

There's recently been little drama for the Hinsdale Central girls gymnastics team during its West Suburban Conference Silver Division dual meets.

The Red Devils got way more than they bargained for at York Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Based on past scores, the Red Devils should have had a relatively comfortable victory. However, the host Dukes put together their highest total and edged the Red Devils 138.50 to 138.25 in Elmhurst.

York hadn't scored higher than 133.50 this season and no higher than 131.50 besides that. In their last head-to-head meeting at the Naperville North Invite Jan. 5, the Red Devils were fourth (137.20) and the Dukes seventh (131.35).

"It was a little shock," Hinsdale Central coach Kim Estoque said. "They had one girl who I don't think has been competing all year and they looked good. I think they had their best meet of the year."

Hinsdale Central senior Erin Morgan won all-around (36.85), floor exercise (9.5) and balance beam (9.45) and shared first on uneven parallel bars (9.0) with York sophomore Meghan Davidson. York senior Alyna Gagliardi won vault (9.2).

The Red Devils outscored York on vault by nearly a point (35.25 to 34.30) but the Dukes had higher totals on floor (35.45 to 34.60), beam (35.05 to 34.75) and uneven bars (33.70 to 33.65).

The Red Devils are now 2-2 in Silver duals, also losing to state title contender Lyons Township. Their last dual is at home Thursday, Jan. 17, against

Glenbard West (season-high 146.00) with the Silver Meet Jan. 26 at Glenbard West.

In just their second meet after winter break, the Red Devils went into the dual trying some recently added skills. Estoque said they would have been more conservative had they known the team scores would be so close.

“There’s just a couple of things I would have kept cleaner (in routines),” Estoque said.

“It’s either been more like with LT, we knew they were going to win or usually we know we’re going to win,” Estoque said. “We had gone against them a couple of times and we beat them easily. But it only will get our girls going a little more, a little more motivated.”

Morgan returned to competing as an all-arounder after competing everything but vault at Naperville North but she reinjured her ankle in the process. How many events she will compete against Glenbard West remains to be seen.

Cayley Brenk was fourth in all-around (35.20). On vault, Brenk (9.1), Morgan (8.9), Annie Zircher (8.65) and Hannah Kapelinski (8.6) were second through fifth on vault.

Brenk was third on beam with a season-high 9.25. Brenk also tied for fourth on uneven bars (8.35) with Elle Bergevin adding an 8.3. Emma Christoph tied for fifth on floor (8.7), and Zircher tied for sixth on beam (8.2).

“Cayley hit her beam routine. That’s the thing that stands out the most, and Emma did a good job, too,” Estoque said.