**GYMNASTICS** 

**Future Falcon** 

Kinzer paces state champs

HILLIARD, Ohio — Sparked by performances in the final two

events by senior Andrea Kinzer,

Brecksville-Broadview Heights

won its eighth state team gymnastics championship yesterday

Perrysburg finished 10th with

132.650 points, while Napoleon

rounded out the 12 teams in the

147.400 points to edge rival Rocky River Magnificat by 0.35 of a point, became the second school in the 36-year history of

the event to win five consecutive

state titles. Worthington was the

The Yellow Jackets scored

32.950 as a team in the vault,

32.600 on the bars, 32.700 on the beam, and 34.400 in the floor

Napoleon scored 33.375 in the

Taylor Kaufman led Perrys-

burg with an 8.050 in the vault,

8.275 on the bars, 8.300 on the beam, and 8.625 in the floor

Napoleon's Kendall Homan

scored team-high marks in all

four categories, with 9.025 in the

vault, 8.925 on the bars, 8.275 on

the beam, and 8.850 in the floor

Kinzer, who will attend Bowl-

ing Green State University on a

gymnastics scholarship, helped

the Lady Bees rally from a slight

deficit in the final two events,

the floor exercise and the vault.

She scored a 9.60 on the floor

and a 9.725 on the vault, the

The individual competition

highest score of the day.

will be held at noon today.

Van Buren

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Toledo Christian had an op-

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vault, 32.000 on the bars, 31.925

on the beam, and 32.275 in the

first — 1985-1989.

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event with 129.575 points. The Lady Bees, who scored

at Hilliard Darby High School.

# DuPree's 3-pointer wins for Whiteford

BLISSFIELD — Josh DuPree hit a 3-pointer from the left arc as the buzzer sounded to hand Whiteford a 58-56 win over Adrian Madison in a Class C district final last night.

The Bobcats called a timeout with five seconds left in the game to set up the final shot for DuPree, who dribbled past three defenders to get a shot off from 25-feet just before time expired. He finished the game with 12

#### **MICHIGAN**

points.

Dave Gust led Whiteford with 25 points and eight rebounds. Adrian Madison jumped in front 11-4 and led until the fourth quarter, during which Whiteford outscored the Trojans

Chase Mann had 19 points for Adrian Madison and Jon Vallejo chipped in with 10.

# Ayersville advances

NAPOLEON — Mathew Martin scored 11 points and Anthony King had 10 to lead Ayersville to a 44-36 victory over Pettisville last night in a boys Division IV district basketball final.

Logan Frey paced Pettisville (17-6) with 17 points.

The Pilots outscored the Blackbirds 27-14 in the second half to earn a trip to the regional.

Ayersville (21-2) went on an 11-0 run to go from a 25-21 deficit in the third quarter to lead

### **D-IV DISTRICT FINALS**

32-25 with 7:24 remaining in the

game. **WAYNE TRACE 56,** KALIDA 36

LIMA — Wayne Trace roared away from a 22-22 halftime tie by outscoring Kalida 34-14 in the second half.

Dane Treece paced Wayne Trace with 20 points and Justin Kahle led Kalida with nine.

## **BOYS**

**Districts DIVISION I** 

At BGSU Ashland vs. Perrysburg, 8 p.m.

At University of Toledo Today St. John's vs. Whitmer, 11 a.m **DIVISION II** At Perrysburg

Today At Ashland Univ Last night

**DIVISION III** At Napoleon

At Elida **Today** Ottawa-Glandorf vs. St. Henr At Mansfield Senior Last night

**DIVISION IV** At Wapakoneta Last night At Lima Senior Last night

At Napoleon Last night At Liberty-Benton Last night

At Willard Plymouth 63, Sandusky St.Mary 43

# SE Michigan

**Districts CLASS C** At Bedford Last night

At Blissfield Last night Whiteford 58, Adrian Madison 56

Toledo Christian	6	10	9	12 2	-3
Van Buren	15	4	7	11 9	-4

Toledo Christian: Oostra 2-1-0-7, Whitlow 6-0-1-13, Sims 2-3-0-13, Michael 3-0-0-6. Totals 13-4-1-39. Van Buren: Greer 0-1-0-3, Marshall 0-3-2-11, Gilliland 0-0-2-2, Phillips 6-1-2-17, Wolfe 5-0-3-13. Totals 11-5-9-46.

Aversville 8 9 10 17 - 44 3 19 3 11 - 36

AYERSVILLE: Trapps 2-1-5, Flint 0-1-1, Fishpaw 1-0-2, Martin 2-1-4-11, Zachrich 0-1-0-3, King 5-0-10, Ewers 2-0-4, Wolfrum 2-4-8. Totals: 14-2-10-44. PETTISVILLE: Deffely 1-1-3, Q. Nofziger 1-0-2, L. Frey 6-5-17, A. Frey 1-2-4, Haase 1-2-4, Bruner 0-6-6. Totals: 10-16-36.

Kalida 10 12 6 8 - 36 **Wavne Trace** 9 13 18 16 - 56

KALIDA: Kahle 3-3-9, Basinger 3-2-8, Kleman 3-1-7, Schnipke 1-1-0-5, Ellerbrock 2-0-4, Warnecke 1-1-3. Totals: 13-1-7-36. WAYNE TRACE: Treece 4-3-3-20, Linder 3-1-1-10, abounty 5-0-10, Davis 2-4-8, Hockenberry 1-1-1-6, lewell 1-0-2. Totals: 16-5-9-56.

**SE Michigan** 

Adrian Madison 17 13 18 8 - 56 Whiteford 12 12 18 16 - 58 Adrian Madison: Rodriguez 0-1-0-3, Agruda 0-2-3-9, Crison 2-0-4, Mann 4-2-5-19, Brewer 1-0-2, Vallejo 5-0-10, Beekel 4-1-9. Totals: 16-5-9-56, Whiteford: Bunge 3-3-9, Jo. DuPree 3-2-0-12, Ja. DuPree 2-0-4, Gust 9-1-4-25, McCartney 3-0-6, Keeling 1-0-2. Totals: 21-3-7-58.

> Other Ohio Scores **DIVISION I**

Cin. St. Xavier 58, Clayton Northmont 22 Trotwood-Madison 48, Cin. Moeller 45

**DIVISION II** Canal Winchester 63, Delaware Buckeye Valley 51 Chillicothe 49, Circleville Logan Elm 48 Cols. Eastmoor 50, Cols. DeSales 33 McArthur Vinton County 56, Greenfield McClain 55 Perry 76, Painesville Harvey 55 Vermilion 56, Bay Village Bay 54

**DIVISION III** Cle. VASJ 89, Richmond Hts. 53 Cuyahoga Falls CVCA 76, Rocky River Lutheran Smithville 54. Creston Norwayne 49

ley 46 Youngs. Ursuline 66, Campbell Memorial 46 **DIVISION IV** Ashland Mapleton 98, Cle. Horizon Science 77 Cle. Hts. Lutheran E. 69, Oberlin 61 Columbiana 73, McDonald 67 Windham 70, Southington Chalker 58

#### **GIRLS**

### Regionals

**DIVISION I** All regional championships last night, unless noted otherwise

**At Canton Memorial Civic Center** Boardman 43, Warren Howland At Otterbein College

Today, 4 p.m.
West Chester Lakota West (24-1) vs. Dublin Coffman (25-0).

At Norwalk High School Last night Central Catholic 51, Solon 4

**At Wright State University** State Tournament Pairings: Canton vs. Otterbein Championship: Saturday, March 8,

Central Catholic 13 15 12 11 - 51 13 11 10 15 - 49

Central Catholic: Farell 1-0-2, Frazier 2-2-6, Lewis 3-3-9, Calhoun 5-1-11, Nowacki 3-0-6, Weaver 0-1-2-5, Jones 6-0-12. Totals 20-1-8-51. Solon: Wisner 4-4-12, Lessell 2-1-0-7, Banda 1-1-6, Boller 1-0-2, Gilmore 1-2-3-11, Warren 2-1-0-7, Cumberlander 1-2-4. Totals 12-5-10-49.

# **DIVISION II**

All regional championships last night, unless noted otherwise At Barberton High School At Ontario High School

Today, noon Lima Bath (23-1) vs. Sandusky Perkins (23-1). At Vandalia Butler High School

At Zanesville High School

Columbus Mifflin 61, Millersburg West Holmes 55
State Tournament Pairings: Barberton vs. Ontario; Championship: Saturday, March 8, 10:45 a.m.

**DIVISION III** All regional championships today, 1:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise

At Vandalia Butler High School At Cuyahoga Falls High School At Lancaster High School

Today, 6 p.m. Oak Hill 18-6 vs. Sugarcreek Garaway (23-2) At Lexington High School

State Tournament Pairings: Vandalia vs. Cuyahoga Falls; Lancaster vs. Lexington. Championship: Saturday, March 8, 5:15 p.m.

**DIVISION IV** All regional championships today, 7:30

At Massillon Perry High School

dford St. Peter Chanel (18-7) vs. Berlin Hiland At Elida High School

At Pickerington North High School

At Vandalia Butler High School onvoy Crestview (22-2) vs. Fort Loramie (15-10). ate Tournament Pairings: Massillon vs. Elida erington vs. Vandalia. Championship: Saturday, March 8, 2 p.m.

# A Texas-sized number of victories

AUSTIN - In Texas girls basketball, two things seem inevitable: A team coached by Joe Lombard will make the state tournament and will very likely win it.

Lombard, whose Canyon girls annually rumble out of the High Plains to claim trophy after trophy, is back in Austin this weekend with a personal goal at stake.

If Canyon wins today's Class 3A state final, Lombard will reach career win No. 1,000. According to the National Federation of State High School Associations, Lombard would be just the fifth girls coach to reach the milestone.

'We're trying to keep that low key," Lombard half-whispered during an interview, not wanting to brag in front of his team. "I can't believe the timing. It's kind of amazing.

Win No. 999 came Thursday when Canyon (31-3) defeated Navasota 50-42 in the semifinals. Just as amazing as the number of victories is the number

of losses. Lombard most likely will get to win No. 1,000 before he gets career loss No. 100. His career record in 30 seasons at Nazareth and Canyon is 999-92.

"He could lose every game for the next 20 years and still be above .500," Canyon athletic director Todd Howey said.



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Central Catholic celebrates its Division I regional championship victory over Solon.

# Central

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Frazier, Valerie Gang filled the post void admirably, keeping Central ahead 28-24 entering

"Those kids played 10 minutes straight and they played [great]," Pfahler said. "That's what won it for us right there, with Crunch [Brianna Jones] and Nowacki on the bench.'

Frazier contributed six points, two rebounds, a blocked shot, and solid defense in the second quarter against the Comets' post standout Erin Wisner, a 6-2 senior who will play in the MAC at Miami.

"I knew I had to come in and step up and I think me and Val helped contribute a lot off the bench," Frazier said. "And our guards really stepped up to make up for the posts being gone."

### It was basically about keeping our composure.9 Central's Brianna Jones

Gang was also effective on the defensive end, and wing sub Paige Weaver pitched in a 3-pointer and three rebounds during the stretch.

Solon took its last lead of the game at 31-30 on two free throws by Wisner (12 points, seven boards) with 5:39 left in the third quarter. Jones answered with a 10-footer a minute later, and her 10-footer from the lane with 57 seconds left in the third put Central up 40-32.

"It was basically about keeping our composure," Jones said. "We knew we had to play hard, keep up our intensity, play through

the fouls and trust each other. "I wasn't nervous. I knew we were going to pull it out. I believe in my team. We were all on

the same page, and we're going The Comets got within 44-43 on Dana Banda's 3-pointer with 3:57 left in the game, and then

within 47-46 on Robin Gilmore's

3-pointer with 1:14 to play. Weaver hit both ends of a bonus chance at the line with 56 seconds left to make it 49-46 and, after a Banda free throw cut it to two, Central guard Sharise



Central's Katelyn Nowacki goes to the basket against Solon's Shelley Warren. Nowacki scored six points in the Irish win.

Calhoun turned in the play of hind her while I could," Calhoun the game.

Jones missed the front end of a bonus with 21.4 seconds left and Solon's Kathleen Russell rebounded and dribbled down the left sideline past the time line. Just before Russell appeared ready to make a drive from the left wing, Calhoun (11 points)

slipped in behind her for a steal. That led to Danielle Lewis (nine points) being fouled, and making both free throws for a 51-47 lead.

"She wasn't watching for me so I wanted to hurry up get be-

said. "I knew I had to help my teammates out. We didn't want her to score.

"It was really a team effort. That's what won us this ballgame. Our heart has helped us get through these tough games.' Russell added a bucket with

three seconds left, but, after a tenuous inbounds scenario, Lewis finally got the ball in to Weaver at midcourt after a timeout to close out the clock. Contact Steve Junga at:

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portunity to win at the end of regulation. With the score tied 37-37, Grant Sims attempted a wide-open 3-pointer off an inbounds play with less than five seconds remaining, The shot looked like it was going to fall for a game-winning basket, but it flipped out of the rim just before time expired.

Ray Wolfe also played big for the Knights, tallying 13 points and grabbing a game-high nine rebounds, including seven offensive boards.

Chase Marshall, who finished with 11 points, provided the spark for a fast start by the Knights by sinking three 3-pointers in the first quarter.

'To come back and beat them again feels good because you knew they wanted to come back

and get revenge," Wolfe said. Kyle Whitlow and Sims paced the Eagles (21-2) with 13 points each. Carson Oostra added seven points and Ethan Michael finished with six points and a

team-high eight rebounds. McWhinnie said falling behind early had an effect on their game plan.

"Chase Marshall came out and hit some big 3s at the beginning," McWhinnie said. "I give him a lot of credit. He stepped up and made some big plays and really helped them jump out to a lead.

"We were trying to take Phillips away early and I thought we did a nice job. And Marshall put us in a hole. We had to scrape and claw all the way out and I don't think our kids ever felt like we were going to lose. Even when we were down we thought we were always going to win and I was proud of us.'

Van Buren jumped to a 9-1 lead and finished the opening quarter with a 15-6 edge.

But the Eagles rallied in the second quarter.

Whitlow scored six points to help the Eagles outscore the Knights 10-4 during the frame. The Eagles opened the quarter on an 8-2 run and trailed 17-14 after Michael scored from close range with 2:21 to play in the

The Knights, who forced the Eagles into 11 turnovers, led 19-16 at the half.

The Eagles took the lead early in the third quarter when Michael scored on a bank shot for a 21-19 edge. The teams traded the lead back and forth throughout the second half.

"We had a great season," McWhinnie said. "We had a lot of goals. We fell short of several right here, but I couldn't be more proud of our team."

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THE BLADE/JEREMY WADSWORTH Central Catholic's Sharise Calhoun steals the ball from Solon's Skylar Cumberlander.