

# USA TEAM AND RAISMAN WIN GOLD IN ITALY



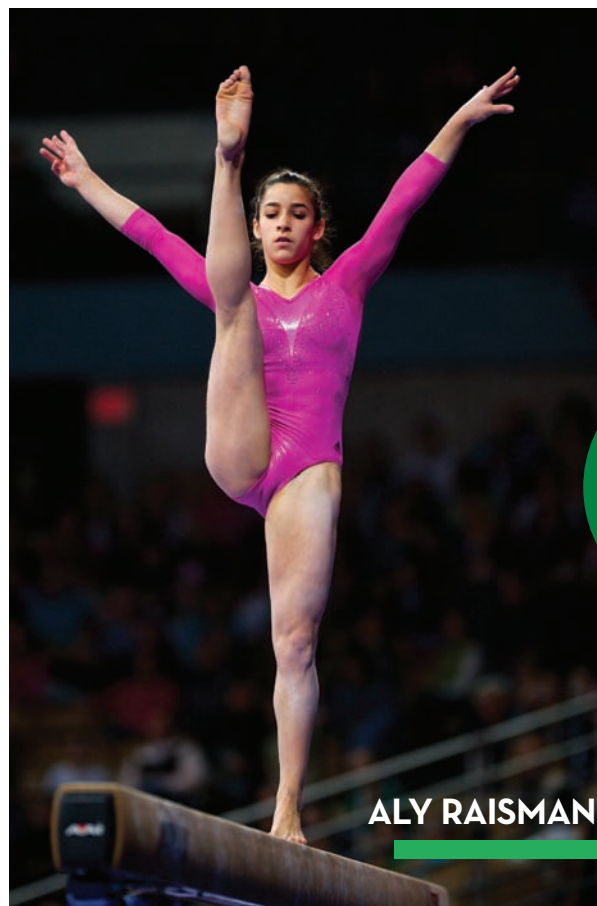
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**F**ifteen-year-old Alexandra Raisman of Brestyan's Gymnastics, won the senior all-around title at the 2010 City of Jesolo Trophy competition in Jesolo, Italy, March 28. In addition, the U.S. women won the senior team title with a score of 228.450. The USA defeated Russia who finished second with a score of 225.900 and Italy was third with a 220.300.

Raisman outscored Russia's Ksenia Semenova, 57.650 to 56.900, in the all-around. Italy's Vanessa Ferrari, who was the 2006 world all-around champion, was third at 56.800. Morgan Smith of Brandy Johnson Global Gymnastics, was fourth at 56.300. Also competing in the all-around were Amanda Jetter of Cincinnati Gymnastics, 55.450, sixth; Mackenzie Caquatto of Legacy Elite Gymnastics 55.250, seventh; and Kytra Hunter of Hill's Gymnastics, 54.700, ninth. Cassie Whitcomb of Cincinnati Gymnastics, competed on bars (14.200) and floor (13.650).

In the junior competition, Kyla Ross of Gym Max won the all-around silver medal with a 56.700, finishing behind Russia's Anastasia Grishina. Ross' individual event scores were: 15.100, vault (the event's highest score); 13.900, bars; 13.450, beam; and 14.250, floor. Sabrina Vega of Dynamic Gymnastics, was seventh with a score of 55.150.

In addition to the USA, other countries competing were Great Britain, Italy and Russia in both the junior and senior competition, with Japan participating only in the junior division.



ALY RAISMAN

## SENIOR TEAM

1 USA	228.450
2 Russia	225.900
3 Italy	220.300
4 United Kingdom	204.450



**KYLA ROSS**

### SENIOR ALL-AROUND (TOP 10)

1. Ali Raisman	USA	15.150	13.700	14.250	14.550	57.650
2. Ksenia Semenova	RUS	14.600	14.100	14.100	14.100	56.900
3. Vanessa Ferrari	ITA	14.250	14.300	13.850	14.400	56.800
4. Morgan Smith	USA	14.750	13.700	14.150	13.700	56.300
5. Ekaterina Kurbatova	RUS	14.750	13.350	13.700	14.200	56.000
6. Amanda Jetter	USA	14.400	13.550	13.700	13.800	55.450
7. Mackenzie Caquatto	USA	14.950	14.350	14.300	11.650	55.250
8. Elisabetta Preziosa	ITA	14.100	13.150	14.150	13.750	55.150
9. Kytra Hunter	USA	15.000	13.200	12.300	14.200	54.700
10. Paola Galante	ITA	14.100	12.150	13.800	13.150	53.200

### JUNIOR ALL-AROUND (TOP 10)

1. Anastasia Grishina	RUS	14.250	15.900	14.900	14.400	59.450
2. Kyla Ross	USA	15.100	13.900	13.450	14.250	56.700
3. Erica Fasana	ITA	14.950	13.900	13.400	13.800	56.050
3. Andrea Foti	ITA	14.250	14.250	13.900	13.650	56.050
5. Anastasia Sidorova	RUS	14.900	13.400	13.900	13.300	55.500
6. Yoshino Taniguchi	JPN	14.750	13.600	13.400	13.600	55.350
7. Sabrina Vega	USA	14.400	13.900	13.550	13.300	55.150
8. Asuka Teramoto	JPN	14.000	13.700	13.550	13.500	54.750
9. Masha Peseka	RUS	13.950	14.100	12.800	13.800	54.650
10. Carlotta Ferlito	ITA	14.000	13.050	13.950	13.500	54.500



**AMANDA JETTER**



**MORGAN SMITH**

## WE TALKED TO EACH OF THE GYMNASTS ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE ON THE TRIP.

### ALEXANDRA RAISMAN

**What was the best part of your trip to Italy?**

*The best part of my trip to Italy was winning team and all-around titles. It was really an amazing feeling and it's something I will never forget. It was so much fun getting to know my teammates and we all had so much fun together.*

**What was your best event and why?**

*My best event was vault because I got my highest score in competition ever (15.150). I had the highest score in the meet and I won a Murano vase.*

**Who did you room with?**

*I roomed with Morgan Smith.*

### AMANDA JETTER

**What was the best part of your trip to Italy?**

*The best part of the trip was the experience of Italy, traveling with team USA, and of course winning the gold medal for the team.*

**How long were you gone?**

*We were at the ranch for five days -- Thursday to Sunday -- then we worked out Monday morning then left for Italy and were gone a week -- so a total of 12 days.*

**Who did you room with?**

*I roomed with Cassie Whitcomb.*





## KYLA ROSS

**What was the best part of your trip to Italy?**

*The best part of my trip was doing well at the meet and when we went to Venice to go sightseeing.*

**What adjustments did you have traveling and competing in Italy?**

*We had to get used to the time change which, for me, was an eight hour difference. As for competing, we had to get adjusted to the Gymnova equipment but we were able to get a head start since we practiced on it while we were at camp.*

**Who did you room with?**

*Sabrina Vega*

## MACKENZIE CAQUATTO

**What was the best part of your trip to Italy?**

*The best part of the Italy trip was standing on the first place podium after the competition when we won the team award. To know that all the hard work that we put in as a team paid off and that we did the best we could to represent our country!*

**What was your best event and why?**

*My highest scoring event was vault but my best event that day was beam, I did one of the best routines I've ever done.*

**Who did you room with?**

*I roomed with Kytra Hunter! ( We're going to be Gators teammates next year.)*

## CASSANDRA WHITCOMB

**What was the best part of your trip to Italy?**

*The best part was being with the team. This was my first team trip. We bonded so much and the atmosphere was incredible.*

**Did you get to sightsee while in Italy? If so, what did you get to see/do?**

*We took a boat to Islands in Venice. We went to the glass blowing factory then we went shopping on another island.*

**Who did you room with?**

*I roomed with my teammate Amanda Jetter.*

## KYTRA HUNTER

**What was it like to win the team gold medal?**

*Winning the team gold medal was such an honor for team USA. I felt proud to be a member of the team and winning gold was a reward for our hard work.*

**How did you deal with schoolwork while you were on your trip?**

*I only missed the week of school when I was at camp. I had to e-mail my test and classwork, due to final grade deadline. My spring break was the week after, where I spent some of it in Italy.*

**Who did you room with?**

*Mackenzie Caquatto*

## MORGAN SMITH

**What was the best part of your trip to Italy?**

*I think the best part of my trip was cheering for each of my teammates during the whole trip and being able to go see Venice and shop with them!*

**What was your best event and why?**

*My best event was beam because I was a lot more confident and I got my highest score ever (in elite scoring)!*

**Who did you room with?**

*I roomed with Alexandra Raisman. ✨*



SABRINA VEGA



MACKENZIE CAQUATTO



KYTRA HUNTER



CASSANDRA WHITCOMB