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GT Bay Gymnastics Opens Season “On the Grand”

(Grand Rapids, MI) – The 2018 – 2019 USAG Jr Olympic gymnastics season opened this weekend in Grand Rapids. Dubbed “On the Grand”, the meet is fast becoming Michigan’s premier gymnastics event, this year hosting more than 2,200 athletes from 50 teams throughout the region. Competitors from Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics stood out, winning a total of 63 medals, including 13 gold and two individual all-around championships.

Level 3 gymnasts Issabelle Brooks and Maeve Carlson together accounted for seven of the medals. Brooks won first-place gold on vault and floor, finishing third on beam and all-around. Carlson placed second all-around, claiming a gold medal on beam and a silver medal on floor.

Sophia Tucker dominated the Level 6 competition, winning first-place gold on vault, floor, and all-around. Tucker also took the second-place silver medal on bars, and finished fourth on the balance beam. Level 6 teammate Katie Frank collected the second-place silver medal all-around with a third-place bars routine and a second-place beam performance.

At Level 7, Maya Carrazco and Jayla Ristow were edged out of first-place all-around by less than a third of point, but stood second and third on the podium with silver and bronze all-around medals. On individual events, Carrazco won the floor championship and finished third on bars, while Ristow collected the first-place gold medal championship on bars. Montana Timmer won a bars gold-medal championship at Level 7, along with a second-place silver medal on floor and all-around in her age division.

Sidelined with injuries for much of 2017, Avery Wisniewski opened this year’s competition season in top form, earning the Level 9 first-place gold medal championship all-around. Wisniewski won gold on floor and took silver medals on vault and bars. Also at Level 9, Olivia Galton finished with a second-place silver medal all-around behind a second place finish on floor and a third place vault. Both Wisniewski and Galton also qualified for the prestigious “event final” championships, where Wisniewski earned another championship gold medal for her vault, while Galton won gold for her event finals bars routine.

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Younger sister Norah Galton had also qualified for event finals, where she finished second at Level 8 on beam. In Day 1 competition, Galton finished second on bars, third on beam, and third on floor. Montana Timmer followed up her four-medal Day 1 competition with a second place event finals silver medal on bars.

Rounding out the competitors for Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics were Dahlia Evans (Level 8 third place beam and event finals beam), Kelsey Saxton (Level 6 second place bars and floor; third place beam), Ava Hodges (Level 5 second place vault; third place floor), Adeline Carlson (Level 3 third place bars and floor), Avery Lahti (Level 5 third place floor), Kianna LaBreck (Level 3 third place vault), Skylar Hawkins (Level 3 fourth place bars), Delanie Bisbee (Level 3 sixth place vault), Lilah Groves (Level 3 seventh place vault), and Brooklyn Swift (Level 3 eighth place beam).

“On the Grand” was also the season-opener for the 26 Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics Fun Meet competitors including Sydney Adams, Caris Bush, Zoe Butler, Lily Doornbos, Daisy Dreher, Susanna Dumon, Mikaylyn Earl, Abby Graham, Hailey Hart, Riley Hartman, Auden Heller, Abigail Mackin, Hailey Olson, Sophie Olson, Reagan Phelps, Riley Phelps, Tabitha Pritchard, Norah Reed, Olivia Reed, Reese Rybka, Olivia Schaub, Addie Shark, Sydney Sheeran, Gracie Sterzik, Addy Tillman, and Marlee Travis.

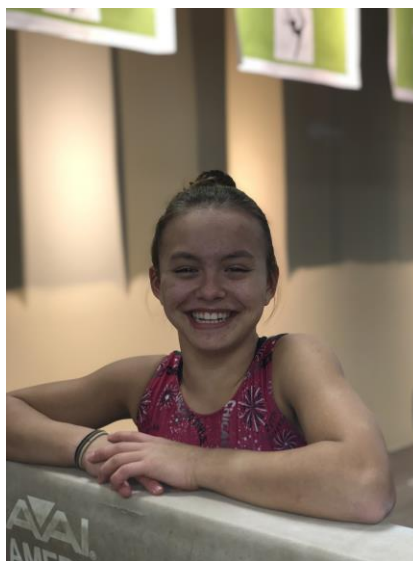
The Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics teams next compete at the Winter Cup Classic in Birch Run, MI January 11 - 13. For more information about Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics, go to www.gtbaygymnastics.com, or contact Betsy Van Deirse at 929-2869.

2018

“On The Grand” Gold Medal Champions



Sophia Tucker L6 VT, FX, AA



Jayla Ristow L7 UB



Avery Wisniewski L9 VT, FX, AA



Maya Carrasco L7 BB



Olyvia Galton L9 UB



Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics Fun Meet team: Hailey Olson, Hailey Hart, Tabitha Pritchard, Olivia Reed, Addie Shark, Sophie Olson, Riley Hartman, Reese Rybka, Mikaylyn Earl, Abby Graham, , Reagan Phelps, Gracie Sterzik, Abigail Mackin, Riley Phelps, Sydney Adams, Marlee Travis, Sara Sheeran, Susanna Dumon, Zoe Butler, Norah Reed, Lily Doornbos, and Daisy Dreher.

Not pictured: Caris Bush, Auden Heller, Olivia Schaub, Addy Tillman

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