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# Press Release

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## **MENS TEAM WINS REGIONAL AWARD**

**ALLEN, TX:** It was only 2 weeks ago that a group of boys, competing for Eagle's Wings Athletics' Level 6 gymnastics team, won fourth place in the state competition. Since then they've had their best meet yet at the Regional Championship April 3-5 in Keller, being named the first place team out of the 17 teams from six states entered in the competition. The meet was hosted by the Texas Gymnastics Judges Association (TGJA).

Drew Huck, Cole Wilhelm, Christopher Bowling, Drew Sikora and Sam Giese faced tough competition from athletes in nearby Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. Head Coach Greg Schram was ecstatic. "The Level 6, age 10 and 11, team had their best meet yet," he said. "They peaked at the perfect time to take the first place regional team award!"

Drew Huck was the pommel horse/mushroom champion with a score of 15.4, and tied for first place on parallel bars with a 15.3. He also tied for fifth on floor exercise (15.4) and sixth on vault (15.0) to tie for third place all-around (88.7) out of the 116 competitors in the age group. Cole Wilhelm tied for second on vault (15.1), seventh on floor (15.3), and earned a bronze on parallel bars (15.2) to finish eighth all-around (87.3). Christopher Bowling tied for ninth place on parallel bars (14.4). Daniel Gerzina tied for fourth on the floor (14.6) in the age 12-13 group.

Coach Schram had told the boys he would shave his head for a week for each gold medal from the State meet on. With the three golds from Level 6 at Regionals, he is up to 6 weeks without hair.

Level 8 Chandler Guvernator, in the 12-13 year old group, earned ninth place all-around (66.75) with a tie for sixth on floor exercise (12.25), and a sixth on rings (11.05), ninth on high bar (9.6) and tenth on parallel bars (11.75). Adam Templin tied for eighth on floor exercise (12.7) in the age 14-15 group.

Evan Fitzgerald competed Level 9, in the 12-13 age group. He earned sixth place on pommel horse (12.75) and tied for

eighth place on floor exercise (13.5). The qualifying score to advance to Nationals was 72 all-around, which Evan easily reached (73.55).

Four EWA athletes competed Level 10. Logan Doughty earned fourth place on pommel horse (13.1) and eighth on vault (13.9). Johann Handszer tied for fifth on floor exercise (13.25). Cody Dutcher and Justin Muenz round out the group. Coach Schram explains, "Logan and Johann barely missed the needed 75 all-around to get to Nationals, but our region takes the top 25 boys in that age group allowing them to go." Logan was 14<sup>th</sup> and Johann 15<sup>th</sup> all-around. Justin Muenz earned a berth to Nationals as well, placing 21<sup>st</sup> in his age group out of the 26 to advance. Other coaches working with the men's team at EWA are Bob Martichuski, Cody Spradling, Craig Locke, Ryan Mellor, and John Stout.