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Local Gymnasts Dominate in National Competition

COPPELL – Six local gymnasts dominated at the National Association of Women’s Gymnastics Judges (NAWGJ) 2006 National Judges Cup in Houston last week.

Chelsea Schray, 14, from Carrollton, Maddie Kaeppler, 12, from Flower Mound, Rachel Spicer, 11, from Highland Village, Reagan Marbut, 11, from Lewisville, Ellie Heppes, 9, from Coppell, and Gina Pitts, 9, from Highland Village all finished in the top three positions in the all-around competition in their respective divisions at the National Judges Cup.

The 2006 National Judges Cup was held January 6-8 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. The Judges Cup is an invitational meet and featured about 650 gymnasts in levels 4 through 10. The meet participants represented 12 states.

Two of the gymnasts, Kaeppler and Spicer, placed first in every event clinching the most sought-after win in their respective divisions: the all-around competition. Schray and Heppes also finished first while Marbut and Pitts finished in third place in the all-around competitions.

“What a way to start off our season,” said coach Marnie Brys. “This was our first meet of the season, and I’m so excited for what these girls are capable of doing!”

Schray, Kaeppler, Spicer, Marbut, Heppes, and Pitts train approximately 24 hours a week at Texas Dreams Gymnastics at EveryBody Fits, located in Coppell. They are coached by Brys, Helen Burgin, Ray Quesada, and Justin Norton.

The NAWGJ exists to provide professional development to its members and to support and promote women’s gymnastics in the United States. Judges from the NAWGJ volunteer to work the annual Judges Cup to give back to gymnastics and to help further the development of the sport and athletes across the nation. All proceeds from the meet are put back into the organization to help train and prepare judges.

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In addition to their top all-around finishes, here are the gymnasts' final event results:

- Schray (Level 8, age 14-15): Vault – 1st, Bars – 1st, Beam – 2nd, Floor – 1st
- Kaeppler (Level 8, age 12-13): Vault – 1st, Bars – 1st, Beam – 1st, Floor – 1st
- Spicer (Level 8, age 8-11): Vault – 1st, Bars – 1st, Beam – 1st, Floor – 1st
- Marbut (Level 8, age 8-11): Vault – 4th, Bars – 3rd, Beam – 5th, Floor – 2nd
- Heppes (Level 7, age 7-11): Vault – 3rd, Bars – 1st, Beam – 2nd, Floor – 2nd
- Pitts (Level 7, age 7-11): Vault – 8th, Bars – 2nd, Beam – 1st, Floor – 9th

About Texas Dreams Gymnastics and Everybody Fits

Texas Dreams Gymnastics, which is directed by former All-Around World Champion and Olympic medalist Kim Zmeskal Burdette and her husband, National Team Coach Chris Burdette, is located in Everybody Fits in Coppell, Texas. Everybody Fits offers the finest artistic and athletic programs for the whole family including: Gymnastics, Dance, Cheerleading, Taekwondo, Fitness, Art, Acting, Sports Skills, and a Café. The first of its kind, Everybody Fits is a uniquely-designed facility providing one place to enroll kids in a diverse set of programs while also allowing parents to focus on their own fitness or leisure desires. To learn more about this announcement or Everybody Fits, visit our Web site at www.EveryBody-Fits.com or call 972-471-2345.

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