



USA Wins 19 Medals in Chicago Cup

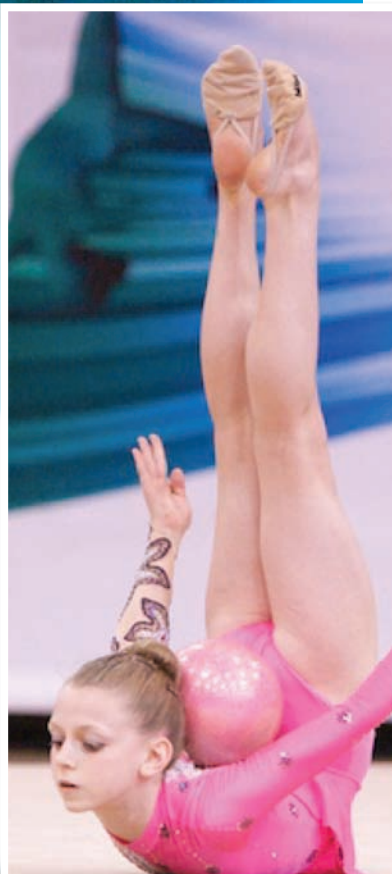
2009 Chicago Cup
Broadway Armory - Chicago, Ill.
June 20, 2009

Senior All-Around

1. Ellina Tregubova	RUS	99.875
2. Julie Zetlin	USA	94.850
3. Rachel Marmer	USA	93.675

Junior All-Around

1. Rebecca Sereda	USA	95.400
2. Liudmila Grigoryeva	RUS	93.325
3. Jazzy Kerber	USA	90.800



Jasmine Kerber



Rebecca Sereda

The inaugural Chicago Cup, an international rhythmic gymnastics competition at Chicago's Broadway Armory Park, took place June 20-21. The three-day competition featured both all-around and individual event finals for juniors and seniors.

USA's Rebecca Sereda and Russia's Ellina Tregubova took home top honors at junior and senior all-around levels. The USA earned four total all-around medals, one gold, one silver and two bronze.

Thirteen-year-old Sereda said, "I was ecstatic to win the all-around. I worked on my routines really hard and I wanted to win but the competition was really good so I was just happy to get on the podium."

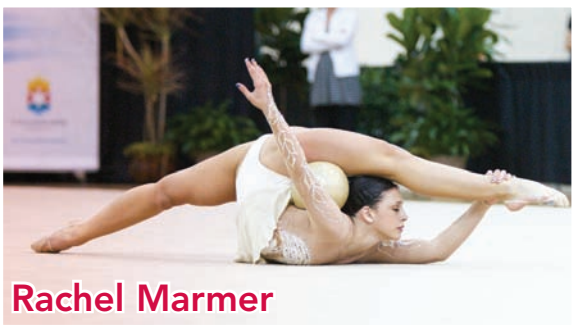
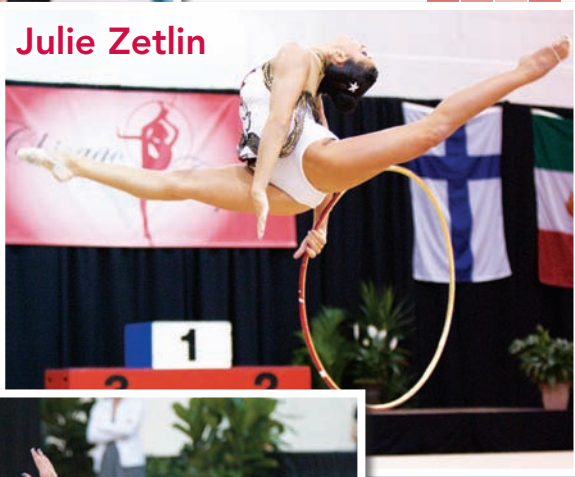
The second day of the junior all-around competition ended just like it began, with Sereda of Staten Island, N.Y./Isadora, Liudmila Grigoryeva of Russia, and Jasmine "Jazzy" Kerber of Highland Park, Ill./North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics Center finishing one, two, three. Sereda won club (24.125), hoop (24.000), and ball (23.875) to take home the junior all-around gold medal with a score of 95.400. Grigoryeva held the top spot on rope (23.875) and placed second in the all-around with 93.325, while local favorite Kerber placed third with a score of 90.800.

In senior competition, Tregubova finished first on all four apparatus—hoop (25.250), ribbon (24.600), rope

Ellina Tregubova



Julie Zetlin



Rachel Marmer



SENIOR EVENTS

Hoop

1. Ellina Tregubova	RUS	26.325
2. Rachel Marmer	USA	25.325
3. Julie Zetlin	USA	24.650

Ribbon

1. Ellina Tregubova	RUS	25.525
2. Julie Zetlin	USA	25.025
3. Rachel Marmer	USA	24.525

Rope

1. Ellina Tregubova	RUS	25.250
2. Julie Zetlin	USA	25.075
3. Rachel Marmer	USA	24.150

Ball

1. Ellina Tregubova	RUS	25.700
2. Rachel Marmer	USA	25.300
3. Julie Zetlin	USA	24.725

JUNIOR EVENTS

Hoop

1. Rebecca Sereda	USA	24.800
2. Liudmila Grigoryeva	RUS	24.525
3. Anastasiya Muntyanu	CAN	22.375

Rope

1. Rebecca Sereda	USA	24.625
2. Liudmila Grigoryeva	RUS	24.200
3. Jasmine Kerber	USA	22.325

Ball

1. Liudmila Grigoryeva	RUS	24.350
2. Rebecca Sereda	USA	23.500
3. Jasmine Kerber	USA	22.725

Clubs

1. Liudmila Grigoryeva	RUS	24.775
2. Rebecca Sereda	USA	24.250
3. Jasmine Kerber	USA	23.150

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(24.875) and ball (25.150) – earning the all-around title with a score of 99.875. The USA’s Julie Zetlin of Bethesda, Md./Rhythmflex, and Rachel Marmer of Los Angeles, Calif./Eurogymnastics, won the silver and bronze medals in the all-around with scores of 94.850 and 93.675, respectively. Ava Gehringer of Evanston, Ill./ North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics Center withdrew from the second half of the all-around competition due to a pinched nerve suffered during warm-ups.

The top eight competitors in the all-around competition qualified for individual event finals where the USA closed the competition with 15 individual event medals.

The junior individual event finals were a battle between Sereda and Grigoryeva. Each finished in the top two in all four event finals: Sereda won gold medals on hoop and rope with scores of 24.800 and 24.625, respectively, with silver medals on ball (23.500) and clubs

(24.250); Grigoryeva took first place on ball with a score of 24.350 and clubs with a 24.775, along with second on hoop (24.525) and rope (24.200).

Kerber was the bronze medalist on rope (22.325), ball (22.725) and clubs (23.150). Canada’s Anastasiya Muntyanu was third on hoop (22.375).

For the seniors, Tregubova swept the events, winning gold medals on rope (25.250), hoop (26.325), ball (25.700) and ribbon (25.525). The USA’s Zetlin and Marmer each won two silver and two bronze medals. Zetlin was second in rope and ribbon with scores of 25.075 and 25.025, respectively, and third in hoop (24.650) and ball (24.725). Marmer took home the silver medals for hoop (25.325) and ball (25.300), and the bronze medals in rope (24.150) and ribbon (24.525).

For complete results of Chicago Cup competitions, go to www.usa-gymnastics.org.