

On to state for 3 prep gymnasts



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Dona Kebrle, the only North Farmington gymnast to qualify for the upcoming high school state championship meet, finished fifth on the balance beam with a score of 8.15 at the recent regional meet at Troy Athens. North Farmington, the defending state champion, failed to qualify as a team for this season's state meet.

North lands 3rd

North Farmington, last season's girls' gymnastics state champion, failed to qualify as a team for this year's state meet, set for Friday and Saturday at Plymouth Canton High School.

North missed qualifying because it finished third with a score of 125.55 in Saturday's regional meet at Troy Athens. The top two teams in each regional — in this case Troy with a score of 129.90 and Birmingham Seaholm with 129.40 — advance to the state meet.

Only one North girl, sophomore Dona Kebrle, will compete in the meet. She qualified by finishing fifth on the balance beam with a 8.15. Two Farmington High girls, Jo Smith and Katie MacIntosh, also performed well enough in the regional to advance to state.

"We had 16 falls," said North coach Mary Johnsee. "It just wasn't our day. They just couldn't do their routines, and they fell."

Farmington's Smith, a sophomore, finished second in floor exercise with a score of 8.7 and tied for fifth on uneven parallel bars with an 8.35. Teammate

MacIntosh was tied for eighth on the balance beam with a score of 7.75.

Jill Birs, Farmington Harrison's only competitor in the regional, was taken to Troy Beaumont Hospital after she broke her arm in two places following a fall from the bars.

Kimball's Sharon McNie had firsts in bars (8.75) and floor (9.0) to go with a second in vaulting (9.0) and a fourth on beam (8.25), and was the meet's top all-arounder with a 35.00 total.

Kathy Michaels of Troy won vaulting (9.3), took a second on bars (8.7), tied for fifth in floor (8.5) and was the runner up in all-around (34.10).

The rest of the all-arounders: Jenny Matz (34.00) and Jill McBride (33.90), both of Seaholm; Royal Oak Dondoro's Tammy Olkowski (33.85) and Troy's Michele Sirna (33.40).

Kimball finished fourth in the team standings with a score of 125.40. Southfield-Lathrup had 121.30, Grosse Pointe North 117.60 and Rochester 117.10.

State meet team and all-around competition begins at 6 p.m. Friday. The top 10 individuals in each event will compete beginning at 1 p.m. Saturday.

2 area tankers manage to score at Class A finals

Two area swimmers — Farmington's Alec Campbell and Farmington Harrison's Ted Rudel — swam well enough to score in the recent Class A state meet at Michigan State University.

Campbell, a sophomore, finished seventh in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:46.5, and then landed 10th in the 200 individual medley with a 1:58.9 clocking. The times were Campbell's best of the season.

"He's a super swimmer, and he works hard," said Farmington coach Jack Merritt.

Rudel, a junior at Harrison, placed 11th in the 500 freestyle with a 4:50.3

after going 4:49.7 in the preliminaries. He also qualified for the state meet in the 200 freestyle, but failed to score with a 1:48.3.

Several other Farmington-area swimmers turned in non-scoring performances at the state meet.

Farmington's Mark Grover recorded a 55.6 in the 100 butterfly, and teammate Chris Edwards went 50.4 in the 100 freestyle. North Farmington's 200 medley relay (Scott Ferry, Steve Manderfield, John Gunderson and John Pirog) failed to score with a 1:45.0. Manderfield swam in the 100 free (50.1) and the 100 breaststroke (1:04.7).



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Farmington's Jo Smith is one of two Falcon gymnasts to qualify for the state championship meet. Smith qualified on the uneven parallel bars and floor exercise. Teammate Katie MacIntosh made it on the balance beam. The state meet will be held Friday and Saturday at Plymouth Canton High School.

Underclassmen in majority on all-star mat team

All-area wrestling

FIRST TEAM

98 Pounds: Todd Snooks (Birmingham Brother Rice); 105: Steve Brown (Troy); 112: Dreux Nelson (Birmingham Brother Rice); 119: Bill Harbin (Rochester); 126: Bill Anglin (Farmington); 132: Chris Parent (Southfield-Lathrup); 138: Allen Weiner (Southfield-Lathrup); 145: Bob Petrillo (West Bloomfield); 155: Craig Mittelstadt (Bloomfield Hills Andover); 167: Rob Blake (Troy); 185: Larry Langer (Southfield); 198: Roger Erickson (Troy Athens); HEAVYWEIGHT: Ron Schimon (Rochester Adams).

SECOND TEAM

98 pounds: Kevin DeBolt (Rochester Adams); 105: Brad Vargas (Rochester Adams); 112: Roger Pendry (Troy); 119: Andy Tucker (West Bloomfield); 126: Pete Cuffe (Birmingham Brother Rice); 132: Mark Denoy (Farmington); 138: Joe Robinson (Southfield); 145: Paul Cotter (North Farmington); 155: Richard Fox (Rochester Adams); 167: Dave Blackmer (Farmington Harrison); 185: Ted Gastermer (Rochester Adams); 198: (Farmington Harrison); HEAVYWEIGHT: John Steinkopf (Farmington).

HONORABLE MENTION

Rochester: Don Thompson, Jim Ritey, Brian Camera, Mark Persinger, Ron Carlyle, Scott Camera, Mike Frink; Adams: Todd Robinson, Matt Monica, Harry Wasvary, Jeff Harris, Don Madden; Athens: Bill Raynor, Mark Megerian; Troy: Neil LeClerc; Brother Rice: Scott Isaacson, Terry Corneli; Andover: John Najarian, Marty McDonald, Craig Turk, Brian Mason; Lahser: Todd Bone; Country Day: Ted Pulling, Keith Wadell, Chris Mazer; Seaholm: Bill Manix, Joe Dunn, Joe Green; Groves: Bob Kelly; Lathrup: Glenn Klein, Tom Kopsch, Mike Grebb, Dave Sakstrup; Southfield: Al Vermiglio, John Karay; West Bloomfield: Scott Panzer, Rob Rourke, Brett Chudler, Paul Radel, Jeff Gowan; North Farmington: Matt Gasser, Dan Orr, Eric Collier, Ken Nielsen, Brian Hood; Harrison: Matt Alcantara.

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There's an unusual feature about the 1982 Observer & Eccentric All-Area Wrestling Team.

While most high-school all-star teams are composed primarily of seniors, this one is different. There actually are more underclassmen than seniors on this year's team.

Last year, for instance, nine of the 13 first-team members were seniors. This year's first team consists of six seniors, six juniors and a sophomore.

The team recently was picked by a panel of coaches who represent the areas of Birmingham-West Bloomfield, Farmington and Southfield and Rochester and Troy. The panel's criteria was placements at state, regional and district competition.

Birmingham Brother Rice, Troy and Southfield-Lathrup each had two representatives to the first team. Rochester, Farmington, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Southfield, Troy Athens and Rochester Adams each had one.

Following is a brief synopsis of each first-team selection.

98 POUNDS: Todd Snooks (Brother Rice); Snooks, a sophomore, is the youngest member of the team. He won the Catholic League title and finished first at the Birmingham-Bloomfield, Chippewa Valley and Holt Invitationals. Snooks was a district and regional champion and took fourth at the state meet. His overall record this season was 39-9.

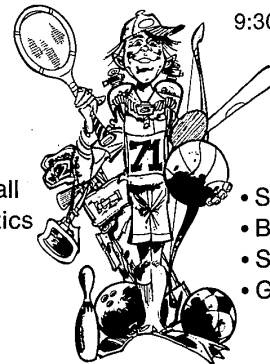
105 POUNDS: Steve Brown (Troy); A junior, Brown has 98 career wins at Troy (17 losses), and he still has one season to go. Brown was 44-3 this year, including 30 pins. He was second at the district, second at the regional and third at the state meet. Brown won the prestigious Oakland County crown, and took first places at the Lahser, Andover and Troy Invitationals. He was also a Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) champ.

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