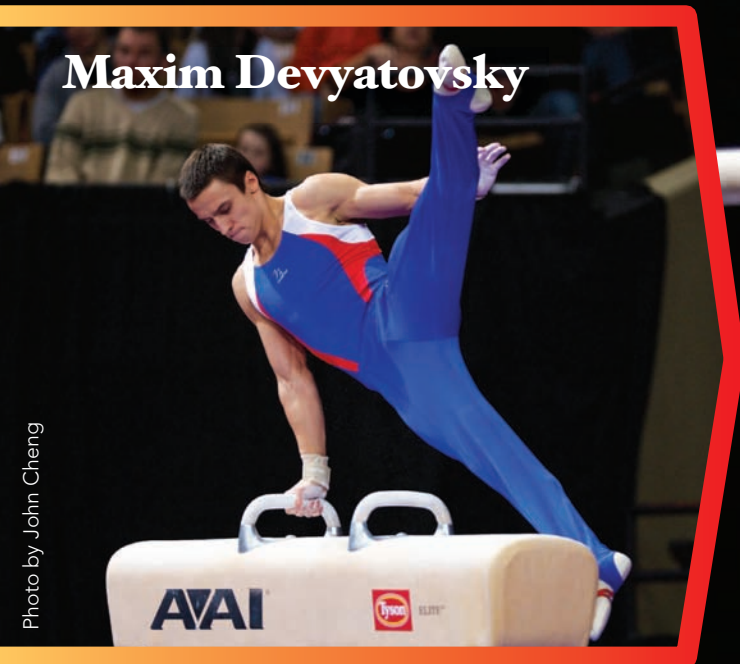




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Bross and Devyatovsky Take the Titles at the Tyson American Cup

Rebecca Bross of WOGA in Plano, Texas, and Maxim Devyatovsky of Russia won the all-around titles at the 2010 Tyson American Cup, held at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass., Mar. 6. Alexandra Raisman of Brestyan's American Gymnastics and Jonathan Horton of Cypress Academy both finished second, with the USA's Chris Brooks from the University of Oklahoma claiming third.

With the USA finishing one-two in the women's all-around, Bross easily took the title with her 60.550, while Raisman, who is from Needham, Mass., posted a 58.900. Rounding out the top three was Venezuela's Jessica Lopez with a 56.500. Ariella Kaeslin of Switzerland and Yuko Shintake of Japan were fourth (56.050) and fifth (56.000).

"I am very happy with how I did," said Bross, who was the all-around silver medalist at the 2009 World Championships. "It just shows that all of my hard work paid off."

For the men, Devyatovsky scored a 90.600 total, finishing 0.450 ahead of Horton's 90.150. Brooks tallied an 89.900 for third in the all-around, edging out defending champion Fabian Hambuechen of Germany, who had an 89.000. Daniel Keatings of Great Britain finished fifth at 88.650.

"I am very, very glad to have won," said Devyatovsky. "It was important to me because in 1986, 24 years ago, an athlete (Alexei Tikhonkikh) from the former Soviet Union and my hometown was a winner of the American Cup and an American girl (Kristie Phillips) won at that competition as well. So I am very glad!"

He added, "I was in the exact position during the 2007 American Cup. I was leading the competition going into high bar and I missed my routine. I tried not to think of my previous mistakes today when I was going on high bar during the last event. I'm glad I hit my routine this time and won the meet."

Bross, 16, posted the highest score on three of the four apparatus, bars, beam and floor, while her Yurchenko double-full vault earned a 15.100, the second-highest score on this event. On bars, she executed a clean routine

and stuck her tucked, full-twisting double-back dismount for a 15.300. A standing Arabian and a double Arabian dismount yielded Bross a 15.300 on balance beam. Finishing on floor, Bross showed off a new floor routine and opened with a front handspring layout front, double front on her first tumbling pass. Her score of 14.850 sealed her all-around title.



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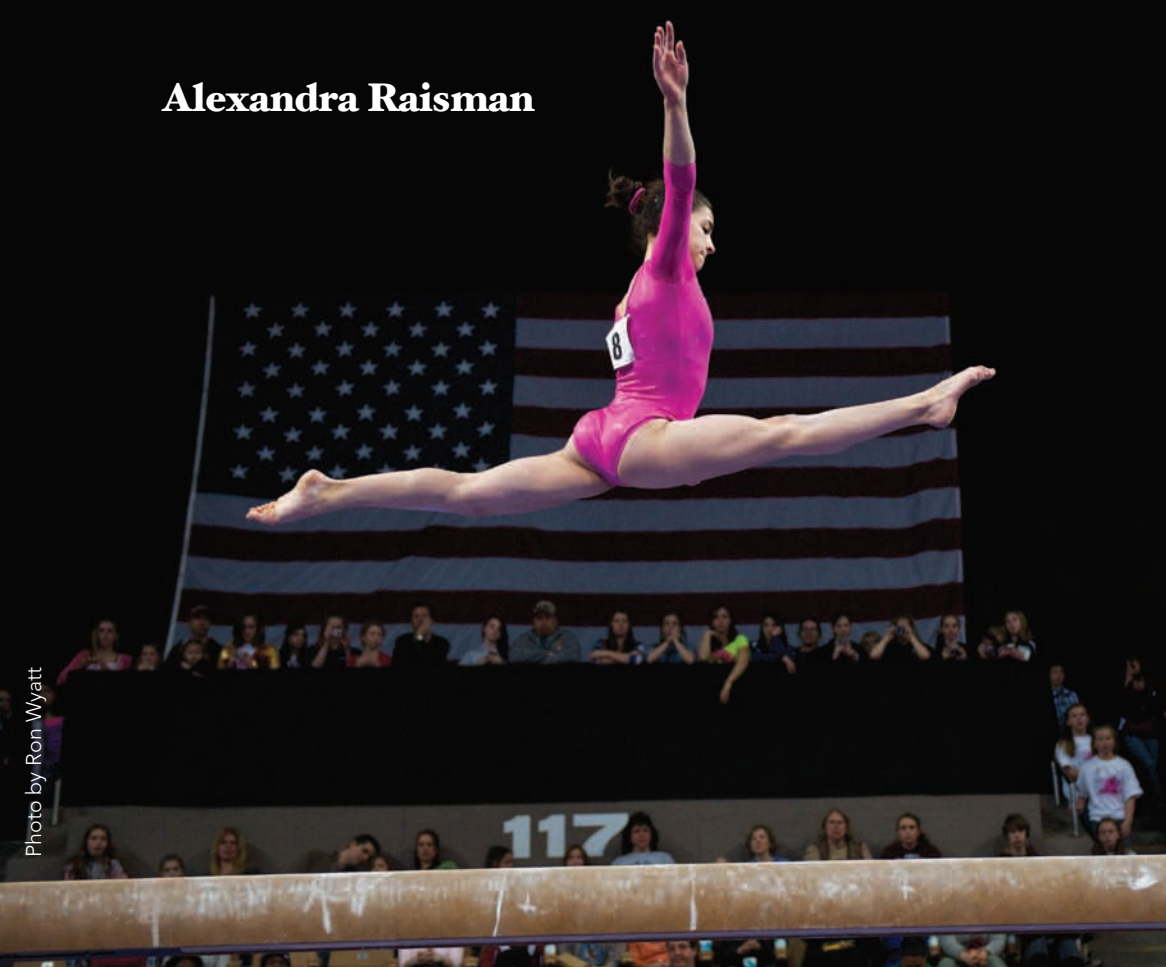


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Jessica Lopez



Raisman, 15, was competing in her first senior competition. She landed a Yurchenko double full vault to earn the highest women's vault score of a 15.150. On bars she hit a solid routine to score a 14.000. On beam she executed a beautiful stuck double Arabian dismount for a score of 15.050. She opened her floor routine with a one-and-a-half twist to double Arabian tumbling pass and earned a score of 14.700.

"It felt amazing to go out there and compete in front of my friends and family," said Raisman. "Until I saw all the signs in the stands, I didn't know there were that many girls from my gym here, so it made it even more special to have all that support."

Houston-native Horton began the competition on pommel horse where he hit his routine to score a 14.100. He then delivered a solid floor routine to earn a 15.150. His difficulty-packed rings routine scored a 15.800. He earned his highest event score, a 16.050, on vault for his front handspring

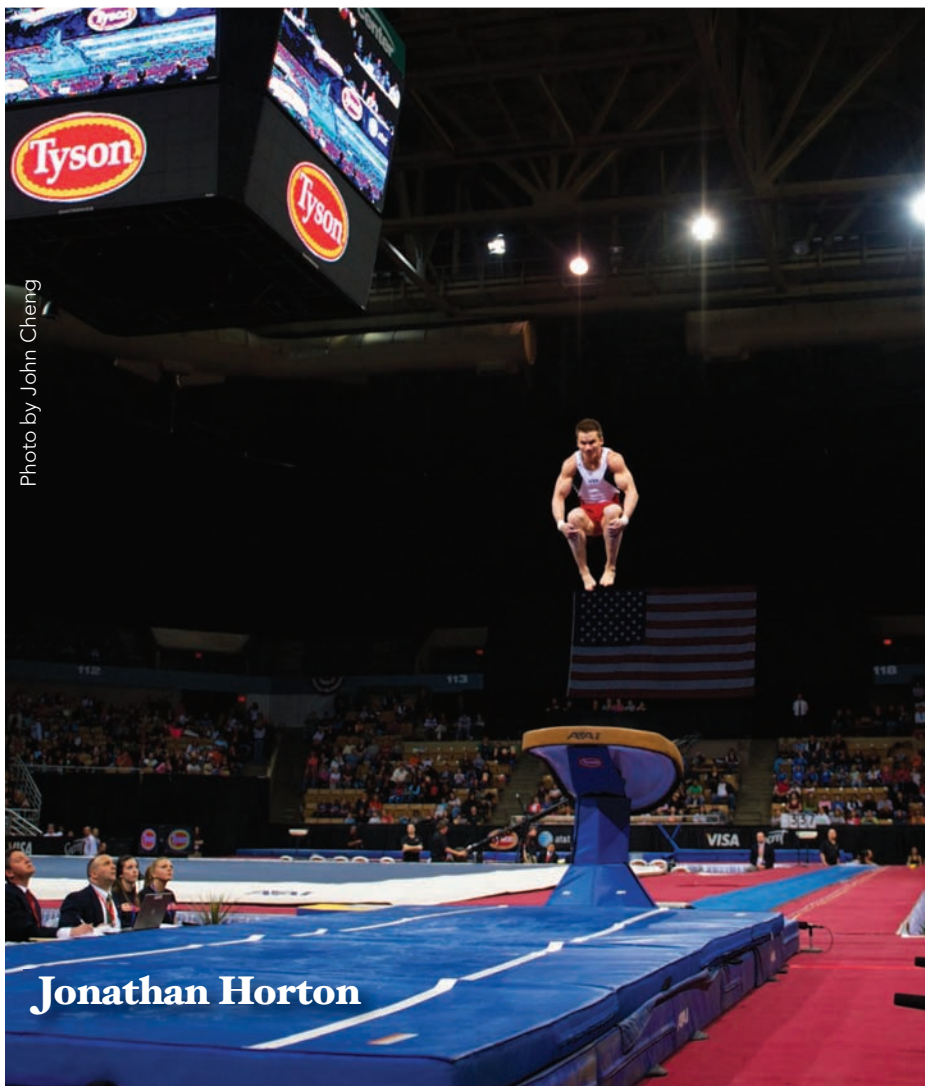


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Jonathan Horton

double front. Horton struggled on the parallel bars and netted a 13.700, which dropped him into second going into the final rotation. On high bar, Horton completed a series of release moves, including a layout, tuck, and full twisting Kovacs, to score a 15.350.

"I felt good all day, even on parallel bars," said Horton, who is the reigning U.S. all-around champion. "I just slipped off parallel bars, and I should have paid more attention and re-chalked after Devyatovsky. It's ironic I messed up on parallel bars because it is usually one of my best events."

Devyatovsky completed the same vault as Horton, a front handspring double front, to earn a 15.900. On parallel bars, he landed a double-back dismount to score a 15.100. Executing a clean horizontal bar routine with solid invert work and a stuck landing clinched the title for Devyatovsky with a score of 14.850.

Also from Houston, Brooks saved the best for last. His high bar routine was loaded with difficulty, including a double-twisting, double-layout dismount, to garner the highest score on the event at 15.800, which moved him into third place in the all-around. His high bar score bested those of the reigning Olympic silver and bronze medalists, Horton and Hambuechen. Brooks had the highest scores of the event on the floor exercise, parallel bars and high bar. His scores on the other events were: 15.550, floor; 13.100, pommel horse; 14.250, rings; 15.850, vault; and 15.350, parallel bars.

"It was awesome, a great learning experience," said Brooks, who won the 2009 Winter Cup Challenge all-around. "I am proud of how I was able to pull it together. On pommel horse, my hand slipped, and then I struggled a little bit on rings. I thought to myself, 'There are three more events and let's get it back together.' And, I did, especially on parallel bars and high bar. It was awesome to compete with Jon and support each other. It was a great overall experience."

Other highlights on the women's side, Swiss gymnast Ariella Kaeslin executed a front handspring Rudi vault and scored 15.100, tying with Bross for the second highest score on this event. Venezuela's Jessica Lopez hit a nice bar routine with a high Jaeger and Gienger to score a 14.300, finishing second on this event.

On the men's side, Great Britain's Daniel Keatings fell on his strongest event, pommel horse, but still received the top score of 14.800 on this event. Japan's Koji Yamamuro did a Kasamatsu double full vault and scored a 16.200, the top score of the competition on any event. ✕



Chris Brooks

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WOMEN'S ALL-AROUND RESULTS

		VT	UB	BB	FX	AA	
1.	Rebecca Bross	USA	15.100	15.300	15.300	14.850	60.550
2.	Alexandra Raisman	USA	15.150	14.000	15.050	14.700	58.900
3.	Jessica Lopez	VEN	13.800	14.300	14.500	13.900	56.500
4.	Ariella Kaeslin	SUI	15.100	12.850	14.200	13.900	56.050
5.	Yuko Shintake	JPN	13.400	13.900	14.900	13.800	56.000
6.	Elisabeth Seitz	GER	13.950	13.350	14.150	14.100	55.550
7.	Dominique Pegg	CAN	14.300	12.200	14.450	14.200	55.150
8.	Elsa Garcia	MEX	14.100	12.300	13.700	13.800	53.900

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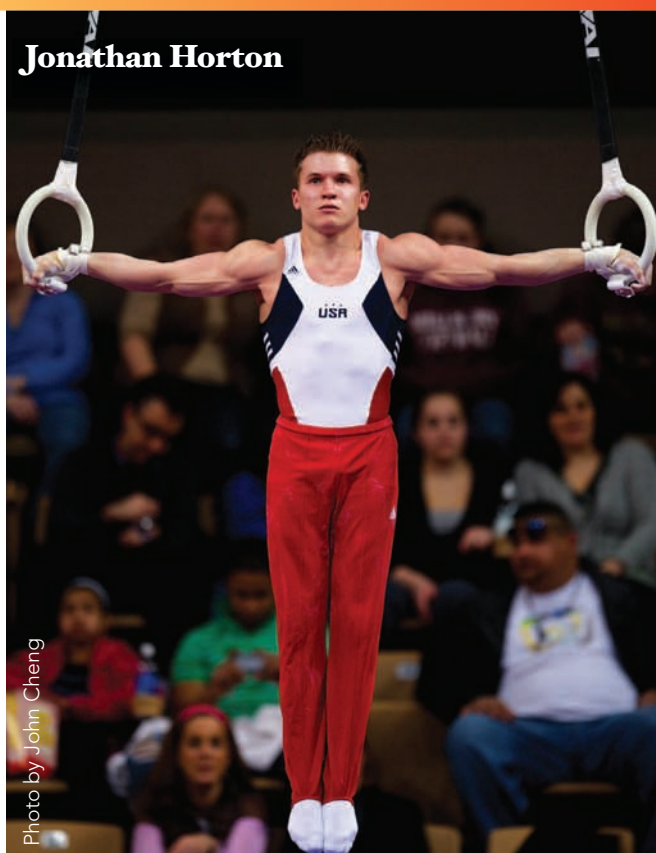


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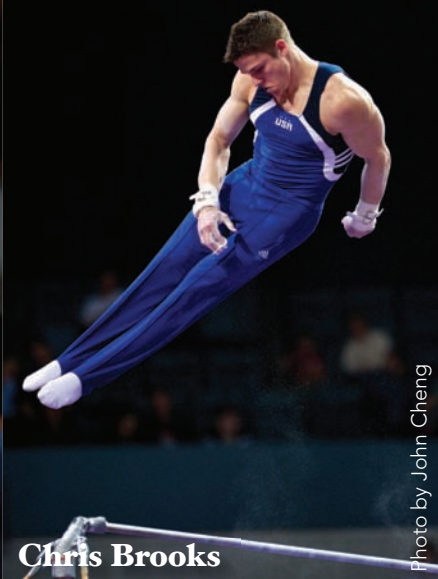
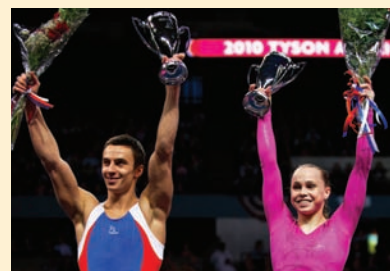


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MEN'S ALL-AROUND RESULTS

		FX	PH	SR	VT	PB	HB	AA	
1.	Maxim Devyatovsky	RUS	15.150	14.150	15.450	15.900	15.100	14.850	90.600
2.	Jonathan Horton	USA	15.150	14.100	15.800	16.050	13.700	15.350	90.150
3.	Chris Brooks	USA	15.550	13.100	14.250	15.850	15.350	15.800	89.900
4.	Fabian Hambuechen	GER	14.950	13.600	14.550	15.750	14.650	15.500	89.000
5.	Daniel Keatings	GBR	14.400	14.800	14.050	15.800	15.100	14.500	88.650
6.	Koji Yamamuro	JPN	14.950	14.200	15.150	16.200	11.650	14.700	86.850
7.	Jorge Hugo Giraldo Lopez	COL	13.400	14.050	14.900	15.350	14.100	14.400	86.200
8.	Flavius Koczi	ROU	14.800	14.700	13.350	15.900	13.450	13.000	85.200



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