

Nastia Liukin with the medalists of the first Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup. L to R: Cassandra Lopez, Lexie Priessman and Diandra Milliner.

Photos by John Cheng



## LEXIE PRIESSMAN SOARS TO NASTIA LIUKIN SUPERGIRL CUP TITLE

**L**exie Priessman of Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy, won the all-around title at the inaugural Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup at the DCU Center in Worcester, Mass., March 5.

"It was awesome to win," said Priessman, who is 13. "First, meeting Nastia was a dream of mine and I've never won anything so big before. It's a great honor!"

Priessman was most pleased with her beam routine. "Beam is not my strongest event," said Priessman. "I knew I was ending the meet on beam and had to hit my routine. I was so glad that I did."

Kassandra Lopez of Gym World East in Tucson, Ariz., and Diandra Milliner of Folger's Gymnastics in Andover, Kan., finished second and third, respectively, in the 36-gymnast field that boasted competitors from 17 states across the country. Proceeds from the event go to the Nastia Liukin Fund, a charitable fund within the National Gymnastics Foundation.

"I'm kind of speechless to have my own meet and partner with *Supergirl* and USA Gymnastics and to commmentate my first full-on live event for Universal Sports," said 2008 Olympic all-around champion Nastia Liukin. "I hope all the girls had a great time and will remember this event their entire life because I know I will."

Priessman, who is from Cincinnati, Ohio, won the all-around

with a total score of 38.400. On vault, she performed a double-twisting Yurchenko to score a 9.750. She earned a 9.450 on bars, landing a great, full-twisting double-layout dismount. On floor, she led with a tucked full-twisting double-back to score a 9.475. In her final rotation, she earned a 9.725 on balance beam to secure the title. Priessman had the top scores on both bars and beam and was the second-highest score on vault and floor.

Lopez posted a 37.675 in the all-around with individual scores of: a 9.450 on vault, a 9.425 on bars (second highest score), a 9.425 on beam and a 9.375 on floor. Milliner rounded out the top three with her total score of 37.400, earning a 9.850 on vault for her Yurchenko one-and-a-half (top score on this event), 9.350 on bars, 8.650 on beam and 9.550 on floor, also the highest score on this event.

The 36 competitors were chosen for the Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup based on performances at the 15 invitationals that comprised the Nastia Liukin Cup Series. The Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup is a partnership between Warner Bros. Consumer Products, USA Gymnastics and Liukin. The Nastia Liukin *Supergirl* Cup and the accompanying Nastia Liukin Cup Series provided a unique competitive opportunity for the country's rising female gymnasts. ✂

**Lexie Priessman**  
1st all-around



**Kassandra Lopez**  
2nd all-around



**Diandra Milliner**  
3rd all-around



Lexie Priessman won the inaugural Nastia Liukin *Supergirl Cup*. Priessman and the other participants received a Nastia Liukin-designed competition leotard, tank leotard and a warm-up from GK Elite.



Pictured here are all of the 36 competitors in the inaugural Nastia Liukin *Supergirl Cup* event with Nastia.

**NASTIA LIUKIN SUPERGIRL CUP ALL-AROUND RESULTS (TOP 10)**

		VT	UB	BB	FX	AA
1. Lexie Priessman	Cincinnati	9.750	9.450	9.725	9.475	38.400
2. Kassandra Lopez	Gym World E.	9.450	9.425	9.425	9.375	37.675
3. Diandra Milliner	Folgers	9.850	9.350	8.650	9.550	37.400
4. Gabrielle Douglas	Excalibur	9.625	9.325	9.450	8.800	37.200
5. Marie Case	Lakettes	9.350	9.025	9.425	9.375	37.175
6. Jaclyn McCartin	Gliders	9.350	8.875	9.700	9.225	37.150
7. Mykayla Skinner	Desert Lights	9.650	8.950	9.300	9.200	37.100
8. Sammie Musto	Atlantic Coast	9.625	9.325	8.950	9.150	37.050
9. Shealyn Farley	Prestige	9.700	9.100	9.150	9.075	37.025
9. Megan Marengi	WOGA	9.350	9.275	9.250	9.150	37.025



**Gabrielle Douglas**  
4th all-around