

Mary Kay takes national title

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Mary Kay Marshall, the 15-year-old who took the U.S. Gymnastics Federation (USGF) Michigan State championship title last month, has won the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) National Championship in gymnastics.

The ninth-grader at Farmington High School swept the field in all four events: vault, uneven parallel bars, balance beam and floor exercise in competition early this month in Columbus, Ind.

"This is Mary Kay's first year in advanced levels of competition," said Dennis Spencer, owner and head coach of Farmington Gymnastics Center.

"She came in first on everything and did it with poise. She can really handle the pressure."

A part of that pressure was when TV cameramen

began zeroing in on Mary Kay's performances. Spencer said the cameramen sensed that Mary Kay might be the champion.

"Well, they were right," Spencer said. "She'll be the star of the show all the way when the meet is televised on cable TV in July."

MARY KAY is the youngest of the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Kim Marshall of Farmington and the only one involved in gymnastics.

She maintains straight As in her school classes. With a committed four hours-a-day workout with Spencer, the schedule leaves little time for much else.

"She's sacrificed a lot of social life for her title and she deserves it," Spencer said.

Mary Kay's coach called the win "a giant first

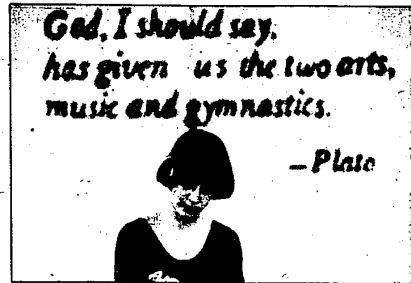
step toward getting a spot on the U.S. Olympic team."

This week Mary Kay, Spencer and other contenders from Farmington Gymnastics Center leave for Fort Lauderdale, Fla., for competition in the USFG Eastern Championship meet.

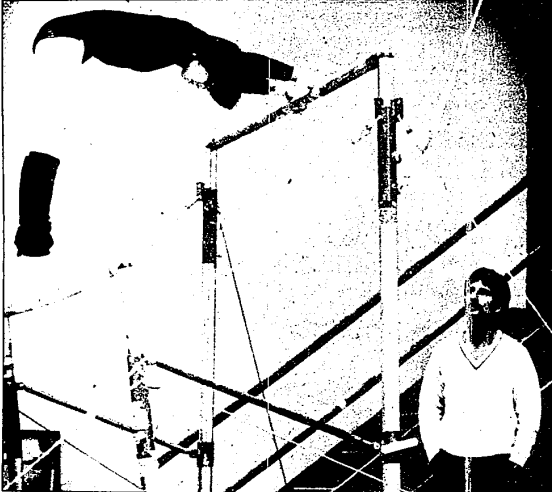
In June the top 20 from each of the U.S. Eastern and Western divisions meet for national competition in Tulsa, Okla.

Gymnasts who are eligible to try for the 1984 U.S. Olympic team meet in Detroit in August.

Staff photos by Randy Borst



A quote by Plato, as well as other calligraphy and paintings, adorn the walls of Farmington Gymnastic Center to stimulate young gymnasts to perfect their art.



Mary Kay takes directions from Dennis Spencer for her work on the uneven parallel bars. The newly named champion has been coached by Spencer for the past two years in the Farmington Gymnastic Center.



Perfect form on the balance beam, as well as in three other events during the national championship meet, gave the ninth-grader at Farmington High School her new title.

Jennifer Lynn named most beautiful baby

Jennifer Lynn Kimling, who was born Nov. 20, 1980, has taken the first prize in Farmington Area Jaycettes "Most Beautiful Baby" contest.

The daughter of Cynthia

Kimling of Detroit led the field of more than 50 from photos that were submitted. Judging was done by residents of Farmington Nursing Home.

Second-place honors went to Nicholas Brent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brent of Farmington Hills, who was born April 28, 1980.

Breanne Marie Beals

received the third-place honors. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Beals of Farmington, born March 10, 1980.

Jennifer Lynn will receive a GM Youth Car Seat, donated by Bob Saks Oldsmobile. Nicholas will receive a GM Love Mobile Stroller donated by Bob Saks Oldsmobile, plus a \$10 gift certificate from Pixieland. Breanne receives a \$25 gift certificate from Richard's Boys and Girls Wear.

Winners will be given their prizes this week during the Jaycettes regular monthly meeting.

THE JAYCETTES annual contest is given to promote its Buckle Up Babies (BUBS) safety program for infants.

The program was launched several years ago by Jaycettes throughout Michigan when it was learned that death in an auto is one of the leading causes of accidental death for the child's first year of life.

GM Love Seats, developed after years of research, cradle the infant in an automobile and prevent the buckled-up infant from becoming a projectile in the event of a crash.

Members of the local Jaycettes purchased 50 of the love seats to be rented for nine-month periods, most of which consistently since have been out on loan.

Chairwoman for this season's BUBS program and its beautiful baby contest is Carole Jurek, 476-0759.

Renters of the love seats do not need to be residents of Farmington or Farmington Hills.



Six-month-old Jennifer Lynn Kimling edged out more than 50 other contenders to take the title of "Most Beautiful Baby" for 1981. The annual contest is sponsored by Farmington Area Jaycettes to promote its infant-safety program.

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