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Prix circuit in Europe — at the Road America race at Elkhart Lake, Wis., when he started to skid.

"At first I was really mad," he said. "I was making great time."

Then, as the car seemed to hit the inside curbing, Pinsky said the car went airborne and started to cartwheel down the track in a spectacular end-over-end crash.

"I shut my eyes and tried to make myself as small as possible," Pinsky said. "I was scared. But I walked away with a few bruises."

The next day, he was back racing. "I really love it," said Pinsky.

At one time, Pinsky toyed with the idea of putting medicine on the back burner to become the car of professional racing. He applied for the position of chairman and chief executive officer for the

Championship Auto Racing Teams (CART).

Weak moment

"I was sort of serious," he said, even though getting the job would have meant leaving the Detroit Medical Center and Wayne State Medical School.

Fortunately, Pinsky now admits, he didn't get the job. He said it went to a former president of the Playboy Enterprises Licensing and Merchandising Group.

While the job as CART czar was partially a dream, it does indicate how deep his passion for racing really runs.

Thus, it was only natural that Pinsky would find a way to blend his two loves. That's how he came up with "Racing for Kids," mixing professional race car drivers and hospitalized youngsters.

Several drivers take part. Foremost among them is Buhl, a native Detroit resident who now lives in Grosse Pointe. He is national spokesperson for "Racing for Kids."

The hospital visits — and the publicity they generate — call attention to young patients and the medical centers trying to deal with their problems. "It's also a good fund-raiser," said Pinsky. "Since 1988, it's raised nearly \$200,000."

That's a modest amount given the enormous costs associated with medical care. Buhl, for example, is divided among children's hospitals in places like Detroit, Akron and Brisbane.

But even a small step is a first step, Pinsky said. Besides, "Racing for Kids" could take off.

Buhl, for example, is down under to race in the Australian Indy Car Grand Prix. It's his first race

as an Indy driver after winning top honors in smaller cars. He was the 1992 Firestone Indy Lights champion — comparable to being driver of the year.

Buhl is also scheduled to drive in the Indy 500 on Memorial weekend and the Detroit Grand Prix later in the year.

As Buhl's fortunes rise, so too will the visibility and popularity — of "Racing for Kids."

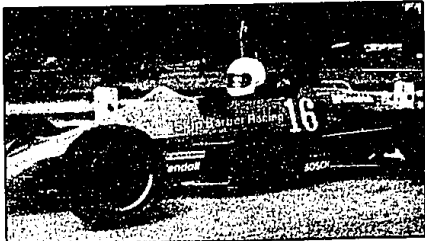
Pinsky has the greatest respect for Buhl, both as a driver and as a person. "Robbie is in a sport that is extremely self-centered," said the physician. "Yet he takes the time to reach out to hospitalized kids."

Pinsky reaches out to those same youngsters, of course, as a compassionate physician hoping to heal ailing bodies. But at the same time he'd like to be behind the wheel of a Formula Ford — or, better yet, an Indy car — trying to edge out the nearest competitor.

Pinsky said he isn't scheduled to race in the near future. The demands of the job and other factors have put his racing plans in neutral. "But I'm definitely going to race again," he said.

Till then, he'll settle for vicarious thrills ... like imagining Buhl and others behind the wheel as the announcer says, "Gentlemen, start your engines."

Pinsky and his wife, Karen, live in Bloomfield Village. Their daughter, Rachel, is a sophomore at Seaholm and their son, B.J., is a sixth-grader at Covington Middle School.



Close call: In a racer like this, Bill Pinsky went end-over-end in a spectacular crash in a Road America race. Pinsky walked away from the crash and raced the next day.

Area GOP voters line up with guv

Oakland County Republican voters like Gov. Engler's proposed property tax cut and smile on the "Sweet 16" plan to replace some property taxes with a sales tax hike, a poll shows.

But they are adamantly opposed to the "Team 14" or Bipartisan Legislative Team (BLT) plan for a major overhaul in taxes and tax sharing.

"The BLT proposal is in serious trouble," said pollster Steven Mitchell, West Bloomfield political consultant who conducted the poll for the state Senate Republicans.

His firm polled 700 voters statewide, 300 in Oakland County and 300 in Kent County late in February. Here are the results for Oakland County residents who voted in the Republican primary:

1. Engler's plan to cut school operating property taxes without reimbursing out-of-formula school districts:

38 percent strongly support, 26 percent support, total support of 64 percent; 20 percent somewhat oppose, 13 percent oppose, total opposition of 33 percent.

Statewide, the yes-no result was about the same, but voters were less adamant in their support than in Oakland County.

2. BLT Team 14 plan to cut

school property taxes in half, collect 16 mills statewide, replace them with a 1.4 percent increase in the personal income tax rate, and guarantee each school district \$4,700 per pupil.

10 percent strongly support, 18 percent support, total support of 28 percent; 10 percent oppose, 52 percent strongly oppose, total opposition of 62 percent.

Statewide, 34 percent were in favor and 58 percent opposed. 3. Sweet 16 plan to cut school operating property taxes 10 percent and increase the cut to 30 percent if voters next August approve a one-cent increase in the sales tax:

23 percent strongly support, 29 percent support, total support of 52 percent; 20 percent oppose, 17 percent strongly oppose, total opposition of 38 percent.

Statewide, the Sweet 16 plan had 56 percent support and 35 percent opposition.

The plan is sponsored by eight public sector agencies, such as the Michigan Municipal League, and eight private sector agencies, such as the National Federation of Independent Business.

Mitchell said support for Sweet 16 "is almost as wide as it is for the Engler tax cut, (but) it is not as deep."

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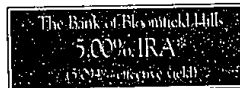
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