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MGC opens its competitive season at Denim and Diamonds

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DAHLONEGA - The 2017-18 competitive season is underway for Blairsville's Mountain Gymnastics Center.

Earlier this month its seven different levels of gymnasts took part in the Denim and Diamonds meet in Dahlonega.

Bringing home a first place all-around score at the AAU Bronze Level was Adriana Viera, who tied for first place on the vault with MGC teammate Millie Banks with a score of 9.25. Viera took first place on the bars and tied for first on the floor to give her an all-around score of 37.

MGC claimed two first place all-around scores in the USA Level 4 competition with Lola Patton and Lillian Peacock each taking the gold.

Patton was first on the beam and floor with second place scores on the vault and bars for a total of 36.75. Meanwhile, Peacock took first on the floor and was third on the vault, bars, and beam for a total of 35.725.

Hana Gregory recorded a first place all-around score of 35.7 in the USA Level 5 competition. She was first on the bars, second on the vault and beam, and third on the floor.

Erin Raper picked up a first place all-around finish at the USA Platinum level with a 36.75. She was second on the beam, vault, and floor with a fourth place performance on the bars.

Mia McCombs was fourth all-around in USA Platinum with a first place performance on the beam and third on the bars.

Kiersten Queen was second in the USA Level 6 competition with second place scores on the bars and beam. She also placed fourth on the floor.

Jacey Lee competed at USA Level 5 and placed sixth allaround with a pair of fifth place finishes on the bars and beam.

Other USA Level 4 competitors were second place Avery Frechette - first on the vault and bars, fourth on the floor.

Madison Pelfrey - third all-around; second place on the vault.

Josie Poston - second allaround; first on the vault, second on the beam and the floor.

Annalyse Kiernan - third all-around; first on the bars, third on the beam, fourth on the floor. Bre Arp - sixth all-

around.



AAU Level 1: (L-R) Reagan Gwynn and Keely Shook



USA Level 6: (L-R) Kiersten Queen and Sofia Swartz



USA Level 4 (L-R) back row: Josie Poston, Bre Arp, Maddie Pelfrey; front row: Annalyse Kiernan, Avery Frechette, Lola Patton, and Lillian Peacock. the bars

The AAU Bronze level saw Others competing in AAU Banks place seventh all-around Silver were: Emma Schuette with a first place performance on fourth all-around; first on the the vault to go with seventh and vault, third on the bars, fourth on eighth place finishes on the bars bars and floor. and floor, respectively.

ing fourth on the beam.

In AAU Level 1, Keely Shook was second all-around with first place finishes on the

Reagan Gwynn was 11th



AAU Bronze: (L-R) Adriana Viera, Samantha Blackwell, Kara Lodge, and Millie Banks



AAU Silver: (L-R) Emma Schuette, Nevaeh Leopold, Reese Chambers, and Kristy Garrett



USA Level 5: (L-R) Jacey Lee and Hana Gregory



In the AAU Silver, Reese Chambers was second all-around all-around with a fourth place around after placing sixth on the after tying for first on the vault, performance on the vault. placing second on the beam, third on the floor, and fourth on all-around.

Nevaeh Leopold - sixth

Kristy Garrett - seventh

the beam and floor.

beam and seventh on the bars.

Samantha Blackwell finished 12th all-around after plac-

Kara Lodge was 10th all- all-around with a ninth place performance on the bars. MGC will be back in ac-

tion with two January meets in Hiram and Canton.



USA Platinum: (L-R) Erin Raper and Mia McCombs



