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# Zeisloft not defensive about being defensive

“Long journey” has Hoosiers set for top seed North Carolina.

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Nick Zeisloft is not the second coming of Bobby Wilkerson, but you knew that. He is not a defensive stopper to put the fear of, say, Victor Oladipo into the hearts of opposing guards, but you’ve seen that.



Zeisloft

But suddenly Indiana’s senior guard, once perceived as a one-dimensional guy (can you say three-point shooting?) is now more than capable of holding his defensive own and if he’s not in the league of Wilkerson, the great shut-down guard from IU’s 1976 national title team, well, coach Tom Crean isn’t complaining.

**NCAA**

**Tournament**

**Tipoff:** Indiana vs. North Carolina, 10 tonight, Philadelphia, Sweet 16  
**Radio:** 1250-AM  
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Auguste sparks Notre Dame’s Sweet 16 run

“Nick Zeisloft has made so many strides as a defensive player,” Crean says, “that I can’t describe it to

you.”

Want proof? Zeisloft held his own against Kentucky scorer Jamal Murray on Saturday as he did so often down the stretch for the Big Ten regular-season champs after guard Robert Johnson went out with a sprained ankle.

“What Nick had to do to help us get this championship and what he’s done in this tournament is outstanding,” Crean says.



By The Associated Press  
 The Indiana Hoosiers gather before Thursday’s Sweet 16 public workout at Philadelphia’s Wells Fargo Center.

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**2016 GYMNAST OF THE YEAR**

# Uncommon senior determination



*Bishop Dwenger’s Maria Trahin showed resolve until the end*

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From the very start of the gymnastics season, Bishop Dwenger’s Maria Trahin had the determined look of a senior who was going to make the most of her last chance. It wasn’t that she was hoping to do well on each event, or that she thought she might post some good scores, she was out to prove how good she could be by dominating each event.

Everyone could see the way she attacked and imposed her will on each event.

“It’s good for the seniors to do that because the younger kids are looking up to them,” Bishop Dwenger coach Rose Nix said.

Trahin showed her focus by winning the all-around at the Becky Carter Classic, in the sectional and then at the regional. She even showed it at the state meet when she injured her right ankle on the first pass during her floor routine to open the meet. She still completed her program to finish with a sixth-place 9.475, and then showed superior form and grit with a 9.575 on the bars to tie for fifth.

Because of her domination, Trahin has been named The News-Sentinel’s Gymnast of the Year for the third year in a row. Because of her resolve this year, there really wasn’t any other option.

“I think what she did today showed her determination and showed what gymnastics really meant to her,” Nix said after the state meet March 12. “Just the fact that she gave everything that she could, that was nice tribute for her.”

If anything, her anger at the injury provided even more determination. Performing on two bad ankles, Trahin still put up a 9.075 performing her regular routine on the balance beam. The injury cost her a shot at the all-around state title she craved, but her scores and guts left everyone at Ball State marveling at just how tough she was.

“I’m just too upset right now to feel anything else,” Trahin said. “I don’t think I’ve ever been so mad. It didn’t go how I would have liked at the end, but there’s nothing I can do about it now.”

Now that her career is over, Trahin said she’ll probably attend Saint Francis and study physical therapy. That will be one way to force her to take time and allow her body to heal.

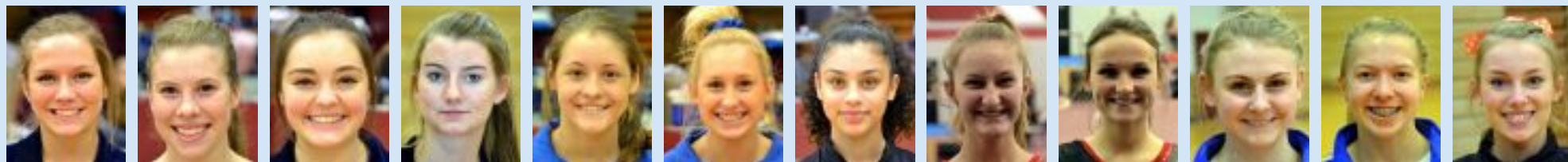
She also fulfilled her family legacy with her example, joining her older sisters, Buffy, Rebecca and Brittany, who each were all-area, all-state or named News-Sentinel Gymnast of the Year. Maria is the only one to win three Gymnast of the Year honors. Along with her three sisters, 15 of her cousins have also competed for the Saints. That includes four Trahins, three Nixes, four Sordelets, one Schipper, two Walls, two Szczepanskis, one Hilger and two Poinsetttes.

Trahin is the last of this generation of the family, probably for at least a decade, but she made her own impression on Bishop Dwenger gymnastics and left a strong legacy of courage and determination for others to live up to.

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By Blake Sebring of The News-Sentinel  
 Bishop Dwenger senior Maria Trahin has been named The News-Sentinel Gymnast of the Year for the third time. Trahin medaled twice at the recent state championships despite a severe ankle injury.

**2016 ALL-AREA GYMNASTICS TEAM**



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# Beaupre’s rewards for blocked shots are bruises, respect

Komets defenseman sacrifices body to help his team.

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With only two goals and five points in 41 games, defenseman Gabriel Beaupre is an easy Komet to overlook. Because of his concentration on stopping shots instead of shooting them, he’s the guy who is playing the



Beaupre

best when he’s noticed the least. About the only time he’s noticed is when he’s blocking shots, which he does regularly. “I was drafted in the NHL for that and I’ve played in the AHL because of that,” Beaupre said. “I know my role and I know how to do

it. Maybe the normal person in the stands thinks, ‘This guy doesn’t score, so why is he here?’ but I do block shots and that’s under the radar a little bit.”

It’s under the radar for everyone but his teammates, who are amazed at Beaupre’s willingness to sacrifice his body to stop a shot. He could be having a bad night, but he can erase it with a series of two or three blocked shots on a penalty kill. It’s something

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**Faceoff:** Toledo at Komets, 8 tonight  
**Radio:** WOWO, 1190-AM

he does almost every game, and likely would be one of the league leaders in the category if statistics were kept.

About the only thing kept about blocked shots, though, are the bruises. Beaupre’s ankles are sore most days because they never get the time off necessary to

fully heal, and he’s always throwing himself in front of the next shot.

“If you have a good technique, the puck will hit you in the pads,” he said. “You have good technique, you shouldn’t be getting hurt. During the summer, I practiced with soft pucks just to make sure I’m doing it the right way.”

True, the Komets’ defensemen and some forwards like Kyle Thomas do wear extra plastic on their

skates to protect their feet, and Beaupre wears extra padding on his gloves, but not every body part can be protected. Beaupre lost a tooth from a blocked shot during a recent game in Rapid City.

“Ankles are the worst because we are in our skates all day and they never go away, and then it’s the inside of the hands,” Beaupre said. “After games, I always

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