

## HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEWS

## A whole host of winners

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Some of Long Island's most successful programs receive the least attention. Such as Ward Melville girls swimming and its 13 straight Suffolk team titles. Or Holy Trinity and its 10 straight CHSAA girls gymnastics crowns. Finally, there's Glenn with two straight state girls volleyball titles. Here's a look at programs that aim to keep their tradition going.

#### ■ GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Considering the talent — former Suffolk all-around champs Christa Devine of Mount Sinai and Arielle Suchich of Kings Park return — the Section XI team could repeat as the state team champ and win a fifth title in six years. Devine won the all-around title last year. Suchich won it two years ago. One athletic slipup could make the difference this year.

East Islip's Danielle Riportella and Ward Melville's Alejandra Wilmer will also contend. Suchich's presence could also help Kings Park win a third straight Suffolk team title.

Holy Trinity's Jackie Schweizer won every event except the vault to capture last year's CHSAA individual title. Teammate Kelsea Weinsberger figures to be her toughest challenger.

Nassau's season and the state meet take place in the winter.

#### ■ BOYS GYMNASTICS

Steve Legendre moved to Texas from Port Jefferson before his junior year and is unable to defend his Suffolk individual title. With the graduation of most of Suffolk's top



Mount Sinai gymnast Christa Devine is one of two former Suffolk all-around champs returning for another season.

ots' nucleus. Smithtown and Half Hollow Hills pose a threat to Ward Melville.

In Nassau, Garden City seeks a seventh straight title. Sophomore Jenna Daly is among the county's best in the 200 freestyle. Michaela Fraser makes Long Beach the top challenger.

#### ■ GIRLS TENNIS

Defending Nassau individual singles champ Stacey Lee of Wheatley should have another thrilling final match with Great Neck North's Anna Edelman.

In Suffolk, Kings Park sophomore Ryan Cutliffe, Northport freshman Leah Kepping and Hauppauge eighth-grader Jennifer Kellner can build off their experience from last year's state championships. They all return after placing in the top three in Suffolk last year. Commack is the defending Suffolk team tournament champ.

#### ■ BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Reigning champ Smithtown will lose some depth because it split into Smithtown East and Smithtown West. Then again, Sachem East appeared in the final as a first-year program after its district split. Smithtown East, with Greg Schmid and Mike Cidetto, and Smithtown West, with Greg Rubertone and Chris McKenna, look to perpetuate the Bulls' tradition. Smithtown had won six Suffolk titles in 10 years.

Whitman, Sachem East, Sachem North and Northport also figure to be in the mix. The Nassau and CHSAA seasons occur in the spring.

#### ■ GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

With the matriculation of former five-year starting outside hitter Harmonie Calinda to Seton Hall, Glenn hopes the