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## BK Girl Gymnasts Join The Competitive Scene

By JOHN DOSER

Bishop Kearney's early 2-1 record in girls' varsity gymnastics may not seem overly impressive at first glance, but Coach Kathy Cavallieri points out she's talking about a brand new first-time-ever Bishop Kearney girls' varsity gym team.

She hopes to be 6-1 when the season is over!

Cavallieri took gymnastics at the CYO when she was a youngster and renewed her participation in the sport at Brockport State where she received her physical education teaching certification.

She also studied under Duncan Ververs, the Rochester gymnastics coach who founded and coaches the The Deaconettes.

Girls have been interested in gymnastics at Kearney before, but the facilities were always lacking.

"We were lucky enough to have a parent interested in gymnastics — Sam Bon-signore — the former president of the New York State Association for Gymnastics, who for each of the past four years has donated a piece of gymnastics equipment for us," Cavallieri explains.

"He's been the biggest factor in starting the team by getting the equipment for us and making it financially possible for us because gymnastics equipment is very expensive."

Bonsignore's children have already graduated from Kearney, Cavallieri explains,

and they were not involved in gymnastics.

Almost 30 girls reported for initial gymnastics drills a few weeks ago and Cavallieri presently carries a roster of 12.

There is no boys' gymnastics team at Kearney, incidentally, although Cavallieri points out only one of the girls' four events — vaulting — is comparable to any of the boys' gymnastics events.

Captain of the Kearney gymnasts is junior Lori Farrell who happens to be the Kings' top performer as well.

"She's a member of the Deaconettes, a Class 1 gymnast, and excellent; she's also a joy to watch," Cavallieri says.

Co-captain is Mary Lennertz, a senior, who has no gymnastics club background, but who has been a participant in BK's Sunday afternoon intramural gymnastics program.

Farrell is an all-around gymnast who competes in all events: uneven parallel bars, balance beam, vaulting and floor exercise; Lennertz competes in all but the uneven bars.

The rest of the team has limited experience, Cavallieri explains, but has improved 200 per cent in the past few weeks.

One of the top scorers on the uneven bars besides Farrell is sophomore Karen LaMarc; Lennertz is next best in floor exercise and beam; and Caren Mahoney, a sophomore, is second best on the beam.

"We have a number of girls who are up-and-coming in the other events; they all started at about the same level and have been improving at about the same rate," Cavallieri says.

The remainder of the squad includes sophomore Donna Binkauskas (vaulting, uneven bars); freshman Mary Bowles (floor ex), freshman Jean Callon (beam, floor ex), freshman Patti Drasch (vaulting, uneven bars); freshman Bev Mamo (vaulting, floor ex), freshman Sue Smith (beam, floor ex), freshman Judy Wisniewski (floor ex) and junior Carolyn Wolter (all four events).

Kearney scheduled non-league matches this season with members of the Rochester City Schools' Girls' Gymnastics League.

Cavallieri is reasonably optimistic that some of her squad might make the sectionals which are based on performances during the season and in the City Championships Saturday, Nov. 4, at Charlotte High.

Kearney meets all the city schools except Edison Tech, which didn't field a team this season.

If any of BK's gymnasts qualify for the sectionals, they'll have to wait until after the Winter season when the Monroe County League completes its season.

The county and the rest of the state hold their gymnastics season during the Winter months, with sectionals and intersectionals following. She says she doesn't know what the city will do about that.

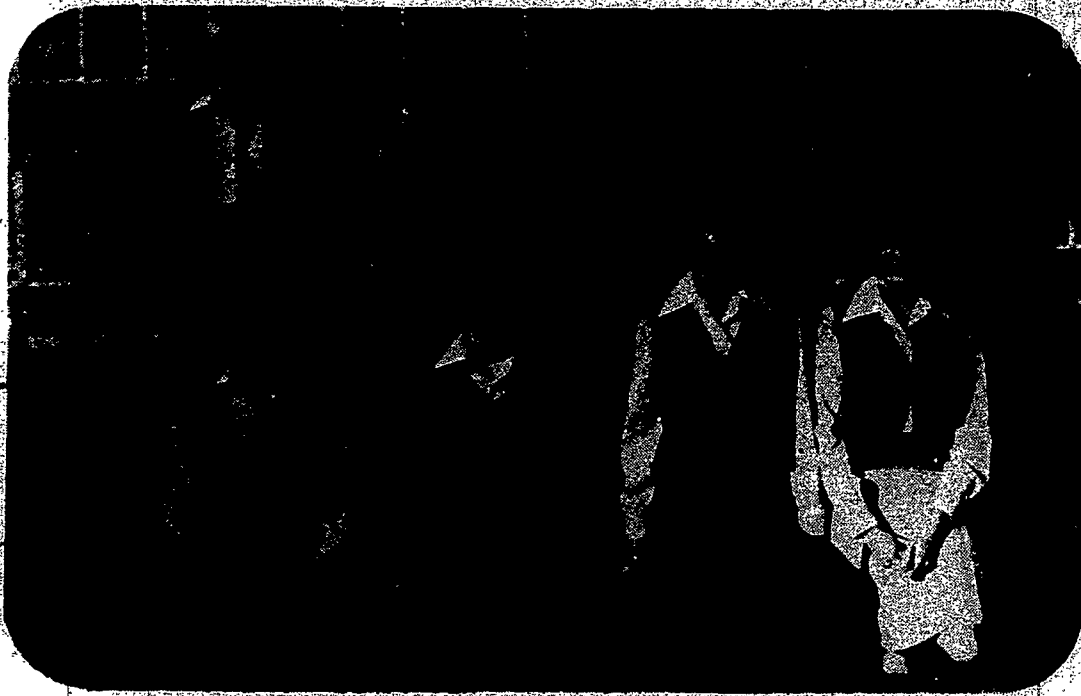


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Notre Dame's four sets of twins in the freshman class are, front, from left, Susan and Amy Steed; Karen and Susan Farmer. In back, Rike and Marty Falkenberg, and Jenny and Jackie Wheeland.

## The Year of the Twins: Four Sets at Notre Dame

By MARY BETH O'BRIEN

The freshman class at Notre Dame High School in Elmira has among its students four sets of twins — an unprecedented situation for the school. They are: Susan and Karen Farmer; Martin and Rike Falkenberg; Amy and Susan Steed; Jackie and Jenny Wheeland. What is it like to be a twin? Read on.

"I like being a twin," says Susan Farmer, "because everybody always comes up and they ask us if we're twins. People usually get us mixed up. The only part I don't like about being a twin is that people think twins have the same personalities."

Her twin sister, Karen, agrees. "We don't like to be considered exactly the same because we are each different

and we have different faults. When she does something wrong, I don't want people to think I'll do the same thing."

Marty Falkenberg feels he is the luckiest twin. "Being a twin is sometimes bad and sometimes good. I don't really like being a twin, but it's not so bad since my twin is a girl. Sometimes it's an advantage. If she's in my class, she can do things I don't understand."

"Being a fraternal twin," replied Rike, "is nice because I'm not compared that much with my brother. We are totally separated."

For many students, it is very difficult to tell the Steed twins apart. However, they don't think it's that hard.

"When we were little," said Amy, "we used to dress alike but now we are totally dif-

ferent. We've thought about switching classes but we never dared!"

Susan said, "Because we both have the same group of friends, sometimes they get us mixed up. My sister and I have both been on cheerleading and in horse shows together. We like to do things together."

Jackie Wheeland wouldn't want to be separated from her twin. "I count on her to get my assignments when I'm sick. It is like a buddy system where we depend on each other."

On the other hand, Jenny "just likes being a twin." Her sister has said it all for her.

Despite all the stereotypes attributed to twins, these eight students have developed their own individual personalities.

## Sports Who's Who

**Editors' note** — Readers are invited to mail brief news items for this column to Who's Who, 51 Boxwood Lane, Fairport, N. Y. 14450.

**SOCCER** — Tom Nietopski's goal kept Cardinal Mooney's unbeaten City-Catholic League win streak alive as the Cards tied McQuaid 2-2 and clinched the C-C championship.

Nietopski scored with 5:35 left to play in the game; Mooney's win hiked the Cards' record to 9-0-2; McQuaid fell to 6-3-2.

Gene Wilczewski scored the only goal of the game to lead Bishop Kearney to a 1-0 win over Aquinas.

McQuaid also battled East to a 2-2 C-C League tie with Jim Salazzo's goal with 4:15 remaining giving the Knights the tie. Tony Napadon scored the other McQuaid goal.

**FOOTBALL** — Aquinas rates No. 2 locally behind East Rochester and No. 2 in the Section 5,

Class AAA playoff race behind Greece Athena; McQuaid is third in the sectionals race.

The Section 5, Class AAA championship game on Sunday, Nov. 19 won't be televised live; but there will be taped highlights on TV-13 the same evening at 6:30 p.m.

Aquinas ranked 11th in the state after its 9-0 win over McQuaid in the rivalry which the Little Irish now lead 9-7.

Coach Nick Teta's gridders own the 7th longest win streak in the state at 13 wins and a tie in 14 games.

John Palvino's two TDs led Cardinal Mooney over Madison, 14-0; Palvino scored on runs of five and one yards; Chris Brescia, a middle guard, topped Mooney tacklers with 13.

Mooney suffered three injuries against the Wilson Parkers: sophomore linebacker Tom White broke his leg, senior guard Joe Rodgers hurt his neck

and running back Glen Goodberlet re-injured his right foot.

**CROSS COUNTRY** — Brockport moved from 18th to 13th in the state ratings while McQuaid moved into Brockport's former slot at No. 18.

Coach Bob Bradley's McQuaid Knights clinched another Catholic League title in a 12-team meet at Cobbs Hill.

Chris Koller of McQuaid finished first with a school record time of 15:14; the second fastest time ever recorded at Cobbs Hill — the best time belongs to East High's Mark Howard who did a 15:10 in 1975.

McQuaid took third in a 35-team field at the 28th annual St. John Invitational meet at Van Cortland Park. The Knights totaled 132 points to finish behind West York, Pa. (83) and Shoreham, L.I. (102).

Koller finished 15th; teammates Rob Stark

weather, Pete Glavin, Chris Rimlinger and Andrew Huggins were 25th, 28th, 30th and 32nd, respectively.

**NAME DROPPING** — Glen Hagan, ex-Mooney, scored 33 points to help the Rochester Zeniths to a 163-148 CBA exhibition basketball win over the Allentown Jets.

John Palmisano (ex-Kearney) scored a touchdown on a 47-yard punt return in St. John Fisher's 26-7 grid loss to DC.

St. John Fisher is 17-1 in its first 18 girls' volleyball matches; an adequate replacement for the injured Sue Mahoney has been Noelle Navarro (141 points in 18 matches); she is the daughter of Hilton athletic director Don Navarro.

Dave Lester (ex-Aquinas) caught three passes and teammate Larry Teta (ex-Aquinas) played well defensively in Alfred's win over Cortland State.

John Case (Aquinas) is starting forward for the Rochester Monarchs.

Paul Roland (ex-Aquinas) is playing swingback and split end for the Cornell University Big Red.

John Walsh (ex-Kearney), is also playing linebacker for the Big Red; he was a second team all-league linebacker last year as a freshman.

Jim Baron (ex-Aquinas basketball coach) has been added to the home roster of the Rochester Zeniths; he's also assistant basketball coach at the University of Rochester.

Phil Kahler (Fisher athletic director) has been elected WNY district representative in basketball by the AIAW and co-chairman of NAIA district 31 wrestling.

Bob Wanzer (Fisher head basketball coach) has been named to the basketball selection committee for District 31 of the NAIA.

## Student Honored

Sister Mary Jean, Nazareth Academy principal, has announced that senior Karen Franz has been named a commended student in the National Merit Scholarship Program. This honor recognizes each student's outstanding performance on the PSAT-NMSQT test which was administered nationwide to high school juniors in October 1977.

Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Franz of Westchester Ave., in East Irondequoit. She graduated first in her eighth grade class at St. Ambrose School in 1975. At Nazareth, Karen is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as news editor for the school newspaper, the "Gabriel."

During the past four summers Karen has worked as a youth volunteer at St. Ann's Home and this past August was offered a position as a resident service aide. Karen enjoys writing, reading and music. She plans to attend college and pursue a dual major in Journalism and Pre-law.