

USA'S RODRIGUES, ALLEN WIN WORLD CUP TITLE AT FREEDOM CUP

Michael Rodrigues and Kristin Allen



Nearly 160 acrobatic gymnasts from Australia, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Monaco, the Netherlands, Portugal, Russia and the United States competed in the 2009 Freedom Cup, July 10-12, in Saint Paul, Minn. The Freedom Cup received International Gymnastics Federation World Cup status.

2008 world silver-medalists Michael Rodrigues and Kristin Allen of Livermore, Calif./West Coast Training Center, won the World Cup mixed pairs title. In fact, U.S. athletes won a total of 18 medals (7 gold, 8 silver and 3 bronze) at the 2009 Freedom Cup.

The Freedom Cup included three competition divisions: senior, junior, and age-group. Preliminary rounds were held Friday, July 10, and Saturday, July 11, with the final round taking place Sunday, July 12.

For full results go to www.usa-gymnastics.org and click acro.



L: Senior Women's Group – Gold Medal – Kailey Maurer, Holli Morris, Crystal Johnston, Empire – Riverside, CA Middle: 11-16 Women's Group – Gold Medal - Kendall Meyer, Erica Prestipino, Mackenzie Meyer – Xtreme - Rockville, MD R: 12-19 Mixed Pair – Silver Medal – Eirian Smith, Jake Kanavel – Aerial Tumbling & AcroGymnastics – San Jose, CA