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EWA HOSTS TAAF "AT THE HOP" MEET

ALLEN, TX: Several teams from Eagle's Wings Athletics (EWA) had competitions the weekend of January 24-25. Most traveled to other cities, as EWA hosted a Texas Amateur Athletic Federation invitational at their facility in Allen.

At her home gym, Level 8 Kelsey Pence swept first place on every event and the all-around (34.75). She scored 9.1 on vault, 8.8 on floor exercise, 8.45 on uneven parallel bars and 8.4 on balance beam.

Eight EWA girls competed in the Level 7, division 3 group. Cara Lake was the all-around champion (33.9) and the uneven bars champion (9.125). She took silver on balance beam and bronze on vault and floor. Maddie Kruse was the floor exercise champion (8.975) and took second on vault and third on beam and all-around. Hannah Warrick won gold on vault (9.2) and Hailey

Thomas earned silver on floor and bronze on bars. The Level 7 team won first place in the team awards.

EWA girls won all the individual events and the all-around in the Level 5, division 6 group. Taking first on beam (9.2) was Alyssa Burke, who also won the all-around (33.5). Lauren Sedillo won floor (9.0) and took third all-around. Elisa Lundberg was the vault champion (8.4), and placed third on beam. Macy Holdrich won bars with a score of 7.85. Jenna Wicker took second place on vault, beam, floor and all-around, and Jennifer Eubank placed third on floor exercise. Morgan Scott competed in division 5, earning silver on bars.

The Level 4 team won first place. Instead of receiving medals and placements, they competed and earned achievement ribbons; the ribbon color is based on a range of scores. Isabelle Muirhead got the highest vault score on the EWA team (9.8), while Rachel Johnston earned the highest scores on the other events - 9.5 on floor, 9.35 on bars, 9.25 on beam and 37.75 all-around. The TAAF team at EWA is coached by Alan Kirby, Maria Garcia, and Kassandra Bursch.

The same weekend, members of EWA's men's USA Gymnastics team traveled to Florida for the Whitlow Invitational. Level 8 Evan Fitzgerald tied for second on floor exercise and won third place on parallel bars and high bar. Drew Sikora, Level 6, took silver on vault. In the Level 5, age 11+ group, Cole Carter

placed third on floor and Karcen Raney tied for third on pommel horse and mushroom.

Also competing the weekend of January 23- 25, the USAG women's team showed their stuff at the Texas Prime Invitational in Coppell. Level 8 Emily Howe won the all-around in the Junior B age group with a 38.2. She was the champion on three events - balance beam (9.8), uneven bars (9.6) and vault (9.475). In the Junior A division, Cori Guerrero scored a 9.8 on beam to win gold, and earned bronze on vault. Heather Udowitch tied for second on bars and won third on beam. The Level 8 team won first place in the team competition.

Makenzie Johnson, in the Level 10 Senior division, was the floor exercise champion (9.2) and tied for first on uneven bars (9.45). She also placed third on balance beam and tied for third on vault, leading to second place all-around. In the Junior division, Jessica Howe won gold on beam (9.75) and bars (9.45), while Emma Sibson tied for first on vault (9.7) and earned silver on floor and all-around. Nickie Guerrero took third on vault.

The Level 7 team also took first place team. In the Junior A group, Elizabeth Ritchie was the bars (9.825) and vault (9.75) champion. She also took second on beam and third all-around. Paige Williams won silver on bars, floor and all-around. In the Junior B division, Cambry Lohmann placed second on bars, floor

and all-around, and third on beam and vault. Cassidy Keelen took silver on balance beam.

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