

Birthday girl leads North to title

Gymnast Temple sparkles at state

By Marty Budner
staff writer

It was the type of performance that beckons Hollywood screen writers.

Kathy Temple, competing in the last meet of her high school career, led North Farmington to the state gymnastics title Saturday afternoon before a standing-room crowd of more than 1,000 at Troy High School.

The Raiders had tied Ludington for the state crown two years ago. It was North Farmington's first outright title of the schoolgirl career — and it all happened on her 18th birthday.

North Farmington was almost perfect.

The Raiders' only misadventure was on the balance beam where they had one fall — ironically by Temple. However, coach Mary Johnese's team had the depth to overcome the top challengers.

North Farmington won with 103.25 points. East Kentwood — the defending state champion — was second at 102.70, and the host Colts were third with 101.10 points.

Walled Lake Central finished a distant fourth with 99.15 points.

"We peaked at the right time. That was our best meet of the season," said Johnese, a former Raider gymnast.

"Coming into the meet I knew we had the right routines, but I wasn't sure if our freshman and sophomores could take the pressure. But they handled it fantastically."

NORTH FARMINGTON had an outstanding day on the balance beam — the event where most

meets are won or lost. The Raiders compiled 26.10 team points on the beam (Troy was second at 25.50).

Kathy Temple, who finished second all-around to East Kentwood's super sophomore Jodi Thompson (85.50-86.10), won the beam with 8.85 points. Dona Kebrtle had a score of 8.65 in that event, and Kim Edwards was right behind at 8.60.

Temple tied for fourth on the vault (9.00) and floor exercises (8.85), and tied Thompson for first on the bars (9.40). Raider Aylene Wolf tied for sixth on bars (8.95).

"Kathy (Temple) had an outstanding meet," said Johnese. "It was her goal all through high school to get a 9.8 (point) all-around score, and she did it in her last meet. Her previous high was a 5.85 last year."

"She (Temple) won the meet for us on the vault, she needed an 8.60 and she got a 9.00. And, our second and third girls did a fantastic job. Kebrtle and Edwards both had excellent beam routines, and Wolf was great on the bars."

"I knew we had the talent to win it this year," she said. "But we had to put together a team of 10 new girls to two returning players. It all came together for us three weeks ago when we won the league (Northeast Suburban League)."

East Kentwood was led by Thompson. She was first in every event except the balance beam, where she placed seventh.

East Kentwood's Renee Williams finished fifth all-around with a score of 54.80.



A happy group of North Farmington gymnasts leaves Troy High with the state gymnastics title. (Photo by Steve Fecht)

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Top swimmers short on hair; long on speed



By Tom Baer
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The young men with the unstylishly-short hairdos aren't escapees from a road gang or members of some strange religious cult.

They are high school swimmers — some of the best in Michigan — and some of them endured the annual ritual of streamlined heads with the hope of coaxing a bit more speed from their bodies in the recent Class A state meet.

DICK ROSENTHAL
Seaholm coach

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Swim selections

O & E ALL-AREA BOYS' SWIMMING TEAM

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1. BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER (DAN DAVIS, SCOTT HAMMOND, BRUCE VANMETER, GUY DELFRANCO), 1:37.29; 2. Birmingham Seaholm (Kip Kimble, Jeff Lundy, Mike Hanahan, Keith Gardner), 1:39.48; 3. Birmingham Groves (Dan Quill, Dave Smith, Dan Kozlow, Bob Devich), 1:42.67.

200-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. RICH KRAMER (BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE), 1:46.10; 2. Kevin McJoynt (Birmingham Brother Rice), 1:47.38; 3. Paul Koenig (Birmingham Groves), 1:48.33.

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. JIM BRUZZESE (ROCHESTER HIGH), 1:57.72; 2. Ben Stern (Rochester High), 2:00.29; 3. Rob Kramer (Birmingham Brother Rice), 2:02.39.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. SCOTT HAMMOND (BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER), 21.95; 2. Scott Heskamp (Birmingham Groves), 22.39; 3. Mark Lytle (Birmingham Brother Rice), 22.8.

DIVING — 1. MIKE WANTUCK (BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER), 557.25 POINTS; 2. Jay Waterbury (Birmingham Seaholm), 450.55; 3. Andy Welsh (Troy Athens), 448.55.

100-YARD BUTTERFLY — 1. JEFF LUNDY (BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM), 53.29; 2. Dan Kozlow (Birmingham Groves), 53.88; 3. Jim Zobl (Rochester Adams), 53.99.

100-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. GUY DELFRANCO (BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER), 48.01; 2. Brian Michalik (Southfield-Lathrup), 49.18; 3. Jim Gibson (Bloomfield Hills Andover), 49.18.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. ROB MACKLE (BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE), 44.41; 2. Ralf Brookes (Southfield High), 45.1.00; 3. Mark Holsington (Birmingham Seaholm), 45.57.

100-YARD BACKSTROKE — 1. DAN DAVIS (BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER), 54.77; 2. Kip Kimble (Birmingham Seaholm), 55.64; 3. Mike Kowalek (Bloomfield Hills Lebar), 55.31.

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE — 1. DAN WERY (ROCHESTER HIGH), 1:01.41; 2. Keith Gardner (Birmingham Seaholm), 1:02.08; 3. Jim Gasser (North Farmington), 1:02.69.

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. BIRMINGHAM BROTHER RICE (RICH KRAMER, DIXON KANE, KEVIN McJOYNT, ROB MACKLE), 3:15.67; 2. Birmingham Seaholm (Mike Hanahan, Al Kovach, Jeff Lundy, Kip Kimble), 3:18.28; 3. Bloomfield Hills Andover (Guy DelFranco, Jim Gibson, Bill Grady, Dan Davis), 3:17.74.



RICH KRAMER
Brother Rice



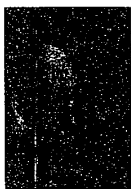
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