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GT Bay Gymnasts Close Out Regular Season With Clover Classic Wins

(Ypsilanti, MI) – Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics teams closed out the regular season with team championships at Level 6 and Level 7 at the Eastern Michigan University “Clover Classic” this weekend, collecting 36 individual gold medals along the way.

“We finished the regular season with one of our best meets all season, in just the position we wanted to be for the state meets starting this weekend,” commented coach Jennifer Van Deirse. The 63 individual gold, silver and bronze medals earned fell just two short of the team’s record-setting season-opening meet last November. In addition to the Level 6 and Level 7 team championships, the Level 5 and Level 8 teams finished second.

All-around individual champions and their top event results included Avery Wisniewski (Level 9 first-place vault, bars, and floor), Olyvia Galton (Level 8 first-place vault, second-place beam, third-place floor), Seryna Javin (Level 7 first-place vault, bars, beam, floor), Norah Galton (Level 7 first-place bars and floor, second-place beam), Maya Carrazco (Level 6 first-place bars, beam, floor), Montana Timmer (Level 6 first-place bars, beam, floor, second-place vault), Katie Frank (Level 5 first-place bars and beam, third-place vault), and Ava Hodges (Level 4 first-place vault, bars, beam, second-place floor).

Norah Galton’s 37.675 all-around score led all competitors at all levels.

There were many other accolades to celebrate as the team prepares for the 2018 post-season. First-place event championship gold medals were additionally won by Rylee Herban (floor), Sophie Tucker (floor), Malorie Hood (beam), Mattea Ball (beam), Dahlia Evans (beam and floor), and Annemarie Jenkins (bars).

The Level 6 team championship came by way of an all-around near podium sweep. In addition to the all-around championships turned in by Timmer and Carrazco, Ella Wendel came in second all-around (also second on floor and beam and third on bars). Jayla Ristow claimed third-place bronze all-around (also second on bars

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and third on vault and floor), Chloe Christenson finished fifth all-around (including third place on beam), and Malorie Hood finished sixth all-around.

Adding to the Level 5 second-place team finish led by Katie Frank's all-around individual championship and Sophie Tucker's second-place all-around silver medal were Madie Bowman (fifth-place vault, bars, beam, and all-around), Natalia Cotturone (second-place beam and seventh-place all-around), Kelsey Saxton (fourth-place vault and ninth-place all-around), Ava Wendel (third-place floor and ninth-place all-around), and Peyton Zipser (second-place floor and eighth-place all-around).

The 2018 Clover Classic included a total of 718 gymnasts from 22 teams throughout the five-state region.

Level 7 – 10 State Meets will be held March 16 – 18 in Battle Creek, followed by Regionals April 12 – 15 and April 20 – 22 for top qualifying competitors. Level 4 – 6 State Meets will be held April 27 – 29.

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2018 Clover Classic Gold Medalists



Top row (left to right): Ava Hodges, Rylee Herban, Katie Frank, Sophie Tucker

Middle row (left to right): Montana Timmer, Maya Carrazco, Malorie Hood, Norah Galton, Seryna Javin

Bottom row (left to right): Mattea Ball, Olyvia Galton, Dahlia Evans, Annemarie Jenkins, Avery Wisniewski

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