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A strong finish helped Kemp win the gold. The fourth event was the high jump — his worst event in the past — but it proved to be a turning point. Kemp was encouraged by a fifth-place finish and "took it from there," winning five of the last six events.

Kemp won the 400-meter dash, 110 hurdles, discus, javelin and 1,500 run. He also placed fourth in the 100, third in the long jump, sixth in the shot put and fifth in the pole vault.

"The hardest part of the meet was not jumping over the high bar," Kemp said, but trying to stay warmed up during the 28 hours of competition over two days.

"We started at 8 in the morning with the first event and were running the last event at 9 o'clock at night. You really can't train for that. Nobody works out 13 hours."

Furthermore, a typhoon passed over the island the previous day. Kemp said the torrential rain and 30 mile-per-hour winds created the worst conditions in which he ever competed.

Canada's best in '80

Kemp's success at the World Games helped to erase the disappointment he experienced 13 years ago when he was denied the opportunity to compete in the Olympics.

He was Canada's top decathlete in 1967, but Canada jettied the boycott of the Moscow Games after the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan. He tried again in '84 but was past his prime and finished fifth in the Canadian Olympic Trials.

"(Nineteen-eighty) was an unfortunate year for me to win, because I was at my peak and had my best season at that time," Kemp said. "I took it very hard. For about three or four months, I was quite bitter and disappointed after setting my life on course to do one thing."

"I got over it, and I don't think about it. I understand politics a lot better than when I was younger. But, at that time in life, it was a pretty hard lesson for a young athlete to learn."

But the memory of 1980 wasn't what motivated Kemp to participate in the World Games, but the experience did make up for the

missed opportunity in other respects.

"This gold medal was the No. 1 highlight of my whole athletic life and not because I won the gold," he said. "I always felt strongly about the Olympic movement and its importance in athletics."

"Some are in it for the money, and some have to win at all costs. I never felt that way. The Olympics are the only time the whole world comes together and does anything in a peaceful way."

"There's a lot of camaraderie in the Olympic spirit. Many who had been in the Olympics and participated said it matched any Olympic experience they had themselves."

Kemp, who was a sprinter and long jumper at Farmington, because a triple jumper and began to use his wide range of ability in college when he went from 165 to 185 pounds. Kemp, who set the

MSU record of 6,892 decathlon points, moved to California in 1977 and intensified his training.

"I was very tuned into Bruce Jenner," he said. "I read books and followed the workouts he said he did. I actually had more natural speed than he did. With three years of practice, I figured I could make the Olympics."

Family, career called

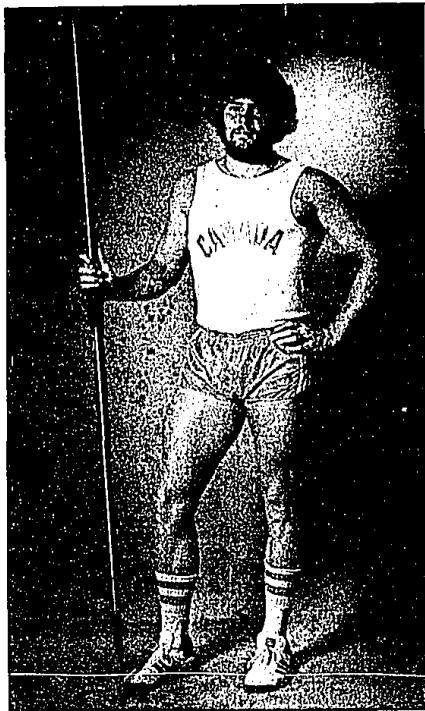
Kemp, who holds U.S. and Canadian citizenship, married in 1983 and moved to Qualicum Beach, a town of 5,800 on Vancouver Island, after he and his wife visited there on their honeymoon.

Once he had a family to support, Kemp didn't have six hours a day to train; plus, he was 31 and figured his time had passed after the '84 attempt.

He taught school briefly in California (something he doesn't recommend) and later started and sold a cellular telephone company. The profit has supported his family and enabled him to pursue another career interest: film making.

"I'd say I'm very fortunate," Kemp said. "I'm very thankful for the support I've had from my family and the good breaks I've had."

Kemp was one of many fine athletes on the Farmington High track team of 1971, according to



Famous alum: Steve Kemp's photo hangs in the Farmington High Hall of Fame as he appeared in the late 1970s while competing for a spot on the Canadian Olympic team.

coach Dave Catherman. Nine of its members went on to compete in college.

The Falcons were arguably the best dual-meet team in the state, starting a three-year unbeaten streak and winning Oakland County and regional championships.

"When compared to a lot of (Farmington) teams, he would have been the top man except those years," said Farmington coach Dave Catherman, who remembers Kemp as quiet but very

sincere. "Obviously, he blossomed in college."

"He had a tremendous stride, real fluid. He is one of the best long jumpers we've had at Farmington. He was always available in four events: relays, hurdles and long jump."

"Based on the traits he identified then I can see why he was successful in the decathlon. He arrived early and stayed late, and he was very interested in technique. He was extremely loyal to the idea of a full day's work."

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league victory Thursday, 123-61 over host Royal Oak Kimball.

The Raiders (5-2) divided six individual events among different swimmers. Charlie Jacobs won the 200 freestyle (2:00.13); Jason Speer, 100 freestyle (53.31); Jay Randa, 500 freestyle (6:19.97); Brian Radji, backstroke (1:01.48); and Ryan McKelley, breaststroke (1:07.47).

Phil Zald, Karl Kozicki and Jason Charnas comprised three quarters of the winning medley and 200 freestyle relay teams. They were joined by Speer in the medley (1:49.23) and Mark Gregory in the freestyle (1:40.11).

The Raiders scored in eight events, including two relays, at the county meet despite not having the services of Kozicki, who was on a recruiting visit to Iowa State.

Jon Kershaw, Speer and Drew Sopha scored in two individual events each. Kershaw finished the highest with thirds in the 200

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freestyle (1:47.81) and the 100 (49.01).

Sopha placed fifth in the IM (2:03.51) and eighth in the breaststroke (1:03.92). Ann Arbor was 10th in the 50 freestyle (23.36) and the backstroke (68.89).

Kershaw, McKelley, Sopha and Speer gave the Raiders seventh place in the medley relay (1:46.12), and Sopha and Kershaw combined with Jacobs and Zald for seventh in the 400 freestyle (3:31.63).

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won two events each. Leslie won the 200 freestyle (1:47.74) and 100 freestyle (50.25) and Reinke won the 200 individual medley (2:04.74) and 100 butterfly (55.17).

Other winners were Paul Magoulik, 50 freestyle (23.12), Kevin Reinke, 100 backstroke (69.12) and Greg Tracey, 100 breaststroke (1:10.10). Ken Marzek won the diving for CC (9-2).

In the relays, the team of Kevin Reinke, Tracey, Jason Markou and John Zarrow took the 200 medley relay (1:50.05), Steve Reinke, Zarrow, Magoulik and Leslie won the 200 free (1:53.15) and Steve Reinke, Zarrow, Brian Green and Leslie won the 400 free (3:27.75).

Shamrocks win hockey game

Jon Heady notched a hat trick Friday as Redford Catholic Central improved to 9-1-1 in the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League's West Division with a 4-3 victory over East Division leader Gross Pointe South in a game played at the University of Michigan-Dearborn Ice Arena. Jason Couture added the other goal for the Shamrocks, now 16-1-

1 overall. Each team recorded 28 shots. CC goalie Mike Brusseau made 23 saves. "Brusseau played really well and Heady was outstanding as always," CC first-year coach Gordie St. John said. "There were too many penalties on both teams. We were just happy to win."



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SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

SOFTBALL COACH

Madonna University is seeking an assistant coach for its women's softball program.

Qualified applicants can call Madonna athletic director Ray Summers at 591-5135. (Deadline Feb. 1).

SOCCER SIGN-UP

The Farmington Soccer Club is conducting mail-in registrations for its spring season. The age groups for boys and girls are under-9 through under-19. Forms are available at all Farmington public schools, Farmington Hills YMCA and the Farmington Hills

Parks and Recreation Department.

The registration deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 15. Any forms received after that date will be assessed a late fee. For information call the soccer club at 553-4918.

MEN'S SOFTBALL

The Nardin Park Softball League is looking for six additional Class C-D teams to fill its men's church league. Players must be 18 or older.

The league begins play Monday, May 9, at Nardin Park (12 Mile and Middlebelt). Each team will play two games per week. Games times are 6:15 and 7:25 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The fee is approximately \$475 per team. The league will supply balls and umpires. The deadline to enter is Friday, April 1. For information call Bruce Ross (335-9244).

WRESTLING

LYONIA STEVENSON 31
NORTHVILLE 22
Thursday at Stevenson

103 pounds: Dan Christensen (Stevenson) defeated Sam Gans, 7-4; 112 James Kye (Northville) dec. Dave Falzon, 9-0; 118: James Torow (Northville) pinned Ryan Varlogian, 2:14; 125: Jon Sela (Stevenson) p. Don Battle, 2:55; 130: Phil Tsaportas (Northville) dec. Chris Harrison, 2:0; 135: Chris Anzures (Stevenson) dec. Corey Karpas, 9-0; 140: Carl Tuna (Northville) dec. Scott Goldman, 12-4; 148: Chris Mullett (Stevenson) dec. Ryan Baber, 6-3; 152: Jon Scopozzi (Northville) dec. Nick Petry, 9-1; 160: Adam Lynch (Northville) dec. Matt Fisher, 10-4; 171: Ben Lewis (Stevenson) dec. Eric Hebler, 11-3; 189: Craig Martin (Stevenson) won by void; heavyweight David Rosa (Stevenson) dec. Nick Benavidez, 5-1 (overtime). Dual meet records: Stevenson, 7-0 overall and 6-0 Western Lakes Athletic Association; Northville, 5-1 W-L-A.

LYONIA CHURCHILL 24
NORTH FARMINGTON 24
Thursday at North Farmington

103: double void; 122: Dave Zober (Churchill) pinned Matt Singer, 1:12; 125: double void; 135: double void; 150: Noah Fayne (N. Farmington) won on void; 138: Todd DeJoy (Churchill) pinned Jeremy Lubin, 1:35; 140: Eliot Gates (N. Farmington) won

on void; 145: Corey Mosher (N. Farmington) dec. Vito Lozonzo, 6-0; 152: Jim Sierkowski (Churchill) dec. Fred Linn, 2-0; 160: Oliver Smith (Churchill) dec. Jeff Light, 14-8; 171: Nick Grant (N. Farmington) p. Joe Hamilton, 1:18; 189: Steve Action (N. Farmington) dec. Eugen Barbo, 6-3; heavyweights Bob Fowler (Churchill) p. Matt Greenberg, 1:11. Churchill's dual meet record: 0-5-1 overall.

FARMINGTON HILL 42
LYONIA PEARLIN 33
Thursday at Farmington

103: Matt Michalski (Farmington) dec. Ryan Dole, 1:38; 112: Chris Neville (Franklin) p. John Gils, 0-43; 118: Mike Lane (Farmington) p. Troy Brozy, 3-21; 125: Alan Shabanov (Franklin) p. Mike Connor, 1:32; 130: Adam Hill (Franklin) p. Ryan Dawson, 1:25; 135: Tony Dottore (Franklin) p. Don Pappas, 2:13; 140: Mark Mason (Farmington) p. Greg Paquette, 3:03; 148: Mike Prough (Farmington) p. Todd Pitzer, 1:43; 152: Ryan Beyer (Franklin) p. Chris Engel, 1:37; 160: Andrew Hill (Franklin) dec. Derek Paquette, 1:17; 171: Jesse Swakard (Franklin) p. Eoin White, 2:38; 189: Rob Ginchew (Farmington) won by injury default over Ben Kern; heavyweights Adam Tavelian (Farmington) p. William Carl, 2:55. Dual meet records: Farmington, 3-8 overall; 2-4 Western Lakes; Franklin, 2-4 W-L-A.

WRESTLING

TEAM WRESTLING
DISTRICT TOURNAMENTS

CLASS A
At Garden City
Thursday, Feb. 17: Garden City vs. Wayne Memorial, 6 p.m.; Westland vs. Glenview, 6 p.m.; Final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Garden City regional versus the Temperance district champion.)

At Livonia Franklin
Thursday, Feb. 17: Redford Union vs. Livonia Stevenson, 6 p.m.; Livonia Franklin vs. Livonia Churchill, 6 p.m.; Final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional versus the Brighton district champion.)

At Woodhaven
Thursday, Feb. 17: Wyandotte vs. Southgate Anderson, 6 p.m.; Redford Catholic Central vs. Woodhaven, 6 p.m.; Final: 7:30 p.m.

(Winner advances to the Garden City regional versus the Farmington champion.)

CLASS B
At North Farmington
Thursday, Feb. 17: North Farmington (A) vs. Farmington Hamilton (B), 4 p.m.; Farmington vs. Northville, 6 p.m.; Novi vs. A-B winner, 5:30 p.m.; Final: 7:15 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional versus the Ypsilanti district champion.)

CLASS C
At Lutheran Westland
Tuesday, Feb. 18: Lutheran Westland (A) vs. Flat Rock (B), 6:30 p.m.; Final: 7:45 p.m. (Winner advances to the Dundee regional versus the Moreland district champion.)

Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton will compete Thursday in the district tournament at Ypsilanti High School, but their district draw was not conducted until Monday morning. Belle Isle, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ypsilanti are the other teams involved. Wrestling will start at 5 p.m.

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