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Tucker, Hawkins Win State!

(Battle Creek, MI) – USA Gymnastics post-season began last week at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek as 673 qualifying Level 6 – 10 gymnasts from around the state competed for state crowns.

Two Grand Traverse Bay competitors came home with gold medal state championships.

At Level 9, Sophia Tucker won floor with a score of 9.500, and at Level 6, Skylar Hawkins won both vault and floor with scores of 9.525 and 9.500, respectively. Hawkins' two event gold medals vaulted her into second place in the state in the all-around scoring with a 37.025, yielding her a third (silver) medal on the day.

In all, Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics teammates won a total of 11 podium medals at the state meet. In addition to Tucker and Hawkins, Zahra Mitchell took a third-place Level 6 bronze medal on floor and second-place silver medal for her team-high all around score of 37.600. Tabitha Pritchard and Zoe Butler also captured Level 6 medals – Pritchard, third-place all around bronze, and Butler, third-place beam. At Level 7, Izzy Brooks and McKenna Gelinias each won silver medals on bars in their respective age divisions, while Montana Timmer rounded out the medal count by claiming a second-place vault at Level 9.

Besides state championship honors 13 of the local gymnasts additionally qualified for the Region 5 meets beginning April 13 and featuring other qualifying competitors from throughout Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and, of course, Michigan. Qualifying competitors were: Montana Timmer, Payton Crane, McKenna Gelinias, Avery Wisniewski, Wessyn Cnossen, Sophia Tucker, Maeve Carlson, Olivia Crane, Izzy Brooks, Zoe Butler, Tabitha Pritchard, Skylar Hawkins, and Zahra Mitchell.

Grand Traverse Bay Gymnasts continue their post-season championships with Level 9 – 10 Regionals April 14 – 16, Level 6 – 8 Regionals April 21 – 23, and Level 3 – 5 State Meet April 28 – 30.

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

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“Where Grace Abounds”



Sophia Tucker

2023 Level 9 Michigan State Floor Champion

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