

Daggett's Level 5 Gymnasts Take State Titles

Local gymnasts from Tim Daggett's Gold Medal Gymnastics in Agawam, Mass., competed at the USA Gymnastics Level 5 Massachusetts State Championships, March 5-6, 2011, at Holyoke Community College. Daggett's seven member team, coached by Marlyce Morace and Andy Leis, placed fifth in the state.

In the individual competition, ten year old Marina Wilkins from East Longmeadow won the state title for her age group with a high 38.15 all-around, and took the title on vault (9.525) as well. She placed second on floor (9.6), third on bars (9.5), and tied for beam (9.525) with teammate Leelle Tyler from Longmeadow who claimed the bars title with a near-perfect 9.80 and came in just behind at second place in the all-around (37.575) and vault (9.45).

For gymnasts age nine years old, Samantha Este from Westfield topped the podium at third place in the 9B division with a 37.475 all-around, and high 9.6 score on beam. Kelsey Titterington from Suffield, Conn. ,placed sixth (36.725) all-around. Also from Suffield, Tessa Basile (37.225) and Sydney Urch (36.1) competed in the 9C age group and placed sixth and eleventh respectively, while Sydney Kraez from Longmeadow won the all-around for her age group with a tie score of 37.0, taking the vault title (9.4) in the 9D age bracket as well. The gymnasts enjoyed a very successful season, travelling to Virginia Beach over February vacation to compete in the prestigious Excalibur Cup Invitational where they had impressive results there as well.