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GOLDEN STATE!

(Battle Creek, MI) – USA Gymnastics post-season began last week at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek as 902 qualifying Level 6 – 7 gymnasts from throughout Michigan competed for state crowns.

Grand Traverse Bay competitors came home with six gold medal state championships, included two top-prize all-around championships.

At Level 7, **Zahra Mitchell**'s 38.325 all-around score not only won her podium honors, but also ranked 4th highest among all gymnasts at the state meet from any level. Along the way, **Mitchell** collected an event gold medal on the balance beam, an event silver medal on the uneven bars, and event bronze medals for her vault and floor routine. In the Junior division of Level 7, **Tabitha Pritchard** finished nearly identically with gold medal state championships all-around and on bars, along with a pair of third-place bronze medals on vault and beam. **Pritchard**'s all-around score of 37.750 ranked in the top 50 of all gymnasts at all levels at the state meet.

But the state medal count didn't end there. **Wessyn Cnossen** and **Zoe Butler** each won a gold-medal state championship on bars, with **Cnossen** adding a 4th place finish on beam and all-around. **Skylar Hawkins** finished with a second-place silver medal all-around and on bars, as well as a bronze medal for her vault. **Izzy Brooks** earned a silver medal for second place on beam in the state.

In all, Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics teammates won a total of six state championship gold medals, four second place state silver medals, and five third-place bronze. In addition, all nine Grand Traverse Bay Level 6 – 7 gymnasts scored above 35.000 to qualify them for the five-state regional meet to be held April 19 – 21. In addition to the above-named gymnasts, qualifiers include **Olivia Crane**, **Naima Mitchell**, and **Maeve Carlson**.

For more information about Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics, now located in the Grand Traverse Mall, go to www.gtbaygymnastics.com, or contact Betsy Van Deinse at 929-2869.



Zahra Mitchell
2024 Level 7 Michigan State Bars & All-Around Champion



Tabitha Pritchard
2024 Level 7 Michigan State Bars and All-Around Champion



Wessyn Cnossen
2024 Level 7 Michigan State Bars Champion



Zoe Butler
2024 Level 6 Michigan State Bars Champion



Skylar Hawkins 2024 Level 6 Michigan State Silver Medalist



Izzy Brooks
2024 Level 7 Michigan State Silver Medalist



Olivia Crane Region 5 Qualifier



Naima Mitchell Region 5 Qualifier



Maeve Carlson Region 5 Qualifier