

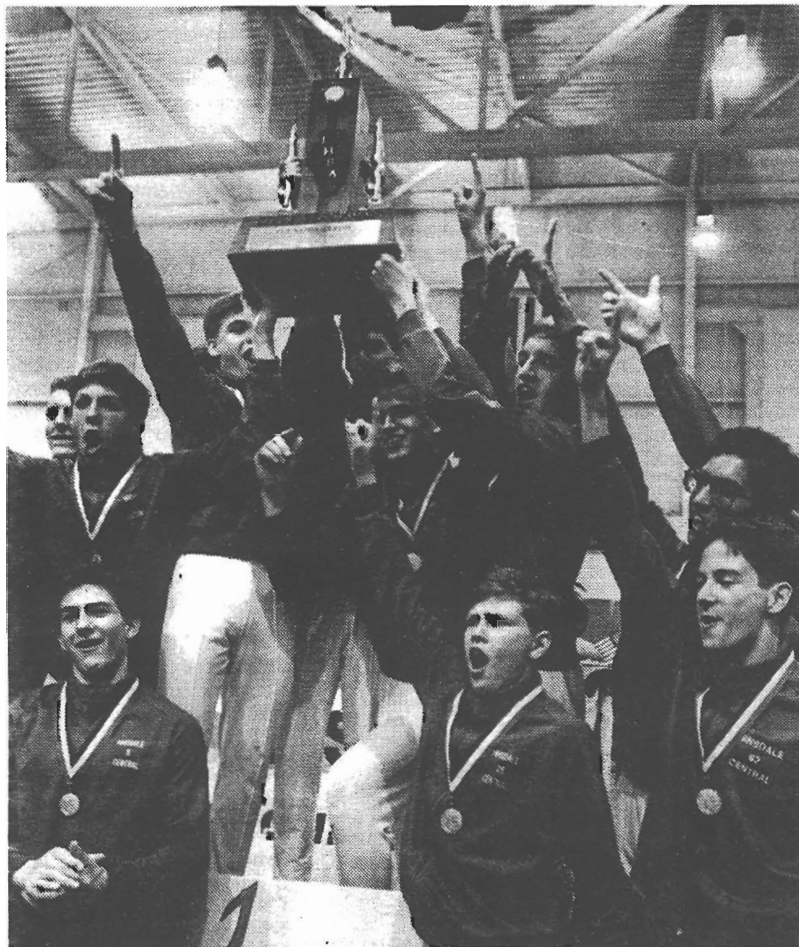
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Lucky seven!

Hinsdale Central boys gymnasts captured the No. 1 trophy in Illinois gymnastics Saturday at Arlington Heights, where the Devils dismantled for a 158.65 score and the 1991 state title. The win is the first Illinois boys' team crown for the high school since 1976 and the seventh gym title in its history. Turn to Sports for the complete story, Page 54. (Photo for The Doings by Rob Dicker of NewsViews Chicago)



Hinsdale Central sparkles

Red Devils turn it on to win state gym

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Hinsdale Central kissed the competition goodbye at the boys' state gymnastics meet.

During the preliminary round Friday Hinsdale coach Neil Krupicka instructed his team to "Keep It Simple Stupid."

That's K.I.S.S.

Hinsdale Central did that, building an insurmountable 1.8 point lead with superior depth. So Krupicka let his team loose Saturday and the Red Devils finished with 158.65 to outdistance Rolling Meadows (156.5) for the title at Forest View Educational Center in Arlington Heights.

Mundelein, which won the previous two titles, was third with 155.8, followed by Conant (151.5).

"We were conservative,

clean and simple," Krupicka said. "I told them to do it clean and do it well. For the finals they could go out and have fun and throw it all.

"Depth meant a lot. Guys that usually don't score came up big. Our first man up was the key. We had no 6s. They stayed on and got the rest of the team pumped up."

Hinsdale Central won its seventh state title (to match Addison Trail) paced by third-place all-around Rick Garcia, who placed second on the parallel bars (8.85) and No. 10 Tony Zorc, who was third on the still rings (9.3).

Other keys for Hinsdale Central were Ken Grzymalski, who was sixth on the pommel horse (8.6), Artie Carlson, who was fourth on the floor exercise (9.2) and C.J. Kuehl, who placed 10th on the rings (8.75).

Hinsdale Central broke the school record set by its national championship team in 1976, the last to win state.

"We wanted to crush the school record," Zorc said. "We're tired of hearing clichés about the 70s."

Hinsdale Central also was bolstered by Joe Giarritano,

who was eighth on the rings (9.05) and specialists Lewis Bulkeley and Paul Predovic.

"After the first three events we wished the meet would keep going," Kuehl said.

Rolling Meadows was led by Dave Meservey, who placed second on the high bar (9.4) and Jason Pear-

sall, who was ninth on the rings (8.85).

The biggest upset came on the pommel horse, where Glenbrook South's Larry Ohannes added another title to the all-around championship he captured Friday with a 9.1 to beat favored Jeremiah Landry of Rolling Meadows (8.85).

Lane Tech junior Sean Grosvenor, who placed second in the all-around, won the still rings with 9.6, second best in state meet history, and tied Rich East's 4-10 Lonell Fleming for first place in the floor exercise with 9.35. Fleming edged Grosvenor for the vaulting crown 9.3-9.25.