

YOUTH GYMNASTICS

Spirals take first at Friendship Challenge

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The Level 9 team of the Santa Barbara Spirals Gymnastics Club took first place in its session competition at the Golden State Friendship Challenge in Los Angeles recently.

The team, comprised of Shelby MacDonald, Lauren Pulido, Kyra Maragopoulos and Ashley Ratliff, compiled a score of 97.025.

Maragopolous, competing in age-15 group, placed fifth in the vault (8.35 points) and in the all-around (32.35). She also took seventh place on the uneven bars (7.60), beam (7.75) and floor exercise (8.65).

Lauren Pulido, in age group 16-plus, placed sixth on vault (8.30), seventh on bars (7.25) and eighth in all-around (30.65).

McDonald, also in age group 16-plus, finished seventh in beam (8.00) floor (8.35) and the all-around (30.775). She scored 7.825 points on vault, and 6.6 points on bars.

Ashley Ratliff garnered third places in the 16-plus beam (8.75) and all-around (32.775). She also took fourth on floor (8.575), sixth on bars (7.60) and eighth on vault (7.85).

Azaria Bermudez of the Spirals' Level 8 team captured two events in the age 12-13 group, the vault (9.125) and floor exercise (9.225). Kailey Hansen finished second in floor (9.15) in the 12-13 group.

Other Level 8 place finishers include Sheena Martinez, age group 12-13: 3, vault (8.85), 3, floor (8.95), 6, beam (8.675), 8, all-around (34.70), bars (8.225); Samantha Kotake, age group 12-13: 3, floor (8.95), 6, bars (8.775), vault (8.175), all-around (34.45); Kailey Hansen, age group 12-13: 2, floor, (9.15), vault (8.30), bars (8.40), all-around (30.95); Valentina Christlieb, age group 14-15: 8, beam (8.60), 8, floor (8.85), vault (8.30), bars (7.825), all-around (33.575); Whitney Chamlee, age group 14-15: vault (7.85), bars (6.55), beam (7.95), floor (8.00), all-around (30.35); Kathleen Cahill, age group 14-15: 5, beam (8.70), 6, floor (8.90); vault (8.20), bars (7.55), all-around (33.35); Vanessa Van Dyck, age group 14-15: 7, bars (8.50), vault (8.00), beam (8.225), floor (7.775), all-around (32.50); and Sandy Mulkey, age group 16-plus: 2, floor (8.70), 3, vault, (8.15), 5, bars (7.50), 5, beam (7.80), 4, all-around (32.15).

Lisa McAtee was the top performer at Level 5. Competing in the 9-11 age group, she finished fifth on the beam in 8.575, sixth on floor (8.65), 10th in all-around (32.375) and 11th in vault (8.05). She also scored 7.10 on bars.

In other Level 5 results: Sarah McAtee, age group 12-plus: 8, bars (7.70), 7, floor (8.325), 11, vault (7.95), 12, beam (7.075), 9, all-around (31.050); Gabriela Ledbetter, age group 12-plus: 7, vault (8.10), 7, beam (8.35), 7, floor (8.175), 9, bars (7.40), 7, all-around (32.025); Tylen Thomas, age group 9-11; 4, vault (8.45), 11, bars (7.80), 11, beam

7.85.11, all-around 32.20, floor, 8.10; Sydney Hansen, age group 9-11: 9, vault (8.10), bars (6.90), beam (7.70), floor (8.40), all-around (31.10); Boo Goldmuntz, vault (6.00), bars (4.70), beam (5.60), floor (6.20), all-around (22.50).

The results in Level 7 include Carolina Cawthon, age group 12-14: vault (8.80), bars (8.00), beam (8.40), floor (8.15), all-around (33.35); Saraina Hedgepeth, age group 12-14: 3, vault (9.025), bars (7.80), beam (8.325), floor (8.65), all-around 33.80; Danielle Jacobson, age group 12-14: vault (8.55), bars (7.20), beam (7.15), floor (8.025), all-around 30.925; Lydia Witter, age group 12-14: bars (6.6250, beam (6.95); and Kerri Ann Shaw: 5, beam (6.60), 6, bars (6.40), 7, vault (8.15), 7, floor (7.50), 7, all-around (28.65).

SPIRALS BOYS: Jordan Disraeli earned second-place finishes in three events in the Class 5 age 8-9 division at a meet at the Gymnastics Olympica in Van Nuys. Disraeli was runner-up in the rings (8.70), parallel bars (8.40) and high bar (8.00). He took third in the pommel horse (5.80) and fourth in the floor exercise (7.00) and vault (8.80) to finish third in the all-around with a score of 46.70.

Other results include: Tyler Howell, Class 4, ages 12-13: 3, floor exercise (7.70), 3, vault (8.15), 5, high bar (5.70), 5, all-around (40.75), 6, pommel horse (5.80), 6, rings (7.40), 6, parallel bars (6.00); Casey Ellis, Class 6, ages 10-11: 2, rings (9.60) 10, pommel horse (8.10), 10, parallel bars (8.60), 13, all-around (50.60), 14, vault (9.10), 17, floor exercise (7.20), 22, high bar (8.00); and Ethan Davis, Class 6, ages 10-11: 14, vault (9.50, team record), 17, floor exercise (7.20), 17, parallel bars (8.20), 19, pommel horse (6.70), 19, all-around (47.00), 22, rings (8.10), 25, high bar (7.30).