

ANOTHER SEASON OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The girls gymnastics team prove to be one of the best, ending with a winning record

A very talented group. This describes the girls gymnastics team. They once again proved to be one of the top teams in the city. New head coach Ed Schwegler commented on the beginning of the season saying, "I felt this team had all of the makings to be a state contender. We had experience and depth in all events. Barring no injuries, we had a good shot at taking a team to state."

Providing this depth were the four all-arounders. This included senior Pam Willinger, juniors Stephanie Blasberg and Jamie Kelsch, and freshman Elizabeth McElwee. The team comprised a record of 11-2, only losing to Lakota and Beavercreek. Co-captain Willinger commented, "One of the biggest highlights of the season was coming in second to Beavercreek at the Lakota Invitational."

The team showed a lot of improvement throughout the season, by coming back and beating Lakota at Lakota's own invitational and beating Lakota again at a tri-meet. Willinger replied, "We steadily improved our team score from meet to meet."

Schwegler agreed, "There was definite improvement. We started off with a team score of 108 points and finished with 120 points. You can't

score that many points without everyone improving."

During the season, injuries were prevalent. Kelsch, McElwee, and Courtney James were out for part of the season, while other members of the team had injuries throughout the season. Schwegler commented, "It's a long season, but I felt if we pulled together to help each other, our chances for state were within reach. My only concern towards the end of the season was to keep everyone's attitude focused and districts to be positive. We knew we had the skills and ability, now we needed to keep the desire to win."

From districts, only the top two teams qualify to state. It came down to the last event, with Sycamore and Lakota battling for second place. Sycamore came in a very close third, within a point from Lakota. Kelsch qualified on floor to state and Blasberg went on beam. Schwegler said, "The team's strengths were floor and beam. We won both of those events at districts. Our weaknesses improved and our strengths got even stronger."

On his overall feeling of the season, Schwegler commented, "I felt we had a very successful season. The girls worked hard during the year to achieve personal and team goals."

by Amy Willinger



Juniors Jamie Kelsch and Stephanie Blasberg, senior Pam Willinger, and freshman Elizabeth McElwee were the four all-arounders that competed for Sycamore.



Junior Heather Braid practices her routine on the balance beam before a meet.



Seniors Ashli Deyo, Jessica Sabin, Pam Willinger, and Carla Fritschi, hang from the high bar in a "silly senior shot."

