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## GT Bay Gymnasts Close Out Regular Season "Clover Classic" Style

(Ypsilanti, MI) – Grand Traverse Bay gymnasts closed out their regular season with a Level 4 team championship at the Eastern Michigan University "Clover Classic" this weekend, collecting 16 individual gold medals along the way.

"We finished the regular season with one of our best meets of the year, in just the position we wanted to be for the upcoming state meets," commented coach Jennifer Van Deinse. In addition to the Level 4 team championship, the Level 3 team finished second.

741 gymnasts competed from 28 teams throughout Michigan and Ohio. Grand Traverse Bay gymnasts individually combined to add 13 silver medals and 14 bronze medals to their 16 gold medals.

Tabitha Pritchard led the Level 4 team with a gold-medal all-round 37.650 score, thanks to first-place event performances on vault, bars, and floor. Also contributing to the Level 4 championship were teammates Zahra Mitchell (first-place vault and bars; second-place all-around), Zoe Butler (first-place beam and floor; third-place vault and all-around), Sophie Olson (second-place floor), Lilah Groves (second-place vault; fourth-place all-around), and Lily Doornbos (first-place floor).

Olivia Crane won the Level 6 all-around gold medal by winning gold on vault and bars and placing third on floor. Level 6 teammate Sklyar Hawkins collected a gold medal for her vault and a third-place bronze medal for her beam routine, while Izzy Brooks placed third all-around and Maeve Carlson contributed a fifth-place beam score of 9.175 to lift the team into fifth place.

At Level 10, Avery Wisniewski captured silver medals on floor and all-around. Payton Crane placed third all-around, and Sophia Tucker finished second on floor for the Level 9 squad.

Adalyn Tillman led the Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics Level 3 team, as she has done all season, but they fell just shy of another team championship despite a strong 111.250 combined team score. Tillman's 9.550 first-

place event gold medal score on beam, along with silver medals on vault and bars, earned her a fourth consecutive all-around gold medal on the season. Norah Reed added a gold medal beam routine, while teammates Marlee Travis and Naima Mitchell finished third and fourth all-around, respectively. Sarah Sheeran's third-place bronze medal added to the team tally.

Level 9 – 10 State Meets will be held March 25 – 26, followed by Level 3 – 5 State Meets April 29 – May 1.

For more information about Grand Traverse Bay Gymnastics, go to <a href="www.gtbaygymnastics.com">www.gtbaygymnastics.com</a>, or contact Betsy Van Deinse at 929-2869.



Olivia Crane
2022 Clover Classic Gold-Medal Champion on Vault, Bars, and All-Around



Norah Reed 2022 Clover Classic Beam Champion



Lily Doornbos 2022 Clover Classic Floor Champion



Skylar Hawkins 2022 Clover Classic Vault Champion



Zoe Butler
2022 Clover Classic Beam and Floor Champion