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GIRLS' HOCKEY NOTES

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"I'm pretty happy Shelby's on our team," Marvin said. "We're pretty young on the blue line, but we thought with Shelby in the net and with our top six forwards and the heat they can put on people we can make get away with it. Brock pushed that with us a little bit. It was a little bit of an eye-opener for some of our young kids."

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The fact that Sabrina Hoover is a junior poses a challenge. As in, what will the Rogers gymnast do for an excuse?

Hoover, who did not compete in high school gymnastics until last year, put together four error-free routines en route to winning the Class 2A all-around championship at the state meet Saturday. Her score of 88.55 was two points better than that of Natalia Merrifield of Bloomington Jefferson.

Hoover won the Class 1A all-around championship last year — Rogers was still a Class 1A team — making her the first Minnesota prep gymnast to win all-around titles in both classes.

"This one is so much better," Hoover said. "Last year, I didn't really know what I was doing. This year, I worked so hard and was so ready." Hoover started strong, scoring a 9.66 on the vault, and never let up on the gas. She won the balance beam with a 9.7, was third on the uneven bars with a 9.65 and fifth in the floor exercise.

"She is so confident," Rogers coach Jenn Bartlett said. "That's the first thing we noticed about her when she came to us. She has a great sense of self. She lives for the moment."

Ell River senior Jena Jondahl was expected to be among the contenders, but she twice fell off the balance beam. Jondahl bounced back by winning the uneven bars and floor exercise, both with scores of 9.7.

"I don't know what happened on the balance beam. Things went well in warmups," Jondahl said. "I knew when it was over that I could do well and those were two events that I do so badly."

The remaining event champion was Merrifield, who won the vault for the second year in a row, scoring a 9.75.

Schmitz outpouts teammate in 1A

The nervous little girl who began her career as a clumsy seventh-grader finished it in grand style. Perham senior Jenna Schmitz outpouted teammate Keli Vanacka 38.075 to 38.0 to win the all-around Class 1A championship.

Schmitz' victory was the crowning achievement of a high school career that was an assistant coach's screen as it was the spotlight.

"Jenna is a great leader. She's almost like an assistant coach," Perham coach Charlie Flick said. "She has great spirit. People just like to be around her. She has a lot of grace and a lot of fun."

Six years ago, when Schmitz first joined the powerful Perham program, a state all-around championship was the last thing anyone thought of. "She was awkward as heck," Flick said. "She was always running into things."

But Schmitz, who comes from a large, sportsman family, showed the determination and grit needed to excel. A number of elite Perham's seven state championship teams, Schmitz broke through as an individual by winning the uneven bars as a junior. She repeated that feat Saturday, her score of 9.675 propelling her to the all-around title.

"This is so awesome. I can't even explain it," Schmitz said. "I never thought I could win this. I think only my coach did."

Flick said that replacing Schmitz in the lineup next year will be one of the most difficult tasks he's faced in the 10 years he's coached the team.

"There's going to be a huge hole," he said. Perham junior Cay Peterson won the vault with a score of 9.2. Becker senior Kaitlyn Bittner won the floor exercise with a 9.625 on route to a third-place finish overall. Detroit Lakes junior Amy Crawford took first on the balance beam with a 9.75.