



EUROPEAN TOUR

U.S. Women Win Two Titles On European Tour



Eight women were selected to travel to Europe and compete in the friendly international exchanges held on May 1 in Muelheim, Germany, and on May 8 in Rouen, France.

The gymnasts were led by 2008 Olympic Silver Medalist Bridget Sloan as well as Bridgette and Mackenzie Caquatto, Naperville, Ill./Naperville Gymnastics Club; Olivia Courtney, Orlando, Fla./Orlando Metro; Kytra Hunter, Frederick, Md./Hill's Gymnastics; Mattie Larson, Los Angeles/All Olympic Gymnastics; Corrie Lothrop, Danvers, Mass./Hill's Gymnastics; and Sabrina Vega, Carmel, N.Y./Dynamic Gymnastics.

The U.S. Women's Team defeated its German counterparts in the team competition 232.400 points to Germany's 219.700. Sloan of Pittsboro, Ind., and Sharp's Gymnastics, won the all-around competition, with the USA taking the first five spots. Lothrop was second, M. Caquatto was third, followed by Courtney and B. Caquatto in fourth and fifth.

Sloan had the top scores on vault (15.350) and uneven bars (15.150). Vega had the top balance beam score at 14.300, with the highest floor score posted by Hunter at 15.150.

The U.S. women also won its second international friendly exchange as they defeated France on May 8. The U.S. women tallied 229.250 points to France's 219.100. Sloan again won the all-around competition, with Mackenzie Caquatto in second and Olivia Courtney in third.

Photos on pg. 30 center: Bridget Sloan - Top left counter clockwise: Olivia Courtney, Sabrina Vega, Mackenzie Caquatto, Kytra Hunter, Mattie Larson, Bridgette Caquatto, Corrie Lothrop.

USA - Germany TEAM

1. United States, 232 400
2. Germany, 219.700

U.S. Team's individual scores by event -2009 USA-Germany Friendly Exchange

| Gymnast | Country | VT | UB | BB | FX | Total |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1. Bridget Sloan | USA | 15.350 | 15.150 | 14.000 | 15.050 | 59.550 |
| 2. Corrie Lothrop | USA | 14.300 | 14.150 | 13.300 | 14.750 | 56.500 |
| 3. Mackenzie Caquatto | USA | 14.850 | 14.800 | 13.000 | 13.750 | 56.400 |
| 4. Olivia Courtney | USA | 14.500 | 14.250 | 13.650 | 13.550 | 55.950 |
| 5. Bridgette Caquatto | USA | 15.050 | 13.300 | 13.400 | 14.050 | 55.800 |
| 7. Mattie Larson | USA | 14.600 | 12.400 | 13.950 | 14.700 | 55.650 |
| Kytra Hunter | USA | 14.300 | | | 15.150 | 29.450 |
| Sabrina Vega | USA | | 13.750 | 14.300 | | 28.050 |

SLOAN CHAT

How was your trip to Germany and France?

The trip was really good, long, but good.

What was the highlight of the trip for you?

The highlight was winning team titles back to back, hitting four for four at both meets and visiting the Eiffel Tower.

What was your best event and why?

My best even was vault in Germany and bars in France.

How did it feel to win both team titles while representing the USA?

It's an honor to represent the USA. It always feels great to win team titles, and winning back to back was even better.

Did you get to do anything other than gymnastics while in Germany or France?

We did go to a coal mine in

Germany, the Rouen Cathedral - a really huge old church in France and some shopping.

You were gone about 2.5 weeks – how did you handle school work?

Some homework I finished before leaving, I took a lot with me, but the rest I've been doing my best to get completed. My teachers are great and it's a good thing since I'm just back for the last nine days of school - six days of classes, three days of finals.

What was the first thing you did when you returned home?

First thing I did once the plane landed in Texas was turn my phone on! First thing once I got home was picked up my dog, Lilly.

What is your goal in gymnastics?

Stay healthy and make the 2009 World Championships Team. 🇺🇸



2009 USA-France Friendly Exchange Rouen, France May 8, 2009

Teams

1. United States - 229.250
2. France - 219.100

All-Around

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| 1. Bridget Sloan | USA | 58.950 |
| 2. Mackenzie Caquatto | USA | 56.750 |
| 3. Olivia Courtney | USA | 56.250 |
| 4. Marine Petit | FRA | 55.800 |
| 5. Corrie Lothrop | USA | 54.600 |
| 6. Bridgette Caquatto | USA | 54.600 |
| 7. Rose-Eliandre Bellemare | FRA | 54.550 |
| 8. Pauline Morel | FRA | 51.250 |
| 9. Léa Kémayou | FRA | 50.050 |
| 10. Aurélie Malausséna | FRA | 40.900 |



Can you guess what Mackenzie Caquatto, Corrie Lothrop and Olivia Courtney have in common? All three gymnasts have the same birthday – March 26, 1992.

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