

WINTER CUP

HAGERTY WINS ALL-AROUND AT 2009 WINTER CUP CHALLENGE

Photos by Steve Lange



Twenty-six-year-old Joseph Hagerty is from Rio Rancho, N.M., but now trains at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. In his first competition since helping team USA win the bronze medal at the Olympic Games, Hagerty won the all-around at the 2009 Winter Cup Challenge held at the Las Vegas Sports Center in Las Vegas, Nev. on Feb. 7. His two-day combined total score of 177.900 points earned him the Winter Cup Challenge title.

Hagerty was followed by Danell Leyva of Miami, Fla., and Universal Gymnastics, in second and Sho Nakamori of Albany, Calif. and Stanford University, in third with scores of 176.350 and 176.100, respectively.

The individual event champions were: Hagerty, floor exercise (30.500) and parallel bars (tie, 30.050); Tim McNeill of Falls Church, Va./University of California – Berkeley, pommel horse (30.350); David Sender of Arlington Heights, Ill./Stanford University, still rings (30.650) and vault (32.200); Leyva, parallel bars (tie, 30.050); and Paul Ruggieri III of Manlius, N.Y./University of Illinois, horizontal bar (30.500).

Scores from both days of competition counted toward the final rankings for the all-around and individual events.

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USA Gymnastics had the chance to talk to Hagerty after the Winter Cup Challenge and here's what he said about the competition and his future goals.

USA Gymnastics: How did it feel to win the Winter Cup Challenge all-around title?

Joey: it felt really good. This was my first competition since coming back from the Olympics so I didn't know what to expect. I just took it one routine at a time and it all worked out. I made all of my routines. I could fix a few things and improve upon my sets but overall I was pleased with everything. I've only been doing routines for about a month – we started routines right after the holidays so I was very happy with how well it went.

USA Gymnastics: Have you changed any of your routines since the Games?

Joey: I changed around my floor routine a little bit, but the rest of the routines were the same. The *Code of Points* changed but the changes didn't really affect my routines too much – just on floor. It lowered my start value a little bit on all the events but not enough to be concerned at this point in the quad.

USA Gymnastics: What event were you most pleased with at Winter Cup?

THE 2009 MEN'S SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM IS COMPRISED OF:

• Guillermo Alvarez	Denver	Minnesota Gymnastics
• Alexander Artemev	Highlands Ranch, Colo.	5280 Gymnastics
• Raj Bhavsar	Houston	Houston Gymnastics Academy
• Chris Brooks	Houston, Texas	University of Oklahoma
• Kyle Bunthuwong	El Cerrito, Calif.	University of California – Berkeley
• Chris Cameron	Winter Haven, Fla.	University of Michigan
• Joseph Hagerty	Rio Rancho, N.M.	U.S. Olympic Training Center
• Jonathan Horton	Houston	University of Oklahoma
• Steven Legendre	Flower Mound, Texas	University of Oklahoma
• Danell Leyva	Miami, Fla.	Universal Gymnastics
• Tim McNeill	Falls Church, Va.	University of California – Berkeley
• Sho Nakamori	Albany, Calif.	Stanford University
• David Sender	Arlington Heights, Ill.	Stanford University
• Justin Spring	Burke, Va.	University of Illinois
• Kevin Tan	Fremont, Calif.	Pennsylvania State University

Gymnasts were named to the 2009 U.S. Men's Senior National Team via three different avenues: members of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team were given the opportunity to petition for a national team position; the top seven gymnasts in the national team points ranking system used at the 2009 Winter Cup Challenge; and selection by the Men's Program Committee. The members of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team that won the team bronze medal who petitioned for a spot on the team are: Artemev, Bhavsar, Hagerty, Horton, Spring and Tan. The seven gymnasts who qualified based on the national team points ranking system from the 2009 Winter Cup Challenge are: Alvarez, Brooks, Cameron, Legendre, Leyva, Nakamori and Sender. Bunthuwong and McNeill were selected by the Men's Program Committee and men's national team coordinator. These gymnasts will retain their national team status until the conclusion of the 2009 Visa Championships in August. ✉

THESE GYMNASTS WILL RETAIN THEIR NATIONAL TEAM STATUS UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2009 VISA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN AUGUST.



GUILLERMO ALVAREZ

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Joey: I was most happy with floor cause it was a new routine.

USA Gymnastics: Has anything changed since you won the bronze medal at the Olympic Games? Is life different at all?

Joey: Yes, people recognize me a little bit now. In the past I was always in the background. I don't like to talk too much - I'm kind of quiet and shy. Justin (Spring), Raj (Bhavsar) and Jonathan (Horton) are the talkers and Alexander (Artemev), Kevin (Tan) and I are more quiet. But, now people seem to recognize me.

USA Gymnastics: You're still at the U.S. Olympic Training Center right? What is your daily schedule?

Joey: We train twice a day from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. On Thursdays we have just one practice from 10-11:30 a.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-12 p.m. When we're not in the gym we hang out in our rooms, watch movies, or play games. I especially like this video game called Final Fantasy 11. It's an online game on my computer and it takes a lot of time. We also go to the training room before practice.

USA Gymnastics: Do you get back home to Albuquerque much to visit family and friends?

Joey: I haven't been back home lately since we've been training hard for upcoming meets but I look forward to going back soon. My sister is pregnant with twins and she's due in March. I hope to get back to see the babies. I already have nine nieces and nephews but this will be the first set of twins in our family.

USA Gymnastics: What do you like to do when you're not training?

Joey: I go out with the guys on the team here for sushi about once a week and see a movie. ☒



MEMBERS OF THE 2009 MEN'S SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

WINTER CUP RESULTS

ALL-AROUND

Name	Club	Meet 1	Meet 2	Total
1 Joseph Hagerty	USOTC	88.150	89.750	177.900
2 Danell Leyva	Universal	87.300	89.050	176.350
3 Sho Nakamori	Stanford	87.400	88.700	176.100
4 Guillermo Alvarez	Minnesota	85.650	88.850	174.500
5 Chris Brooks	Oklahoma	86.400	87.100	173.500
6 Kyle Bunthuwong	Berkeley	85.150	86.950	172.100
7 Steven Legendre	Oklahoma	84.400	87.650	172.050
8 Kyson Bunthuwong	Berkeley	84.750	86.650	171.400
9 Chris Cameron	Michigan	84.850	86.250	171.100
10 Alexy Bilozertchev	Unattached	84.200	86.250	170.450
11 David Sender	Stanford	84.550	85.050	169.600
12 Greg Ter-Zakhariants	Stanford	85.300	83.800	169.100
13 Thomas Kelley	Michigan	82.900	86.100	169.000
14 Jacob Bateman	Ohio State	84.700	83.600	168.300
15 Glen Ishino	Berkeley	82.550	85.150	167.700
16 Ryan Lieberman	Stanford	83.100	84.200	167.300
17 Bryant Hadden	Stanford	83.400	83.850	167.250
18 Josh Dixon	Stanford	84.000	82.250	166.250
19 John Orozco	World Cup	85.550	80.550	166.100
20 Alex Buscaglia	Stanford	82.650	82.650	165.300

FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Joseph Hagerty	USOTC	30.500
2. Guillermo Alvarez	Minnesota	30.450
3. Chris Brooks	Oklahoma	30.100

POMMEL HORSE

1. Tim McNeill	Berkeley	30.350
2. Daniel Ribeiro	Illinois	30.000
3. Kit Beikmann	Minnesota	29.100

STILL RINGS

1. David Sender	Stanford	30.650
2. Bryant Hadden	Stanford	30.150
3. Phil Goldberg	Michigan	29.850

VAULT

1. David Sender	Stanford	32.200
2. Steven Legendre	Oklahoma	32.000
3. Alexy Bilozertchev	Unattached	31.750

PARALLEL BARS

1. Danell Leyva	Universal	30.050
1. Joseph Hagerty	USOTC	30.050
3. Sho Nakamori	Stanford	29.950

HORIZONTAL BAR

1. Paul Ruggeri	Illinois	30.500
2. Joseph Hagerty	USOTC	30.450
3. Danell Leyva	Universal	30.300