



ALEXANDRA
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Alexandra Raisman is from Needham, Mass., and trains at Brestyan's American Gymnastics with her coach Mihai Brestyan. This is her first year at the senior level and she took full advantage of her opportunity to compete in the Tyson American Cup, placing second in the all-around to Rebecca Bross. Alexandra, nicknamed Ali, had the highest score of the competition on vault, where she performs a Yurchenko double full.

Raisman is 15 years old but turns 16 in May. She's the daughter of Lynn and Richard and is the oldest of four children, her brother is Brett and her sisters are Chloe and Madison. She's a 10th grader at Needham High School.

She says floor is her favorite event and from the looks of her tumbling passes it's also one of her strongest events. Her mount is a one-and-a-half twist to double Arabian. Her second pass is a triple full, and she finishes the routine with a double tuck and a double pike. She also takes advice from Olympic and World medalist Alicia Sacramone, who trains at her gym. Raisman said, "Alicia is a good role model. She's like an older sister to me."

Raisman also has a very nice beam routine with a flip flop to layout series that she lands on two feet, a front tuck to back tuck combination and she dismounts with an impressive double Arabian. At the Tyson American Cup Raisman said, "I'm just honored to be here. I've only been an elite for one year so it's great to be competing at this prestigious event."

Last year Raisman finished third all-around at the Visa Championships in the junior division and was also second on beam and fifth on vault. Also in 2009 she was a member of the gold medal team at the Junior Pan American Championships in Brazil, and also took first on vault and floor and third in the all-around.

I'm sure we'll be seeing a lot more of Alexandra Raisman in the future! ✨