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ments have solidified Smith's desire to race on the major CART and international Indy Car circuits — a desire that started when he was very young.

"I went to the Indianapolis 500 for the first time when I was 6 years old, and I thought that racing might be something I would like to do," the 21-year-old McMinnville native said. "I feel fortunate that at 14 I knew what I wanted to do."

Smith began racing go-carts in 1982, and his four wins then were only the beginning. From 1982 to 1984, he collected 32 wins on his way to six national and regional championships. Three years later, he broke into Formula Ford racing and posted four victories.

This year, his first in the ARS, Smith has finished second four times and collected the pole position at Phoenix In-

ternational Raceway. In 14 races this year, he has finish in the top 10 13 times, including eight top five finishes.

Smith credits much of his success to his father, Del Smith, who owns Evergreen Aviation. Evergreen is a major sponsor of Mark Smith, but he said his father provides much more than just financial help.

"My dad has always been my best friend," Smith said. "I have needed that support, and he makes everything so much easier."

Smith said support also comes from his team, and he believes that without them he would not have come as far as he has.

"Success on the track a lot of times depends on the people and the equipment around you," he said. "But it all comes down to desire. I could be riding on top and then have one or two bad races, and I can't put a finger on it. I just try to keep working and never

give up."

Smith revels in the feeling that racing, especially qualifying, gives him.

"I get into this rhythm, really competing, because qualifying well is really important," he said. "Everything is blocked out and in slow motion, even though I'm stretching the limits of the car."

"I never dreamed of how physically demanding it is," he added. "When I get out of the car I am physically and mentally exhausted. It's almost like a drug. I have to have it. Everything involved; all the pressures, the adrenaline rushes really consume you."

Going 165 miles per hour every weekend would be an occupation that many people might shy away from, but to Smith it is all relative.

"From the outside it seems like the speeds are way up there, but now it doesn't seem like that to me," he said. "But if someone told me to squat

down and catch a 100 mph fast-ball, I would think twice."

He acknowledged that although he has done well in school, racing is the main focus of his life.

"School is important as a maturing process," he said. "My education is a priority but my social life has taken a back seat. Eventually the business background will be good to fall back on when I'm 40 or 50 - if I last that long."

One thing that hasn't taken a back seat is his dedication to Seeing Eye, an organization that breeds and trains dogs to help people with impaired vision become more self-sufficient. Smith has earned \$78,000 this year on the circuit, half of which will go to Seeing Eye.

Smith said he will run one more year on the ARS and attempt to win the championship before moving onto Indy cars.

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that played a key role in the two wins. Goalkeeper John Footman had three saves against Western Oregon.

Meanwhile, the women's club soccer team lost its big match with Oregon State on Oct. 17 but came back to beat Pacific 2-0 on Sunday to improve to 3-2 this season.

Sandy Lewis scored Oregon's only goal against Oregon State.

Oregon turned things around against Pacific, a team it lost to 3-1 in the first match of the season.

Kim Williamson scored Oregon's first goal and Jennifer Huckins added the second goal as the defense gave the women's team its first shutout.

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