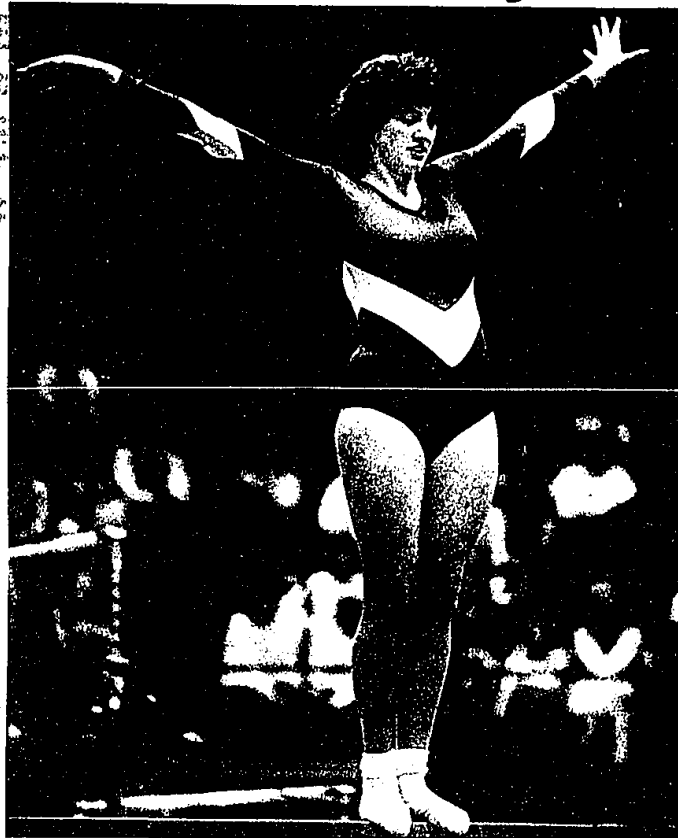


Freeland heavy favorite for state crown



Tracy Solomon will represent Farmington Harrison in the state gymnastics meet this weekend.

She qualified with a sixth-place finish on floor exercise.

By Jim Hughes
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The Barrie Muzbeck Gymnastics International — also known as the State High School Championships — will take place this weekend at Troy High School where Michigan's top performers will vie for individual and team honors.

Muzbeck, the future Olympian and senior standout at Walled Lake Western, will headline the best group of prep gymnasts ever assembled in Michigan.

Team and all-around champions will be determined Friday night, while individual champs in the four events will be determined Saturday afternoon. Friday's action begins at 6 p.m., while Saturday's individual finals begin at 1 p.m. State meet qualification standards were met Saturday at four regional meets across the state. Muzbeck led the way with an astounding 38.50 all-around score at the Parma Jackson County Western Regional. Freeland's Lori Stankiewicz won the Freeland Regional title with a score of 35.55, while East Kentwood's Bonnie Boggiano was the Grand Valley State Regional with a 35.7 score.

Observer & Eccentric area teams competed at the Westland John Glenn Regional, where Troy captured their sixth straight championship with a team score of 155.85. Dearborn High was second with 151.10.

IN ALL-AROUND competition, Lathrup's Lana Horowitz scored 35.85 for first, followed closely by Troy's Suzanne Enciso and Birmingham Seabolt's Katie Dahn (35.10).

The top two teams, the top six all-around finishers and the top eight performers in individual events qualify for the state meet.

Host Troy will battle Freeland (141.9), East Kentwood (138.6), Traverse City (138.3), Holland (137.85), Ann Arbor Pioneer (137.4), Jackson County Western (133.4) and Dearborn for the team title.

Freeland is the favorite after its phenomenal 141.9 score at the regional meet.

"I'd have to say Freeland is the favorite," Troy coach Sandy Smith said. "I haven't seen three of the teams, but based on what I've seen, Freeland should be the favorite."

"We'd like to place in the top four. If we hit everything and the others make mistakes, you never know what could happen. To have any chance, we have to have a flawless performance, and even that may not be good enough."

At Saturday's John Glenn Regional, Horowitz stole most of the thunder as she rallied from a second-place all-around showing at the Metro Suburban Activities Association meet. Horowitz finished second to Rochester's Lisa Rotondo at the league meet, but was competing at less than full strength. In practice before the meet, Horowitz tore skin on her palms, and had to compete with taped hands.

"SHE USUALLY doesn't use tape, and that took away from her bar routine," Lathrup coach Robin Limauro

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GYMNASTICS REGIONALS AT WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

The top two teams, top six all-around performers and top eight finishers in each individual event qualify for the state meet, which takes place this weekend at Troy High School.

TEAM FINISH: 1. Troy, 135.85; 2. Dearborn, 131.00; 3. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 127.35; 4. Bloomfield Hills Lathrup, 126.55; 5. North Farmington, 125.40; 6. Fraser, 125.05; 7. Birmingham Seabolt, 124.05; 8. Royal Oak Kimball, 122.90; 9. Rochester, 120.80; 10. Troy Athens, 120.50.

ALL-AROUND: 1. Lana Horowitz (Lathrup), 35.85; 2. Suzanne Enciso (Troy), 35.10; 3. Katie Dahn (Seabolt), 34.65; 4. Michelle Sims (Troy), 34.55; 5. Michelle Sims (Troy), 34.55; 6. Lisa Rotondo (Rochester), 34.35.

VAULT: 1. Suzanne Enciso (Troy), 9.00; 2. Michelle Sims (Troy), 8.5; 3. Heather McLaughlin (Dearborn), 8.25; 4. Lana Horowitz

(Lathrup), 8.20; 5. Lisa Rotondo (Rochester), 8.10; 6. Katie Dahn (Seabolt), 8.00; 7. Cathy Sier (Detroit), 7.9; 8. G. Borman (Lathrup), 7.8; 9. Terrell (Lathrup), 7.8; 10. S. Counts (Fraser), 7.8.

UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS: 1. G. Borman (Lathrup), 8.0; 2. Lana Horowitz (Lathrup), 7.85; 3. Katie Dahn (Seabolt), 7.85; 4. Nancy Wadell (Dearborn) and Lucine Torrey (North Farmington), 7.8; 5. Michelle Sims (Troy), 7.8; 6. Laura Spencer (Lathrup) and Lisa Rotondo (Rochester), 7.85.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Katie Dahn (Seabolt), 8.0; 2. Michelle Sims (Troy), 7.85; 3. Michelle Sims (Troy), 7.85; 4. Nancy Wadell (Dearborn), 7.8; 5. Laura Spencer (Lathrup), 7.8; 6. Lisa Rotondo (Rochester), 7.8; 7. Lynn Kousik (Dearborn) and Suzanne Enciso (Troy), 7.8.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Lana Horowitz (Lathrup), 9.25; 2. Suzanne Enciso (Troy), 9.0; 3. G. Borman (Lathrup), 8.75; 4. Becky Taylor (Dearborn), 8.7; 5. Michelle Sims (Troy), 8.6; 6. Tracy Solomon (Farmington Harrison), 8.5; 7. Lynn Kousik (Dearborn), 8.5; 8. Lisa Rotondo (Rochester), 8.5; 9. Heather McLaughlin (Dearborn), 8.5; 10. Lana Horowitz (Lathrup), 8.5.

said. "She ripped her hands again in the warmups for regionals, but it didn't seem to bother her too much."

"She had one of her best meets of the whole year. I was really proud of her. She was a bit leery going in with Troy and Lathrup there, and, of course, with Lisa Rotondo there, too. She said she didn't care if she finished eighth, as long as she finished ahead of Lisa. She wanted to prove to herself she beat her."

Horowitz scored 9.25 on floor, 9.2 on vault, 8.55 on beam and 8.55 on bars.

Troy's Enciso tied Seabolt's Dahn for second in all-around. Enciso's day was made after she scored a 9.5 with a tuckahara vault. She also scored 9.1 on floor, 8.4 on beam and 8.0 on bars.

Dahn had a 9.1 on vault, 8.9 on beam, 8.55 on bars and 8.55 in floor.

Muzbeck, Stanik, Boggiano, Horowitz, Enciso, Freeland's Jamie Neuman and Ann Arbor Pioneer's Amy Furda will be the main attractions at

the meet. Smith noted the performers are getting better each year, and a 10 score isn't totally out of the question.

"I GUESS it's possible," she said. "Muzbeck had 9.7 and 9.6 scores at the regional. You can just tell by the scores coming in around the state that the gymnasts are getting better and better."

It's also possible Troy High, host to the state meet in 1981, will be sold out for the competition. Tickets for Friday's team and all-around championships, priced at \$2, go on sale at the school at 5 p.m.

"We're only going to seat 1,000, so if it's crowded, you better get there early," Smith warned. "The community of Troy has always been a big supporter of gymnastics. We hope we get a full house. The kids deserve it."

Grand Rapids West Catholic won the team title last year, while Bloomfield Hills Lathrup graduate Stai Porretta won the all-around champion.

State meet set at OCC

McDonald's restaurants are bringing two major statewide junior sporting events to the area March 16-17.

The 1985 McDonald's Junior Swim Meet, one of Michigan's largest amateur events, will take place that Saturday and Sunday at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. The event will be hosted by the Michigan Stingray Swim Association. Some 700 participants are expected to compete.

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(54.44) and fifth in the 200 individual medley (1:58.83).

Overboarded divers were most impressive. Plymouth Canton Junior Andy Flower amassed 420.40 points to notch third place, while Redford Union's Matt Ford scored 399.10 for fourth.

LIVONIA STEVENSON'S 200 medley relay team placed seventh (1:41.46) and its 400 freestyle relay team placed ninth (3:16.09). Kevin Everhart took sixth in the backstroke (55.54) and 10th in the 50 free (22.07) for the Spartans. Livonia Churchill's Eric Hutchison placed fifth in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:00.55.

Farmington Harrison's Kirk Raddatz placed 11th in the 500 freestyle (4:48.69).

Ann Arbor Pioneer won the state Class A meet with 131 points. East Kentwood was runner-up with 93.

In Class B, Redford Thurston's Mark Pratt was a state champion in the breaststroke with a 1:01.33.

More drunk drivers?

The number of Americans who drink and drive may be on the rise.

According to the Reader's Digest/Gallup Survey, recent efforts to discourage drinking and driving, including stiffer

penalties, have failed to deter the drinking driver. More people in the 1984 survey report they have driven under the influence of alcohol (20 percent) than when Gallup posed the question in 1982

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