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# Raiders 2nd at regional, advance to state

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North Farmington and Troy High switched roles at last weekend's state gymnastics regional, leaving one of the two traditionally strong teams still alive as the season reaches its ultimate point.

The Raiders, who failed to qualify as a team for the state meet the past two years, went into Saturday's competition with the best odds, who were looking for their seventh straight regional crown.

When it was over, North Farmington survived.

North, on the strength on a balanced individual attack, just missed the overall title, scoring 133.15 to St. Clair Shores Lakeview's 133.20. Troy was third with 130.50 and missed out on sending its team to state since only the top two move on.

"I was surprised at how good they were," North coach Mary Glitz said of Lakeview. "We don't compete against them during the year, so we didn't know anything about them, but they were good."

"I knew we could do as well as we did. We started first on beam, and I think our girls were a little nervous. We scored low on beam, but we came back after that."

LAKEVIEW AND North will be two of eight going after the team title this week at Grand Rapids Crestin High School. In addition to team competition, the top six all-around finishers from the four regionals will compete, as will the top eight placers in each event.

Team and all-around champions will be determined Friday night, while individual titles will be awarded after competition Friday and Saturday.

Also competing for the team title will be Jackson County Western, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Holland, Rockford, Freeland and Traverse City.

County Western, a team that scored around 133.0 most of the year, totaled 140.55 at its own regional.

"We don't know a lot about the other teams there, but we know if Holland and Freeland are there, it will be tough," Glitz said. "We'll go in there and do the best we can. I know the girls are excited about going."

Individually, five performers stood out and placed in the top six in all-around. Rochester's Lisa Rotondo led the group, placing first in all-around with a career high 35.65.

ROTONDO, who was league all-around champ the past two years, scored 9.15 for second on bars, 9.0 for third in floor, 8.5 for fifth on beam, and 9.0 for seventh on vault.

"I was a little surprised, but I knew if she pegged everything, she could win or at least be in the top five," Rochester coach Gale Henklewicz said. "She was really ready this year. We're hoping for some real good stuff (at the state meet)."

Birmingham Seaholm's Katie Dahn, after an up-and-down dual-meet season and a disappointing finish at the Southeastern Michigan Association meet, rebounded to place second in all-around with a 35.50 score.

Dahn was first on beam (8.85), fifth on bars (8.8) and sixth on vault (9.05) and floor (8.8).

"Katie was driving toward the last three meets (league, regional and state)," Seaholm coach Sue Chrostek said. "As a senior, the season wasn't critical until the last three meets. She was disappointed at league, but she worked real hard and polished things up and it all happened for her Saturday."

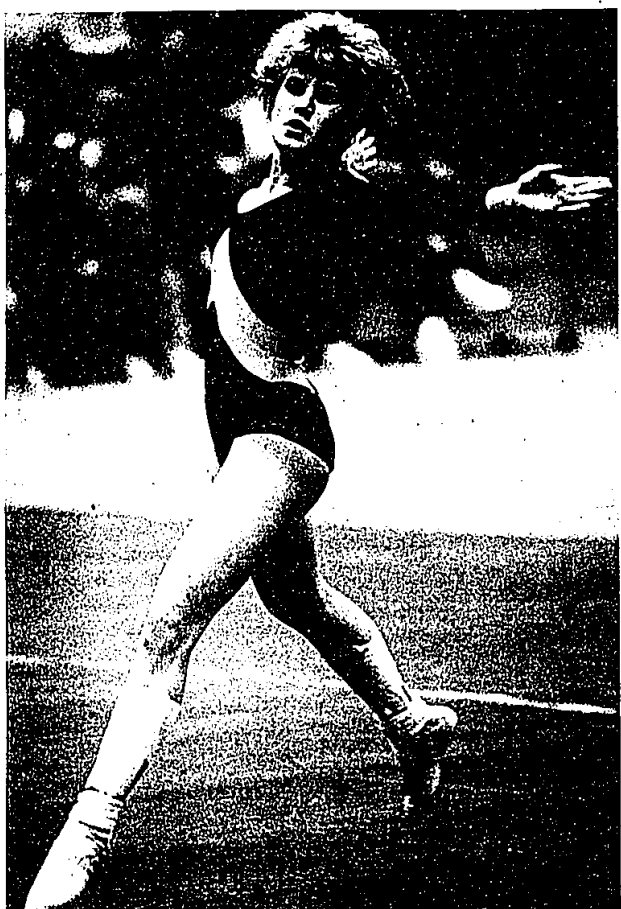
TWO FARMINGTON gymnasts, Eileen Murtaugh from North and Tana Burningham from Harrison, also qualified for the state meet in all-around. Murtaugh, the cream of the Raiders' talented crop, was fourth in all-around with a 35.30, while Burningham was right behind with a 35.25.

Murtaugh was second in floor (9.2) and third on bars (9.1), while Burningham was first on vault (9.4), third on beam (8.55) and fifth in floor (8.65).

Troy's Suzanne Enciso, who finished sixth in all-around with a 35.05, was first in floor (9.35), second in vault (9.25) and seventh on beam (8.4). Teammate Jodie Gleason was the only other Troy qualifier for the state meet as she was eighth on bars (8.6).

Other state qualifiers were North's Lucine Toroyan (9.0 for fourth on vault), Athens' Natalie Leleh (9.1 for fourth on vault and 8.8 for sixth in floor), Rochester's Becky Meredith (8.65 for second on beam and 8.75 for eighth in floor), Andover's Midge Cohen (8.5 for fifth on beam) and North's Kara Karhu (8.9 for fourth in floor).

"The competition was real tough," Troy coach Andy Smith said. "I don't often complain about the scoring, but I didn't like some of the scoring that was going on Saturday. It wasn't valid as far as I'm concerned."



Kara Karhu helped North to a second place finish in the Troy regional Saturday by scoring an impressive 8.9 on floor exercise. Teammate Eileen Murtaugh scored 9.2 on the event.

## gymnastics

GYMNASTICS REGIONAL  
At Troy High School

Top 10 Teams: 1. St. Clair Shores Lakeview, 133.20; 2. North Farmington, 133.15; 3. Troy, 130.50; 4. Dearborn, 120.80; 5. Troy Athens, 128.00; 6. Rochester, 120.25; 7. Farmington Harrison, 127.45; 8. Grosse Pointe North, 127.40; 9. Fraser, 125.35; 10. Birmingham Seaholm, 124.40.

All-Around: 1. Lisa Rotondo (Rochester), 35.65; 2. Katie Dahn (Seaholm), 35.50; 3. Jai Boardman (GP North), 35.40; 4. Eileen Murtaugh (North Farmington), 35.30; 5. Tana Burningham (Harrison), 35.25; 6. Suzanne Enciso (Troy), 35.05.

Vault: 1. Tana Burningham (Harrison), 9.40; 2. Suzanne Enciso (Troy), 9.25; 3. Sharon Counts (Fraser), 9.15; 4. Natalie Leleh (Athens), 9.10; 5. Jennifer Terrell (Lakeview), 9.05; 6. Katie Dahn (Seaholm), 9.05; 7. Lisa Rotondo (Rochester) and Nancy Wadell (Dearborn), 9.00.

Uneven Parallel Bars: 1. Jai Boardman (GP North), 9.20; 2. Lisa Rotondo (Rochester), 9.15; 3. Eileen Murtaugh (North Farmington), 9.10; 4. Lucine Toroyan (North Farmington), 9.00; 5. Kara Karhu (Seaholm), 8.80; 6. Nancy Wadell (Dearborn), 8.70; 7. Laurie Abel (Dearborn Essex Ford), 8.65; 8. Jodie Gleason (Troy), 8.60.

Balance Beam: 1. Katie Dahn (Seaholm), 8.85; 2. Becky Meredith (Rochester), 8.65; 3. Jai Boardman (GP North) and Tana Burningham (Harrison), 8.55; 4. Midge Cohen (Andover) and Lisa Rotondo (Rochester), 8.50; 5. Suzanne Enciso (Troy), 8.30; 6. Nancy Wadell (Dearborn), Delene Glenderson (Lakeview) and Gretchen Burman (Lakeview), 8.20.

Floor Exercise: 1. Suzanne Enciso (Troy), 9.35; 2. Eileen Murtaugh (North Farmington), 9.20; 3. Lisa Rotondo (Rochester), 9.00; 4. Kara Karhu (North Farmington), 8.90; 5. Tana Burningham (Harrison), 8.65; 6. Katie Dahn (Seaholm) and Natalie Leleh (Athens), 8.60; 7. Becky Meredith (Rochester), Heather McLaughry (Dearborn) and Jai Boardman (GP North), 8.75.

## Salem falls shy, Rafail qualifies

The Plymouth Salem gymnastics team knew advancing to the state finals out of the regional tournament at Jackson County Western Saturday would be difficult, but this is ridiculous.

The top two teams from each regional qualify for the state meet at Grand Rapids Crestin this weekend. Jackson County Western placed first with an incredible 140.55 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer was second with 138.9.

Poor Salem. It placed third with 129.05 points. Westland John Glenn placed sixth with 125 points, Plymouth Canton was 10th with 120.9 and Wayne Memorial was 11th with 118.05.

Salem's Beth Rafail will compete in the state meet in both vault and balance beam. She scored 9.05 on both events, placing second on vault and third on beam. Her all-around score of 33.45 placed seventh, 1.25 shy of qualifying.

THE TOP six all-arounders qualify as do the top eight in each event.

John Glenn will send its first representative ever to the state meet. Debbie Tomasko will compete on vault and beam. She placed third on vault (9.0) and eighth on beam (8.6).

Wayne's Teri Bolla will also compete in two events. She placed third on uneven bars (8.9) and fifth on balance beam (8.9).

## gymnastics

The following are the final gymnastics statistics compiled by Observer sports editor Chris McCosky.

TEAM SCORES	
North Farmington	130.75
Plymouth Salem	133.85
Farmington Harrison	130.50
Westland John Glenn	120.00
Wayne Memorial	125.25
Plymouth Canton	120.75
Clarenceville	117.30
Farmington	115.1

### VAULT

state qualifier: 7.7

Tana Burningham (Harrison)	9.45
Debbie Tomasko (Glenn)	9.25
Kara Karhu (H. Farm.)	9.1
Eileen Murtaugh (N. Farm.)	9.05
Beth Rafail (Salem)	9.05
Jackie Daly (Farm.)	8.95
Tracy Solomon (Harrison)	8.9
Lucine Toroyan (N. Farm.)	8.85
Angie Temeko (Glenn)	8.55

### UNEVEN BARS

state: 7.3

Eileen Murtaugh (N. Farm.)	9.10
Lucine Toroyan (N. Farm.)	9.0
Teri Bolla (Wayne)	8.9
Tana Burningham (Harrison)	8.65
Beth Rafail (Salem)	8.6
Debbie Tomasko (Glenn)	8.4

### ALL-AROUND

state: 7.3

Tana Burningham (Harrison)	9.15
Eileen Murtaugh (N. Farm.)	9.05
Debbie Tomasko (Glenn)	9.0
Jackie Daly (Farm.)	8.95
Teri Bolla (Wayne)	8.9
Kara Karhu (N. Farm.)	8.75
Lucine Toroyan (N. Farm.)	8.75
Jackie Huff (Salem)	8.7
Angie Temeko (Glenn)	8.5

### FLOOR EXERCISE

state: 7.8

Beth Rafail (Salem)	9.25
Tana Burningham (Harrison)	9.25
Eileen Murtaugh (N. Farm.)	9.20
Jackie Huff (Salem)	9.2
Becky Meredith (Rochester)	9.05
Debbie Tomasko (Glenn)	9.05
Kara Karhu (N. Farm.)	8.9
Lucine Toroyan (N. Farm.)	8.9
Angie Temeko (Glenn)	8.85
Jackie Daly (Farm.)	8.7

### ALL-AROUND

Tana Burningham (Harrison)	35.45
Eileen Murtaugh (N. Farm.)	35.35
Beth Rafail (Salem)	34.85
Kara Karhu (N. Farm.)	34.85
Lucine Toroyan (N. Farm.)	34.75
Jackie Huff (Salem)	34.7
Debbie Tomasko (Glenn)	34.4
Angie Temeko (Glenn)	34.10
Becky Meredith (Rochester)	33.35
Tracy Solomon (Harrison)	33.05
Mary Jo Chaston (Canton)	31.70
Darcy Grogan (Canton)	31.05
Jamie Lyons (Harrison)	30.65

## Darnell wins on decision

Livonia middleweight boxer Steve Darnell scored a six-round unanimous decision over Israel Coles in the Hagler-Hearns undercard Monday night at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

And because Detroit's Tommy Hearns disposed of James Schuler in the first-round, Darnell's fight was broadcast live on closed-circuit television. The win keeps Darnell undefeated at 13-0-1.

Darnell is scheduled to fight Monday at the Los Angeles Forum.

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