

# gymnastics

<b>1991 GYMNASICS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> (Friday-Saturday at Ann Arbor Pioneer)	
<b>TEAM STANDINGS</b> 1. Muskegon Mona Shores, 148.95; 2. Plymouth Salem, 144.00; 3. Plymouth Canton, 136.00; 4. Rockford, 135.75; 5. East Kentwood, 135.00; 6. Fraser, 134.25; 7. Hecker, 133.50; 8. Troy, 132.85; 9. Holland, 130.30; 10. (tie) Adrian and Freehold, 129.90; 12. Traverse City, 124.70.	
<b>INDIVIDUAL RESULTS</b> <b>Vault</b> 1. Dana Komenchich (Fraser), 18.00; 2. Amye Goff (Mona Shores), 17.85; 3. Becky Swelin (Mona Shores), 18.75; 4. Jenny Alma (Rockford), 18.70; 5. (tie) Michelle Hegler (East Kentwood), Kim Miller (Salem) and Heather Scheller (Mona Shores), 18.00; 8. Jodi Amey (Holland) and Kim Hennrichs (Canton), 18.55; 10. Samantha Fox (East Kentwood), Vicki Eggle (Troy), Terina Blawie (Holland) and Julie Harris (Rockford), 18.20.	
<b>UNEVEN BARS</b> Kim Miller (Salem), 9.60; Alysa Solter (Salem), 9.60; Heather Kahn (H. Farmington), 9.40; Kim Hennrichs (Canton), 9.30; Courtney Gonyea (Salem), 9.20; Kyna Morgan (John Genn), 9.10; Jenny Tedesco (Canton), 8.95; Sarah Marns (Salem), 8.85; www.AnnArbor.com, 8.80; Autumn Birch (Salem), 8.75; Amee Wong (Salem), 8.75.	
<b>BALANCE BEAM</b> Kim Miller (Salem), 9.55; Courtney Gonyea (Salem), 9.50; Heather Kahn (H. Farmington), 9.30; Kyna Morgan (John Genn), 9.30; Dawn Gifford (Canton), 9.25; Alysa Solter (Salem), 9.25; Jenny Tedesco (Canton), 9.25; Chris Prough (John Genn), 9.20; Heather Kahn (Canton), 9.15.	
<b>FLOOR EXERCISE</b> Kim Miller (Salem), 9.55; Courtney Gonyea (Salem), 9.50; Alysa Solter (Salem), 9.45; Heather Kahn (H. Farmington), 9.40; Kim Hennrichs (Canton), 9.30; Kim Miller (Salem), 9.30; Kyna Morgan (John Genn), 9.10; Heather Kahn (H. Farmington), 9.10; Chris Prough (John Genn), 9.10; Dawn Gifford (Canton), 9.05.	
<b>ALL-AROUND</b> Kim Miller (Salem), 37.55; Heather Kahn (H. Farmington), 37.40; Courtney Gonyea (Salem), 37.00; Alysa Solter (Salem), 36.75; Kim Hennrichs (Canton), 36.35; Kyna Morgan (John Genn), 36.05; Sarah Marns (Salem), 35.10; Jenny Tedesco (Canton), 34.85; Autumn Birch (Salem), 34.60; Jodi Amey (H. Farmington), 34.60; Michelle Hegler (East Kentwood), 34.60.	

# sports shorts

- MERCY TRACK**  
 Farmington Hills Mercy's Heather Noll was third in the 3,200-meter run Saturday at the Huron Relays in Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Field House.  
 Noll ran the race in 13:07 for the team's best finish. Mercy's Laure DeMattia was sixth in the shot put (34-11 1/2) and Hillary Noll eighth in the 1,600 run (6:07).
- GOALIE WANTED**  
 A goalie is needed for the '81 Michigan Wolves select club soccer team (boys born Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1981).  
 To schedule a tryout call Karen Larson (478-4439) or Rocco Mitkov (981-5642).
- GOLF OUTING**  
 A golf outing sponsored by the Our Lady of Victory Booster Club is set for Saturday, May 18, at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth.  
 The format will be a four-person scramble, and the \$60 entry fee includes golf, lunch, dinner and refreshments. Dinner only tickets are available for \$20.  
 All proceeds will support the youth athletic programs at Our Lady of Victory Parish. Interested golfers should call Larry Lemire at 349-7039, 1012 or Ray Medonis at 349-0012.
- K-OF-C SOFTBALL**  
 The Knights of Columbus in Farmington Hills is organizing its spring, summer and fall softball leagues. There are openings for men, women, coed and over-35 teams. Call 476-9888 for league and fee information.

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# Gymnastics giant Area teams can't catch Mona Shores

By Dan O'Meara  
staff writer

Muskegon Mona Shores was just too good. The top-ranked Shores scored a state-record 148.95 to outdial Plymouth Salem and win the state gymnastics championship Friday at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School.

Mona Shores was nearly five points better than the No. 2 Rocks, whose 144.00 would have been an amazing score in any previous year. The results went according to the rankings with Plymouth Canton finishing third at 138.

"They are the best ever, and they are a coming power," said Canton coach John Cunningham of Mona Shores, referring to the fact its top gymnasts are underclassmen. "They're not a flash in the pan. This is going to continue for two or three more years."

Salem had hoped to upset the Shores, but nobody was going to catch Mona Shores.

"What can I say?" Salem coach Kathi McBride said. "The better team won. The only way we could have won is if they made mistakes, and they didn't make any."

FROM AN individual perspective, the meet would have been a huge success for most gymnasts with Salem sophomore Kim Miller's results, but it was less than what she had hoped. Miller, the defending champion in the all-around and uneven bars, did well in every event Saturday at the individual gymnastics finals but failed to win an event or repeat as the overall best.

Miller was second on the balance

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Plymouth Salem gymnast

beam (18.70) at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, tied teammate Alysa Solter for second in the floor exercise (18.90), was part of a four-way tie for third on the vault (18.70) and finished fifth on the bars (18.45).

"It was lower than I thought, but I guess it was pretty good," Miller said. "It's sort of disappointing, because last year I won and I didn't do that well this year."

Other area gymnasts who advanced to the individual finals were Solter and Courtney Gonyea of Salem and Kim Hennrichs of Plymouth Canton. North Farmington senior Heather Kahn missed the finals on vault by five 10ths of a point.

Muskegon Mona Shores dominated the team competition Friday and left an impression on the individual portion, too.

"I thought we had the potential (to qualify more girls individually)," said Cunningham, who took seven team members to the competition. "But just watch the Mona Shores girls and discover why there aren't a lot of other teams in the finals."

MONA SHORES' Becky Swelin

won the beam championship by two-tenths of a point over Miller and edged Miller and Gonyea by five-hundredths on floor, scoring 18.90 and 18.95, respectively.

Teammate Amye Goff won the bars title with a 19.05, and the Solters took the top three places with Heather Scheller (19.00) and Swelin (18.90) next. Fraser's Dana Komenchich captured first place on the vault at 18.90.

Swelin also claimed the all-around championship Friday with a 37.80. Scheller (37.75) was second and Miller and Goff tied for third (37.15). Miller scored 36.30 to win the all-around last year and 18.25 to win on the bars.

Solter was eighth (36.40) among the all-arounders, Gonyea ninth (36.05), Hennrichs 12th (35.40) and Stacy Katar of Athens 14th (35.15).

"The Mona Shores girls have better form than I do," Miller said. "We're equal on tricks, but their form is better and that knocked me down a bit. They were really good. I thought I did the best I could."

McBride thought Miller had a good meet, too.

"As I've said, (the judges) don't really want to see new stuff," she said. "They want clean routines. I still think Kim has the harder routines. She did a good job but compared to the competition it didn't look as clean."

"SHE'S STILL my favorite gymnast in the state. No matter where she placed I'm still happy with what she did."

Gonyea, a sophomore in her second state finals, took fifth on the beam (18.25) and was included in the sixth-place tie on floor.

"I was hoping I would do better," she said. "It was my lowest meet of the year. I guess I just wasn't on. But I'm still happy no matter how I did."

Hennrichs, also a sophomore, finished eighth on the vault (18.55) and was ninth on floor (18.60).

"She said 'Coach, I only got a 9.5, that means I'll be ninth,'" Cunningham said. "I told her 'You could have been third, and I still would have been proud of you because you still did a beautiful job.'"

In addition to sharing second place on floor with Miller, Solter, a freshman, was 10th on the bars with an 18.05.

"I missed (qualifying on) vault by one-tenth and beam by five-hundredths," she said. "I wanted to compete in those events, but I came here today to have fun."

"This was my first year (of high school gymnastics), and I had no idea it would be so much fun. I hope to come back more prepared next year. I know what to look for now."

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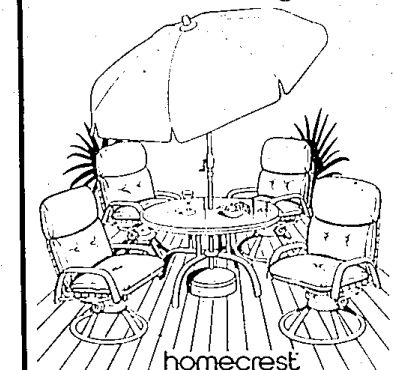
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