

Ex-Marlin finds joy in small time

By Larry O'Connor
staff writer

She doesn't have a guitar but Cathy McDonough sings the praises of small-college life like John Cougar Mellencamp sings about small towns.

Instead of strumming a few strings, the Farmington Hills native hit her notes as a four-year letter winner as a distance runner at Alma College, enrollment 1,050.

McDonough, the first woman track athlete to accumulate four letters at Alma (the program started in 1978), was instrumental in the Scots winning their second consecutive Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association track title recently.

A GRADUATE of Farmington Mercy, McDonough had her best

showing at the meet.

In the 5,000-meter run, she finished only 10 seconds behind teammate Paul Brooks with a time of 20:11. The two-time finish in the 5,000 run sealed the conference championship for Alma.

Her accomplishments, again, are credited to that small-college tune. "I wanted to go to a small school where I could get involved," said McDonough, who graduated in April from Alma with a degree in psychology. "Plus I wanted to continue running. I was an adequate runner in high school, but I wasn't good enough to run at a school like Michigan State."

So Alma it was, minus the perks that one gets at a top-rated NCAA Division I school. For instance, when Alma qualified for the Division III cross country championships in 1983,

people in sports

the Scots made a trek to Newport News, Va., not Milwaukee or South Bend, Ind., which are sites for some of the Division I championships.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., where the major attraction is a Navy base. And the Scots just sailed through.

"We arrived there at 4 p.m. Friday (the day before the meet)," recounted McDonough. "We unpacked and went to the track to work out. We came back to the hotel and watched T.V. for a couple hours and then went to bed. The next morning we

got up, had breakfast and went to the meet.

"After the meet we had about an hour, so we went postcards home and then left. We drove through Williamsburg, (Va.) at night."

OK, so Newport News isn't about to dislodge the Bahamas as a hot tourist spot. McDonough still said it was the highlight of her four years at Alma.

And Alma, the city itself, is no bustling metropolis either.

"ON ONE STREET there's a small women's shop and a department store. There's also a theatre where you can see a movie for a \$1.25. They'd show movies after they'd been everywhere else."

But McDonough wouldn't have had it any other way. Her coach Lisa Last certainly picked up on McDonough's enthusiasm for Alma.

"She had a good attitude," said Last. "It was contagious."

Along with a good attitude, McDonough also had good work habits. According to Last, if she had to miss a practice, she would find out what the workout was and do it on her own.

It paid off, especially this season. McDonough ran her best times in the 3,000 run (11:45) and in the 5,000 (20:04) in her last year at Alma.

HER SECOND-PLACE finish at

the MIAA championships was her best performance at that particular meet.

Finishing second to her teammate, Brooks, didn't bother her a bit.

"I guess it would've been nice (to finish first)," said McDonough. "If I had to be runner-up to anyone in the world, it would be Paul. She's a great person."

The second places don't wear on McDonough too much. "A distance runner has to have a positive mental attitude to deal with daily rigors of working out."

But it still can get a little monotonous even for McDonough, who majored in psychology.

"(It takes) dedication and an element of craziness," she said. "Circumstances a track 12% times is not a lot of fun."

But running for Alma College was.

Baseball is back at Oakland University

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Play ball! Oakland University students won't be deprived of that stirring welcome to spring come next year. Last Tuesday, the OU board of trustees approved athletic director Paul Hartman's proposal to reinstate baseball as an intercollegiate sport.

The approval was worded in a way that "left it open-ended," said Hartman. "Essentially, it said (we could begin playing) whenever we felt it was appropriate."

Hartman, though, made his feelings clear on when the school's first baseball season since 1980 should begin. "The reason to have sports is to have people compete," said Hart-

man. He added that his search for a coach has already begun with the goal to field a team next year.

THERE WAS another reason for Hartman's haste. OU dropped wrestling a month ago. That put the school under the minimum number of sports necessary to remain a member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"If we didn't start (baseball) next year, we'd have to ask for a waiver," said Hartman.

The OU AD foresaw no obstacles preventing the school from restarting the sport. The field is still in good shape, and the athletic department has had several calls from prospective players already attending OU.

In addition, the GLIAC schedule-

makers foresaw OU's reinstatement of baseball and drew up a schedule including the Pioneers.

"We have a budget all approved," said Hartman. Which left him with one major task: "Getting a coach. We want to get one as quickly as we can so he can start recruiting and get whatever talent is left."

"We want someone with enough experience so he can build the program, and someone who knows the area."

THE POSITION will be part-time, but there will also be money budgeted for one or more assistant coaches. "It depends on how the new coach wants to divide it up," said Hartman.

Whoever the OU coach is, he won't

be attacking his recruiting chores empty-handed. The funds that had gone toward wrestling scholarships — amounting to about two full-rides — will be appropriated by baseball and divided up into partial grants.

"We'll be about in the middle of the road (in scholarships available at league schools)," said Hartman. "Some of the GLIAC schools don't give any for baseball."

Before canceling baseball — along with softball — because of funding cutbacks in 1980, OU fared well in the GLIAC. Under coach Dick Dieters, the Pioneers won the title in 1978, were second in 1979 and finished third in 1980. Only twice in seven league seasons did the team suffer losing campaigns.

HARTMAN would not promise a return to the level of play immediately. "We have a five-year plan, but you know what that goes," he said. "We're just not always able to adhere to it. It's really more of a guideline, it gives us a target."

Hartman did say that he hopes to increase scholarship money for baseball every year.

Besides needing another sport to remain in the GLIAC, Hartman reasoned the reinstatement of baseball made sense because, first, the facilities were already in existence; second, there was a good deal of community and on-campus interest; and third, it's a spring sport, a weak season for OU athletics.

"There was an absence of a strong spring sport to keep the public interest," said Hartman. OU currently offers only men's golf and men's tennis during spring.

tennis

CLASS B REGIONAL TENNIS MEET

Friday at Cranbrook

Team results: 1. Cranbrook 28 points; 2. Farmington Hills 16; 3. Detroit Renaissance, 8; 4. U.S. 6; 5. Cranbrook, 6; 6. (tie) Redford Thornton and Royal Oak 6; 7. B. Clawson, 1; 8. Madison Heights 0.

No. 1 singles: David Drew (Cranbrook) def. Ken Davidson (Harrison), 6-4, 6-3.

No. 2: Raymond Ashare (Cranbrook) def. Mark Rakoczy (Harrison), 6-3, 6-2.

No. 3: Ravi Govea (Cranbrook) def. Bill Brochhausen (Harrison), 6-1, 6-0.

No. 4: Joe Osh (Cranbrook) def. David Jaffe (Harrison), 6-4, 6-2.

No. 5: doubles: David Ashare-David Novakovich (Cranbrook) def. Dan Frederick-Jeff Levin (Harrison), 6-1, 6-1.

No. 6: Bobby Kim-Mario Hurtado (Cranbrook) def. Rick Brochhausen-Rick Brochhausen (Harrison), 6-2, 6-0.

No. 7: Laurent Ruediger-Eric Krups (Cranbrook) def. Scotti Farabee-Aaron Tom (Harrison), 6-2, 6-0.

Both Cranbrook and Harrison will advance to the state finals, May 30-31 at Eastern Michigan University.

Canton crowned, Raiders chase Lakes title

The Plymouth Canton girls track team insured at least a tie for the Western Division title in the Western Lakes Wednesday with a 72-56 win against previously unbeaten Farmington.

The Chiefs need only to beat Northville Wednesday to win the crown outright.

Tricia Carney was a double-event

winner for the Chiefs, taking the 220-yard dash (28.5) and the 440 (1:02.0).

Lori Schauder, making her first appearance in the long jump, won it with a 15-7. Kara Haarla won the shot put (28-7) and Vicky Minar won the discus (82-9).

Tonya Walasky captured the 110 high hurdles (18.4) and Karen Boluch

won the 880 (2:39.4). Canton (4-0) also won the 2-mile relay (10:45.8).

Harrison (5-1) got a double first from Jenny Anderson. The senior won both the mile (5:33.2) and 2-mile runs (12:47.5).

Maria Chalogianis won the 330 lows for the Hawks (5:12) and Tracy Radke the 100 dash (12.6). Tracy So-

lomon was a winner in the high jump (4-10).

The Hawks won the 440 relay (54.3), the 880 relay (1:56.3) and the mile relay (4:30.3).

NORTH FARMINGTON, tied with Livonia Stevenson atop the Lakes Division, bopped Plymouth Salem Wednesday 73-55.

Harrison boys fall, Falcons escape

The Plymouth Canton's boys track team locked up first place in the Western Lakes Western Division Wednesday with a 97-45 win at Farmington Harrison.

It is Canton's first track title since joining the Western Lakes. Tyrone Reeves was the big point scorer for the Chiefs. He won the long jump (21-0) and the 100-meter dash (11.7).

Also for Canton, Steve Genyk won the high jump (6-3). Bryan Whiteley won the 110 high hurdles (15.5). Dan Houdek won the 300 low hurdles (41.9). Larry Allman won the 200 (23.9). Jim Young took the 400 (53.0). Jay Swicki won the 1,600 (44:0.0) and Bill Boyd won the 3,200 (1:03:0.0). Canton also took three relays: the 400 (46.4), the 800 (1:37.1) and the 3,200 (9:11.7).

For the Hawks (4-2), John Bonasso won the shot put (39-4) and Mark Bonasso the discus (130-7). Chris Hart won the 800 (2:09.5). The Chiefs won the 1,600 relay in 3:49.9.

FARMINGTON had planned to rest all-state distance man Al Stebbins and Chris Inch on Wednesday — that is, until Livonia Stevenson came within one event of ending the Falcon's unbeaten streak.

Farmington hurled Inch and Stebbins into the 1,600-meter relay, the last event of the meet, and the duo led Farmington to a first in 3:55.7, which enabled Farmington to win the meet 73-64.

It also gave the Falcons the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes. Craig Petersmark won the shot put for Farmington (57-4) and Bri-

an Quigley won the long jump (18-10:4).

Chris Kwasniewicz took the 110 high hurdles (18.3) and Dan Radtke the 300 low hurdles (41.6). LaMont Hardge won the 200 (23.6). Mark Langdon the 400 (54.9). Ron Smedley the 1,600 (44:0.0) and Steve Quenneville the 3,200 (no time available).

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