

Dona Kebrdle executes a trick on the balance beam for North Farmington during last Monday's meet at Troy. (Staff photo by John Stano)

Showdown!

Troy nips NF gymnasts

North Farmington and Troy High, two of the state's top girls' gymnastics teams, got together for a dual meet Monday. North, with a sub-par Kathy Temple back in the lineup, was edged 95.45-97.55.

Temple, an outstanding all-arounder, was still recovering from a bruised back, the result of a fall from the balance beam a week earlier.

"She wasn't up to par," said North coach Mary Johnese, "but she wanted to compete because this was a big meet for us."

"She practiced a little bit before the meet and that was only the second time she'd been in a gym since it (the accident) happened."

Temple won uneven parallel bars with a score of 8.80, and finished second in beam (8.55) and floor exercise (8.8). In vaulting, she was tied for third with teammates, Susan Shifra and Alyene Wolf with an 8.5.

Troy standouts Kathy Michaels and Lisa Boes took the rest of the

places. Michaels earned firsts in vaulting (8.55) and beam (9.15) to go with thirds in bars (8.3). Boes won floor exercise (8.9), and had seconds in vaulting (8.2) and bars (8.50).

"The key event was balance beam," Johnese said. "Our top three girls had three falls, and Troy's top three had only one."

Troy is 8-0 under coach Sandy Smith. North owns an 8-1 record.

TROY HIGH, the site of the state finals March 20-21, has impressive gymnastics facilities, according to Johnese.

"Troy has a separate gym just for gymnastics," she said. "They (Troy's gymnasts) don't have to pick up their equipment and put it away. And they don't have to share their gym with basketball players."

North competes next on Monday at home against Walled Lake Central. The meet begins at 7 p.m.

Sophomore Jo Smith won four events to carry Farmington High past Walled Lake Western, 85.30-82.70, last Monday. Farmington is 5-3 under new coach Maria Scharrenberg.

Smith won vaulting (7.85), bars (8.05), beam (8.25) and floor exercise (8.2). Teammate Tina Bona placed second in vaulting (7.05) and beam (7.85), and finished third in floor exercise (7.8).

Farmington travels to Walled Lake Central for a 7 p.m. meet on Thursday. At 7 p.m. on Friday, Farmington Harrison competes at Grosse Pointe North.

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6 area matmen win League titles

By TOM BAER

What do Dave Denny, Mark Bartram, Jim Steiner, Bob Cushing, Steve Magyari and Shawn Cotter have in common?

They're all Farmington-area high school wrestlers who've earned weight-class championships in recent league-meet competition.

Denny, Bartram and Steiner are members of Farmington High School's team, which scored 223

points to finish second behind Pontiac Northern in the Inter Lakes League meet at Milford-Lakeland.

Magyari and Cotter belong to a North Farmington club which compiled 158 points to follow Westland John Glenn and Redford Thurston in the Northwest Suburban League meet at North. Cushing helped his Farmington Harrison squad tie for fourth with Livonia Churchill in the Western Six League meet at Harrison.

Those six wrestlers are probably the best local

bets to excel in the upcoming state district tournaments. North and Farmington will wrestle in the Class A district at Ann Arbor Huron, and Harrison will compete in the Class B tourney at Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

Farmington's Denny, a senior, raised his individual record to 29-2 by pinning Northern's Ken Marston in 2:52 in the finals of the 112-pound event at the ILL meet.

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Raider spikers lose meet

There's a three-way tie for first place in the Northwest Suburban League volleyball standings following last Monday's action.

North Farmington, which had been tied for first with Livonia Franklin, lost to Westland John Glenn, 15-4, 10-15, 15-4, to create the three-team deadlock. The three top teams have 5-2 records.

"Our kids just had an off night, and Glenn's kids played super," said North coach Sandy Lubieniecki, whose Raiders own a 9-2 overall mark.

In Catholic League volleyball, Birmingham Marian defeated Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, 15-6, 16-15, 15-13. The loss put Mercy at 5-5 overall and 4-5 in the conference.

Mercy coach Linda Barber blasted the officials. "It may sound like sound like sour grapes, but the officiating was terrible — the worst I've seen in six years of coaching," she said.

"And I'm sure the Marian coaches would agree. Both teams were cheated."

Milford-Lakeland whipped Farmington High, 5-15, 16-14, 15-10, in Inter Lakes League volleyball.

Farmington is 5-2 in the conference and 6-4 overall. Farmington Harrison's spikers dropped to 3-6 overall and 2-6 in the Western Six League thanks to Walled Lake Western's 15-9, 15-12 showing last Monday.

Skyline keeps top cage spot

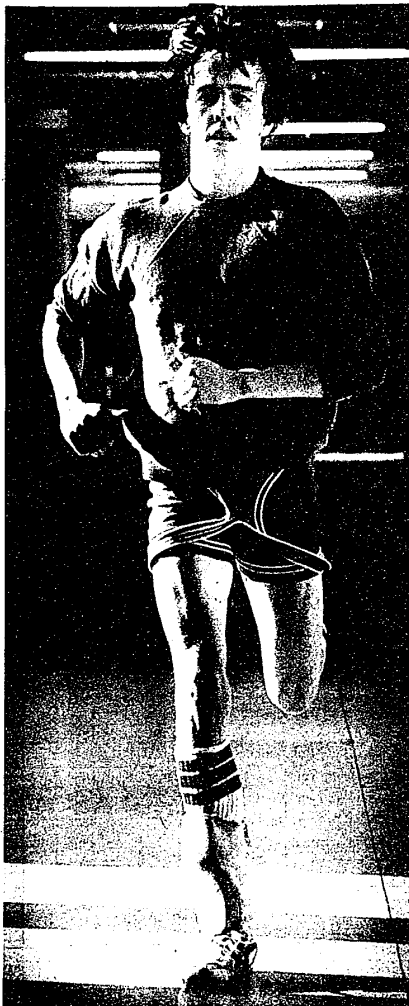
Skyline Diamonds, the first-place team in the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department's Men's Basketball League, won its fifth straight by a 77-50 score over Paul Inman Associates.

Mike Wilson scored 25 points for Skyline, and Jim Fitzgerald added 19. Mat Janer and Mike McCoy combined for 30 points for Paul Inman, which occupies last place in the eight-team league with an 0-5 record.

Dunveavy's Pub & Grub, the second-place team with a 4-0 record, whipped No Names, 59-47, Bob Davis led Pub & Grub with 24 points, and Dan Clinton had 22 for No Names, which fell to 0-4.

Steak & Ale (4-1) got 16 points from Dave Carpenter and 14 each from Rob Slotnik and Jim Prescott to down Hewlett Packard, 65-38. Jim Moran and Jim Lebar each netted 12 points for Packard (1-3).

Willie Townsend scored 18 points in a losing cause as his Systems Unlimited team dropped a 59-44 decision Steak & Ale. Carpenter dropped in 21 points for the winners.



Dave Denny limbers up with a trot through the halls of Farmington High School. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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