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## News Release

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# Tucker Wins State All-Around

(Battle Creek, MI) A perfect season had a perfect ending for 11 year old gymnastics superstar Sophia Tucker. She joined four other Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics competitors winning medals at the Michigan state championships this weekend in Battle Creek.

Ava Hodges and Kelsey Saxton stood atop the podium together with identical state-high 9.600 scores for their floor routines, finishing fifth and eighth all-around, respectively, while teammate Katie Frank's 9.150 vault score tied for second place in the state. Avery Lahti also medaled for the Grand Traverse Bay team, capturing third place bronze on bars.

But Sophia Tucker's gold medal championship bars and floor scores, combined with a second place beam routine and third place vault, set her above all other Level 6 gymnasts in the state with an all-around championship score of 38.200.

The all-around win was a perfect seven out of seven meets this season for Tucker. On individual events, her regular season was nearly as perfect, winning six gold medals on bars and floor, four beam championships, and three vault championships. She added to her season total medal count by placing second or third on events six times.

"Needless to say, Sophia has been super-consistent all season long," commented coach Jennifer Van Deirse. "To record three state championships, to win gold all-around at every meet this season, to win all five gold medals at Chicago – it really has been a near-perfect season!"

The 2019 state meet was the final event of the season for the Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics Level 6 team. Level 9 five-state competitions will be held April 11 – 14 in Battle Creek as two Grand Traverse Bay gymnasts hope to qualify for nationals in Orlando May 10 – 12.

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**State Floor, Bars, and All-Around Champion Sophia Tucker**

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