

GYMNASTICS

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Unions was the team winner in Level 5 and 6 competition at the YMCA State Gymnastics Championships March 19 at Oakland Community College.

Unions scored 173.15 in Level 5, Farmington 172.1, Birmingham 157.5 and Niles 110.55. Unions scored 170.9 in Level 6, Farmington 168.3, Birmingham 162.65, Monroe 158.1, Warren 145.35 and Niles 143.05.

Following are Level 5 area event winners according to age group:

Pre-cadet: Deanna Zyka (Farmington) bars (3.35) and all-around (32.60); Emily Townsend (Unions), beam (3.35), floor (3.35) and vault (3.2).

Cadet: Jackie Lamping (Farmington) beam (3.10); Caroline Dikane (Birmingham), floor (3.55); Cory Ballard (Monroe) won the other events.

Prep: Juli Donagrandi (Farmington) was first on bars (3.9) and tied for first on floor (3.5) with Debbie Dekore (Unions), Elizabeth Lamping (Farmington), beam (3.2); Erin Stawars (Unions), vault (3.0) and all-around (33.5).

Juniors: Marie Law (Unions) bars (3.9) and floor (3.7); Elaine Taborson (Unions) vault (3.15) and all-around (33.4).

Seniors: Jackie Outley (Monroe) won everything but beam, Elizabeth Wood (Warren) was first on beam.

Following are Level 6 area event winners:

Cadet: Kelly Finney (Unions) bars (3.3), beam (3.7), floor (3.75) and all-around (34.0); Stacy Townsend (Unions) vault (3.35).

Prep: Amanda Lum (Farmington) bars (3.95); Heather Wink (Livonia) and Stephanie May (Farmington) beam (3.3); Heather Wolf (Farmington) floor (3.15) and all-around (35.65); Emily LeGros (Livonia) vault (3.7).

Juniors: Helena Lawrence (Birmingham), bars (3.8); Jeannette Marston (Unions) floor (3.0), vault (3.2) and all-around (34.0).

Seniors: Christine Alderman (Birmingham) bars (3.75), beam (3.65), floor (3.2), vault (3.6) and all-around (33.45).

Following are Level 6 area event winners:

Prep: Julie Richards (Birmingham) bars (3.95) and beam (3.12); Erin Livers (Livonia) floor (3.0), vault (3.2) and all-around (33.0).

Seniors: Melissa Sedell (Unions) bars (3.1), beam (3.5), floor (3.2), vault (3.6) and all-around (33.4).

Level 6 Level 6

Bars: Marie Law 3.9, Elaine Taborson 3.85, Erin Stawars 3.25, Kristie Stephenson 3.35, Lindsey Lyda 3.3.

Beam: Stephanie 3.9, Allison Shone 3.85, Tashelina 3.35, Floer Law 3.7, Townsend 3.55, Stephenson 3.5, Courtney Murphy 3.25, Vaitis Stawars 3.0, Tiffany Heber 3.0, Stephenson 3.35, Alicia O'Daniel 3.25, DeMora 3.25.

Farmington Level 6

Bars: Juli Donagrandi 3.9, Missy Espar 3.7, Deanna Zyka 3.35, Erin Quigley 3.3, Lindsey DeMora 3.25.

Beam: Elizabeth Lamping 3.2, Jackie Lamping 3.1, DeMora 3.55, Donagrandi 3.65, Cary Knazze 3.7.

Floor: Donagrandi 3.5, DeMora 3.4, Elizabeth Lamping 3.25, Lindsey Evans 3.0, Erica Cole 3.0.

Vault: Knazze 3.5, Zyka 3.0, Evans 3.0, Lindsey Lamping 3.65, Alana Weisman 3.8.

Birmingham Level 6

Bars: Jessica Baum 3.75, Caroline Dikane 3.5, Shannon O'Hall 3.5, Colleen McNew 3.45, Tammy Gurnick 3.1.

Beam: Clete Amundson 3.3, Dikane 3.2, Gurnick 3.1, Baum 3.0, McNew 3.0.

Floor: Dikane 3.55, McNew 3.2, Baum 3.15, Miriam McKeon 3.1, Megan Dwyer 3.0.

Vault: Baum 3.45, Dwyer 3.7, McNew 3.65, Christy Hamilton 3.45, Britney Lucy 3.7.

Level 6 Level 6

Bars: Heather Wink 3.8, Jeannette Marston 3.8, Emily LeGros 3.55, Kelly Finney 3.3, Sharon Wirt 3.25.

Beam: Wink 3.3, Kelly Bantoline 3.7, Finney 3.7, Kristy Diaz 3.6, Stacy Townsend 3.6.

Floor: Wink 3.9, Finney 3.75, Townsend 3.7, LeGros 3.5, Wirt 3.5.

Vault: Marston 3.2, LeGros 3.7, Wink 3.65, Jessica Beach 3.4, Wirt 3.35.

Farmington Level 6

Bars: Amanda Lum 3.05, Heather Wolf 3.95, Stephanie May 3.95, Amber Fine 3.65, Megan Donagrandi 3.2.

Beam: May 3.3, Wolf 3.25, Fine 3.0, Lum 3.55, Donagrandi 3.7.

Floor: Wolf 3.15, May 3.0, Fine 3.7, Donagrandi 3.1, Lum 3.0.

Vault: Wolf 3.5, May 3.5, Lum 3.2, Fine 3.1, Donagrandi 3.1.

Birmingham Level 6

Bars: Helena Lawrence 3.8, Susan Herman 3.2, Tenny Mitchell 3.1, Karen Holmquist 3.05, Christine Alderman 3.0.

Beam: Holmquist 3.15, Mitchell 3.0, Sandy Duncan 3.75, Lawrence 3.75, Herman 3.6.

Crusaders stay on early-season roll

The Madonna University softball team continued its strong start to the 1994 season with Sunday's 9-4, 20-0 sweep over Lake Superior State University.

The doubleheader was played at Ford Field because of unplayable conditions at Massey Field in Plymouth.

The Crusaders, who were 8-4 on their spring trip to Florida, improved to 10-4 overall under first-year coach Jerry Abraham.

"We had a great spring trip, played well and that set the tone for the season," Abraham said. "The kids have really responded and are playing better each game. I'm very happy at this point."

In Sunday's opener, senior Ronnie Bonco had two hits, including a home run, and an RBI. Sophomore Jennifer Plinter had two hits, scored two runs and had an RBI and senior Jill Burt contributed two hits, scored a run and drove in a run.

Senior Mandy Armstrong had one hit and scored twice. Sophomore Michelle Birchmeier (Bedford Thurston) had a hit and run scored and junior Maureen Paulin (Livonia/Farmington Hills Mercy) had one hit and an RBI.

Senior Dawn Terral improved to 7-4 with the pitching victory. She allowed 10 hits and four runs with one strikeout and one walk.

In the second game, Madonna collected 21 hits and scored in every inning except the second en route to the five-inning mercy victory.

Armstrong led the way with four hits, four RBI and three runs scored. Jeannie Baxter, a freshman from Redford St. Agatha, was 3-for-4 with three RBI and four runs scored and Paulin was

3-4 with two RBI and three runs. Ronco, Birchmeier, Jennifer Zack and Burt had two hits each.

Ronco scored twice with an RBI, Birchmeier and Zack drove in one run each and Burt scored once and had two RBI.

"We really hit the ball," Abraham said.

Linda Weichel raised her pitching record to 3-0, tossing a one-hitter with four strikeouts and three walks.

Diamondmen split

Mike George's Madonna baseball team split a pair at home with Northwood Saturday, dropping the first 5-4 and winning the second, 11-1.

Shawn Lynch's two-run single capped a decisive three-run fourth inning for Northwood in the opener. Right-hander Louie

McKalg (0-4) allowed 10 hits and four earned runs in seven innings for Madonna.

Designated hitter Jeff Miller rapped a double and a home run in a losing cause.

The Crusaders' bats warmed up in the second game. They sent 12 men to the plate in a seven-run second inning to put Northwood to rout.

Craig Overatlis (Livonia Franklin) had three hits including a home run and six RBI. He had a rare, three-run single in the second.

George Leung and Tim Kasubowski each rapped out a pair of hits.

Right-hander Jim Solak (3-0) allowed five hits and struck out four to get the win.

Madonna is now 13-5. Northwood is 11-4.

Boys track from page 1B

Hassel, who was eighth in the 400 (53.8) at the WLAA meet. Juniors Eric Rotenheiser and Ryan Lewis are injured but will be needed, according to Bridges.

Bridges and assistant Tom Dembinski take over from Dave Cartman, who retired after coaching the team for many years with Jerry Young, who stepped aside the previous year.

"We're not filling the shoes of Dave and Jerry," Bridges said. "We had great coaches at Farmington in the '40s, '50s and '60s, and we hope we can add to what they've already done and take the program somewhere it hasn't been."

The Falcons were eighth in the WLAA but tied with Westland John Glenn and Plymouth Salem for first place in the division with a 4-1 record. They were 4-2 overall.

"The division championship is going to be one of our goals," Bridges said, adding depth is a problem. "It's going to be tough, but we're going to try. If the kids work hard, they'll have an opportunity for some nice accomplishments."

North Farmington

The Raiders also point to their distance runners as their team strength.

Four members of the cross country team — sophomore Brian Rajdl, junior Tom Stamboulis, senior Ryan Deuel and junior Niraj Naik — make it so far North.

"We'll be holding there," first-year coach Todd Schultz said. "We're hoping to score some points and that will help throughout the meet, because the (distance events) are spread out."

"I think we can score points early in the field events, then work hard in the sprints and hurdles and see where it takes us."

Rajdl was the WLAA champion in cross country and made the all-area first team. We was sixth in the 3,200 run at the WLAA track meet.

"We know he's a hard worker and dependable," Schultz said. "If he can perform half as well as he did in cross country, we'll be OK."

Stamboulis was eighth in the 1,600 and a member of the all-area second team in cross country.

Deuel can run anything from the 400 to the mile and probably the two-mile if needed, according

to Schultz, and Naik is nursing an injury but is eager to get going in track.

"Tom is the kinda guy you have to say 'Don't run on Sunday,'" Schultz said. "The problem is not getting him to run but stopping him. He likes to put in the miles."

The Raiders, who were 1-4 in Lakes dual meets and 11th in the WLAA, have some good athletes returning in other events but are thin in the way of depth.

Senior Chris Bouschet achieved a personal record of 6-2 in the high jump at the Huron Relays Saturday, and he was fifth in the WLAA with a season best of 19-11 1/4 in the long jump.

North will miss sophomore Chris Kemp, one of the top long jumpers and sprinters last year, but Schultz hopes he will come

out for track after spring break.

Senior Mike Polesant threw the shot 43 feet and the discus 142-6 last years. Senior Larry Weiler returns in the throwing events, and Schultz hopes to groom first-year junior Jason Pawlowski, whose older brothers, Todd and Brad, were outstanding throwers.

"I think our top people are good, but we lack depth and that will hurt us," Schultz said. "But we're hoping to score some points (in the field events) and some younger athletes will help us as well."

Sophomore Brian Kristall is the leading prospect in the hurdles, and junior Jeff Kong, sophomores Richard Beal and Pat Muir, Bouschet and senior Mark Miller are the top sprinters.

Marlins begin with win

Farmington Hills Mercy began the girls soccer season Monday with a 3-0 victory over visiting Woodhaven.

Emily Lawrence scored the first goal off a free kick 15 minutes into the game and assisted on the second by Lauren Hendrickson in the 20th minute.

Heather Richards finished the

assist before halftime with an scoring from Anita Wilhelm.

Mercy goalkeepers Beth Chmielewski (six saves) and Lynn Dreallamo (eight saves) shared the shutout, playing one half each.

The Marlins play host to Birmingham Marian in their next game Monday, April 11.

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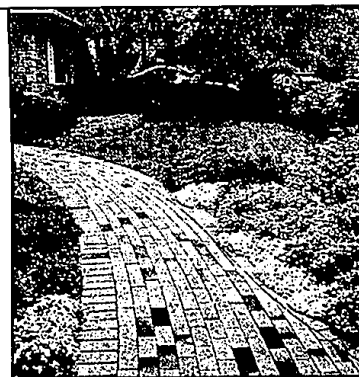
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