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HOUSTON, WE HAVE LIFT OFF

ALLEN, TX: The largest city in the State played host to gymnasts from all over the world the weekend of February 27 to March 1 as part of the Houston National Invitational. The Trampoline and Tumbling (T & T) team and the USA Gymnastics men's team from Eagle's Wings Athletics (EWA) both attended the competition, where they made their mark despite the huge amount of athletes there.

The Trampoline and Tumbling team was flying high with 13 first place wins, along with 12 second place and 12 third place medals.

The EWA team tried competing something new this time - synchronized trampoline. That means two athletes on two trampolines doing the same moves at the same height and time. In Level 9 Ryan Frome and Brian Schmidt won the

gold medal, and Sydney Wendt and Emily Beasley won bronze. Brittany Stout and Nathan Vite took silver for Level 7, while Samantha Arnold and Mary Rossi took bronze in Level 10.

Senior Elite Amy McDonald was the tumbling champion and Josh Williams took second on tumbling in the Junior Elite division.

Nathan Vite and Ryan Allen both took first place finishes on all three of their events. Ryan, who competed in the age 9 & 10 group, won Level 7 double mini and trampoline and Level 6 tumbling. Nathan did the same, only in the age 15 & 16 division.

As for the girls in the 15 & over group, Samantha Arnold won gold on Level 10 trampoline and silver in Level 9 tumbling. Hannah Green took second place in Level 8 double mini and trampoline. Level 9 Emily Beasley earned second on trampoline and third in tumbling. Sara Stewart took third on Level 7 trampoline and Level 6 tumbling.

Four girls, ages 13 & 14, competed for EWA, with Mary Rossi, Level 10, winning first place on double mini and tumbling, and second on trampoline. Sydney Wendt earned gold in Level 9 tumbling, and Ryan Frome got bronze on

Level 9 double mini. Brittany Stout earned silver in Level 7 tumbling.

The boys did equally well, with Level 9 Brian Schmidt earning third place on trampoline in the age 13-14 group. For the 9 and 10-year olds, Caden Kirby, Level 7, took second on double mini and third on trampoline. Tyler Dunning earned bronze on Level 6 double mini and Level 4 tumbling, and silver on Level 5 trampoline.

Gaby D'annunzio competed for the girls age 9-10, and took third in Level 5 tumbling. In the 11 and 12 year-old group, Ashley Whiteman took first in Level 6 tumbling, while Annika Cline took second in Level 8 for the same event. Macy Levine and Ellie Stockton competed Level 5 tumbling, where Macy came in second and Ellie third.

The weekend before Houston, gymnasts Ryan Frome and Annika Cline attended the Jump Start National Camp in Huntsville, Alabama. They spent over 12 hours training and competing for the National coaching staff. Ryan earned top honors on the trampoline in their final contest of the weekend.

The Trampoline and Tumbling team at EWA is coached by Bret Stout, Amy McDonald, Josh Williams, and Mike Wegrzyn.