

# Ludington girls win state gymnastics crown

By DAVID BALL

Lori Boes won the individual state gymnastics title for the second time last Saturday at the state meet in Grand Rapids. She first won the title as a Troy High School freshman in 1974 and was runner-up the following year.

Troy and Athens were not so successful in the team standings. Troy failed to overtake East Lansing once again and finished third for the second straight year with 115.55 points. Athens dropped a spot from 1976 to fifth place at 111.20.

Ludington High School ran away with the state team title with 122.60.

After falling behind Ludington's top performers in the bars competition, Boes scored big in floor exercise (8.60) and on the beam (8.50) to fashion a 0.6 point victory over Angela Deaver of Ann Arbor Pioneer and Lynn Forberg of East Grand Rapids. Boes took individual seconds in vault (8.40) and floor exercise and a third on the beam.

The Lori Boes era in Troy gymnastics ended with the same high note it began. "She was extremely shy as a freshman," recalled Troy coach Sandra Smith. "When she said that she wouldn't have made it in the sport but Lori had such great ability that she got by on that alone. We still have to remind her to keep her eyes up during a routine."

"She's matured a great deal," said Smith. "Her tricks have become increasingly difficult but the whole gym-

nastics scene in Michigan has changed so fast that I don't think you can compare her freshman and senior performances."

One of the Boes standards in the floor routine is a handspring, front-straddle-down, a flip into a cushioned landing in a sitting position. It's one of the gaspers in the Boes repertoire, coming up so fast that a crowd spectator can't anticipate it or even see how it was done.

"She had that move even as a freshman," said Smith. "She was one of the first in the state to do it, partly, I think, because her precision pulled it off and made it so impressive."

"Precision" is the one word that fits best. Boes moves flow so steadily and logically that when she misses, the first thought is that something is wrong with the apparatus or tumbling mats. Even among the best gymnasts in the state last Saturday that precision was unmistakable.

If you're not rooting for her it can be irritating. It wasn't long before spectators at Grand Rapids began muttering "who has a chance to stop Boes?"

Nobody had a chance, it turned out. "Lori's moved along a little harder by tough competition," said Smith. "She has the competitive edge that why I think she'll do extremely well in college." Two schools being considered by Boes are Michigan State University and Southwest Missouri State.

Lisa Scardian of Athens scored the area's only other place with a fourth

in the floor exercises. The diminutive freshman also added solid scores in tumbling (8.50) and vault (7.85).

Ann Schone of Andover compiled a 25.30 total for fifteenth place in the all-around. Jan Moroz did well in three events—vault (8.0), floor (7.3) and tumbling (7.1)—for Rochester Adams.

The team story was all Ludington. The girls from the Lake Michigan town blew the roof off the Ottawa Hills High School gym with the first event, hitting for a 28.20 team total in tumbling. Kendra Brooks scored a 9.35.

Ludington went on to sweep the first three places on the uneven bars and score 25-plus in four of five events. Only the balance beam gave Ludington problems.

In the individual contest, Boes was having just the opposite luck. After a badly mis-scored tumbling routine she missed a relatively simple grab on the uneven bars and chalked up only 7.80.

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After the meet, the two-time state champion alternated between smiling and sobbing. "I think I did better the first time," she laughed. "The competition was twice as hard today."

"The competition was ten times stiffer," said Athens coach Pam Henderson. The Redwaks put together their second highest total of the season in spite of it. Sophomore Margaret White came off a recent injury to score well in floor (7.70) and tumbling (7.75) while Beth Raymor and Kathleen Briggs hit well in the vault (7.6, 7.5).

Monia Shores High School upset the Hawks by easing past them in tumbling and beam.

"They took it on the beam," said Henderson. "Our bars were slippy. We had a couple of misses there, but all our beams fell off. After we were just burned out after our aces in the Troy and league meets."

One of the Redwaks claimed she was burned out from sitting through a seven-hour meet. The pressure of the contest and the snail's pace of the events wore down the competitive edge of the young Athens squad.

"Ludington works out all year," said Sandra Smith. "They've got a gym club system so all their girls can get the help they need year-round."

The Ludington team may have been out of sight but Smith thought Troy could have taken East Lansing. The schools traded off beam and bars margins but Troy couldn't get back the deficit it had after tumbling. Defending state gym champion Sue Szypula hit 8.56 in that event to place second for East Lansing.

Behind Boes, the Troy girls were hot and cold. Marzoff scored an 8.45 in tumbling and hit 8.25 in the floor exercise, but was below par in vault (8.55) and uneven bars and finished 10th all-around. Mary McCarty also sagged in the vault but recouped in beam (7.5) and floor (7.8) to finish 12th all-around. Senior Mitzi Miller picked up the slack in vault (7.85) but did poorly on the bars.

Still, Smith liked the performance. "I think Karen's performance on the beam and Lori's tumbling could have been judged higher but it came out pretty much as we expected. Now we have to pick up some tricks we need before next year."

**Detroit wins women's tourney**

Detroit Fayette Park was the Recreation and Parks Association's women's basketball state tournament by defeating Lansing, 61-39, in the tournament finals last Sunday at Southfield High School.

The Detroit squad won three tournament games, posting victories over Saginaw (71-60) and Portage (81-27). A Southfield team also entered the tournament, and defeated Coldwater (51-31) and Dearborn Heights (49-23) before losing to Lansing (48-41).

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## In The Pocket

By W.W. EDGAR



Without much fanfare or bluster, Mary Mohacci, the Livonian who once reigned as a metropolitan area bowling queen, is stamping her name indelibly on Detroit bowling history with one of her greatest seasons.

Unlike many others who forge their way to the top in one league or one establishment, Mary is cutting a wide swath through the entire metropolitan area and points distant in the state.

She is on a schedule that might frighten many others, but she seems to thrive on competition. As an example, here is what she has accomplished in the last few weeks:

She teamed with Bonnie Mc Kay to take the doubles lead in the women's state at Battle Creek, and at the moment is topping the averages in in the Ladies Major with 190. But the past weekend proved that she really can do. She started last Friday night, by rolling a 637 to lead the Ladies Classic at Garden Lanes. Then at Thunder-bowl Lanes on Sunday, she finished third in the qualifying round of the Mid-City Open with a five-game

total of 1,003, and later, in the invitational doubles at Merri-Bowl she posted a 801. That, in 16 games in three different houses in the past week or so she has averaged 202. Not many can equal such a performance.

**BOWLING IN THE ST. NORBERT LEAGUE** at Garden Lanes, Art Smith reached his peak for the season when he linked games of 245, 246 and 221 for a 712. In the regular classic, Neil Beckman was high with a 659 and Jerry Fisher had a 608. Others with double-century figures were Bob Tramm with 603 and Al Scartelli with 602.

In the senior citizens circuit, Bill Stalarski was top man with a 633. And in the Ladies Classic, May Lackey finished second to Mary Mohacci with a 618.

**THEY HAD** another battle royal in the Friday Classic at Westland. When the skrimish had ended Ed Marzka was the top man with games of 234 and 227 in 639. And three others—Don Weisz, Maurice Williams and Rick Beattie—were deadlocked at 642.

IT TOOK five years for history to repeat for Rod Reagan in the St. Damien league at Merri-Bowl. Back in 1972 he toppled the big four, and last week he did it again when he knocked over the hardest of all splits—the 4-6-7-10.

Meanwhile, Rose Abrahamian turned in a fine 687 to lead the prestigious doubles. She laced games of 216, 215 and 256. Polly Cole was next with a 605, and Toni Smith was third with 602.

**NOT TO BE OUTDONE** by the men, Fran Mahau earned a place on the Honor Roll at Mayflower Lanes when she qualified for the exclusive group that has topped the 4-6-7-10.

**HOWARD STERLING** learned what it is like to run into disappointment on the lanes.

Bowling in the Friday Mixed League at Country Lanes, he posted nine strikes in a row. Then, with the hopes of a perfect game, he left up a stubborn No. 6 pin and had to settle for a 278. More than that, he slumped to games of 147 and 169 for a 592

## League continues to grow

The 1977 Detroit Suburban Amateur Baseball Federation (DSABF) summer baseball season is expected to be the largest yet.

The fourth summer of DSABF play will find more than 50 teams and 800 youngsters playing sandlot ball throughout the metropolitan area.

Teams from Detroit, Birmingham, Rochester, Southfield, Farmington, Troy, Grosse Pointe Woods, St. Clair Shores, Roseville, Fraser, Clinton Township, Warren, Sterling Heights, Utica, Home, Waterford, Madison Heights, and other areas in Macomb and Oakland counties will be playing DSABF baseball.

The DSABF is affiliated with the National Amateur Baseball Federation, American Amateur Baseball Congress (Connie Mack, Mickey Mantle &

Sandy Koufax) and the All-American Amateur Baseball Association (Adray League).

This season, 12 DSABF teams went to national tournaments. Included in the group was Birmingham's 14-year-old team, which won a regional Sandy Koufax title.

Dirk Dieters of Rochester, baseball coach at Oakland University, is president and original organizer of the DSABF. Last year, the DSABF began an annual scholarship award for a graduate of its program.

**EDWARD VOJTUSH** of Sterling Heights, a Utica Ford graduate, was the scholarship winner. He is a student at Oakland University and a member of the school's baseball team.

The scholarship committee is made

up of managers and officers of the DSABF and is awarded in cooperation with the Oakland University.

The DSABF has leagues for ages 16, 14, and 18. It coordinates schedules with the national affiliations and tournaments. The 18 and 16 year olds play from two to five games per week, any day of the week.

The 14 year olds play a Sunday doubleheader. All leagues have playoffs to determine tournament representatives.

League play will begin June 15 and continue until tournaments begin at the end of July. Interested teams should attend the organizational meeting 3 p.m. March 19 at the East Side Sporting Goods Store, between Eleven and Twelve Mile roads in Warren, or call Dieters at 651-7226.

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