

# Cunningham to try tour

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Carrie Cunningham has put a collegiate tennis career on hold, at least for the coming year.

The 17-year-old senior from Churchill High in Livonia, ranked among the top 100 players in the world, said Thursday she would remain an amateur and compete on the Women's International Tennis Association tour.

Cunningham said Stanford, which has won four NCAA titles and six of the last eight, was her first choice over UCLA and Florida.

"I need to take a year off and concentrate on tennis without school," said Cunningham. "Until this past week I was going to go to college, but after talking it over with my parents (John and Carol Tenerowicz), I've decided to try and be a full-time tennis player and see exactly where I stand."

The Livonian has had moderate success in pro tournaments.

She has played in all four Grand Slam events — the Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. Last year, Cunningham reached the semifinals of the Virginia Slims of Houston before losing to Monica Seles and won a USTA satellite event in Georgia. The former U.S. Open Junior champion also took seven games off No. 1-ranked Western Gemma Steffi Graf in the Australian Open back in January and won three qualifying matches and one main draw match at last month's stop at the Harcourts in San Antonio, Texas.

"I'M NOT RANKED high enough where the money matters, but I want to have the option where in a year I could go back to school," Cunningham said. "No one has done this yet and I guess I'm a guinea pig. I just have to see how successful I can be."

A member of the U.S. Junior National squad, Cunningham will likely be free of travel expenses when she embarks on the pro circuit, and any prize money she earns will be put aside in a trust fund.

One of her best friends, Midland's Meredith McGrath, a freshman at Stanford, currently plays No. 2 singles for the Cardinals. McGrath is also ranked No. 2 in the country behind teammate Sandra Birch, the reigning NCAA

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singles champ.

"Meredith loves it (Stanford) and she said she would have done it again (going to college)," said Cunningham. "And I know I'd enjoy it, too. But I need to try and see if I can succeed."

But there has also been talk that McGrath might turn pro at the end of the season.

Stanford coach Frank Brennan, whose team owns a school-record 58 match victories dating back to April 15, 1988, said he understood Cunningham's decision. "That's one of the several choices Carrie could have made," Brennan said. "Certainly a player of her caliber is going to weigh all the options, even if it's between Stanford and the pros."

BRENNAN, however, said "I can't be happy about it either."

"For selfish reasons you can't assume that I like the decision, but then again, she (Cunningham) is not a marginal player, she's a great player," he added. "She'd be an asset to any program. And don't forget she's been accepted in our school. She's a good student. She's very bright and alert for her age and she'll always have that in her back pocket, but I can also see her point."

Cunningham said she plans to write a letter to the dean of admissions at Stanford to request a deferment.

"That's fairly common when someone chooses not to come," Brennan said. "It's standard procedure with our school."

Because of Cunningham's deferment, Brennan has yet to sign a player for the 1990-91 season.

"Another player has been offered a scholarship," he said. "You lose one superstar, but you hope to get another."

Meanwhile, Cunningham is taking time off to finish up high school requirements at Churchill. Her next tournament will be Wimbledon, but not until she attends Churchill's prom and graduation exercises.

## PARAGON WINS INDOOR

Livonia Paragon Productions (10-0-1) captured the state indoor soccer title Sunday by defeating Bill and Paul's of Grand Rapids, 4-3, in a match played before several hundred fans at Total Soccer in Southfield.

Paragon reached the final by defeating Croatia of Detroit in the semifinals, 4-1, and Def Korean in the quarterfinals, 8-1. Croatia eliminated the Redford Marauders in the quarterfinals, 4-3.

Goalkeeper Shawn Soraghan of Paragon was voted tournament MVP.

Brian Tinnon scored twice for Paragon, while Jim Soraghan and Russ Gans netted the other two goals.

Other members of the championship team include player-coach Dan Duggan, Jim Duggan, Henry Klimes, Jeff Perrin, Todd Neff, Jason Cardasis, Tom King, Chris Crawford, Bobby Paul, Joe Bougie, Kevin Tuite and John Gelmski.

## TENNIS RESULTS

North Farmington's boys tennis team finished third in the four-team Troy Invitational on April 7. Grosse Pointe North took first place. Troy was second and Warren DeLaSalle last.

North freshman Seth Hoffman was in Miami, Fla., for the Easter Bowl Tournament and did not compete for the Raiders. The nationally-ranked player moved up from his usual 14-year-old classification to play in the 16 age group.

The Raiders had other players who were taking the ACT test and unable to participate, but No. 2 sin-

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gles player Steve Sampson and the No. 1 doubles team of Jeff Monash and Grant Shively were runners-up at those flights.

"I have to believe we would have been a little more competitive if we had been able to play everybody in the right spots that day," North coach Rick Jones said.

## GRAND PRIX VOLUNTEERS

The Valvoline Detroit Grand Prix is seeking volunteers to work its race during the weekend of June 15-17.

Positions open include ushers, who check tickets and assist race fans in the grandstands; circuit marshals, who interact with the public and ensure that all areas of the circuit remain secure. Both are outside jobs.

Volunteers must be at least 18 years old, available to work all three days of race weekend (Friday through Sunday), and pay the \$20 Detroit Grand Prix Association membership fee, which entitles workers to receive numerous benefits including membership card and patch, race credentials, free meals, discounts and members-only social events.

For more information, call 567-9471 during regular business hours.

## COACHES NEEDED

The Walled Lake Consolidated Schools has coaching vacancies in

the following areas: boys head basketball at Walled Lake Western, assistant basketball, swimming and diving.

Interested candidates should send their resumes to Robert Atkins, director of athletics and physical education, Walled Lake Consolidated Schools, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, 48088. Applicants also can call Atkins at 624-6804 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

## BASEBALL SCHOOL

The Bernie Carbo Baseball School (ages 9-16) will hold two weeks of individual instruction — June 18-22 and June 26-30 — at Drake Field in Farmington. The cost is \$75 per week. Campers meet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday.

College pitching coach Gordie Rutherford will also be on hand for the school along with former major leaguer Bernie Carbo.

For more information, call 421-4928. The school is co-sponsored by the South Farmington Little League.

## SENIORS TENNIS

The Second Annual Silver's Super Senior Tennis Tournament will be played June 21-24 at the Detroit Tennis and Squash Club in Farmington Hills.

The tournament will consist of men's singles and doubles events in the age divisions of 55, 60, 65, 70, 75 and 80. Entry forms can be obtained by calling the club at 661-2300. For information call Mike Schram at the same number.

# Life in Lakeland to Krumm's liking

By Steve Kowalski  
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If a Hollywood producer wanted to make a sequel to *Butt*, Durren, he wouldn't ask Todd Krumm to play the leading role.

Like all minor leaguers, Krumm has a story to tell — but his might not sell in Hollywood. Krumm's story is about good, clean fun in Florida, playing baseball for the Class A Lakeland Tigers and living in a condominium.

Next to a golf course.

Krumm, a 1984 West Bloomfield graduate, is giving baseball a shot after spending one year with the NFL's Chicago Bears.

"It's beautiful — sunny and 78 — and I live in a condo, right on the first fairway," said Krumm, an avid golfer who probably could have pursued that profession if he had more time.

"It's not what I thought the minor leagues would be like — you know, watching the movie about it, which showed the dirty buses, the eight-hour trips. It's not that way at all."

"OUR LONGEST trip is four hours (to Miami). We've got a great bunch of guys on the team and get along real well. Everyone likes to golf and fish, and we've got a couple VCR's and a TV on the bus."

Now, don't get the impression that Krumm, a former football and baseball star at Michigan State, is down here on another Spring Break.

Krumm, a right-handed rookie pitcher, is serious about trying to make it to the big leagues with the Tigers. Krumm, who was cut as a defensive back by the Bears last fall,

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has shown no signs of being washed up on the mound.

Krumm made an impressive debut Tuesday, throwing four innings of shutout ball against the St. Lucie Mets. Krumm allowed six hits, struck out five and walked none.

Not bad for a guy whose only experience on a diamond last fall came when he joined a team of washed-up softball players at Softball City to keep in shape.

Lakeland, a member of the Florida State League, won Tuesday's game, 2-0.

"Todd Krumm is an impressive young athlete, which is very important as a pitcher," said coach John Lipon, in his third year. "He's a good competitor and has a good, young arm. I say 'young arm' because he hasn't pitched much because he played football for the Bears. He has a fine attitude and is all business, which is what you want everyone to be."

LIPON PULLED Krumm after four innings because he doesn't want his starters throwing more than 60

pitches a game early in the season. Krumm, who threw 53 pitches, was satisfied with the results.

"It was good to start and nice to get out in the competitive arena again," said Krumm. "I was throwing pretty well all spring and knew once you get in a game situation, your performance goes up a level. I'm glad to see I had the nerves and butterflies. I turned the nervous energy into a positive."

"My velocity has been good. No one has clocked me but I've got to be throwing in the upper 80s. The layoff I had without baseball and all the lifting of weights I did with the Bears has helped me get stronger."

Krumm worked out much of spring training as a reliever with London (Ontario), the Tigers' AA farm club. But when it came time for the Tigers' brass to assign players for the 1990 season, they decided to start Krumm out at the A level with Lakeland.

That was fine with Krumm, who at 24 might be one of the oldest players in A. Krumm said he sees a difference between the average hitter in A ball, compared to those in AA.

"I DON'T know how to explain it, but there's a real big difference," he said. "They swing a lot more down here and go after the 3-and-1 count

more. It's nice to know you can go after them."

Krumm also said the parks in the Florida State League are bigger than the one in London — and that's much to his liking. Krumm, because of his age, will get a closer look this year than most of his teammates and could end up in London later this summer or next year.

That also means longer bus rides, colder weather and, above all, shorter fences.

"These big ball parks down here are huge and definitely to a pitcher's advantage," Krumm said. "The guys were telling me some nightmares about London. The park is so small that everything hit in the air is a home run."

That's why, right now, Krumm's *Field of Dreams* is in Lakeland.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ROAD COMMISSION FOR OAKLAND COUNTY FOR THE DESIGNATION OF CLARENDON CREST AS A NATURAL BEAUTY ROAD IN BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP

Your Board of Road Commissioners for Oakland County invites your comments on the proposed designation of Clarendon Crest as a Natural Beauty Road. We invite all interested citizens to attend and express their views or request information on this matter in time for such views to be considered in the final decision.

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 1990 Time: 7:30 P.M.

Place: Bloomfield Township Hall

4000 Telegraph Road

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48013

Your attendance at the meeting will give the best opportunity for presenting your views and gaining desired information. However, we welcome your written statements to us. Send your comments to: Road Commission for Oakland County, 31001 Lahser Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48010. You may obtain more information about the public hearing and the proposed Natural Beauty Road Designation in advance by contacting our Planning & Development Department at the above address or by telephoning 645-2000.

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## the week ahead

### COLLEGE BASEBALL

Monday, April 16: Aquinas College at Madonna (2), 2 p.m.  
Tuesday, April 17: Kalamazoo College at Madonna (2), 2 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 18: Madonna at Spring Arbor College (2), 10 p.m.  
Friday, April 20: Siena Heights College at Madonna (2), 4 p.m.  
Saturday, April 21: Madonna at Aquinas College (2), 1 p.m.

### PREP BASEBALL

(all games at 4 p.m. unless noted)

Monday, April 16: Plymouth Christian vs. Rochester Hills at Canton's Flom Field (2).  
Wednesday, April 18: Redford Bishop Duggan at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher (2); Redford Catholic Central vs. Birmingham Brother Rice at Grosse Pointe (2).  
Thursday, April 19: Wayne Memorial at Westland Glavin (2), 11 a.m.; Garden City at Romulus (2), 11 a.m.; Harper Woods Notre Dame at Plymouth Salem, noon; Warren DeLaSalle at Plymouth Canton, Warren DeLaSalle at Plymouth Salem, 3 p.m.; Harper Woods Notre Dame at Plymouth Canton, 3 p.m.  
Friday, April 20: Farmington at Iron (2).  
Saturday, April 21: Redford Bishop Duggan vs. Warren DeLaSalle at Capitol Park (2), 11 a.m.; Redford Catholic Central at Harper Woods Notre Dame (2), 11 a.m.; Wayne Memorial at Taylor (2), 11 a.m.; Lansing Everett at Plymouth Salem, noon; Lansing Eastern at Plymouth Canton, noon; Lansing Eastern at Plymouth Salem, 3 p.m.; Lansing Everett at Plymouth Canton, 3 p.m.

### GIRLS SOFTBALL

Thursday, April 19: Garden City at Romulus (2), 11 a.m.  
Saturday, April 21: Garden City at Taylor Tournament, to be announced; Farmington Hills Mercy at Royal Oak Shrine Tournament, 11 a.m.

### BOYS TRACK

Tuesday, April 17: Redford Catholic Central at University of Detroit-West, 11 a.m.  
Saturday, April 21: Eka Remy at Dearborn High, 11 a.m.; West Bloomfield Invitational, to be announced.

### GIRLS TRACK

Tuesday, April 17: Riverview Gabriel Richard at Farmington Hills Mercy, 10 p.m.  
Saturday, April 21: Plymouth Canton Invitational, 10 a.m.

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