



Wieber wins all-around at 2008 Top Gym in Belgium

Thirteen-year-old Jordyn Wieber of Dewitt, Mich., won the all-around title with a total score of 59.800 at the 2008 Top Gym competition, in Charleroi, Belgium, Nov. 29-30. Kamerin Moore of Bloomfield, Mich., also 13 years old, finished third in the all-around with 55.150. Both gymnasts train at Gedderts' Twistars USA and are coached by John Geddert.

Wieber said, "It felt really great to win the all-around." Wieber posted the high score on three events outright and tied for the top score on the floor exercise. Her scores in the all-around competition were: 15.000,



vault; 15.250, uneven bars; 15.000, balance beam; and 14.550, floor exercise. Moore's 14.950 was the second highest on vault and her 14.350 was third highest on beam in the all-around.

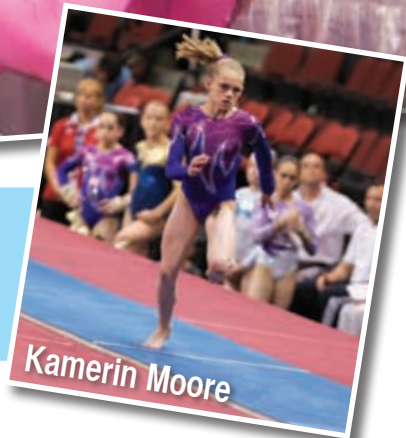
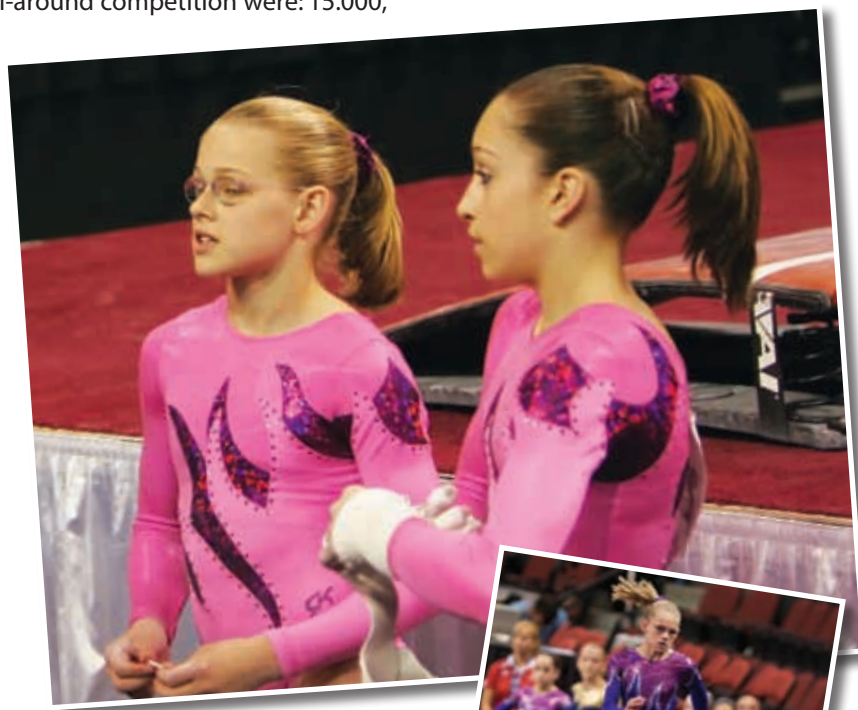
During day two of competition, the USA paired with Belgium to win the team title.

In addition to the United States, the other participating countries were Belgium, Germany, Greece, Netherlands, Romania, Slovenia, and Sweden. The junior division competition was held at Parc des Sports. 📧

Top Gym Charleroi, Belgium Nov. 29, 2008

All-Around		
	CLUB	TOTAL
1. Jordyn Wieber	Dewitt, Mich.	59.800
2. Yvette Moshage	Netherlands	55.900
3. Kamerin Moore	Bloomfield, Mich.	55.150
4. Larisa Iordache	Romania	54.100
5. Eline Vandersteen	Belgium	52.000
6. Jocelyn Kraan	Netherlands	51.200
7. Sofiana Makantasi	Greece	50.350
8. Marieke Herteleer	Belgium	48.850

Complete scores for USA gymnasts		
	1. WIEBER	3. MOORE
Vault	15.000	14.950
Uneven bars	15.250	12.700
Balance beam	15.000	14.350
Floor exercise	14.550	13.150
Total	59.800	55.150



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Jordyn Wieber

Q: Tell us about the meet format.

Jordyn: There were two days of competition. The first day was the all-around competition and the second day was a team competition. Each country had two girls on a team and we did two events each. I was teamed up with my teammate Kami and the girls from Belgium. They added up our scores to determine the winning team and our team won the event. I did bars and beam and Kami did vault and floor.

Q: This is your second international all-around title. How does that feel?

Jordyn: It felt really good to win. I was surprised I got the gold in Italy earlier this year and this time I was so excited to win again. It felt great.

Q: Did you do any new skills at this competition?

Jordyn: No, I didn't do any new skills. I did the same routines that I've done all year. Now I'm working on upgrades.

Q: What are you working on?

Jordyn: I'm working on a double twisting double dismount off bars and a Hindorff on bars. On floor I'm working on a few upgraded passes but I'm not sure what I'll use yet. I'm also working a Yurchenko 2.5 vault.

Q: What did you get to do other than gymnastics in Belgium?

Jordyn: The day after competition we went to Brussels and saw the city. We shopped and took photos. I bought gifts and souvenirs for people back home.

Q: What were the highlights of the trip?

Jordyn: Winning the gold medal and also getting experience traveling internationally.

Q: How was it adjusting to the time zone?

Jordyn: I don't get jet lag that much. I caught on fast to the new time zone but when I got home I was really tired all day. My mom let me sleep in just a little bit and I went to school late.

Q: What is your next competition?

Jordyn: I don't know. I do know I'll compete in the Visa Championships but don't know what else.

Q: How many hours a week do you train? Walk me through your daily routine.

Jordyn: I train about 30 hours each week. Three days a week I have two practices a day so seven hours total of training. I go to the gym in the morning around 8 to 10:30 a.m., then I go to school from 11 to 2:30 p.m. and then I go back to the gym.

Q: What is your favorite skill?

Jordyn: I like beam a lot, so anything on beam!

Q: How do you get caught up on homework from 8th grade at DeWitt High School?

Jordyn: I ask my teachers ahead of time for my work and then get caught up when I get back. I get straight A's most of the time.

Q: Do your friends at school know what you do?

Jordyn: Yes. Most of them have watched me on YouTube.

Q: How do they react when you get home from a trip?

Jordyn: They always ask how I did. They are pretty supportive and happy for me.

Q: What do you like to do when you're not in the gym?

Jordyn: I like to spend time with family and my dog (I have a dog named Lucy who is a mix of a shitzu and yorkie). I like to hang out with friends and go shopping and do scrapbooking.

Q: Do you have siblings?

Jordyn: Yes I have an older sister, an older brother and a younger sister.

Q: What are your favorite stores?

Jordyn: I like Pac Sun and Target.

Q: What are you asking for this holiday?

Jordyn: New clothes and shoes!

Kamerin Moore

(known as Kami to her friends)

Q: Tell me how the meet went?

Kami: It was okay. It wasn't my best meet but I got third all-around so that's good.

Q: Was it your first international meet?

Kami: Yes, it was my first international competition for USA Gymnastics. It was interesting. You have to go with what is happening when on an international trip. The time change was different so we had to practice late the first couple of practices, but I got used to things pretty quickly.

Q: Did you meet any international gymnasts at this competition?

Kami: Yes, that was fun. No one spoke our same language but it was fun trying to communicate. We were teamed up with Belgium and it was fun to be with the girls. They were nice.

Q&A with Wieber and Moore

Q: What did you get to do other than gymnastics in Belgium?

Kami: We did a lot of things. We went to Brussels for shopping and sightseeing. I bought some scarves. I also collect dolls and plates so I bought a doll and plate while in Belgium.

Q: How was the food?

Kami: The food was great. They had spaghetti and beef and chicken. I had no problem adjusting to the food.

Q: How was the hotel?

Kami: The hotel was good. I shared a room with Jordyn and we had a room with two single beds and they were really small but very comfy.

Q: What are you working on in the gym now?

Kami: I'm trying to upgrade my vault to a double twisting Yurchenko and polish and clean up everything.

Q: What is your next competition?

Kami: I'm competing at the Cup in Cincinnati in a couple of weeks. It's for Level 10 and elite. I'm going to the meet just to get more experience.

Q: How many hours a week do you train? Walk me through your daily routine?

Kami: I train about 30 hours a week. I do homeschool so that it's easier to spend more time in the gym. We have practice in the morning and afternoon a few days a week – I practice in the morning and then stay at the gym and do school. Then practice again at night. My brothers do gymnastics at my gym, too. I get out at 8 p.m. and they get out at 9 p.m. so we all leave at 9 p.m. So, on some days I arrive at the gym around 8 a.m. and leave at 9 p.m.

Q: What is your favorite skill?

Kami: Vault is my favorite!

Q: What do you like to do when you're not in the gym?

Kami: I live on a lake so I like to swim in the summer and in the winter I like to skate and sled.

Q: Do you have pets?

Kami: Yes, I have 5 pets – two cats, two dogs and a rabbit.

Q: Do you have siblings?

Kami: Yes, I have two younger brothers who do gymnastics and an older sister who is really creative and draws and writes stories. ☒

