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# Press Release

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## **EWA AT METROPLEX CHALLENGE**

ALLEN, TX: The Dallas Convention Center was busy the weekend of January 29-31, as it was the venue for gymnastics testing and competitions for teams from around the nation. Eagle's Wings Athletics (EWA) had their two girls teams participate in the Metroplex Challenge.

EWA's TAAF (Texas Amateur Athletic Federation) team also enjoyed a successful meet. Level 5 Rachel Johnston swept her level by taking gold on every event. She earned 9.0 on beam, 9.1 on floor, 8.5 on vault and 7.75 on bars to get a 34.35 total.

Maleah Ross, in Division 7, took four gold medals (floor - 8.8, beam - 7.75, bars - 7.5 and all-around (30.85).

Kayla Spillman won second place on beam (9.10) in Division

3, while Allison Moring earned second on beam (8.65) and third on vault (8.325) in Division 4. Lexie Davis, Haley Rose Benter, Katherine Carter all earned bronze medals.

Winning first place team was Level 7. Taylor Brooks was the beam champion for Division 2 with a score of 8.9. She also earned second on floor (8.65) and third all-around. Hannah Warrick (Division 2) earned bronze medals on vault and bars, and Jenna Wicker (Division 3) on vault and floor.

Hailey Thomas was the bars champion in Level 8 with a score of 7.2. She earned an 8.6 on vault for a bronze medal. Rachel Pierret earned in the top three on each event - second on vault (8.65), floor (8.2) and bars (7.15), and third on beam (7.5) and all-around (31.5). Maddie Kruse won second place all-around (31.75), with second place scores on beam (8.05) and bars (7.15) and a third place win on floor (8.15).

Level 4 competed for achievement ribbons and earned second place for the team award. Catherine Constantini and Allie Bianchi tied for the highest score on vault (9.4) and floor (9.0). Catherine won first on bars and beam, scoring a 9.0 on each, while Allie scored second on both. Sophia Heussner had the second highest scores on vault and

floor, while Addie Hebert, Bria Shavers and Priscilla Ramirez all earned bronze medals.

TAAf coaches at EWA are Maria Garcia, Kassandra Bursch, Mandy Glucroft and head coach Alan Kirby.