

Friends remember ex-boxer Adamick

By Steve Kowalski
staff writer

James J. Adamick gave up driving four years ago because of problems with his sight but that didn't stop him from getting around his Livonia neighborhood.

On foot, and in any kind of weather.

Adamick's favorite trips in his south-side Livonia neighborhood were to Sheldon's Center to shop and to St. Michael's, where he attended mass every day.

"He'd trudge through tons of snow," recalled Adamick's son, Myles J., 31. "He'd walk up there, rain or shine. He cold never bother him. I have pictures of him during our latest snowstorm shoveling with a T-shirt on."

Adamick, 77, died of a heart attack Sunday at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia.

ADAMICK, BORN in Midland, was a world professional heavyweight boxing contender in the 1930s. But to his neighbors in Livonia the last 35 years he was known more for his friendly demeanor.

"He had a heart of gold," Myles said. "I never knew him know all these people until tonight (Tuesday) when people would come up to me and say, 'Myles, you probably don't know me, but I used to see your dad every day going to church.' Everywhere he'd walk he'd meet people. He just loved to make his rounds."

Adamick, who retired in 1974 as a Ford quality control inspector, also is survived by daughters Maria G., Christine M., Diane M., and Mary A. His wife, Agnes, and a son, James J. Jr., are deceased.

Services were held Wednesday at St. Michael's with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Schulkins leads Mercy

Farmington Hills Mercy golf coach Vicky Kowalski, in her 13th season, is confident her team will improve next year as 10-9 winners.

The Marlins have all six of their top golfers returning, including senior Kristyn Schulkins, who averaged 47 last season.

"We return everybody and I know that a lot of teams lost many of their golfers," Kowalski said. "In that sense, I think we can improve on last year's record."

"We will count on Schulkins a lot. She was All-Area last season, and she got in some tournaments and worked on her game last summer."

Junior Dana Deshaw and senior Jeanene Lossia will also play a vital role this season.

"Lossia is perhaps our most improved player," Kowalski said. "She's really been hitting the ball well."

Junior Kyla Wisne and sophomores Patty Cahill and Meredith Taylor will also contribute for the Marlins.

Senior Cyndi Knuth has been a pleasant surprise, according to Kowalski.

"Cyndi has played softball for the last three years, and this is her first time out for golf," she said. "Right now we're dividing her what club to use in the different situations, but she is so strong that she is doing quite well. She can really hit the ball."

— Ray Setlock

sports shorts

PISTONS AND PIZZA

Basketball fans can meet a Detroit Pistons player, assistant coach Brendan Suter and announcer George Blaha at Buddy's Pizza, 3166 Northwestern Highway, at 6 tonight.

Blaha will be host for the Wellness Plan Coach's Corner, which will include interviews with Suter and the player followed by an informal question and answer session open to the fans.

Door prizes, including Pistons collectibles and tickets to an upcoming Palace event, will be given away. There is no charge for admission.

BASEBALL SCHOOL

The South Farmington Baseball League is sponsoring the Bernie Carbo Baseball School, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 25-26, at Drake Field.

The cost is \$55 per person.

Carbo is a Livonia Franklin High product and 11-year major leaguer who won National League Rookie of the Year honors in 1970. He also played in two World Series.

For more information, call Gordie Rutherford at 421-4928.

SOFTBALL NEWS

The Knights of Columbus in Farmington Hills will begin its spring and summer men's softball leagues the week of April 20. For information call Mike Callahan at 473-8873.

Openings remain on South Farmington girls' softball teams. Late registration continues for all leagues, especially in Girls D League for 7- and 8-year-old girls. For information on registering call Jim Foster (478-6586).

WESTSIDE GRID CAMP

The annual Westside Instruction Football Camp — grades 5-8 and including ninth graders — will be from June 23 through July 2 at Redford Catholic Central High School, 14200 Breakfast Drive, Redford, MI, 48239.

The cost is \$85. Team discounts are available. For more information, call CC coach Tom Mach at 531-7251.

SENIOR BASEBALL

The Men's Senior Baseball League, for players over 30, is being formed in the Detroit area. Tryouts will be held in mid-April, with

North boasts balanced team

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As a freshman Steve Baer played doubles for the North Farmington boys tennis team, but he'll have a more prominent role as a sophomore.

Baer will begin the season playing No. 1 singles for the Raiders, having edged out senior Steve Sapsion, who will play No. 2 singles.

"Steve and Steve are a notch ahead of our other players," first-year North coach Dennis King said. "We have a lot of balance on this year's team as far as our talent goes. Our No. 3 player really isn't that much different than our No. 14 player."

King, who replaces Rick Jones as North coach, says the game has changed quite a bit in the 20 years since he last coached at Farmington Hills in the early 1970s.

"The players are much better," King says. "You see a lot more hitters out there. I think that has a lot to do with the emergence of indoor tennis. These players can play all year round."

Senior Tony Fracchia will play No. 3 singles for the Raiders, while sophomore David Migdal will occupy the No. 4 slot.

"I think there are other singles players better than the guys we have, but I don't think many schools can match our depth," King said. "If something should happen to one of our single players, we always have someone we can go with. We can go

to whoever is hot that day."

Brad Pugh and Jeff Monash will play No. 1 doubles, while Jeff Speer and Brad Martin will handle the No. 2 doubles spot.

The No. 3 doubles team will consist of Chris Buatti and Jason Wendorf. Brian Ellison and Brian Ragland will also contribute this season.

"I do think we have a strong team," King said. "I also believe we'll have a good year."

FAHM, HARRISON

Coach Bernie Goldstein is counting his blessings thanks to the arrival of senior Aaron Polk, a transfer

tennis

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No. 1 singles: Steve Baer (NF) defeated Matt Larson, 6-4, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 2: Steve Sapsion (NF) def. Eric Kee, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 3: Tony Fracchia (NF) def. Scott Lagatta, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 4: David Migdal (NF) def. Ronaldo Pukowicz, 6-3, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Brad Pugh-Jeff Monash (NF) def. Don Roggenbush-Bill Shuster, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 2: Carl Arzano-Jim Harpe (WLC) def. Jeff Speer-Brad Martin, 4-6, 7-6, 7-6.
No. 3: Chris Buatti-Jason Wendorf (NF) def. Steve Pugh-Clay Fenstermaker, 6-2, 6-1.

from California.

Polk will step right in and play No. 1 singles. Goldstein said Polk is an exciting player to watch.

"Aaron is a real good hitter," Goldstein said. "His presence will strengthen our team considerably."

Sophomore Jeff Gutman, who played No. 2 doubles last season, will handle the No. 2 singles position this year.

Juniors Kevin Laczowski and Matt Schrowe will take over the Nos. 3 and 4 singles spots, respectively.

"Kevin and Matt made up our No. 1 doubles team a year ago," Goldstein said, "but I think they're ready for singles action this season. Neither one of them has been playing tennis for a very long time, so I look for them to get better with each match."

Junior Ryan Cahill and sophomore Adam Motley will play No. 1 doubles. Goldstein said the other two doubles teams are undecided.

The players battling for the remaining doubles spots include senior Todd Farabee, Junior Dariusz Gilyvich, freshman Brian Atkinson, freshman Jon Stern and Junior Elliot Speker.

"Goldstein said this year's team is capable of improving on last season's 3-8 record and eighth-place finish in the league.

"We're young but we'll improve as the season progresses," he said. "We may not win every match, but we'll have more fun than most teams."

Chiropractor helps Gladiators

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Nocella worked on eight of the 10 Gladiators (three women and five men), but one of the women, Sky, was reluctant at first.

"She didn't want to get adjusted, because she said 'I'll feel too good, and I always want to have a bit of an edge for the competition.' But then she did and said 'Oh, great, now I feel like going home and resting.'"

When he was done, Nocella

received a T-shirt signed by all the Gladiators and hugs from three of the women — Lee, Diamond and Sky — who didn't put too big a squeeze on the good doctor.

"They're very feminine but when it comes down to business they're there, they're pros," Nocella said.

And so it was the Gladiators were able to do their job more effectively with a little help from Nocella's skilled hands.

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