

# Battling the 40-year-old blues

## Attorney roars into Indy trials

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Southfield's Harold MacDonald, a 40-year-old attorney, found a formula for starting over that doesn't involve another woman.

It does involve a Formula One racing car that he hopes will qualify him for the Indianapolis 500 in May.

"I've always felt the Indy was the epitome of racing," said MacDonald, a long-time resident of Bloomfield Township.

"I've viewed it as the impossible dream — something that would have to be a full-time thing.

"Some of the mystery and mystique went away because I've been around racing so much. I've raced over 20 of the racers who are going to Indy, so some of the awe is gone.

"But going to the Indy helps me battle the 40-year-old blues."

MacDonald got his racing career in gear in 1967 at Waterford Hills, an area speedway, but saw his first Indy as a 12-year-old.

"MY DAD, (Harold, Sr.) is vice president of engineering research at Ford, and when Ford was extensively involved in racing, he was totally in charge," said MacDonald, who

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spends \$150,000 annually on his hobby.

"So I was kind of the boss's son — I got to meet all the drivers and go to all the races."

That's all it took to get hooked.

"When I graduated from (Harvard) law school in '66, the first thing I bought wasn't a house or a car — it was a race car," said MacDonald, whose five-attorney firm specializes in estate and business planning.

"Early on, I realized I was a better attorney than I was a mechanic or engineer, so I have a crew that worries about preparing, hauling and driving the car. All I have to do is show up for 15-20 long weekends a year."

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Speedy Harold MacDonald, a Southfield attorney, will try to qualify for the Indianapolis 500 next month. The Bloomfield Township resident heads south this week, hoping his dream comes true.

# N. Farmington splits twin bill with Salem

By Brad Emons  
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Jerry Maxwell's return trip to the Plymouth Salem baseball field brought back good memories.

Unfortunately, however, the results weren't quite the same this time around as North Farmington beat the rain and managed to salvage a split in a baseball double-header Wednesday against the host Rocks.

A little less than a year ago, Maxwell's team captured the Class A district at Salem in somewhat of a surprise.

"I was a pretty happy guy that day," recalls the North coach.

Maxwell came down to earth as Salem won the opener, 3-0, behind the pitching of Jim Jimmerson and Billy Culver. The Raiders squeezed through five rain-shortened innings to win the nightcap, 7-2.

In the opener, Salem beat one of the area's top pitchers in Matt Ruud, a senior lefty who beat Salem a year ago.

The winners scored single runs in the second, third and sixth innings. Designated hitter Hsiao Peng and catcher Dave Slavin combined for four of Salem's six hits. Kevin Merrill sin-

gled home Peng with Salem's final run in the sixth.

Despite the loss, Ruud struck out 10 and walked only two in going the distance.

Jimmerson, meanwhile, earned his first win of the year going five innings. Culver came on to get the save.

Ruud and Kevin Shaw each had two hits to pace the North offense.

Slavin, a sophomore, gunned down four Raiders trying to steal.

"He (Jimmerson) looked pretty good," said Salem coach Brian Gilles. "He's doing his part and Slavin throwing out four guys sure helped."

"We had some mental mistakes on the bases," said Maxwell, "and if you don't score you don't win. We had to score at least one to stay in the game."

NORTH TOOK command of the second game in the first inning, scoring three times, but had only one hit — John King's single.

Salem starter Greg Etienne lasted less than an inning because of wildness. The Raiders, 2-1 overall, added three more runs in the third inning off John McDowell, the second of three Salem pitchers.

King led off the inning with a homer over the left field fence. Doug Schulte

then reached base on an infield error and Mark Leonetti was hit by a pitch. Jeff LaBelle's single brought Schulte home and Eric Carrier's sacrifice fly scored Leonetti.

Shaw, a junior righthander, held Salem hitless until the fourth when Slavin singled.

Leonetti singled and scored North's final run in the fifth. He stole second and scored on Chuck Kott's ground out.

Fighting a steady downpour, Salem got its only two runs without the benefit of a hit. Shaw, slipping and sliding on the mound, walked five straight Salem batters as Joe Humphries and Culver scored.

The Raider pitcher, however, ended the inning by fanning Peng, his seventh strikeout. The out assured North of a legal game. Five complete innings constitute a complete game.

The umpires decided in the sixth they had been drenched enough, and called the game.

"KEVIN LOST his control, but the ball was wet and the mound was soggy," said Maxwell. "I was ready to pull him if it became necessary, but I didn't have anyone warming up."

North will face Livonia Franklin Tuesday.

## Score winner in 8th

# Mercy softballers prevail



BILL DRISLER/staff photographer

Yvonne Regan singled home Meri Stockwell with the winning run in the eighth inning Wednesday as Farmington Our Lady of Mercy overcame Redford St. Agatha, 7-6, in the first game of a scheduled softball doubleheader.

The nightcap was scratched when the rains came after 3½ innings of play.

Stockwell, who also picked up the pitching win with a four-hitter, singled in the eighth and moved to scoring position on Lori MacDonald's single. On the runner, Stockwell, a senior righthander, fanned 12 and walked seven.

MacDonald produced two of Mercy's eight hits, and teammate Mary Comben clouted a two-run triple and later scored to tie the game at 6-all in the seventh inning.

Mercy survived a sloppy first inning — six errors, leading to five St. Agatha runs. "After that bad first inning, we settled down and played good ball," said Mercy coach Linda Barber, whose team is 2-0 this season. Stockwell pitched both victories. Mercy rolled up a 20-2 lead in the aborted second game. "We had another girl, Dawn McKenna, pitching, and a victory would have been a real confidence-builder for her," said Barber, who indicated that the game probably won't be made up.

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## Mercy's girls run past Child

Mercy's Kathy Carolyn and Dorcia Jackson each won two events to help the Marlins whip Dearborn Divine Child in non-league girls' track last week.

Carolyn won the shot put (31 feet) and the discus (111-4), and Jackson won the 100-yard dash (12.4) and the 220 dash (29.2). Mercy's 880-yard relay (Cathy Bridges, Chris Lawson, Angie Jaggers and Mary Jo Gorski) won in 1:54.1.

Gorski won the 220 (33.8). Amy Brown won the half mile (2:37.8) and Jean McCarthy won the two-mile run (12:38.5).

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