

Attorney seeks to race at Indy

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1974 BROUGHT the first feather in McDonald's helmet. He won the national championship in Formula Vee, finished first in the Central Division for Formula Vee on an amateur basis in 1973-74, and was first to run a Formula Super Vee more than 150 miles per hour in the Mini-Indy Series in 1978 at the Texas International Speedway.

That's not saying MacDonald hasn't endured more than his share of accidents, tire blow-outs, overheated engines and broken accelerator cables.

One accident forced him out of racing for all of last year.

"I was practicing in Phoenix, and the track was dirty," said MacDonald, whose life insurance costs 30-40 percent more because of his hobby. "I got into a corner, and while I was turning left, the right rear wheel got out of the groove. The car snapped around and I backed into a wall at 130 mph."

"I had a pretty severe case of whiplash. I aggravated it later when Werner Erhardt, the founder of EST, decided he'd get into racing to prove that he could dominate other drivers using 'mind control.' He's a nice guy, but totally screwed up."

"He crashed right into me, like he didn't care to plenty of other drivers."

FEAR OF A FATALITY doesn't faze drivers, according to MacDonald.

"There's a certain assumption of risk, but they have faith it isn't going to happen to them because they're confident," MacDonald said. "What they do fear is something they can't control — mechanical failure or other drivers' mistakes."

"Age isn't a factor either, because what you lose in reflexes you gain in experience."

The Indy and its trimmings will undoubtedly be an experience for MacDonald.

"I'm going down the 30th for rookie orientation since it's my first time in an Indy car," he said. "I feel confident we can qualify for the race. I'm driving a Lola Cosworth, a turbo-charged version of the Ford engine that's used in Grand Prix and Formula One racing. It's a sister car of the Lola driven by Al Unser in the '78 Indy."

"The motor's good and we have an excellent crew. All I have to worry about is building up my speed. But that puts lots of pressure on me because if I don't go fast enough, I've got no one to blame but me."

sports shorts

EXPRESSING HOPE

The second edition of the Detroit Express recently held tryouts at Michigan Christian College's campus in Rochester.

Two Oakland County soccer prospects were among 17 finalists chosen by Express coach Brian Tinnion. They are Southfield's Mario Cozzi and Farmington's Lou Vulovich.

Cozzi, a 21-year-old goalkeeper, played semipro soccer last year for the Sacramento (Calif.) Turnverein. The 5-foot-11, 170-pound player also was a member of the University of Southern California Trojan soccer team.

Vulovich played most recently for Macomb County Community College, where he scored 26 goals. Vulovich, 21

years old, is a 6-foot-3, 165-pound full-back.

Livonia residents David Kusza and Nicholas O'Shea were also invited for a second look.

Those four players were among 125 participants at last week's tryout session.

Express Public Relations Director Donna Jarman said that Express management will choose "one or two" players from the 17 finalists. She said several other players will be selected for the Express farm team.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Special Olympics will hold a track & field competition on Saturday, May 2 at Troy High School, 3179 Livernois, north of Big

Beaver. Opening ceremonies, including a parade of athletes, will begin at 9 a.m. Closing ceremonies will be at 3:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. There still are a limited number of volunteer positions open for the meet. Interested persons may call 646-6220 between 1-5 p.m.

Lady of Mercy girls triumph

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"I don't think we'll complete it. It was a non-league game, and we both have such tight schedules."

Mercy plays next today at home against Redford Bishop Borgess. Game

time is 4 p.m.

On Tuesday afternoon, Oak Park is at Farmington Harrison, and North Farmington is at Livonia Franklin. On Wednesday, Farmington High hosts Walled Lake Central. Farmington Lutheran High Northwest is home to Southfield Christian on Thursday.

Farmington-area gymnasts sparkle

Many area gymnasts were all-together outstanding in all-around competition in the United States Gymnastics Federation state championships in Grand Rapids recently.

The Bloomfield Hills Acronauts and the Farmington Gymnastics Club represented the Detroit area in the individual-qualifying meet.

Southfield's Lana Horowitz won the all-around event for the Acronauts (71.15) in the Class I Division (advanced gymnasts 15 and older), as well as uneven bars and balance beam. She placed second in vaulting and third in floor exercise.

The Acronauts' Jill Stuart took second in all-around (68.7) and third on balance beam.

Acronaut Sisi Porretta of Bloomfield Hills grabbed second on balance beam and teammate Peggy McMaster, also from Bloomfield, placed third in bars. Livonia's Susan Bannon finished second in floor exercise for the Acronauts.

TRACEY BOMARITO won the floor exercise event for Farmington, and teammate Kristen LaFountain took third in vaulting.

In 12-14 junior competition, Farmington's Mary Kay Marshall stole the

show. The Farmington resident captured first in uneven bars, floor exercise, and all-around competition (71.0). She also took second in balance beam.

Acronaut Celeste Harrington of West Bloomfield grabbed second places in vaulting and on bars and a third place in all-around (68.5). Teammate Kris Stan placed first in vaulting while Acronaut Sharon McNie of Royal Oak placed third in balance beam.

In 9-10-11-year-old Class II intermediate competition, Acronaut Ruth Agayo of Pontiac took second in all-around (64.85) and teammate Heidi Brady of Bloomfield Hills finished third in all-around (63.75).

Dini Cook of Utica placed second in all-around (65.85) in the 15-and-over senior Class II intermediate division. Qualifying gymnasts advanced to the regional championships in Bloomington, Ill., last weekend.

Top women bowlers set to roll

In-the-pocket

With their eye on the Queen's title, the most prestigious honor in women's bowling, 42 members of the Women's State Bowling Association will invade Baltimore next week to compete in the Women's International Bowling Congress tournament.

The Queen's event is the feature of the tournament. Among those competing this year will be Cora Feibig, who was runner-up two years ago, and Alberta Rzepecki, the young star who won the top place in the averages of the Ladies Major League this season with a mark of 198. Cora topped the averages

in the Bowlerettes with 204.

WONDERLAND LANES seems to be the place where the old-timers come to life again.

This was true this week when Jack Bora, who has been an all-star bowler and a proprietor, found the range for a 715 series in the classic. He started with a 221, followed with 215 and then closed with 182.

Even with the good score, he had to yield in the race for high honors when Fred Rossman came through with counts of 244, 278 and 234 for 756. In the ladies division Marilyn Lee-

informal league play," said Kathy Arnold, a recreation program intern. The public may use the facilities at no charge until Memorial Day weekend.

The Waterford Oaks games complex is located on Scott Lake Road, behind the wave-action swimming pool, just south of Dixie Highway. Additional information may be obtained by calling 858-0915 or 858-0906.

Games complex ready

With the warm weather arriving, the Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission has opened the Waterford Oaks court games complex near Pontiac.

The complex includes eight tennis courts, four platform tennis courts, 10 shuffleboard courts and 10 horseshoe pits.

"The court complex offers an excellent opportunity for novices and advanced players alike to participate in

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dom was high with a 237 in 632.

MERRI-BOWL added another member to the 700 club this week as Don Parks won the honor with a rather peculiar series.

After opening with a 253 he soared to a 267 middle game and then slumped to 182 for the 702 that earned the membership him.

Meanwhile, Gary Nagle missed breaking the barrier by three pins. He

got away to a great start with 245, but slumped to 188 and then closed with 266 for 697. Jeff Messico landed the third spot with a 653 that came about because of a 256 opener.

ANOTHER who narrowly missed the 700 club was Doug Zybrands. Bowling in the Vinco League at Garden Lane he came up with a 694. Right behind him came Brad Lackey with 678 and Ray Bonkowski with 670.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING, APRIL 20, 1981

Farmington Hills City Council held a special meeting April 20, 1981. Mayor Wolf opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Burrell, Soronen, Oppenhauser, Wolf, Alkateeb and Dolan. Lange absent. Others present were City Manager Savage, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Donohue.

Necessity was declared for water improvement for Rock Ridge Lane. Council denied necessity for sewer improvement for Rock Ridge Lane. Zoning map amendment C62-245 was introduced to rezone N 32 ft. of lot 75 of Oakland Hills Orchards Subdivision from RA-2 to OS-1.

Revised Cluster Plan for the SW corner of Middlebelt and Thirteen Mile Road was approved and dated 3/20/81, with stipulations.

Zoning text amendment C62-FF, Section 2112, public hearing notices regarding Special Approval Applications was introduced.

Zoning text amendment C62-EE, to require public hearings before the City Council in consideration of Planned Unit Development, Cluster Option and Planned Residential Development Plans was introduced.

Zoning text amendment C62-JJ, which would delete "Off-Street Parking" as a principal permitted use in the Office and Business District classification was introduced.

Approval was given Our Lady of Mercy High School for the annual Carnival to be held on May 1, 2 and 3, 1981.

City Manager was authorized to purchase two Chevrolet Citations at a price of 14,948.00 from Trumbull Chevrolet to be used in the Police Dept.

Mayor appointed and Council approved the following to the Historic Districts Commission: Jean Fox, Walter Reddig, Dr. Lee Juliano whose term will expire 12/31/84, Ruth Moebelman and Gary Robertson whose term will expire 12/31/85, Shirley Stadler and John Donohue whose term will expire 12/31/82.

Council rescinded previously adopted Bonding Resolution for C107 Briar Hill, and C114 Lincolnshire road improvement.

Upon motion meeting adjourned.

FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk
DONN L. WOLF, Mayor

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