

# Chiefs hot; Hawk win is costly



Kara Karhu, a big factor in North's fifth straight win Monday, will have to score well Saturday for North to compete with Troy Athens.

## Raiders eye title repeat

By Jim Toth staff writer

Troy Athens gymnasts will have a lot on their minds the next two days. Not only will they have to deal with the responsibilities that go along with hosting a tournament, but they will be targeted by the competition as the team to beat at the inaugural Athens Invitational.

Ranked No. 1 in the state in a recent poll, the Red Hawks will debut as hosts Saturday for a tournament that, for more than a decade, had been known as the Dearborn High Invitational. Last year, Dearborn High, citing rising costs, decided not to host the tournament.

"After last year's tournament, Dearborn High made it known they would no longer be holding it and asked Troy High if they wanted to be the hosts," said Athens coach Frank DiVito. "They (Troy) decided to come to Athens and see if we wanted it because they felt our facilities were better suited than theirs."

IN ADDITION to the top-ranked Red Hawks, the field includes North Farmington, Freeland, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Holland — the second-through fifth-rated teams, respectively. The rest of the field is made up by Troy, Rochester, Adams, Plymouth Canton, Lakeview, Grosse Pointe North, Adrian, Dearborn, Edsel Ford, Fraser and Royal Oak Kimball.

"We wanted to invite the best teams in the state, and I think we've done just that," DiVito said. "There is a lot of competition in this field and that means anybody can win. It will depend on which girls hit their routines."

The favorites to do that have to be the Red Hawks after setting a school record with 135.50 points in their opening meet against Lahser.

"There is an advantage and disadvantage to being ranked No. 1 this early in the season," DiVito said. "The advantage is that it will give the girls a lot of confidence. The disadvantage may be that they won't come as hard in practice. But I don't mind being No. 1 right now. I just hope we don't peak too early and don't have anything left at the end of

Plymouth Canton's gymnastics team established itself as one of the leading contenders for the Western Lakes Western Division title with an explosive performance Monday. The Chiefs beat Northville 126.9-108.65.

"This was a lot better than I expected," Canton coach John Cunningham said. "I think we set a school record for four-event points and this is only our second meet. And we had a lot of falls. I think we will stay right around 125. We could push up around 130 with a few less falls."

Maureen McLean and Brenda Perry led the way for the Chiefs. McLean won two events; the vault (8.0) and uneven parallel bars (7.7). She placed third on floor exercise (7.85).

Perry, who won all-around honors with a 31.8, placed second on vault (8.35), second on bars (7.85) and second on floor (8.15).

April Mosakowski won floor with an 8.25.

Mary Jo Charron and Darcy Gignac tied for second on balance beam with a 7.95. Gignac also took a third on vault (8.2).

Megan McGow contributed a third place on bars (7.55) and Sharon Moran placed fourth on bars (7.0).

The Chiefs (1-1) will travel to Walled Lake Western on Monday.

PLYMOUTH SALEM lost its second straight meet of the season Monday, a 127.75-124.7 decision at Dearborn.

Amy Pastori was the Rocks top all-arounder. She was third overall with a 30.6. She took a third on floor with an 8.25.

Becky Talbot won beam for Salem with an 8.15 and took a second on floor with an 8.45.

Jackie Huff placed third on bars with an 8.05 and fifth on vault with an 8.2.

Dana Holda placed third on vault (8.5) and Jenny Syria placed third on beam (7.40).

The Rocks (0-2) will host Walled Lake Central Monday.

FARMINGTON HARRISON beat non-league foe Southfield Saturday Monday 115.8-107.35, but the win was costly.

Tracy Solomon, one of the team's top all-around performers, injured her ankle during her floor routine. Coach Linda Perkins estimated that Solomon would see a minimum of four weeks.

Prior to the injury, Solomon had placed second on vault (8.45) and second on bars (7.55).

Sharon Lawson was the top scorer for the Hawks. She won on vault (8.75), bars (8.75) and floor (8.8). She was second on beam (7.8).

Jenny Rick took a third on vault (8.2) and Amy Solomon placed third on beam (7.3).

The Hawks (2-2) will travel to Clarenceville Monday.

topping 131 last week, scored 122 points against Walled Lake Western Monday. But the 122 easily topped Western's 82.9.

The lowered score could be attributed in part to the absence of talented freshman Kim Heller.

Lucine Toroyan and Kara Karhu paced the winners. Toroyan won on bars (8.25), beam (8.7) and floor (8.5). Karhu won vault (8.85), and placed second on both bars (7.6) and floor (8.6).

NORTH FARMINGTON, after

Nicki Yuskowatz placed third on beam with a 7.25 for North (0-0).

FARMINGTON was defeated by Hartland Monday 123.95-100.65.

Jackie Daly won the vaulting with an 8.75 for Farmington. Teammate Amy Frontier was second (8.1).

Frontier also placed second on beam with a 7.7.

The Falcons are 1-2 on the season and travel to Westland John Glenn on Monday.

## Mercy ski team nipped

No sense just easing into the schedule. Might as well just compete against the best right off the bat.

That was the title of the Farmington Hills Mercy ski team Monday as it opened its season against powerful Brighton. The Marlinis put up quite a battle before bowing out 20-16 at Mount Brighton.

Brighton took the top two places overall, but Mercy placed five skiers

in the top 10. Lexy Davis (48.14 combined total) and Leigh Clancy (48.79) placed third and fourth. Kelly Garcia (47.20) and Stephanie John (45.31) placed sixth and seventh. Corky Frizell (52.07) was ninth.

Dee Seniore (52.11) was 11th and Beth McIntosh (60.84) was 12th for Mercy.

The Marlinis will ski Southfield-Lathrup today at Mount Brighton.

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