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During the lunch hour in the newly redecorated Oak Street Grill in the DoubleTree Hotel located on Grand River in Novi, waitress Denise Robbins checks back with customers Phil Roser (from left), John Choate and Jacqie Eastman.

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## Restaurant Poll

Which restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are the most popular? Help find out by filling out this ballot.

Best Overall Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

Best Inexpensive Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

Best Breakfast Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

Best Waitperson \_\_\_\_\_

Best Chef \_\_\_\_\_

Best Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_

Best Desserts \_\_\_\_\_

Best Coffee \_\_\_\_\_

Best Salad \_\_\_\_\_

Best Pizza \_\_\_\_\_

Best Burgers \_\_\_\_\_

Best Seafood \_\_\_\_\_

Best Ethnic Food \_\_\_\_\_

Best Fast Food \_\_\_\_\_

Best Soups \_\_\_\_\_

Best Steak \_\_\_\_\_

Best Gathering Place \_\_\_\_\_

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE NOTE:** The following name and address blank must be filled out. Ballots without this information will be discarded.

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# CAST YOUR VOTE

It's back - the seventh *Northville Record/Novi News* Restaurant Poll.

Every year the *Northville Record/Novi News* invites readers to vote for the restaurant that has the best salads, coffee, desserts, steaks, pizzas, etc. But only one restaurant wins the coveted "Best Restaurant" vote.

In 1996, Rocky's of Northville was voted Best Overall Restaurant, while Border Cantina came in second, followed by a tie for third place between Diamond Jim Brady's and MacKinnon's.

New this year is the Best Gathering Place category. Where's the best place to go to see and be seen? You decide. The results of the poll will be published on Feb. 20.

Back for the second year, due to a positive response from readers, is the Best Chef/Best Waitperson category. Voted Best Chef in 1996 was the "chief cook and bottle washer" Mary Brady of Diamond Jim Brady's, with Stacy Cave, also of Diamond Jim Brady's, named Best Waitperson. The results from this category will be published separately on Feb. 27.

There is no cost to enter the contest and you might even win a free dinner for two. One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will have dinner on us. For voting not only will you have input into naming who is the best of the best, but you might get to eat

at your favorite restaurant free.

The first question on your mind might be, so how do I vote? Every week there will be an official ballot published in *The Northville Record and Novi News*. Complete the ballot by filling in the name of the restaurant that has the best desserts, salads, or whatever and cut the ballot out and mail it to the newspaper or drop it off when you're in town. There's also a section where you can add your thoughts about area eateries in general.

We're keeping it local. Only restaurants in Novi and Northville are eligible for the poll.

Categories in our poll include: Best Overall Restaurant, Best Inexpensive Restaurant, Best Breakfast Restaurant, Best Gathering Place, Best Chef, Best Waitperson, Best Sandwiches, Best Desserts, Best Pizza, Best Burgers, Best Seafood, Best Ethnic Food, Best Fast Food, Best Soups, Best Steaks, Best Coffee and Best Salads.

### THE RULES

On this page is the official ballot for the poll. No photocopies are allowed. Only the official ballot will be accepted.

Keep in mind the following:  
• Only restaurants in Northville and Novi

Story by Carol Workens

are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot. Each ballot must include your name, address and telephone number. Ballots without this information will not be included in the results.

• Only ballots clipped from the newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will not be counted. This restriction is designed to help avoid ballot-box stuffing. (HomeTown employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner.)

• Restaurants found to be distributing ballots will be disqualified.

Mail the completed entry form by Jan. 31 to: *Northville Record/Novi News* restaurant poll, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms may be dropped off at the newspaper office.

When all the ballots are in, we will compile the results and publish them in the Feb. 20 issues of *The Northville Record and The Novi News*. The results of the Best Chef and Best Waitperson categories will be published on Feb. 27.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms will also be published in subsequent issues.

One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for two at his or her favorite Northville or Novi restaurant.

## Volunteer



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Barb Clift places student volunteers at Novi High School.

## Clift places students with volunteer jobs

By CAROL WORKENS  
Staff Writer

Many non-profit organizations would be in quite a pinch were it not for Barbara Clift.

Although not a volunteer herself, Clift is hoping to place about a hundred Novi High School students in volunteer positions throughout the community.

This school year, 107 students have shown an interest in volunteering. Seventy-six of them have returned signed application forms and have been given assignments in the community.

"I think that is really impressive, that so many kids want to help out," said Clift, whose many roles at the high school include volunteer service coordinator.

There are three motivating factors, according to Clift.

The National Honor Society requires the completion of 40 volunteer hours to be accepted. Once a student is in he or she has to do 25 hours per year.

Students who might be on the verge of failing a class are also provided with an incentive. If they put in 100 hours per school year they may earn one-half credit hour in social studies.

The third common reason is an interest in helping or in wanting to try out a career.

For example, an athletic trainer from the Total Rehabilitation and Athletic Conditioning Center (T.R.A.C.C.), a department of Botsford Hospital, needed help and was willing to train someone. He came to Clift to put out the call for students interested in physical therapy or sports medicine as a career. He now has two volunteers.

"It was a nice way to get them matched up," Clift said.

Whatever the motivating factor, volunteering is a way to get them going and potentially working in

## It's A Fact

### SHOPS GALORE

There is approximately 82,400 square feet of retail space in downtown Northville.

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**TIPS:** Tips on how to lead a long, healthy life/10B  
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**MICHIGAN OUTLAWS:** Local softball team has openings for coming season/9B  
**HEALTH NOTES:** Providence offers nutrition class/10B

## Flattened Spikers make quick exit from Ypsi tourney

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

The combination of stiff competition and a slow start was enough to give Novi High a quick exit from the Ypsilanti Lincoln volleyball tournament Saturday.

The Wildcats managed just one tie in four pool matches before being eliminated. Coach Julie Fisette said Christmas break might have had something to do with her team's sluggish play.

"Whenever they're on break," she said, "it's hard to get them motivated."

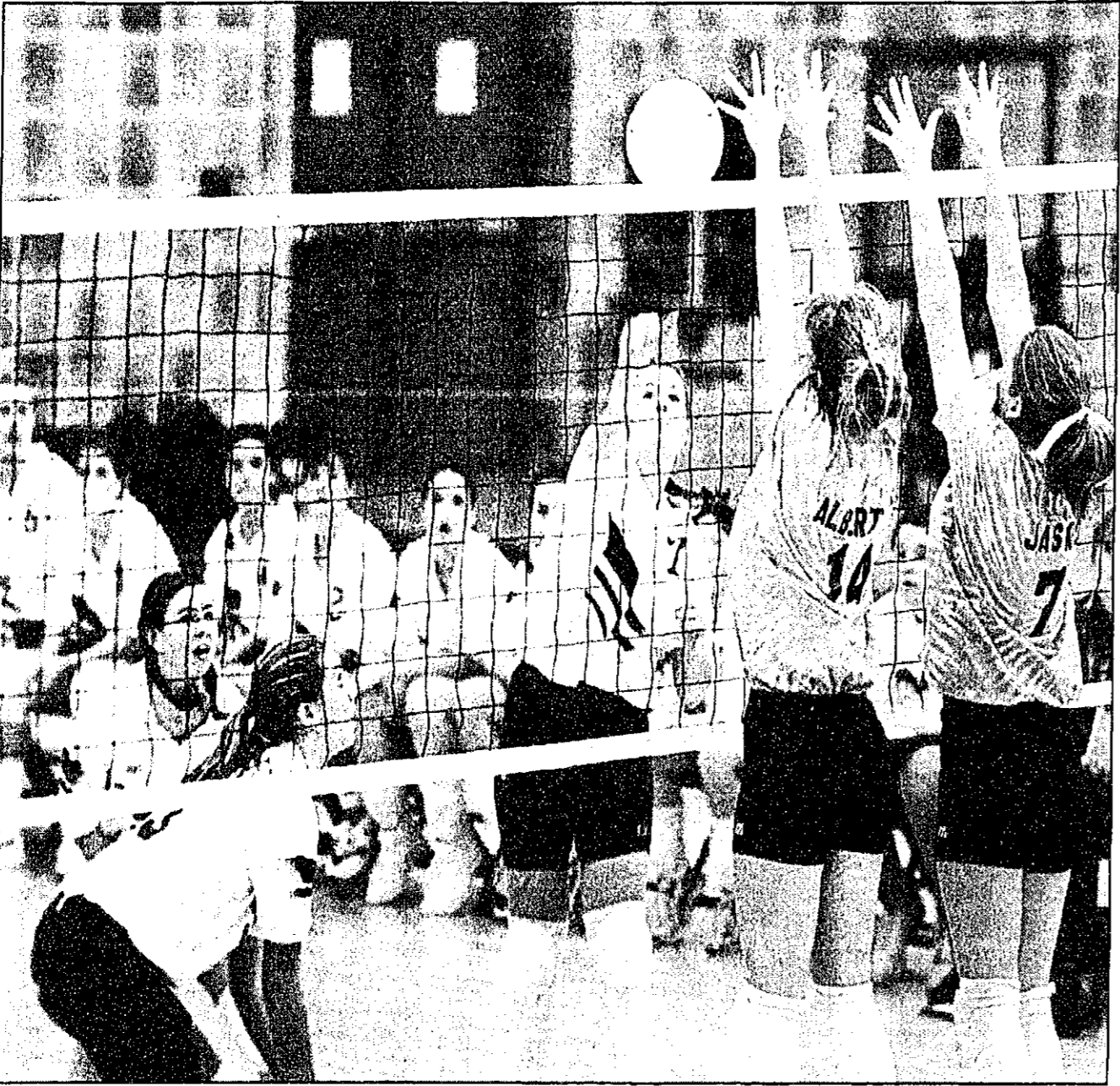
"It was a long day for us. We just never got started."

The Wildcats return to action Monday at South Lyon. Fisette said it's important her team gets off to a good start in the Kennesaw Valley Conference.

"The girls know that," she added. "I think everyone will be ready. We're expecting to make a great showing in the league this year."

As for the tournament, it was Novi's first time at Ypsilanti. Fisette said it her team needs all the experience it can get.

"It was an opportunity to play," he said. "This is such a young team. The more opportunities they get to play together, it can only help."



While the Wildcats didn't play well at the Ypsilanti Lincoln Invitational, Jessica Roemer (middle) was an exception.

## Cagers fall to Divine Child

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Defense wins basketball games. Dearborn Divine Child demonstrated that point Dec. 23 in winning the Novi-Northville Christmas basketball tournament.

The Falcons used their size and athletic abilities to stop Novi 47-15 in the title game. Brian Anderson scored 17 points and Andrew Kisaeth added 10 to lead Dearborn.

"We couldn't get anything going on offense," said Wildcat coach Pat Schluter. "We didn't react to what they did defensively. They play good denial defense. We had trouble scoring."

Anderson had a lot to do with that fact. A 6-foot 9-inch center, he blocked numerous shots and forced many other shots to be altered.

"He clogged up the middle really well," Schluter said. "The big guy did a good job."

The loss dropped Novi to 2-3 on the season. The Wildcats play at Ann Arbor Huron Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

"I thought we might be 3-2 by this point," Schluter said. "Offensively we're not clicking yet."

In order to get things rolling, the coach said his team has to get a little more cohesive on the floor.

"Our rhythm and timing has been off," said Schluter. "It's knowing where people should be."

Divine Child took control of last week's game early in the first period.

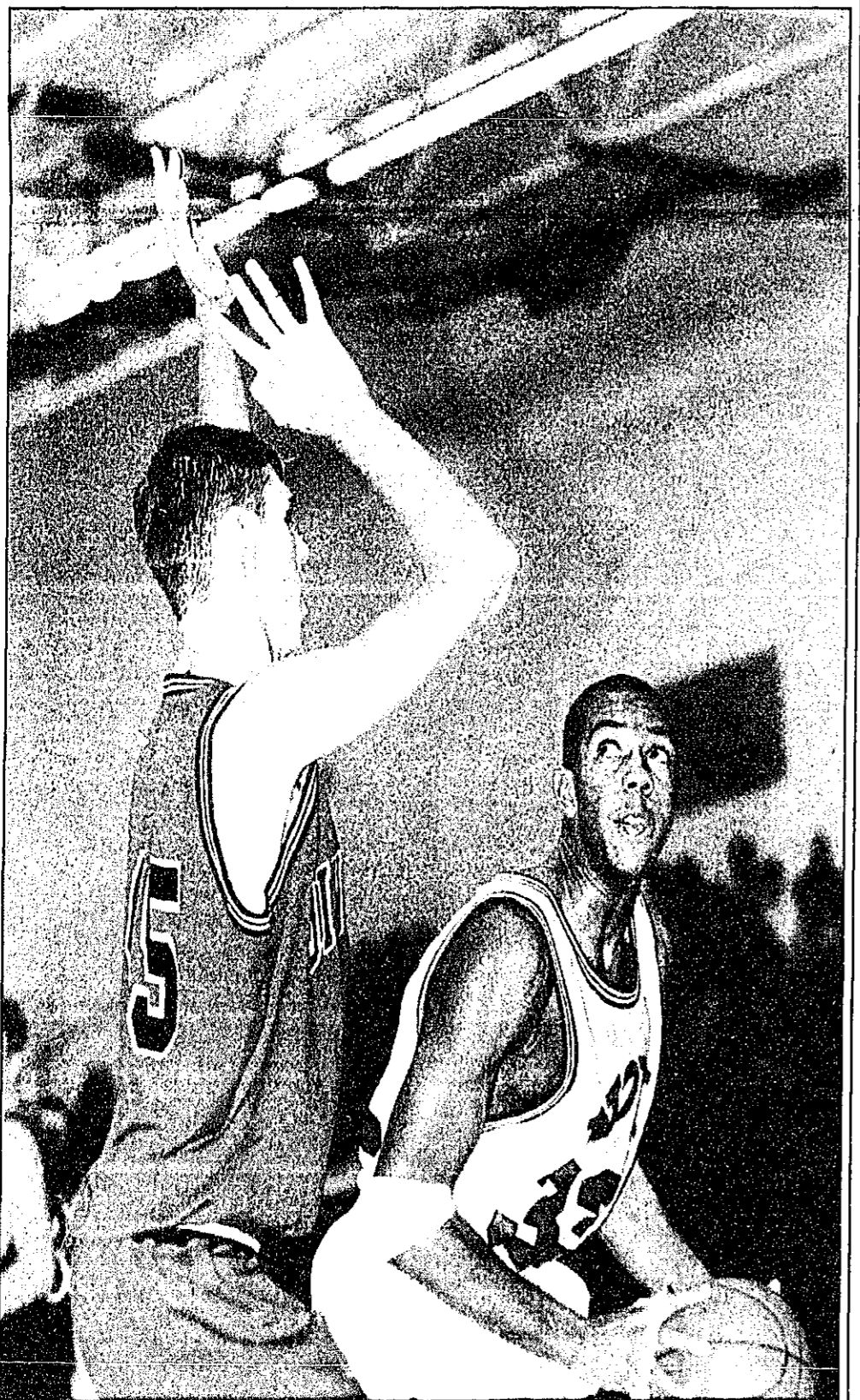
After Novi's Elliot Edmunds scored the game's first points at 7:26, the Falcons went on a 12-0 run. Kisaeth scored six points in that time and Anderson two.

Edmunds ended Novi's drought with a basket at 1:31. Brian Abbott added a three pointer seconds later to cut Dearborn's lead to 12-7 by quarter end.

The Wildcats scored just five points in the second period. Kyle Kearney hit a three-point shot with four seconds left to cut Divine Child's lead to 24-12 at halftime.

The visitors appeared ready to make the game a rout in the third. Anderson scored with 2:34 remaining in the period to put his team up by 16.

But then Novi's offense finally heated up. Kearney jump-started it with back-to-back three-pointers at 2:24 and 1:48 of the period.



Elliot Edmunds found it difficult to shoot over Dearborn's Brian Anderson.

Edmunds followed with a fast break basket to cut the lead to eight. Divine Child led 34-26 at the end of the quarter.

Paul Davis came off the bench and scored on a drive to the basket to cut the margin to six. But that's as close as the Wildcats would come.

Dearborn came up with two straight steals and converted on fast breaks to push its lead back to 38-28. Novi never challenged again.

"We ran out of gas," said Schluter.

Divine Child, which plays in the Catholic league, dominated the

## Moore places 22nd in x-country final

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

Before this school year started, Tim Moore had hardly even heard of cross country.

Most of his thoughts were consumed by soccer, in fact. But in order to stay in shape, the seventh grader decided to join Novi Middle School's cross country squad.

Now just a few months later, Moore is one of the top runners in the nation.

The 11-year-old finished 22nd at the U.S. Track and Field Junior Olympic national meet held in Kentucky last month. Moore competed against nearly 300 of the country's best runners in Lexington to earn a medal.

"It was a great experience," said Moore.

The youngster traveled a long road just to make it to the final. He got his first exposure to the sport at Novi Middle. There he ran in his team's dual meets and invitational.

Moore did well right away. He was often the No. 2 man on his team and also finished second at the White Lake Invitational.

Coach Eric Cantan made sure Moore and the rest of the team got in shape. The squad ran as much as six miles in practice and also did speed work by sprinting up hills.

"The training is hard," Tim



TIM MOORE

## Gymnastic squad opens Wednesday

By SCOTT DANIEL  
Sports Editor

For the past three seasons, Holland High School has had a death-grip on the Class A gymnastics title.

But 1997 might be the year Northville-Novl knocks the king off the hill. The combined team opens the season against conference rival Canton.

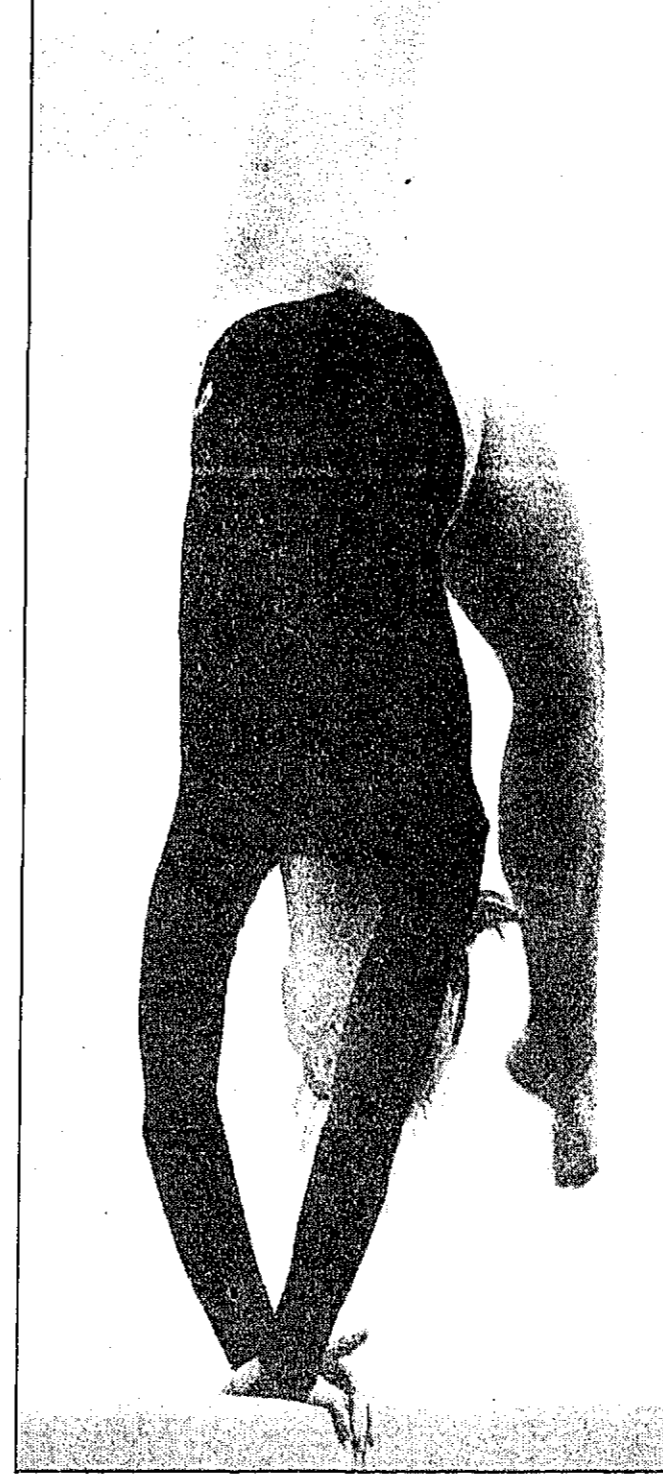
"I'm sure they'll be good," said Winn.

The Chiefs beat Novi-Northville for second in the state by a half-point last year and also won the league crown over the combined team.

If the Mustangs are to overcome Canton and the rest of the crowd in Class A, Mary Essary will have to play a big role.

She's the team's lone senior this season. Essary returned to club competition prior to the season, which has sharpened her

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Novi's Stacey Williamson is part of a strong lineup.

## Gymnasts look strong in 1997

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already considerable skills, Winn said.

"She's outstanding in uneven bars," the coach added. "But she's good in everything."

Winn has high hopes for Essary. "I think she'll place in the top 10 in bars," she said. "She looks that good."

Erica Winn heads the list of returning juniors. She finished eighth in the state individually in the vault last year.

"I think her bars and beam have improved," said Barb Winn.

Both Essary and Erica Winn are from Northville High. Stacey Williamson and Stephanie Manza are two of six Novi High students on the squad.

Both are in their third year with the Mustangs. Williamson and Manza both shine on the balance beam.

"She's a good all-arounder," Winn said of Williamson.

Northville's Danaean Pazdan is the team's other returning junior. Her strength is also on the balance beam.

The more juniors join the team for the first time.

Missy MacRae could be among area's elite gymnasts when all is said and done. The Northville High student has an extensive club background and competes at an extremely high level.

"Missy is very, very good," Winn said. She's a level 10 in club competition. We've never had a level 10 before."

## Sports Shorts

**Correction**

Last week's Novi News published a special supplement reviewing 1996. In a story about the top ladies' athletic teams we neglected to mention the pool pon squad.

The Wildcats won a state title last year and, obviously, should've been featured. We regret the oversight.

**Michigan Outlaws**

The Michigan Outlaws, an 18-year-old and under travel softball team, has openings for the coming 1997 season. For further information, call (810) 293-2039 or (810) 887-5295.

**Adult Softball**

Novi Parks and Recreation hosts men, women and coed leagues during the spring and summer months. All games are played behind the Novi Civic Center in Ella Mae Power Park.

There will be information sheets available for these leagues on or after Monday, Feb. 3, 1997.

## Spikers take quick exit from tourney

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We were getting a lot of points off our serve or balls were just dropping in," Fisette said. "It wasn't that we were playing spectacularly, they just played poorly."

Walled Lake earned a split by taking game two 15-10. The Warriors jumped to a 6-0 lead and held on for the victory.

A few bad breaks seemed to snowball into a loss for the Wildcats.

"The girls lack confidence to do the things they can do," said Fisette.

Novi dropped a pair of games to Monroe St. Mary Catholic Central in round three.

The Wildcats played their best ball of the tournament in game one. Novi jumped to a 10-2 lead behind good passing, setting and hitting.

Both McGlennen and Copp served well in helping Novi to that lead. But the game and match went rapidly down hill from there.

Monroe rallied to tie the game at 10. Fisette called a pair of timeouts, but Catholic Central's momentum simply couldn't be broken.

"We started missing serves when we got up to

## Moore finishes 22nd at national final

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me r described his strengths and weaknesses as a runner. "I'm not the best at starts, but I'm able to pull ahead after starts and stay there."

The final was held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington on Dec. 14.

Weather was mild, but several inches of rain made the course soft.

"It was very wet," said Nancy Moore, Tim's mother. "They had to move part of the course so the kids wouldn't be running through water."

A total of 296 runners competed in the 11- and 12-year-old division. Moore didn't mind the conditions or even all the hard work it took to make finals.

For his efforts, he received a medal and a certificate.

Moore hopes to continue running cross country next year and when he gets to Novi High. But make no mistake, soccer is still his favorite sport.

"I would like to run cross country," he declared. "But soccer comes first."

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