gymnastics

U.S. GYMNASTICS FEDERATION
Class I MEET
(March 24-25)
Hosted by: Michigan Academy of Gymnastics — Garden City

SENIOR DIVISION
(16 years old up)

All-Around — 1. Monica Stavros (Mich. Academy), 71.60; 2. Karen Phillips (Farmington), 71.35; 3. Julie Somers (Genesee), 71.20; 4. Sue Lindblom (Blake Gym), 70.95; 5. Kim Hartwick (Great Lakes),70.70; 6. Karen Viola (Warren Gym), 69.85; 7. Bonnie Boggiano (The Gym Co.), 69.70; 8. Mya Niemi (The Gym Co.), 69.70; 9. Mary Miller (Saginaw Gym), 69.65; 10. Gayle Quashnie (Mich. Academy), 69.50.

Vault — 1. Julie Somers (Genesee), 19.0; 2. Mary Miller (Saginaw Gym), 18.4; 3. Sue Lindblom (Blake Gym), 18.3; 4. Monica Stavros (Mich. Academy), 18.3; 5. Debbie Skappstrom (Mich. Academy), 18.15; 6. Diei Cook (Steve Whitlock), 18.0; 7. Karen Phillips (Farmington), 17.95; 8. Michelle Hoin (Warren Gym), 17.90; 9. Bonnie Boggiano (The Gym Co.), 17.90; 10. Gayle Quashnie (Mich. Academy), 17.90.

Uneven bars — 1. Sue Lindblom (Blake Gym), 18.25; 2. Monica Stavros (Mich. Academy), 18.20; 3. Julie Somers (Genesee), 18.20; 4. Karen Phillips (Farmington), 17.95; 5. Karen Viola (Warren Gym), 17.60; 6. Kim Hartwick (Great Lakes), 17.50; 7. Bonnie Boggiano (The Gym Co.), 17.40; 8. Mary Miller (Saginaw Gym), 17.35; 9. Chris Bammert (Great Lakes), 17.25; 10. Kris Byerly (Bay Valley), 17.05.

Balance beam — 1. Kim Hartwick (Great Lakes), 17.95; 2. Mya Niemi (The Gym Co.), 17.75; 3. Karen Phillips (Farmington), 17.55; 4. Monica Stavros (Mich. Academy), 17.35; 5. Gayle Quashnie (Mich. Academy), 17.20; 6. Wendy Comeau (Rochester), 17.15; 7. Karen Viola (Warren Gym), 17.05; 8. Chris Bammert (Great Lakes), 16.95; 9. Berta Niemi (The Gym Co.), 16.90; 10. Bonnie Boggiano (The Gym Co.).

Floor exercise — 1. Sue Lindblom (Blake Gym), 18.00; 2. Karen Phillips (Farmington), 17.90; 3. Julie Somers (Genesee), 17.75; 4. Monica Stavros (Mich. Academy), 17.75; 5. Karen Viola (Warren Gym), 17.60; 6. Beth Vanderwal (The Gym Co.), 17.55; 7. Bonnie Boggiano (The Gym Co.), 17.55; 8. Diei Cook (Steve Whitlock), 17.55; 9. Gayle Quashnie (Mich. Academy), 17.50; 10. Chris Bammert (Great Lakes), 17.50.

JUNIORS (12-14)

All-around — 1. Allyson Newman (Farmington), 70.35; 2. Dana Dobransky (Steve Whitlock), 69.90; 3. Kristen O'Reilly (Steve Whitlock), 69.70; 4. Stephanie Pannick (Genesee), 69.05; 5. Julie Ponstein (The Gym Co.), 68.65; 6. Carey Klamt (Oak Gym), 68.55; 7. Ruth Aguayo (Steve Whitlock), 68.50; 8. Kelly Walters, (Steve Whitlock), 67.05; 9. Tiffanie Giacobone (Rochester), 67.00; 10. Carrie Dawson (Steve Whitlock), 66.90.

Vault — 1. Carey Klamt (Oak Gym), 18.00; 2. Dana Dobransky (Steve Whitlock), 17.95; 3. Kelly Walters (Steve Whitlock), 17.60; 4. Natalie Leich (Rochester), 17.60; 5. Heather Stepp (Artistic Gym), 17.75; 6. Amy Pougnet (Genesee), 17.70; 7. Mandy Samuelson (Northern Mich.), 17.70; 8. Heather Johnson (Saginaw Gym), 17.70; 9. Carrie Dawson (Steve Whitlock), 17.65; 10. Stephnie Pannick (Genesee), 17.60.

Uneven bars — 1. Allyson Newman (Farmington), 17.65; 2. Dana Dobransky (Steve Whitlock), 17.60; 3. Kristen O'Reilly (Steve Whitlock), 17.35; 4. Ruth Aguayo (Steve Whitlock), 17.20; 5. Julie Ponstein (The Gym Co.), 17.10; 6. Tiffanie Giacobone (Rochester), 17.10; 7. Stephanie Pannick (Genesee), 17.00; 8. Tina Robinson (Rochester), 16.95; 9. Carey Klamt (Oak Gym), 16.75; 10. Angela Sarno (Farmington), 16.70.

Balance beam — 1. Kristen O'Reilly (Steve Whitlock), 18.20; 2. Allyson Newman (Farmington), 17.20; 3. Ruth Aguayo (Steve Whitlock), 17.20; 4. Stephanie Pannick. (Genesee), 17.10; 5. Dana Dobransky (Steve Whitlock), 16.85; 6. Amy Chlebek (Mich. Academy), 16.80; 7. Laura Makowski (Steve Whitlock), 16.70; 8. Heather Stepp (Artistic Gym), 16.65; 9. Julie Ponstein (The Gym Co.), 16.60; 10. Bonnie Valentine (Mich. Academy), 16.50.

Floor exercise — 1. Allyson Newman (Farmington), 18.00; 2. Carey Klamt (Oak Gym), 17.65; 3. Dana Dobransky (Steve Whitlock), 17.50; 4. Julie Ponstein (The Gym Co.), 17.45; 5. Tiffanie Giacobone (Rochester), 17.35; 6. Stephanie Pannick (Genesee), 17.35; 7. Kristen O'Reilly (Steve Whitlock), 17.20; 8. Kyle Powell (Steve Whitlock), 17.10; 9. Kristen Milanowski (The Gym Co.), 17.00; 10. Kim MacFayden (Rochester), 17.00.

CHILDREN (9-11)

All-around — 1. Angela Howard (Rochester), 63.90; 2. Tony Thompson (The Gym Co.), 63.80.

Vault — 1. Melissa Miller (Rochester), 17.05.

Uneven bars — 1. Angela Howard (Great Lakes), 16.60.

Balance beam — 1. Tonya Thompson (The Gym Co.), 15.90.

Floor exercise — 1. Angela Howard (Rochester), 16.75.

MORE SENIOR QUALIFIERS

Cindy Mazel (Farmington), 67.50; Chris Wallace (Farmington), 67.00; Wendy Comeau (Rochester), 67.05; Sue Seymour (Great Lakes), 67.35; Amy Trapp (Gym America), 67.50; Dina Cook (Steve Whitlock), 67.05; Janice Van Vetson (The Gym Co.), 68.40; Beth Vanderwal (The Gym Co.), 68.60.

All-around champion

Monica Stavros, a 16-year-old student at John Glenn High School, won All-Around honors at the U.S. Gymnastics Federation state championship for girls 15 and up in the Class I Division. The meet was held March 24-25 at the Michigan Academy of Gymnastics in Garden City. Stavros and teammate Gail Quashnie, who finished 10th, will advance to the U.S.G.F. regional meet this weekend in Des Plaines, Ill.

the week ahead

BASEBALL
Thursday, April 5
Edsel Ford at Garden City, 3:45 p.m.
Friday, April 6
Liv. Churchill at Howell (2), 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 7
Liv. Franklin at Liv. Stevenson (2), 11 a.m.
Wald. John Glenn at Wayne (2), noon. Red. Thurston at Ply. Salem (2), noon.
Dearborn Divine Child at Catholic Central at Redford's Capitol Park (2), noon.

SOFTBALL
Thursday, April 5
Liv. Stevenson at Liv. Franklin, 4 p.m.
Brighton at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Friday, April 6
Liv. Churchill at Howell (2), 3:30 p.m.
D.H. Crestwood at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 7
Wayne at Wald. John Glenn (2), 3:30 p.m.
Dearborn Fordson at Redford Union, 11 a.m.

BOYS TRACK
Thursday, April 5
Bish. Borgess at Liv. Churchill, 4 p.m.
D.H. Crestwood at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at N. Farmington, 3:45 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Novi, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at South Lyon, 3:30 p.m.
Farmington at Liv. Franklin, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6
Red. Thurston at D.H. Annapolis, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 7
Spartan Relays at Michigan State, 11 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK
Thursday, April 5
Redford Union at Liv. Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
D.H. Crestwood at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Novi at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.
Clarenceville at South Lyon, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 6
D.H. Annapolis at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 7
Spartan Relays at Michigan State, 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Thursday, April 5
Garden City at Liv. Bentley, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Novi, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, April 6
Liv. Churchill at Saginaw Eisenhower, 7 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.
Birm. Seaholm at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 7
Garden City at Liv. Franklin, noon.

tennis

TRENTON TENNIS INVITATIONAL

TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Redford Catholic Central, 48 points; 2. (Tie) Lansing Sexton and Fraser, 19 each; 4. Trenton, 17; 5. Detroit Mumford, 6. Woodhaven, 7. Garden City; 8. Riverview.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

No. 1 singles: Tom Spada, (CC) defeated Jeff Endres (LS), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

No. 2: Mark Ignatious (CC) def. Jeff Shiffer (LS), 6-0, 6-4.

No. 3: Phil Eagleson (CC) def. Greg Curd (F), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4: Bob Martin (CC) def. Dave Murray (F), 6-4, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Bob Heimbuch-Jim Gillespie (CC) def. Randy Allevato-Dave Bolk (WH), 6-1, 6-4.

No. 2: Tom Flack-Jeff Huston (CC) def. Mike Page-Dan Pham (F), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 3: Dan Vargovick-Greg Grabowski (CC) def. Mike Clotek-Brian Burning (LS), 6-0, 6-0.

No. 4: Rob Transcu-Mark Frederick (CC) def. Dave Rice-Mike Tobiczyk (WH), 6-0, 6-0.

CC's next meet: Saturday at the six-team Holly Invitational.

Junior bowlers lose a loved one

Bowling lost one of its greatest boosters with the death last Friday of Cecil Ward, 67, who for the past 50 years was the developer of junior bowling.

He not only sponsored juniors, but helped to build up the program that now ranks with the best in the country. His annual tournament was considered the highlight of the junior bowling season.

For 50 years he owned and operated a bowling goods store and specialized in unusual plaques for the junior winners throughout the state.

BEL-AIRE scoring hit another high peak last week when the sharpshooters found the range for seven barrier-breaking counts above 700.

Greg Bowman showed the way with a 799 that included an opening earn of 259. Right behind him came Tom Highley with 778 and a 298 count in one game. The others inducted into the 700 club were Larry Franz with 776, Fred Vitali with 750, Billy G. with 733, Jeff Anderson with 710 and Jim Sodeman with 705.

WOODLAND LANES scoring hit one of the season's peaks when three more men were admitted to the 700 club. Walt Smith had a 763 with a 247 game to show the way. Next in line came Mike Van Hulle with 719 and Bob Jacek with 734. To add to the good week, John Mahler converted the "impossible" 7-10 split.

MERRI-BOWL'S Randy Smith stole the show last week when he fired games of 855, 719 and 750 and each series was in a different league. It was the best showing of the year for any of the bowlers.

Rob Balsley joined the 700 club with a 707 bowled in Nottingham loop. In the same league, Bobbies Barb Bodner and Ann Johnson, while Carol and Mary Ann Wood forces to lead the ladies bowling with 607 and 614 respectively.

WESTLAND BOWL'S Jane Martin moved to the top of the list in the ladies classic with a 648 series. Her nearest rival was Freda Holland with 627. In the men's all stars Frank Briscoe was tops with 685. Midge Peshkot was the happiest person on hand when she learned her son, Dave, rolled a 723 series at Super Bowl.

In the pocket
by W.W. Edgar

boxing

Batra banks on speed, agility

By Jim DuFresne
special writer

Sanjay Batra looks like an athlete. He's slender and sleek, not an extra inch of fat anywhere. In competition, whether it's touch football, soccer or basketball, he combines graceful agility with a keen sense of balance, turning them into fluid motion.

What Batra doesn't look like is a boxer. The Livonia native does not possess a flattened nose, his face does not have that "punched in" look, his chest and arms do not ripple with muscles from the waist up.

So Saturday, when the Golden Gloves State Tournament gets underway at University of Michigan-Dearborn Fieldhouse, it will be Batra the athlete, not the puncher, who steps into the ring.

"My strength in boxing is quickness, not power," said Batra. "I win with foot and hand speed, not with an overpowering punch."

THAT SPEED and agility has been a winning combination for Batra since he started boxing in 1981. He won the Golden Gloves Tournament championship in the novice welterweight division last year.

He won't get the chance to defend that title. Batra will enter a tougher division — senior novice — and a heavier weight class — junior middleweight (156-pounds) — this year. But it should be a sweet tournament for Batra. He is a junior at UM-Dearborn, making it like a "home" event for him.

"I should have a following in the audience," he said. "That will give me butterflies before the fight, but it will be nice winning the title in front of my friends."

Batra's trainer, Paul Soucy of the Livonia Boxing Club, said Batra "is 4-0 and he has looked very impressive in winning them. He has an excellent chance to take this tournament."

BATRA GRADUATED from Livonia Bentley but spent three years going to school in India, his parents' homeland. In India he played such sports as cricket and soccer. He didn't become interested in boxing until his freshman year at UM-Dearborn, when he saw a Livonia Boxing Club invitation for new fighters.

"The Livonia Boxing Club makes it easy and inexpensive for a lot of athletes to try the sport," said Batra. "I went there basically to keep in shape. But I soon learned that boxing involves a lot of skill and tactics in the ring.

"Most people look at the sport as just two guys walling on each other. That's far from it."

Batra trained for nearly 18 months before entering the ring for the first time in 1983. He won all three of his fights last year and won his fourth in February in a Golden Gloves preliminary bout.

IN THE PAST MONTH, Batra's training has intensified as he prepares for this weekend. He's up at 5 a.m., and by six he's jogging four miles with other Livonia Boxing Club members. Soucy directs them through the four-mile run and then herds them back to the gym for the rest of the early-morning workout.

After his classes, Batra is back in the gym at night sparring with teammates.

"I think it takes more training and hard work than any other sport I've participated in," said Batra, a micro-biology major. "I'm planning on med school after graduating and I'll probably give up boxing then.

Nation's leading scorer gets an invitation

Schoolcraft College's All-American guard Carlos Briggs has been invited to participate in a three-day camp for the nation's top junior college basketball players April10-14 in Colorado Springs, Col.

The camp is a pre-Olympic trial tryout. Briggs, the nation's leading scorer, will be evaluated by Olympic coaches Bobby Knight, George Raveling and Don Donoher.

On Saturday, Briggs will lead the South team in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) North-South All-Star battle at Schoolcraft. Game time is 6 p.m. Admission is $3 per person.

Briggs has narrowed his choice of schools down to four — San Diego State, Baylor, Central Michigan and Iowa.

Earlier this week he made a visit to Iowa. Hawkeye coach George Raveling is expected to be on hand Saturday for the All-Star game.

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