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Woodinville gymnasts win fourth straight KingCo 4A title

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SNOQUALMIE — The beat goes on and on and on for the Woodinville gymnastics team.

Unbeaten in four seasons, the Falcons easily racked up their fourth straight KingCo 4A championship Saturday night and appear fully equipped to win their fourth consecutive state crown.

With senior Hailey Wells winning the all-around title (36.825), Woodinville easily advanced to next week's district meet with a team score of 176.3 points.

The Falcons will be joined at district by Inglemoor (165.925) and Ballard (164.25).

Wells won the vault (9.325), junior Jaci Wolff recorded a career first by winning floor (9.45) and senior Mary McIntosh placed fifth in all-around, typical of Woodinville's depth, said coach Kim Fleming.

"They're all in it together," said Fleming. "They really want another state championship, and they want to do it for each other."

Wells, second in the state 4A all-around competition last year, is one of five seniors on the squad. She says it's a fun group that understands how to take competition seriously.

"We practice hard," she said. "We don't just goof around. We like to laugh and have fun, but we get our assignments done and help each other out."

Fleming liked Wolff's attitude when her time to compete on floor arrived.

"She came up to us and said, 'I've got it, it's go time,' " Fleming said. "Then she got out there and really sold it. She was on fire today. As a coach, you love to see that."



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Woodinville senior Hailey Wells was the all-around winner at the King 4A event.

Issaquah junior Olivia Goree edged Wells on beam (9.45-9.425). Ballard junior Taylor Stern won the bars (9.15) and took second in all-around with a total of 36.6.

Sophomore Akari Matsumoto of Redmond finished third in all-around (36.125), placing second in bars and floor and third in vault.

KingCo 3A

Senior Georgia Reynolds claimed the all-around title to lead Mount Si to the KingCo 3A championship on the Wildcats' home floor Saturday morning.

Reynolds placed first on bars (9.175) and took second place on beam (9.2) and vault (8.8). Teammate Rachel Karavias, also a senior, won the floor competition with 9.275 points.

Mount Si posted 163.05 points to earn the team title, followed by Bellevue (154.675), Liberty (144.075) and Mercer Island (136.725). Reynolds, who finished third in all-around at last year's 3A/2A state meet, won this year's KingCo crown with a score of 36.5.

Bellevue junior Emily Lopez posted the meet's highest score with a 9.525 to win the floor competition.

Another Bellevue junior, Emilie Chinen, took first on vault (9.35). Lopez (35.325) and Chinen (35.025) finished second and third in the all-around standings.

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