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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.

BOYS GET IT DONE IN HOUSTON

Back in Houston, the boys' gymnastics team earned five team trophies. The Level 5 age 10-11 won first place team, Level 4 age 6-7 won second place, and Level 5 age 7-8, Level 6 age 10-11, and Level 8 each earned third place team wins.

Topping the chart as all-around champion was Level 8 Evan Fitzgerald. He won gold on pommel horse (13.0), bronze on vault (13.3) and parallel bars (12.6) to earn a 72.70 all-around, the highest of the 37 competitors in the 12+ age group. Chandler Guvernator tied for fourth on pommel horse (11.2), and Adam Templin had a high score of 12.1 on the floor exercise.

Level 10 Justin Muenz tied for seventh place on pommel horse (13.0) out of the 51 athletes in the 16-18 year old group. Logan Doughty took eighth with the same score on the same event, but out of 57 competitors in the age 14-15 group.

The largest group of competitors, 82, was in the Level 6 age 10-11 division. Drew Huck was the parallel bars champion (15.2) and tied for fourth on floor (15.1) and tied for seventh on pommel horse/mushroom (15.2) to place 11th all-around.

Christopher Bowling tied on all his events - fourth on pommel horse/mushroom (15.3), sixth on floor (15.0), seventh on vault (15.0), and eighth on parallel bars, ending up with seventh place all-around (87.8). Cole Wilhelm tied with Christopher for sixth on floor, and tied for tenth on parallel bars.

Daniel Gerzina, in the 12+ age group, placed third on pommel horse/mushroom (14.8), fourth on parallel bars (13.5), and fifth all-around (82.4) out of 22 boys.

The Level 5 age 7-8 group had 63 competitors. Carter Frederick placed tenth all-around (84.6), with a seventh place win on parallel bars (14.7). Quinn Maloney took fourth on parallel bars (14.9) and tenth on still rings (14.7). Nicholas Brocklesby tied for fourth place on rings (15.0).

Age 9 Kade Cummings took fifth on vault and sixth on high bar. Competing in the age 10-11 division, Bradley Weatherford won gold on vault (14.7) and silver on floor exercise (15.2) to tie for eighth all-around. Cole Carter earned fifth all-around (84.4) by tying for fifth on high bar, tying for sixth on pommel horse/mushroom, and tying for seventh on floor with teammate Karcen Raney. Karcen also tied for third on parallel bars (14.2) and took seventh all-around. In the age 12+ group, Brian Le tied for first place on vault with a 14.4.

Last but not least is the Level 4 team with three event champions out of the 73 boys competing in the age 6-7 group. Gavin McCallister was the high bar champion, earning 15.3 there. He tied for second place on pommel horse/mushroom (14.9), took fourth on parallel bars (15.0) and tied for eighth on vault to take silver all-around (89.9). Logan Cobb was the floor exercise champion (15.4) and tied for gold on vault (15.3). He took second place on parallel bars (15.3), tied for ninth on high bar and tenth on rings, and placed fourth all-around (88.3).

The men's team at EWA is coached by Head Coach Greg Schram, Bob Martichuski, Ryan Mellor, Cody Spradling, Craig Locke, and John Stout.

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