

Levels 7 & 8 Take The Starz and Stripes Invitational

The Level 7 and 8 teams came out on top at the Starz and Stripes Invitational at the Reno Hilton on the weekend of February 14-15. The meet was hosted by Starz Gymnastics.

It was like the Level 7 team winning the jackpot! All members placed in the top four positions in the all-around with a stream of high scores. In the Jr. 12 year-old division, Rachel Hatano took the 1st place scoring a 37.075. She was tied 1st on beam with a 9.375 and 3rd on floor with a 9.45. Taryn West followed close by with a 2nd place, 37.025. It was also Taryn who tied 1st on beam with Rachel. Victoria Mueller placed 4th in the all-around with a 36.775. She brought home the silver on vault with a 9.475. In the Jr. 13 year-old group, Lyndsi Mark showed them what she could do with a 37.5 all-around. She was 1st on beam (9.45) and floor (9.475), 2nd on vault (9.525), and 3rd on bars (9.05).

Kaylee Masatsugu reached a personal best of 38.05 in the all-around and obviously won the Sr. 14+ category. She captured 1st on vault with an awesome 9.6, and beam with a 9.45. She was 2nd on bars with a 9.4, and tied 2nd with a 9.6 on floor. Realyn Corpuz won the silver AA with a 37.8. Her exceptional bar routine won with a 9.625. She also placed 3rd on vault with a 9.525 and beam with a 9.075. Jenny Manegold tied Kaylee for 1st place on vault with a 9.6, had a nice floor score of 9.4 and brought home the bronze in the AA with a 37.15. Shenel Harris was 2nd on beam with a 9.1, 2nd on floor with a 9.6, and 3rd on vault with a 9.525. She was the 4th place AA winner with a 37.025. Yes, it was burgundy and silver all over the podium, and yes, they swept all events.

The Level 8's began their winning streak with Alexa Hernandez in the Jr. 8-11 group. With her grace and precision, she won beam (9.375) and floor (9.4). She came out 3rd on bars with a 9.15 and awarded a gold in the all-around with a 36.325. Shannon Tu also outscored her competitors and had the highest AA of 37.25 of the 12-13 year-olds. She was 1st on beam (9.325), and floor (9.35), and 3rd on vault (9.2) and bars (9.375). Michelle Ho was the 2nd place AA winner with a 37.075. She was the best on bars with a 9.475 and 3rd on beam with a 9.225. Britnai Bailey scored 2nd on vault with a 9.3. Amanda Bedell was 2nd on vault with an 8.85, and 2nd on bars with a 9.175 in the Sr. 14-16 age group.

Level 10's Ride High At the California Classic

Our Level 10 team were riding high with a 1st place win at the California Classic Invitational hosted by the Southern California Elite Gymnastics Academy in Temecula. The meet took place on February 28-29 at the Alliant International University in La Jolla.

Michaie Hurlock attained a 1st and a 2nd place medal. Her 9.15 bar routine took the gold and 9.0 performance on beam took silver. Megan Devencenzi had an impressive 9.5 mark for 1st place on vault. She was also 1st on beam with a 9.2, and 3rd on floor with a 9.35. She tied for 2nd place in the all-around with a 36.4 with teammate, Joanna Bennett. Joanna's 1st place award was earned by her awesome bar routine where she registered a 9.4. She also received a 9.1 on vault and a 9.0 on beam. Claire Pierce got the 2nd place floor award with a high 9.425. She also made it to 9.025 on vault, and a 9.225 on bars.

The Level 10's captured the 1st place team award by placing 1st in vault, bars, and beam.

In the Level 9, 13 & 14 age group, Maura Masatsugu reigned with a 37.0. Her sharp tumbling and dance scored a 1st place, 9.55 on floor. Maura was the silver medalist on bars (9.325) and beam (9.425). Jennifer Mueller stood next in line with a 2nd place AA of 36.65. Her beautiful beam routine received a 1st place, 9.5. She was 2nd on vault with an 8.8, and 3rd on bars with a 9.175.

Despite nursing injured ankles, Shelby Matsuoka and Madisyn O'Brien competed in 2 events. Shelby still managed to get a 1st place on bars with a 9.225 and 2nd on beam with a 9.325 in the 12 and under group. Madisyn also did well on beam with a 3rd place, 9.25 score.

Former teammate Nicole Lim, a Cal State Fullerton gymnast, also came to cheer them on.

Shelby Matsuoka led the Level 9 competitors and scored a 37.1 for the 1st place all-around. She was 1st on vault with a 9.375, 2nd on floor with a 9.475 and 3rd on beam with a 9.45. Maura Masatsugu came in 2nd with a 36.825. She was the top scorer on beam with a

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9.550, and on floor with a 9.5. She was also awarded a silver for her 9.275 on vault. In the Jr. 13-14 division, Jennifer Mueller was 1st on beam (9.475) and floor (9.675). She finished the meet with a 3rd place AA. Madisyn O'Brien also competed, but incurred an injury during the meet. These girls were 2nd in the team competition.

The Level 10's were also the 2nd place team in their competition. Michele Hurlock made it to 1st place on beam with a 9.1 in the 15 year-old group. She was 2nd on bars with an 8.95 and ended up with a 36.1 for the 2nd place in the all-around. Joanna Bennett was 3rd on bars with an 8.75 and 3rd in the all-around with a 36.05 for the 16 year-olds. As for the seniors, Megan Devencenzi was the 2nd place all-around winner with a 36.525. Completing her new skill, a yeager, she took 1st place on bars with a 9.425. She also scored a 9.425 for a silver on floor and a 9.075 for a bronze on beam. Claire Pierce was also solid on the bars and placed 2nd with a 9.375.

MARISSA UNPINGCO QUALIFIES TO TOPS COMPETITION

Marissa Unpingco tested at the Elite Regional qualifier, at the Starz Gymnastics. Her scores included an 8.45 on vault, a 9.25 on bars, an 8.425 on beam and an 8.1 on floor. She qualified to the TOPs competition at a Challenge meet.

Congratulations, Marissa!



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Good Luck at States!

All Cal West optional athletes who have competed this season have qualified for the Nor Cal State Championships!

Level 9 & 10 March 13-14
San Jose State University
Danielle, Jennifer, Madisyn, Marissa,
Maura, and Shelby
Claire, Joanna, Megan and Michele

Level 8, March 20-21
Central California
Gymnastics Institute, Visalia
Amanda, Alexa, Britnai, Lauren
Michelle, and Shannon

Level 7, March 27-28
Cal State Sacramento
South Gym
Jenny, Kaylee, Lyndsi, Rachel, Realyn,
Shenel, Taryn, and Victoria

Take A Swing At This...It's The Cal West GOLF Scramble!

May 22, 2004
Sunol Valley Golf Club
tee time - 9:00 a.m.
Save the date!
More details to follow...



*The more honor and respect among the players,
the greater the team ~ Unknown*

Here's another nice e-mail sent from another coach about our team.

Kristin,

Just wanted to let you and Robert know what a class act I think your kids and coaches are. At the High Tech meet I was impressed enough when your young lady tied for first with my girl Chelsea and the first thing she does is hop up and shake her hand. But after the team awards, which you guys won, your whole L8 team came over and congratulated our kids as did your coaches.

You just don't see that kind of class in our world very often. Besides having great skills and training, your staff and teams are exemplary in their treatment of others. You and Robert are doing a hell of a job. I hope you are proud of your people.

Later,
Ben