

EIGHT GYMNASTS TO WATCH

MADelyn FLETES, OLATHE SOUTH

Fletes is a junior out for high school gymnastics for the first time after leaving Club gymnastics. She is expected to make an impact in all four events.



Madelyn Fletes



EMMY KELLER, OLATHE NORTHWEST

An incoming freshman for the Ravens, Keller leaves the club scene as a Level 9 gymnast and should immediately join the short list of top contenders for the all-around title. Keller is expected to be an impact performer in all four events.

Emmy Keller

ELLA MARGHEIM, OLATHE NORTH

A senior who also competes in track and field for the Eagles, Margheim gave up club gymnastics after 13 years of competing in the arena. She left as a Level 10 gymnast, which is the highest level in club, and is expected to challenge for the all-around title this year as an impact performer in every event.



Ella Margheim

ALEXIS PURDY, OLATHE WEST



Alexis Purdy

Purdy is the highest returning placer from last year's state meet, leading the Owls to a third-place state finish as a team. She finished third in the all-around with a score of 35.937. Purdy also added thirds on the uneven bars (8.437) and balance beam (9.60) and was fifth on the floor exercise (9.100).

PAIGE SCHMIDESKAMP, OLATHE EAST

Part of a deep Olathe East squad, Schmideskamp is a returner who is a four-event performer who could contend for medals in all four events.



Paige Schmideskamp

PARIS SPOTTED-TAIL, LAWRENCE



Paris Spotted-Tail

Spotted-Tail enjoyed a double-gold performance at last year's state championships. She captured the state title on the vault with a score of 9.500, winning by .100 over Free State's Kenzie Vaughn. She also won the floor exercise with a 9.550, edging Free State's Talia Gay by .075 points.

DELANEY STANLEY, OLATHE NORTH

Stanley is one of fourth returning members of North's state runner-up squad from a year ago. She placed fourth on the floor exercise at last year's state meet, scoring a 9.250.



Delaney Stanley



Kenzie Vaughn

KENZIE VAUGHN, FREE STATE

Vaughn was a key newcomer for the Firebirds last year who helped them reclaim the team state championship for the first time since 2014. Vaughn finished fourth in the all-around with a score of 35.475 and was state runner-up on the vault with a score of 9.400. She also placed fourth on the balance beam with a 9.125.