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GT Bay Gymnasts Strike Gold Again

(Holland, MI) – For the Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics Level 6 team, this week's Tulip City Invitational brought the fifth championship in a row. For 11-year-old Sophia Tucker, it also brought the fifth individual all-around championship in a row, and her team-leading 19th individual gold medal of the season.

Coach Jennifer Van Deirse couldn't ask for a better way to head into the final meet of the regular season, to be followed by state, regional, and national championships starting next month.

Tucker's event gold medals on bars, beam, and floor may have led the Level 6 team and earned her the all-around gold medal, but she had plenty of support in the team scoring. Avery Lahti, who began the competition season at Level 5, followed up her individual all-around championship two weeks ago in Chicago with another all-around championship in Holland. Lahti won bars and beam, and finished second on floor.

Kelsey Saxton placed second behind Tucker in the all-around scoring, including a second-place silver medal performance on bars. Katie Frank added to the team total with a second-place beam routine, and Ava Hodges (who, like Lahti, had also begun the season at Level 5) sealed the team victory by winning a third-place bronze medal on bars.

488 gymnasts from 16 teams competed at the event.

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"Where Grace Abounds"

The Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics Level 3 continued their successful season with a second-place finish. Kianna LeBreck won gold on vault and beam to earn an individual all-around championship. Skylar Hawkins contributed an all-around championship of her own, winning event gold for her vault, silver on beam and floor, and bronze on bars. Adeline Carlson contributed second place scores on vault, beam, floor, and all-around, while sister Maeve added third place bars and beam scores.

Izzy Brooks (third-place vault, beam, and all-around), Delanie Bisbee (sixth-place floor), and Lilah Groves (fourth-place vault) rounded out the Level 3 team scoring.

Montana Timmer recorded an individual all-around championship at Level 7, placing second on vault and beam, and finishing third on bars. Maya Carrazco followed with a third-place vault, and Jayla Ristow turned in a fifth-place beam routine. Other competitors included Olyvia Galton (Level 9 first-place bars and floor, second-place vault and all-around, and third-place beam), Dahlia Evans (Level 8 gold medal beam), Avery Wisniewski (Level 9 gold medal floor exercise, second-place silver-medal bars and all-around), and Norah Galton (second-place floor).

The Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics Fun Meet team also competed, including gymnasts Sydney Adams, Caris Bush, Zoe Butler, Lily Doornbos, Daisy Dreher, Susanna Dumon, Mikaylyn Earl, Abby Graham, 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, Sarah Sheeran, Gracie Sterzik, Addy Tillman, and Marlee Travis.

The final regular season meet for the Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics teams will be the “Clover Classic” held in Ypsilanti March 8 – 10, with state, regional, and national championships to be held the weeks following. For more information about Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics, go to www.gtbaygymnastics.com, or contact Betsy Van Deirse at 929-2869.



Tulip City Level 6 Team Champions
Avery Lahti, Kelsey Saxton, Ava Hodges, Katie Frank, Sophia Tucker