



Coach Tatiana Kovaleva and Steven Gluckstein

Logan Dooley and Steven Gluckstein won gold in synchro trampoline

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2010 TRAMPOLINE AND TUMBLING PAN AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS USA Wins 32 Medals Overall

The 2010 Trampoline & Tumbling Pan American Championships took place at the Daytona Beach (Fla.) Ocean Center, March 25-27. The three-day championships had gymnasts competing in senior, junior and age-group level divisions. The USA elite athletes won a total of 11 medals, including six gold, while the age-group athletes took home a total of 21 medals.

More than 260 gymnasts from six North and South American countries were vying for continental titles. In addition to the United States, the other countries participating in the Pan American Championships were Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

Steven Gluckstein of Atlantic Highlands, N.J., won a total of three gold medals – individual trampoline, synchronized trampoline and trampoline team. For the synchro gold, he teamed with Logan Dooley of Lake Forest, Calif., and for the trampoline team title, they were joined by Michael Devine of Winnebago, Ill. and Neil Gulati of Irvine, Calif.

Nani Vercruyssen of Honolulu captured the women's individual trampoline title, and Austin White of Irvine, Calif., claimed the title in men's double mini-trampoline.

Dooley picked up a third medal, the silver in men's trampoline. Vercruyssen teamed with Hayley Butcher



Nani Vercruyssen won gold in trampoline



Austin White won gold in double mini

of St. John, Ind., to earn the women's synchronized trampoline bronze medal. Sarah Gandy of Paris, Texas, claimed the women's double-mini silver.

Jeffrey Gluckstein of Atlantic Highlands, N.J., and K.J. Heger of Rockford, Ill., finished one-two in the junior men's trampoline finals. The USA's Angela Foster of Victoria, Texas, finished third in the junior women's trampoline competition.

U.S. age-group athletes won a total of 21 medals over the three-day event. Samuel Chiacchia of Colorado Springs, Colo./ArtSports, won the gold medal in men's 13-14 tumbling. Clare Johnson of Waxahachie, Texas/Trevino's Gymnastics, won the women's 13-14 double mini-trampoline, and Nicole Ahsinger of San Diego/Bounce California, won the women's 11-12 trampoline and the women's 11-12 double mini title. Other gold medalists were: Mackenzie Kulka of Tulsa, Okla./Oklahoma Extreme Tumbling, women's 15-16 tumbling; Mary Rossi of Plano, Texas/Eagle's Wings, women's 15-16 double mini; Mackenzie Martin and Alyssa Smith, both from Lubbock, Texas/Air Extreme, women's 11-12 synchronized trampoline; Henry Baer of Town and Country, Mo./St. Louis Elite, and Nick Piontek of Warrensburg, Mo./Kansas City Trampoline Club, men's 15-16 synchronized trampoline; and Justin Hackett of Colorado Springs, Colo./Great Lakes Griffins, men's 17+ double mini.

Casey Skinner of Livonia, Mich./AGT Flip City earned the silver medal in 13-14 women's tumbling. Chiacchia added the 13-14 individual trampoline and 13-14 double mini silver medals to his tumbling gold. Brittney Bernard of Bixby,



Hayley Butcher and Nani Vercruyssen won silver in syncho trampoline

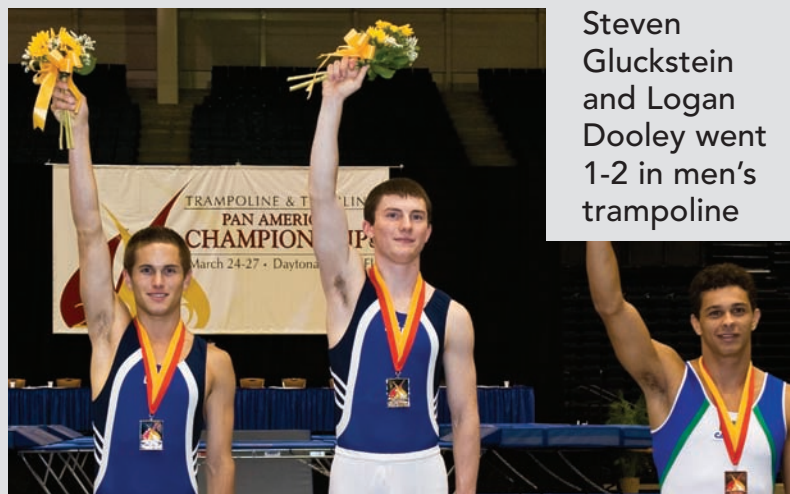
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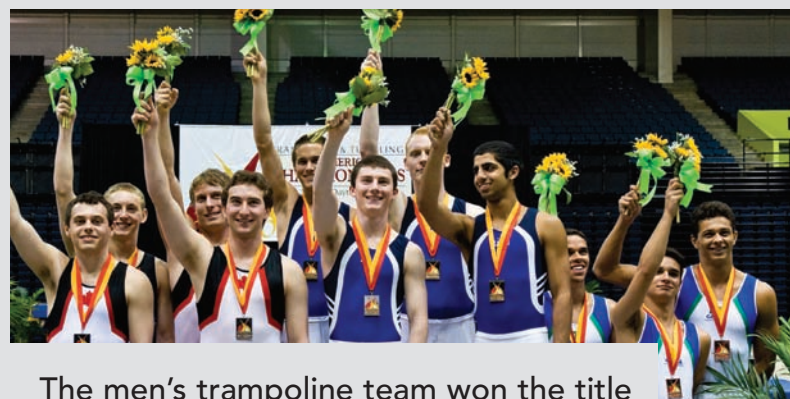
Okla./Oklahoma Extreme Tumbling, finished behind Kulka for the women's 15-16 tumbling silver medal. Victoria Lockwood of Poway, Calif./Bounce California, captured the women's 17+ trampoline silver medal.

The bronze medalists were: Martin, women's 11-12 trampoline; John Langford of Montclair, Va./Novaks, men's 15-16 trampoline; Hannah Nowak of Terre Haute, Ind./Tumbling Express, women's 13-14 tumbling; Kaylah Whaley of Premier Athletics Knoxville (Tenn.), women's 17+ tumbling; Ryan Roberts of Ramona, Calif./Bounce California, men's 17+ trampoline; Shea Silhan of Morton, Texas, and Caanon Gibbons of Seminole, Texas/Acrospirits, women's 11-12 synchro; and Ronald (Jake) Jacobson of Rocklin, Calif./American Powerhouse, and Chiacchia, men's 13-14 synchro.

The FIG verified that Jeffrey Gluckstein's performance at the Trampoline and Tumbling Pan American Championships secured a spot for the USA in the Youth Olympic Games, which will take place Aug. 14-26 in Singapore. The U.S. athlete that will compete at the Youth Olympic Games will be selected at a competition May 27-30 at a site TBD. ✖



Steven Gluckstein and Logan Dooley went 1-2 in men's trampoline



The men's trampoline team won the title



Nani Vercruyssen wins women's trampoline title

