

North's McLean earns all-state honors

3 gymnasts shine in finals

By TOM BAER

The girls' gymnastics teams from North Farmington and Harrison's Janet Thibodeau, could boast of respectable individual showings at the state finals last weekend at Ann Arbor Pioneer High.

Diane McLean, a junior, gained all state honors with her fifth-place finish on the balance beam, one of the meet's most difficult events. She completed 7.85 points.

"Diane has a lot of potential for the beam," said North Farmington coach Mary Johannes. "She has a lot of grace. She's very steady; she doesn't fall much. She's not afraid, that's the main thing. It's a scary event because you're doing this on a four-inch board about three feet off the floor."

Susanne Casillo, a sophomore, finished

seventh in vaulting (8.45 points), eighth in uneven bars (7.85) and sixth in all around (31.90).

"Susanne has the potential to be first in the state in the bars," Johannes said. "Her strongest event is bars, but she had a very serious fall Saturday, and that pulled her score down."

"She does the flip between the bars, and she landed flat on her back on one of the bars. She continued on, but you never pull back once you've had a major fall like that."

Harrison's Thibodeau, also a sophomore, finished sixth behind McLean on the beam with a score of 7.80. Thibodeau has been impressive in Harrison's dual meets this season, according to coach Kim Northey.

"Her strongest event is beam, but she's a good all around, too," Northey said. "She just missed scoring

in all around in the state finals."

Ludington won its fourth straight state championship, scoring 104.10 points in the state meet. East Lansing was second with 95.0, Troy Athens had 93.30, Ann Arbor Pioneer 92.30 and Bloomfield Hills Labser 90.90.

Debbie Hinesline of Ludington won three of the meet's four events, posting a 17.90 in vaulting, an 18.00 in uneven bars, an 18.30 in floor exercise, and a 34.80 in all around. Labser's Karyn Kokeny finished second in beam with a 16.90.

N. Farmington boys finish 7th at state

By TOM BAER

North Farmington's boys' gymnastics team was missing its best performer last Saturday at the state high school finals, but coach Dennis Fitzgerald's Raiders still managed a respectable showing, scoring 106.80 points for seventh place in the nine-team field.

Ann Arbor Huron compiled a state record 148.20 points to win the meet, which was held at Ann Arbor Pioneer High. Alpena High was second with 138.80 points, and Trenton High took third with 130.20.

North's Greg Boscawen, a standout on the high bar event, suffered an injury two days before the meet and didn't compete.

"We had a little high bar accident," Fitzgerald said. "He missed a trick, which he'd never missed before, and he ended up on the ground. He bruised his back and hip a little bit, and couldn't be in the state meet."

"We were satisfied with what we did in the meet considering we did it without Greg. He was worth probably 15 or 20 points to us. On paper, he would have moved us up to fourth place, or possibly third."

North senior Bill Beno scored in two events, taking sixth places in floor exercise (8.15 points) and trampoline (7.51).

"Bill had a pretty good day," Fitzgerald said. "I think he may have been underscored a little on his floor exercise. He had a major break in his trampoline routine, and that made the difference between fifth and sixth."

ANOTHER NORTH senior, Jim Meggas didn't make the finals in the parallel bars, although he finished 10th overall with 6.65 points. North sophomore Jeff Dwyer finished 13th in the all around competition with 26.50 points.

"It's interesting to note that Jeff's score of 26.50 in all around was the same score that won the state title in all around back in 1972. I had the gymnast, Donnie Chapman, who won the event with 26.50 that year."

"I guess that tells us that we've elevated the sport somewhat in the last six years."

Huron's Mike Smith was an individual standout, winning the floor exercise (17.75) and the parallel bars (17.20). Steve Nishiyama, also of Huron, won the all around title (37.85), and teammate Tony Berds finished first in the still ring competition (17.45).



North Farmington's Diane McLean earned all state honors for her fifth place finish on the balance beam at the state high school girls' gymnastics finals last weekend at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

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Susanne Casillo scored in three events for North Farmington at the state finals.

2 Farmington tankers provide points at state

By TOM BAER

Farmington High didn't exactly stun the field at the state Class A swimming and diving championships last Saturday at Michigan State University. But Falcon coach Jack Merritt was still proud of his tankers' accomplishments.

"We scored five points, and that's the first time Farmington has ever scored in a state meet," Merritt said.

Farmington's entire point total came from two swimmers, seniors Jim Pogue and Terry Inch.

Pogue finished ninth in the 100-yard butterfly, posting a :54.7 in the finals after going :54.2 in the preliminaries. Inch finished 12th in the 500-yard free-

style, logging a 4:56 in the finals.

"Pogue did the job moving up, but I don't think he was pleased with his time," Merritt said. "He would have liked to have gone :53 or :52."

"Inch had some problems in his final swim," Merritt said. "His goggles fell down on his face. He spent the first 50 or 60 yards trying to get his goggles back on, and he just couldn't come back from that. It was just one of those things."

Farmington had qualified its 200-yard medley relay (Inch, Pogue, Matt Ratliff and Brian Gore) for the state meet, but the team was disqualified in the preliminaries.

"There was a sloppy touch by the guy in the water, and the guy going in

jumped too soon," Merritt said. "It wasn't that big a jump. If we'd been in a later heat, I don't think they would have called it."

Farmington Harrison's Jay Emerson had qualified for the state meet in the 100-yard backstroke. He turned in a :58.1, finishing out of the top 12.

"I think he was a little excited," said Harrison coach Mark Boerner. "That happens. Not everyone swims his best time in a big race like that."

Ann Arbor Pioneer won four events and set three records in winning its second-straight Class A title with 184 points. Birmingham Groves finished second with 110 points, and Ann Arbor Huron was third with 87.

Boys lose in finals

Sorrows girls win title

By TOM BAER

Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows, which sponsors grade school basketball for boys and girls, had a chance to log a real first in Catholic Youth Organization competition last Sunday.

Both Sorrows teams, the Boy Gunners and the Girl Gunners, had qualified for the Detroit CYO championship games at Redford Bishop Borgess High. Had both teams won, it would have been the first time in the history of local CYO basketball that one school took both championships.

Sorrows' girls came through, whipping Mt. Clemens St. Mary, 23-8, in the final. Sorrows' boys, however, dropped a 43-29 decision to Grrosse Pointe Star of the Sea.

Coach Mike Bastford's Girl Gunners capped a perfect 24-0 season with the victory over St. Mary. The game was an unusually low-scoring affair with the Mt. Clemens team posting a 4-0 lead after the first quarter. Both teams were scoreless in the second quarter.

Lundry scored five of her game-high nine points in the crucial third quarter. Sorrows' Borchanian twins, Lisa and Linda, added six and four points, respectively, and Denise Basford had four. Sands scored four points for Mt. Clemens, which finished with an 18-1 record.

Sorrows advanced to the girls' finals by beating Detroit Sts. Peter & Paul, 21-23, in the West Side championship game last Saturday at Borgess. Linda Borchanian scored 11 points, and Lisa Borchanian had eight.

SORROWS' BOYS, coached by Mike Hickey, finished its season with a 22-2 record, including the loss 16 Star of the Sea.

Sorrows fell behind by two points (11-9) after the first quarter, but then fought back to tie the game at 19 at halftime. Star of the Sea put it away in the third quarter, scoring 10 points to Sorrows' six.

Dan Sheridan and Mike Bautista each scored 11 points for Star of the Sea, and John Bautista added nine. John Elwell, a 5-foot-10 center, led Sorrows with 10 points, and teammate Tom Herzog had six. Other Sorrows players to score: Jim Belanger, five points; Brian Gleason, four; Jim Sulli-

van and Joe Lorida, two apiece.

"The Boy Gunners were victorious in their West Side championship game, beating Dearborn Heights St. Anselm, 38-15. Elwell and Sullivan led the winners with 13 and seven points, respectively."

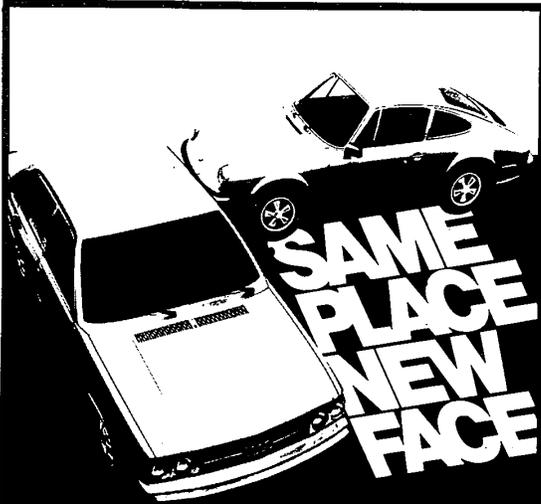
Sorrows last won the CYO boys' title in 1975, when it had Tim Andree, now an outstanding player at Birmingham Brother Rice.

CYO GIRLS' CHAMPIONSHIP

SORROWS 23 — ST. MARY'S 8
OUR LADY OF SORROWS (23) — Denise Basford 9, 6; Kathy Landry 3, 2; Lisa Borchanian 2, 8; Linda Borchanian 2, 4; 4; Jeanne Lilly 9, 6; 2; 5.
TOTALS: 19, 24, 22.
MT. CLEMENS ST. MARY'S (8) — Sandra 7, 6; 2; 4; 2; 1; 5; 2; Sarah 9, 5; 6; 4; Dianne 9, 6; 8; 6.
Mellie 1, 5; 2; TOTALS: 4, 6, 8.
TOTAL POINTS — Sorrows 6, Sorrows 2.
FOULDED OUT: None.
OUR LADY SORROWS 0 0 0 10 — 22
ST. MARY'S 0 0 0 2 — 8

CYO BOYS' CHAMPIONSHIP

STAR OF SEA 41 — SORROWS 13
GROSSE POINTE STAR OF THE SEA (41) — Mike Bautista 4, 25, 31; John Bautista 2, 23, 9; Dan Sheridan 2, 24, 11; Tim Labadie 1, 23, 4; John Berds 2, 2, 2, 2, TOTALS: 16, 12, 42.
OUR LADY SORROWS (13) — John Elwell 4, 6, 4; Tom Herzog 3, 6, 1; Jim Belanger 1, 24, 2; Brian Gleason 2, 6; 4; Jim Sullivan 1, 6; 1; 2; Joe Lorida 1, 6; 2; TOTALS: 13, 24, 7.
TOTAL POINTS — Sorrows 17, Star of Sea 13.
FOULDED OUT: None.
STAR OF SEA 0 0 0 16 — 42
SORROWS 0 0 0 2 — 13



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