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EWA HOSTS AND WINS FRIENDSHIP INVITE

ALLEN, TX: Nearly 200 gymnasts converged on Eagle's Wings Athletics (EWA) February 14th for the Friendship Invitational hosted by the men's USA gymnastics team. The EWA teams brought home five first place team banners, as well as medals galore.

Logan Cobb led the level 4 team to their first place win, by taking gold on five events. He earned 15.4 on parallel bars and floor exercise, 14.8 on still rings, 14.6 on high bar, and 12.5 on pommel horse/mushroom. He also took second place on vault (14.9) to take the top all-round score (87.60). Teammate Ethan Tibbs placed second on rings (12.9) and third on parallel bars.

The Level 5 team had separate team awards. The 7-9 year olds were in one group. Kade Cummings tied for third place on floor exercise (14.7) and took third on rings (15.1), high bar (14.8), parallel bars (14) and all-around (87.9). Quinn Maloney earned

bronze on parallel bars (14.5), and the seven-member team took second place in the team award.

EWA's boys ages 10 and over were in a second group, which won first place team. Bradley Weatherford was the vault champion with a score of 15.2. He also earned second place on floor exercise (15.4). Cole Carter took silver on pommel horse/mushroom (15.2), rings (14.4) and all-around (88.3), and tied for silver on parallel bars (14.6).

Winning the Level 6, age 10-11 all-around was Drew Huck with an 89.5. He also took gold on pommel horse/mushroom (15.7) and rings (14.9), and took silver on floor exercise (15.2) and high bar (14.4). Second all-around (87.7) went to Christopher Bowling, who tied for first on parallel bar (15.2), took second on pommel horse/mushroom (15.4) and third on rings and high bar. Cole Wilhelm earned gold on floor (15.4) and tied for silver on vault (14.9). In the age 12-13 group, Brian McCray won parallel bars (14), and Daniel Gerzina took second place on pommel horse/mushroom (14) and parallel bars (13.1), and third place on floor, high bar, all-around (80), and tied for third on vault. The Level 6 boys won first place team.

Evan Fitzgerald led the undefeated Level 8 team to a first place win. He nabbed gold on pommel horse (12.8), parallel bars (12.6), vault (12.2), high bar (12.1), and rings (10.6). He tied for first on floor (12) and took third on vault, ending up as

the all-around champion (72.3) for the age 12-13 group. Third all-around was Chandler Guvernator, who tied for second on vault (12.6), took second on parallel bars (11.6) and third on high bar, floor, pommel horse, still rings to earn 65.6 all-around. Adam Templin, who competed in the age 14-15 group, won the floor exercise (13.1) and vault (13.3), and earned second place on parallel bars (11.5) and rings (10.9). He also tied for second on high bar (10.1) and took third on pommel horse for a second place all-around finish (66.7).

Not to be left out, EWA's Level 10 team also won the first place team award. Three young men competed in the age 14-15 division. Logan Doughty won 6 gold medals - vault (14.3), floor (13.4), parallel bars (12.9), pommel horse (12.2), high bar (12), and all-around (75.3). In second place all-around was Cody Dutcher with a 72.6. Cody earned silver on vault (13.9), rings (12) and high bar (11.3), and bronze on floor, pommel horse and parallel bars. Johann Handszer followed up with a bronze all-around (70.2), taking first on rings (12.4), second on parallel bars (12.4) and third on high bar.

Level 10 Justin Muenz, in the 16-18 age group, was not just the all-around champion (72), he also won floor exercise (13.1), vault (12.5), and pommel horse (12.3). He earned a silver medal on parallel bars (12) and bronze on high bar.

"The boys shined," said EWA's head coach Greg Schram. "Nearly everyone improved from before on one or more events with added bonus or difficulty." Assisting him in coaching the EWA men's teams are Bob Martichuski, Cody Spradling, Craig Locke, Ryan Mellor, and John Stout.

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