyond that, though since he was eight we knew he was something special. Mike was always the real aggressive one, sort of mean. Then he was always the nicest one at home."
 "It was my dream to play in the NHL from the day I started, but I never thought I could," said Vellucci. "It was always just a dream, even when I was playing in Canada... It's just starting to sink in."
 He hasn't made it to the NHL, yet, but he's playing for money, now, and well along the road to the bigs. What looked like a career-ending injury has become just a detour, just one of the breaks.

Correction
 An article in Thursday's Observer sports sections incorrectly stated that Livonia Stevenson was the 1986 Western Lakes champions in girls track. North Farmington won the title. Stevenson won the Lakes Division title.

HAS THE INSIDE TRACK ON OUTSIDE VALUES

PINE CASHWAY LUMBER

FIR SIDING
 Natural Rustic Tex. 1-11
 8' o.c.
 4x8-19/32"
13⁹⁹

2x4 STUDS
 STUD GRADE
 7 ft.
99¢

8 ft. **129**

TREATED LUMBER
 5/4 x 6 DECKING
 Preservative pressure treated. Select quality.

8 ft.	10 ft.
309	379
12 ft.	14 ft.
459	539
16 ft.	
619	

	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'
2x4	2.18	2.79	3.59	3.99	4.99
2x6	3.49	4.39	5.69	6.75	7.69
4x4	3.99	5.99	7.19	—	—

Longer lengths & other dimensions stocked at most locations.

FENCING
 STOCKADE FENCE
 Spruce
 #1 Grade
 6'x8'
17⁹⁹

DOG-EAR FENCE
 Pressure Treated
 6'x8'
26⁹⁹

DRIVEWAY SEALER
 HEAVY DUTY
 Dual purpose
 Back-up filler & sealer.
949
 5 Gal.

STANDARD DUTY
749
 5 Gal.

COUPON
 THE BRUSKE BRUSH
 INDESTRUCTIBLE!
 YOUR CHOICE - All Purpose - Coarse - Medium or Fine
999
 5 YEAR GUARANTEE
COUPON

COUPON
 HOSE NOZZLE
 FREE With purchase of 5/8" x50' hose at \$7.99.
 A \$1.45 value.
 #597643
COUPON

COUPON
 RUST-OLEUM SPRAY
 Save \$1.00 Standard Colors
289
 With Coupon Reg. \$3.89
COUPON

COUPON
 DRIVEWAY SEALER APPLICATOR
 FREE With purchase of Driveway Sealer.
 A \$3.35 value.
 9 1/2 Inch
 Limit one per customer.
COUPON

ASPHALT SHINGLES
699 BDL.
 \$20.97 SQ.
 - 20 year ltd. warranty
 - U.L. class "A" fire rating
 - Self sealing
 - 7 popular colors
 Cert. GG Shingles
 WE WILL TAKE 5% OFF ANY CURRENTLY ADVERTISED LOWER PRICE FOR #1 grade shingles. Bring in the ad - and save! Cash & carry only. Quantities limited to normal household use.

EASY-UP PICY-NIP TABLE
 Pre-cut. Ready-to-Assemble. 24"x72" Top.
1995

PANELING SPECIALS!
 - Plywood
 - Lightweight
 - Scuff resistant
 NORFOLK ELM (Brown) **599**
 HAMPTON ASH (Gray) **699**

HOUSE PAINT
 SAVE \$3.00 GUARDIAN LATEX HOUSE PAINT
 - Blister resistant
 - Mildew resistant
 - Hundreds of colors
999 Gal.
 Reg. \$12.99

LIQUID NAILS
 All purpose construction adhesive.
129 11 oz.
 Reg. \$1.58

ELECTRICAL WIRE & ACCESSORIES
 ROMEX WIRE 250' ROLLS
 12-2 WG **2195**
 14-2 WG **1595**
 SWITCHES (Brown or Ivory) **49¢**
 OUTLETS (Brown or Ivory) **39¢**
 PLASTIC BOXES (Square) **29¢**

WINDOWS
 - Quality certified
 - FHA approved thermal break
 - Maintenance free
 - Simple installation
 - No storm windows needed
 NOW **40% OFF**

SIZE	SALE
3/0-2/0	6134
3/0-3/0	7823
4/0-3/0	9248
4/0-4/0	11504

Sale prices include screen. All other stock units at similar savings.

BRIGHTON 825 MAIN ST. 227-1831
FENTON 14375 TORREY RD. 829-3300
LIVONIA PARK 3215 FORT ST. 388-5177
MIDLAND 802 ASHMAN 631-4250
MT. CLEMENS 6 S. GROSBECK 489-3300
OWEN 1315 E. MAIN ST. 723-8111
REDFORD 12254 INKSTER RD. 874-1111
SOUTHFIELD 32800 W. 5 MILE 353-2570
UTICA 48675 VAN DYKE 738-7483
WATERFORD 274 HIGHLAND RD. 866-2450
YPSILANTI 628 N. HURON 481-1500

OPEN:
 MON.-FRI. 9 A.M.-6 P.M.
 SATURDAY 9 A.M.-5 P.M.
 SUNDAY 10 A.M.-4 P.M.

Cash & Carry Prices Good Thru June 23, 1986

PINE CASHWAY LUMBER

WELCOME

SOME ITEMS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE AT ALL LOCATIONS. ALL CASH & CARRY. NO SALES TO DEALERS.