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LOCAL ATHLETES MAKE NATIONAL TEAM

ALLEN, TX: Three members of Eagle's Wings Athletics (EWA) Trampoline and Tumbling (T & T) team participated in National Jump Start Testing January 24 and 25. A week later, the entire team traveled to Brownwood for an eligibility meet hosted by Seal Gymnastics.

Jump Start is a talent identification program that helps USA Gymnastics identify future elite trampoline and tumbling athletes. EWA's Ryan Frome, Annika Cline and Sydney Wendt were tested for strength, flexibility and agility. They also performed various skills and routines for the National Team coaches. Thirty percent of the athletes tested made the National Team, including these three girls from EWA. Ryan and Sydney made the Jump Start National Trampoline Team and Annika made the Jump Start National Power Tumbling Team. They are invited to participate in the Jump Start National Training Camp

in Huntsville, Alabama in February. "We are very proud and excited for all three of our athletes," said EWA owner and T & T coach Bret Stout.

At the meet in Brownwood January 30-31, Mary Rossi was the champion on all three events for Level 10 in the women's 13-14 year-old group. Sydney Wendt, Level 9, took first place in tumbling, and third on the trampoline. Ryan Frome, also Level 9, earned second on double mini and trampoline, and third in tumbling. In Level 8, Courtney Christison won gold in tumbling and Rebecca Clothier took bronze on trampoline. Brittany Stout took second on Level 7 tumbling, while Bailey Buescher won Level 6 tumbling and Elizabeth Wilson earned third in level 4 tumbling.

For the men in the age 15 and over group, Stephen Wilson won first place on Level 9 double mini, third on Level 9 trampoline, and second in Level 7 tumbling. Brandon Wilson took gold on Level 8 trampoline and Level 5 tumbling, and bronze on Level 8 double mini. Bryan Bashrum was the Level 7 tumbling champ, and earned second on Level 8 double mini and trampoline. Taking two gold medals, Nathan Vite won Level 7 trampoline and Level 6 tumbling.

In the 15 and over women's division, Samantha Arnold was the Level 10 trampoline champion. She also placed second in Level 9 tumbling. Emily Beasley earned third place on Level 9

trampoline. Hannah Green competed Level 8, earning silver medals on all three events. Sara Stewart took bronze on Level 7 trampoline. Paige McKay won Level 6 tumbling and earned third place on Level 7 double mini.

Ryan Allen, Tyler Dunning and Caden Kirby competed in the boy's age 9-10 division. Ryan was champion on two events - Level 7 double mini and Level 6 tumbling, and took second on Level 7 trampoline. Caden was the Level 7 trampoline champion and Level 4 tumbling champion, and earned silver on Level 7 double mini. Tyler won Level 6 double mini and took second in Level 4 tumbling. For the girls, Gaby Williams earned silver in Level 6 tumbling.

In the 11 and 12-year old group, Annika Cline was the Level 7 tumbling champion. Katie Drake took third on Level 7 double mini. Level 6 Ashley Whiteman took bronze on tumbling and double mini. Ellie Stockton won first place in Level 5 tumbling, while Macy Levine took third place.

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

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