

faces in the gym



◀ CALIFORNIA RHYTHMS

Los Angeles, California

California Rhythms Intermediate Group won second place at the 2008 National Group Championships in December. The gymnasts are coached by Iryna Zhuryenko at California Rhythms in Los Angeles, Calif.



JINGQI YANG

Waltham, Massachusetts

JingQi, 10, is a Level 6 gymnast at Rhythmic Dreams. Her coach is Lonela Majeri. JingQi won third place in the hoop event at the Rhythmic JO compulsory competition. Her Region 4 team won first place.



◀ COURTNEY WHITEHEAD

O'Fallon, Illinois

Courtney tied for first place all-around in 2007 at the Level 7 Illinois State Championship with a score of 37.800. She was also the beam state champion with a score of 9.60. She trains at Midwest Twisters with coaches Mickey Orr and Jenni Hayden. She is currently training Level 8.

RYAN SHEARMAN

La Habra, California

Ryan, 7, is the Level 5 2008 Region 1 Champion on parallel bars and was third in the all-around, second on rings and high bar. Ryan is training Level 6 at Eric Wills Gymnastics and is coached by Sameera Ekanyake. Last year he trained at Yorba Linda Gymnastics with Alexi and Valdimir.



▲ NEBRASKA GOLD GYMNASTICS

Omaha, Nebraska

The Level 6 Nebraska Gold team won the 2008 Nebraska State Championship. The team also produced three individual all-around titles and 15 first, second, or third place finishers in the individual events. The team was undefeated this season. Coaches are Barb Bottieri, Moe Zabawa, and Andi Berry.



◀ EMERSON ROSE HURST

Jacksonville, Florida

Emerson, 8, is a Level 4 gymnast. She just capped off her competitive season by winning floor, vault, and all-around titles at the Florida State meet. Emerson trains at Starlight Gymnastics and is coached by Cheri Gillikin and Kara Jankowski.



▲ EMMA STALNAKER AND ERIN DAVIS

Denton, Texas

Achievers Gymnastics' Emma Stalnakar, 11, and Erin Davis, 12, each won the title of 2008 Level 6 All-Around State Champion. Emma won the Jr. C Bronze division (36.425) and Erin won the Sr. B Silver division (36.85). L to R: Coach Rebekah Anderson, Emma, Erin, and Coach Chrissy Gattenby.

▶ FLIPPERS GYM PROGRAM

Avon, Ohio

Emmery Sharer, Katrina Ellis and Kamryn Sharer from Flippers Gym Program attended the AcroBasics Clinic held in Sidney, Ohio January 3. The clinic was a fabulous experience.



◀ ASHLEIGH PIRTLE

Greensboro, NC

Ashleigh, 14, trains with Ultimate Air T&T from Tumblebees Ultimate Gym. She's been a tumbler since she was 9 and has ranked in the top 10 at the JO National Championships. Ashleigh is a Level 10 in both power tumbling and double-mini. Her coaches are Heather Carr and Scott Lineberry.

▶ AMANDA KUO

Newton Massachusetts

Amanda, 10 is a Level 8 gymnast at Rhythmic Dreams. Her coach is Lonela Majeri. Amanda placed fifth in the hoop event and seventh in ribbon at the Rhythmic JO optional competition. She's also part of the 2008 Future Stars National team and will attend the training camp in Lake Placid.



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