

Troy too much for North

By Jim Hughes
staff writer

Monday's triangular high school gymnastics meet featuring Troy High, North Farmington and Troy Athens had all the makings of a main event:

- It pitted annual rivals Troy and North Farmington.
- It marked the homecoming for Athens coach Lori Boes, a former all-state gymnast from Troy High.
- It matched three teams — all first-place league finishers in the dual meet season — with a combined record of 29-10 coming into the competition.
- It could have been an interesting prelude to the March 10 regional meet, in which all three teams will participate.

However, the most interesting topic of discussion was Monday's winter storm. The meet wasn't decided by a number on the right side of the decimal point. And it couldn't have been much of a homecoming for Boes, as her team scored well below its average from the past six meets.

When it was over, the Colts posted an anticlimactic victory over the two visiting teams.

TROY SCORED 131.30 to top North Farmington's 128.45. Athens was a distant third with 119.65, a far cry from the Red Hawks' 127 score in earlier upset over Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

The meet featured strong individual showings from Troy's Suzanne Enciso, North's Lucine Toroyan and Athens' Kathy Demchak. Enciso was first on vault (9.95) and floor exercise (8.65), and third on the balance beam (8.25).

Toroyan, off the injured list, scored 8.50 for second on floor, while Demchak was second on vault (8.50) and beam (8.35).

"We had a lot of falls," North coach Mary Johnes said. "It wasn't one of our best meets, but we did do pretty well. We would have done a lot better if we hadn't fallen so much."

Lucine had a real nice meet, and really did well on the floor. She was one of our injured performers, but now she's coming back. It's nice to have her back."

The Colts, longtime rivals with the Raiders, tied North Farmington last year, and lost the previous season. This time around, first-year coach Pat



DAVID FRANK/staff photographer

Sophomore Eileen Murtaugh performs her floor exercise Monday night for North Farmington.

The Raiders beat Troy Athens, but fell short of Troy in the tri-meet.

Rasmussen knew what her team needed.

"WE KNEW they (Raiders) were scoring in the high 120s," she said, "and I knew we had to score above that. Now I think we should always be in the 130s, even on a below-average night."

North Farmington's best score of the season was a 128.50 against Plymouth Salem Feb. 5. Troy scored 133.75 in a victory over Royal Oak Dondoro, while Athens reached 127.45 against Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

While Athens' team score was sub-par, Boes was high on the performance of Demchak.

"Kathy did well, but it's not surprising because she's been so steady," Boes said. "She's come on real strong, and we can always count on her."

Underclassmen controlled the top spots in the meet as only one senior finished in the first three places in the four events. Enciso and Demchak are sophomores, while Toroyan is a freshman.

Kara Karhu, another freshman from North, was first on bars (8.3) while teammate Eileen Murtaugh, a sophomore, was third on vault (8.35) and beam (8.2).

Troy junior Michele Sirna placed first on beam (8.45), and was third on bars (8.20). Colt junior Kim Cousinoti tied Murtaugh for third on vault (8.35).

North's Dona Kebride, the lone senior to crack the top three, was third in floor (8.4).

TIE RAIDERS (12-4), defending Western Lakes Activities Association champs and Northwest Suburban League leaders five years previous, will host the WLAAs championships Saturday.

The Red Hawks fell to 8-7 after four straight losses to gymnastics powers. Last week, Athens lost a tri-meet against Grosse Pointe North and Ann Arbor Pioneer. Athens competes in the Metro Suburban Activities Association meet at 4:30 p.m. today at Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Troy High, which competed in the Southeastern Michigan Association championship Wednesday night, finished the dual meet season with a 12-2 record. The Colts will join Athens, North Farmington, Royal Oak Dondoro, Lahser, Southfield-Lathrup and a host of other strong teams at the March 10 Athens Regional.

"We have a few injuries and a few kids on vacation, so we'll be slim going in," Rasmussen said. "We will be going with our top five all-around people, and they're pulling good scores. They have to hit, and they can."

Wolverine icers split with Irish

Win Dahm, the University of Michigan-Dearborn, scored a 4-1 victory over the Wisconsin-Eau Claire (15-12) and Roger Williams University (13-9) of Bristol, R.I., contest. The championship game will be at 8 p.m. Friday.

Dahm and Livonia natives Larry Massa (one assist) and Rick LaBurn (one goal) were major contributors in the Wolverines' 4-1 victory Friday. Notre Dame trailed 4-1 in the final period but rallied for two more goals. The Irish played the final 21 seconds six skaters against four but could not cash in.

On Saturday Dahm tallied three as-

ists, Livonia's Greg Everson had a goal and Orchard Lake's Jeff Bagnell had an assist, but Notre Dame prevailed 7-4.

Dahm finished the regular season with 18 goals and 31 assists. Bagnell had seven goals and 17 assists. LaBurn totaled 11 goals and 11 assists and Everson managed nine goals and nine assists.

with 18 goals and 31 assists. Bagnell had seven goals and 17 assists. LaBurn totaled 11 goals and 11 assists and Everson managed nine goals and nine assists.

Dahm finished the regular season with 18 goals and 31 assists. Bagnell had seven goals and 17 assists. LaBurn totaled 11 goals and 11 assists and Everson managed nine goals and nine assists.



Armstrong

Never before has

a vinyl no-wax floor

this good

cost this little.

Only \$12.95

Reg. \$16.95

Armstrong offers more than an ordinary vinyl floor. Armstrong's exclusive Inlaid Color® process builds in special richness and depth of color. And its Color Guard® vinyl no-wax wear surface offers superior stain resistance and easy care plus superior resistance to cuts and gouges.

All this...in 21 beautiful colors and four designs at the price of an ordinary vinyl floor.

Material must be installed properly.

Armstrong

A.R. KRAMER CO.

Known for quality installation since 1925

LIVONIA Warehouse & Showroom 15584 MIDDELEDT (Between 5 and 6 Mile) OPEN Monday through Friday 9 am - 9 pm Saturday 9 am - 6 pm Phone: 522-5300

PLYMOUTH Showroom 42291 Ann Arbor Rd. (at E. Plymouth) OPEN Monday through Friday 9 am - 6 pm Saturday 9 am - 6 pm Phone: 455-3393

Wayne Wayne Lawn & Garden 2103 S. Wayne Road 721-5220

Saxon's Garden Center 507 W. Ann Arbor Trail 453-0250

United Mower 28516 Grand River 474-4328

Quality Lawn Equipment 5421 Dixie Hwy. 625-2231

Commercial Lawnmower Inc. 34955 Plymouth Road 525-0980

University Lawn Equipment 945 University 373-7220

University of Michigan-Dearborn 4300 Dearborn 462-1234

University of Michigan-Dearborn 4300 Dearborn 462-1234

University of Michigan-Dearborn 4300 Dearborn 462-1234

University of Michigan-Dearborn 4300 Dearborn 462-1234

University of Michigan-Dearborn 4300 Dearborn 462-1234

University of Michigan-Dearborn 4300 Dearborn 462-1234

University of Michigan-Dearborn 4300 Dearborn 462-1234

University of Michigan-Dearborn 4300 Dearborn 462-1234

University of Michigan-Dearborn 4300 Dearborn 462-1234

University of Michigan-Dearborn 4300 Dearborn 462-1234



RANDY BORSI/staff photographer

Coach Greg Phill and Falcone Fred Courville (standing) and Eric Davis chart a course that they hope leads to a league title.

Can Falcon tankers top league favorites?

Continued from Page 1

"That really hurt, but still, I'm all set. We're definitely going to go after it. I think Salem has to be the favorite and Stevenson is tough, but I don't think anyone can overlook us," Phill said.

SALEM HAS been the dominating force in the young Western Lakes swim league. The Rocks have yet to be beaten in league play since the formation of the league two years ago. "They have won every dual meet (18 straight), the league relays both years and the league meet last year."

Stevenson has offered the Rocks their stiffest challenge this season. The Rocks beat Stevenson by two points, 87-85, winning it in the final relay, in the teams' dual meet encounter Feb. 16.

Rock coach Chuck Olson agreed that the league meet will be a three-team affair.

"Any one of three teams could win," he said. "It's a question of who swims the best."

The three teams — Salem, Stevenson and Farmington. But the veteran coach feels his team is the favorite.

"We're not overconfident. But I think we are really looking forward to this meet. With the quality that Farmington has, the numbers and the talent that Stevenson has, it's going to be real tight. And, I think there's a lot of pressure on our kids to repeat. We are confident that we will swim well. It's a question of how well the others swim."

Erik Kleinsmith, Bob Bowling, Greg Wolff, Scott Anderson, Mike

Harwood and Don Harwood will be counted on heavily to pace the Rocks.

THE BIG question mark out of the Stevenson camp is the health of Kevin Everhart. Perhaps the best back-stroker in the area, Everhart has been plagued by biceps tendonitis.

"Kevin will swim," said Spartan coach Doug Buckler, "but we're not expecting any miracles. He's only going to swim the medley in the state meet. He's pulled himself out of the other events. He is only swimming for the benefit of the team."

Kurt Hein, Greg Deska, Steve Taormina and Jeff Albert will have to pick up the slack if Everhart can't go 100 percent.

"Chuck (Olson) and I have the teams to beat," Buckler said. "Farmington is the dark horse. If anyone slips, they will be there to take the title."

There will also be a dogfight for fourth place between Livonia Churchill and Northville. Churchill, with the likes of Eric Hutchinson, Drew and Eric Baird, Chris Morasky and Vic Valente, have the edge.

Valente, with his top performance of 252.5, is far and away the league's best diver. Hutchinson and Eric Baird go one-two in the Observer breaststroke rankings, 1:02.9 and 1:04.3, respectively.

Last year, Salem ran away from the other nine teams in the league meet. This year, it may go down to the final relay with three teams in contention. The Western Lakes Activities Association meet ought to be a dandy.

North a lock in NSL

Continued from Page 1

As it was last year, Westland John Glenn and Livonia Franklin should be fighting for runners-up honors.

"Realistically, all we can hope to do is beat Glenn for second place," said Franklin assistant coach Mike Schultz. "That's all we can shoot for."

"There's no way we can beat North," Franklin was beaten badly by Glenn in their dual meet encounter earlier this season. But Glenn coach Larry McConnell is wary about his team's chances in the league meet.

"At this point in the season, we are down to 13 kids on the roster," McConnell said. "They (Franklin) have a lot more depth. It will all depend on where our front-line kids finish as to how well we do."

Said Schultz: "They beat us bad in the duals. They just swam out of their skins. I mean, we swam real well and they killed us. They have excellent front-line swimmers. We get by on depth. Hopefully, North will bump some of their top kids down."

Franklin is coming off a victory at the eight-team Taylor Invitational last weekend.

DENNIS KELLER is Franklin's best individual performer. He was an

All-Area performer in the 50-free style last year. He has gone 23.0 in that event this season. Frank Givier is ranked eighth among Observerland divers with his best performance of 195 points. Brian Niedbela is ranked eighth in the 100-breaststroke with a 1:06.5.

John Glenn will be banking on seniors Brian Pawlowicz, Mike Jensen and David Ford to carry much of the load. Sophomore diver Tim DuBois has been a big surprise as have classmates Danny Kozar, Andy Pavlich, Scott Walshe and Sean Volpetti.

Franklin will be out to erase the memory of last year's disappointing third-place league finish. The Patriots seemed to have second place wrapped up after they won the 500-free style, but an overzealous alum jumped into the pool to congratulate the swimmer, forcing a disqualification. That cost the Pats 16 points; they lost second place by 12.

The other three teams — Redford Thurston, Redford Union and Garden City — though out of contention team-wise, have some excellent individual performers.

Thurston's Bob Fairchild and RU's Matt Ford are the best two divers in the league.

MUCC PRESENTS
Outdoorsama
Michigan's largest fishing & outdoor show
Fishing Hunting Travel Clinics
Over 200 exhibits in hunting and fishing clinics, fabulous stage shows, and celebrities.
OUTDOORAMA '84
February 24-March 4
Fairground Coliseum
Show hours:
Friday, Feb. 24—8-10 p.m.
Saturday—8-10 p.m.
Weekend—12-10 p.m.
1-313-893-4460

Open Houses
Boyer Falls Log Home
Saturdays, 1-3 p.m.
March 3, April 14, May 12
U.S. 23 to Exit 55 (4 miles S. of 9100) Turn West and look for signs.
CAROL MOCK
BOYER 8760 Tamarack, Dept. E
Falls Brighton, MI 48116
313/231-1051
Send for Free Brochure or send \$5.00 for Portfolio

SNAPPER ATTENTION GARDENERS
• NO MONTHLY PAYMENTS 'TIL MAY •
TERMS No payment 'til May
WITH THIS AD SAVE UP TO \$11495 with accessories
MIDDLE BUSTER Retail Value \$86.95
4 SWEEP CUTWATOR Retail Value \$114.95
N's a snap with SNAPPER A Division of Eureka Industries
SNAPPER'S Total Rear-Tine Tiller
• Forward & counter rotating tines standard
• Swing handle
• 4 forward speeds — 1 reverse
• 5 h.p., 8 h.p., & 8 h.p. electric start models available.
BUY NOW! NO MONTHLY PAYMENTS UNTIL MAY '84
When you buy SNAPPER in May. (Finance charges occur from date of purchase)
SOLD AND SERVICED at these retail dealers
FARMINGTON HILLS United Mower 28516 Grand River 474-4328
WATERFORD Quality Lawn Equipment 5421 Dixie Hwy. 625-2231
PLYMOUTH Saxon's Garden Center 507 W. Ann Arbor Trail 453-0250
PONTIAC University Lawn Equipment 945 University 373-7220
LIVONIA Commercial Lawnmower Inc. 34955 Plymouth Road 525-0980
WAYNE Wayne Lawn & Garden 2103 S. Wayne Road 721-5220