



Silver Medal Tumbling Team, left to right: Amy McDonald, Kaitlin Tortorich, Susannah Johnson, Leanne Seitzinger



Women's Bronze Medal Double Mini Team, left to right: Sarah Gandy, Sarah Prosen, Aubree Balkan

Men's Bronze Medal Double Mini Team  
Back Row: Tony Doles, Stephen Raymond  
Front Row: Kalon Ludvigson, Austin White

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USA closes '09 World Trampoline and Tumbling Championships with 3 medals

# THE WORLDS

**T**eam USA won three medals at the 2009 World Trampoline and Tumbling Championships at the St. Petersburg (Russia) Sports and Concert Complex: the team silver medal in women's tumbling

and the team bronze medal in both men's and women's double mini-trampoline. Also both the men's and women's U.S. Trampoline Teams qualified for the finals for the first time in U.S. history.

The U.S. women's tumbling team won its third consecutive world team medal, scoring a 94.000 to win the team silver medal. 2007 world team gold-medalists Kaitlin Tortorich of Haymarket, Va., and Leanne Seitzinger of Stafford, Va., scored 32.300 and 30.900, respectively. Susannah Johnson of Roanoke, Va., contributed a 30.800 for the three-member total in the finals. 2005 team silver-medalist Amy McDonald of McKinney, Texas, competed in the preliminary competition for the USA. Russia won the team gold with a combined total of 100.900.

"It feels really good to win the silver," said Tortorich. "We had some problems in prelims, but we all went out (in finals) just focused on today, and everyone hit. To be able to represent the USA like that and win another world medal was a big honor."

Both the U.S. men and women won team bronze medals in double mini-trampoline. The women's team of Aubree Balkan of Carlsbad, Calif.; Sarah Gandy of Reno, Texas; and Sarah Prosen of Apple Valley, Minn., posted a combined score of 101.900 to earn the USA's fourth consecutive world-team medal in double mini (2003, 2005, 2007, 2009). Balkan, a

member of the 2007 bronze-medal double mini team, earned the third highest individual score of the event with a 34.900. Prosen scored a 33.800, and Gandy contributed with a 33.200. Russia won the event, scoring 105.100, and Canada finished second with a 102.600.

"We started off a little shaky, but finished strong, only seven-tenths away from Canada," said Balkan. "Not only did we medal, but also we're definitely closing the gap with the countries that have been at the top for a long time."

2007 team silver-medalist Kalon Ludvigson of Pocatello, Idaho, led the way for the U.S. men's double-mini team, posting the second highest individual score of 37.600 to help the USA tally a 98.700 total. Stephen Raymond of Orlando, Fla., who retired after Worlds, added a 35.900, and Austin White of Newport Coast, Calif., finished with a 25.200. Tony Doles of Lubbock, Texas, competed for the USA during preliminaries. Portugal took this year's team gold with 110.800. Russia finished with a score of 110.500 to take the silver.





Aubree Balkan

"Kalon started us off with a strong pass and stayed in the landing zone," said Raymond. "I had some technique difficulty, but managed to take a step and stay in. This was my last competition, so I'm just glad I was able to stick around for a second World Championships and help the team win another world medal."

In the women's double mini-trampoline individual event finals, Balkan missed the podium by just one-tenth, finishing fourth at 67.000. Russia's Victoria Voronina (68.300) and Galina Goncharenko (68.000) won the gold and silver medals.

In women's tumbling, Tortorich finished just off the podium, earning fourth place with a 62.200. Russia's Anna Korobeynikova won the title at 69.400.

In the trampoline team finals, the USA men finished fourth with a score 88.900, and the women were fifth with a 74.600. The Chinese won both the men's and women's team gold medals. The U.S. men's trampoline team included 2009 World Cup synchro gold-medalists Steven Gluckstein of Atlantic Highlands, N.J., and Logan Dooley of Lake Forest, Calif.; Michael Devine of Winnebago, Ill.; and Neil Gulati of Laguna Beach, Calif. Competing for the women were Hayley Butcher of St. John, Ind.; Nani Vercruyssen of Honolulu, Hawaii; and Alaina Williams of Amarillo, Texas.

The U.S. qualified for 10 event finals in total, including White, men's double mini; Gluckstein and Dooley, synchronized trampoline; and Ludvigson, tumbling. The remaining world champions were: Japan, men's synchronized trampoline; Tagir Murtazaev of Russia, men's tumbling; and Andre Lico of Portugal, men's double mini-trampoline. ✂



Kaitlin Tortorich

**2009 WORLD TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING CHAMPIONSHIPS  
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**Women's tumbling team finals**

1. Russia, 100.900
2. USA, 94.000
3. Canada, 93.400

**Women's double mini-trampoline team finals**

1. Russia, 105.100
2. Canada, 102.600
3. USA, 101.900

**Men's double mini-trampoline team finals**

1. Portugal, 110.800
2. Russia, 110.500
3. USA, 98.700

**Women's double mini trampoline**

1. Victoria Voronina, Russia, 68.300
2. Galina Goncharenko, Russia, 68.000
3. Corissa Boychuk, Canada, 67.100

**U.S. finish**

4. Aubree Balkan, 67.000

**Men's double mini-trampoline**

1. Andre Lico, Portugal, 75.500
2. Tim Lunding, Sweden, 69.600
3. André Fernandes, Portugal, 69.300

**U.S. finish**

8. Austin White, 35.300

**Women's tumbling**

1. Anna Korobeynikova, Russia, 69.400
2. Elena Krasnokutskaya, Russia, 66.90
3. Ashley Speed, Canada, 62.800

**U.S. finish**

4. Kaitlin Tortorich, 62.200

**Men's tumbling**

1. Tagir Murtazaev, Russia, 77.300
2. Yang Song, China, 75.000
3. Mikhail Kostyanov, Russia, 73.900

**U.S. finish**

6. Kalon Ludvigson, 68.900

**Men's synchronized trampoline**

1. Japan (2), 50.800
2. France, 50.000
3. Ukraine (2), 50.000

**U.S. finish**

6. USA, 49.300

**Women's trampoline team final**

1. China, 117.000
2. Russia, 110.300
3. Canada, 109.600
4. Belarus, 103.400
5. USA, 74.600

**Men's trampoline team final**

1. China, 126.700
2. Belarus, 120.500
3. Russia, 117.000
4. USA, 88.900
5. Japan, 79.500

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