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“More Awards for YMCA Gymnasts”

Snow, sleet and ice didn't deter the Darke County competitive gymnasts from traveling to Marysville February 23rd to compete in the Union County Family YMCA Gymnastics Meet. And, typical of these girls, they came back with many awards.

The Level 4 girls placed 3rd as a team and vault seemed to be the event of the day, as many girls earned high placements. Tessa Schatz and Kayley Ruschau both placed 1st in their respective age divisions with Schatz scoring a 9.3 and Ruschau a 9.0. Taking 2nd in the event were Taylor Ward, with a season high score of 9.1, Jenna Frantz and Madison Myers with scores of 8.9 and Ashley Jolley with a score of 8.7. Yvonne Barga scored a 9.050 and Bryanna Diceanu an 8.8, giving both girls the 3rd place recognition. Kari Kueterman and Amber Aultman placed 4th in their age divisions. Kueterman boasted a 9.0 and Aultman an 8.2.

On the uneven bars, 1st place awards went to Kayley Ruschau, Madison Myers, Tessa Schatz and Leighana Rautsaw. Brooke Condon took 2nd place and Kari Kueterman and Ashley Jolley earned the 3rd place recognition. The 4th place uneven bar recognition went to Jenna Frantz and Taylor Ward.

On balance beam, 1st place went to Kayley Ruschau and Tessa Schatz. Amber Aultman earned the 3rd place recognition while Madison Myers, Ashley Jolley and Leighana Rautsaw took 4th.

Competition was tight on floor exercise, yet Kayley Ruschau and Madison Myers earned 2nd place recognitions. Third place went to Jenna Frantz and Tessa Schatz, and 4th place was awarded to Leighana Rautsaw.

In the All Around competition, Kayley Ruschau and Tessa Schatz boasted 1st place recognitions, while Madison Myers earned 2nd, Jenna Frantz and Leighana Rautsaw took 3rd and Kari Kueterman and Ashley Jolley enjoyed 4th place.

The Level 5 team also came home with individual awards. Madison Schaar placed 1st on vault and floor exercise, 2nd on uneven bars and 4th on balance beam. These placements helped her earn the 2nd place All Around recognition. Jordan Sitckley earned 2nd place recognition on the uneven bars and 3rd place honors on vault and in the All Around competition. Morgan Bingham earned 3rd on balance beam and floor exercise and 4th place on vault, bars and All Around.

Level 6 gymnast, Sydney Bowser, earned 1st place on vault, uneven bars and floor exercise, and 3rd on balance beam giving her the 1st place All Around recognition. Teammate Harmony Kolling earned 1st place on vault, 3rd on uneven bars and floor exercise and 4th on balance beam giving her the 3rd place All Around award.

Level 7 gymnast, Andrea Keller, scored a 9.0 on uneven bars and an 8.80 on balance beam giving her the 1st place honor in each event. She also took 2nd place on floor exercise and 4th place on vault. With an All Around score of 34.90, the 1st place recognition was hers.

The strong Level 8 team continued their winning streak with another 1st place victory. Stand-out Samantha Shook placed first in all events but balance beam, where she earned 2nd place. Her total All Around score of 35.500 gave her bragging rights as the first place All Around finisher. Powerhouse Paige Keller placed 1st on balance beam, 2nd on floor exercise, 3rd on vault and 4th on uneven bars, giving her the 2nd place All Around title. Allyson Manning placed 2nd on vault, and posted her season high uneven bar score of 8.50 to give her the 3rd place bar recognition. Her All Around finish was 4th place. Leah Allread earned the 3rd place balance beam recognition and earned a 4th place on vault.

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PICTURE CAPTIONS:

Madison Myers: Level 4 gymnast, Madison Myers

Harmony Kolling: Level 6 gymnast, Harmony Kolling

Allyson Manning: Level 8 gymnast, Allyson Manning