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Seven MGC gymnasts advance to Regionals in Daytona Beach, FL

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In April, seven gymnasts from Blairsville's Mountain Gymnastics Center qualified for the USA Xcel Southeast Regional Meet in Daytona Beach FL, where 11-year old Lola Patton tallied first place scores of 37.6 (all-around) and 9.575 (beam).

Meanwhile, MGC picked up a State title when 8-year old Emma Schuette placed first on the vault (9.575), the floor (9.45), and all-around (37.5) at the AAU State Championship meet in May.

As for the seven qualifiers for the USA Xcel Regionals, three advanced by placing first at State. Nine-year olds Lillian Peacock and Avery Frechette, along with 13-year old Annalyse Kiernan each brought home a first-place finish at the USA Xcel Gold State Championships.

Peacock, Frechette, and Kiernan's scores helped them qualify for USA Xcel Regionals 8 Championships. Joining the USA Xcel State champions were an additional four qualifiers for the USA Xcel Region 8 (Southeast, USA) meet in Daytona Beach, FL. These include 11-year old Lola Patton, 12-year old Josie Poston, 14-year old Mia McCombs, and 16-year old Erin Raper.



The seven MGC gymnasts that qualified from state to the Southeast Regional championship in Daytona Beach, Florida. The USA level Gold group had to score a All Around of 36 at State. The USA Platinum girls had to score a 35.5 at state. Girls in picture are front row: L to R: Erin Raper, Lola Patton, Lillian Peacock, Avery Frechette, Mia McCombs. Back row L to R Josie Poston, Annalyse Kiernan.

In order to advance to Regional Championships, an all-around score of 36-plus was required in the USA Xcel Gold State Championships and a 35.5 in the USA Xcel Platinum State Championships.

Finishing up their season with excellent results at the USA Xcel Gold Regional 8 Championship meet were Frechette, who

recorded an all-around score of 36.2; Kiernan tied for 10th on floor with a 9.4; Peacock was Regional runner-up with a second place finish on the beam with a score of 9.6; and Poston placed fourth on the bars with a 9.325. McCombs and Raper also ended their seasons well at the USA Xcel Platinum Region 8 Championship Meet with McCombs posting a 9.3 on

floor and Raper tying for fourth on beam with a 9.175.

In the USA Gold State meet, Peacock was first on the beam with a 9.425 and second all-around with a 37.375. Frechette was first on the vault with a score of 9.35 and fourth all-around at 36.325.

Kiernan was first on the beam with a 9.325 boosting her all-around score to 36.26 - good enough for ninth. Patton's 9.50 was second on the bars and her 36.45 all-around was sixth-best. Poston placed eighth in all four events and

eighth all-around with a 36.05. In USA Platinum, Raper was third on the vault and floor, while McCombs placed second on the bars and second all around.

Other outstanding scores for the USA Xcel State Championships were Bre Arp who placed fourth on bars with a 9.45; Madison Pelfrey tied for eighth on beam with a 8.95; Jacey Lee placed seventh with a 8.7 on beam and Kiersten Queen came back from an injury to finish well with a 33.9.

Along with Schuette, MGC



Lola Patton

had several other top 15 finishes at AAU State Championships.

In AAU Silver, 11-year old Reese Chambers was second on bars with a 9.425. Thirteen-year old Krissy Garrett tied for 8th on vault with a score of 8.95. Eleven-year old Navaeh Leopold tied for 6th on vault with an 8.9.

In AAU Bronze, 9-year old Millie Banks was 14th all-around with a score of 35.625. Nine-year old Samantha Blackwell was third on vault with a 9.125. Eight-year old Kara Lodge placed seventh on beam with a 9.325. Nine-year old Adriana Viera tied for fifth on floor with a 9.35.

In AAU Level 2, five-year old Keely Shook took home third on floor with a 9.35 and 8-year old Reagan Gwynn tied for 7th on floor with an 8.75.

Yost participates in GACA All-Star game

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DALTON - Union County rising-senior Madison Yost was selected to the Georgia Coaches Association (GACA) North-South Classic soccer all-star game last month.

The game was hosted by Christian Heritage High School in Dalton and featured players from across the State of Georgia.

Yost, who was named Region 7-AAA Honorable Mention and a Blitz Player of the Year finalist, finished 2018 with 32 goals and six assists.

She also tied the school record in March with seven goals vs East Hall.

Last year, Layne Baeninger and Brenna Innis represented Union County in this event.



Madison Yost at the GACA North-South Classic on June 14th.

14U Baseball State Tournament update

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ROSSVILLE - The Union County 14U Baseball team has been the victim of a nasty weather pattern over the past week, and as a result, their season has come to an unexpected end.

Last Tuesday, June 26, Union County was coming off a 9-8 loser's bracket victory over Trion and was scheduled to meet Hall County with the winner guaranteed a top-four finish.

Unfortunately, heavy thunderstorms inundated Northwest Georgia, pushing the tournament back to the June 30-July 1st weekend.

According to the Union County Recreation Department, the 14U team, who originally traveled to Rossville back on June 22nd, was unable to field enough players to compete on the rescheduled dates so they have dropped out of the



Union County 14U baseball in action at District. Photo/Todd Forrest

tournament.

The Union County vs Hall County game was rained out on Tuesday and Wednesday, and with heavy rains expected to slam the area again on Thursday, June 28, officials pushed

the tournament back to the weekend.

Union County game info from the 14U State Tournament will be available in a future edition of the North Georgia News.

UCRD 10U Baseball State Tournament

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CANTON - Rain washed out the Union County 10U Baseball team's opening round game of the Dizzy Dean State Tournament last week.

Originally scheduled for Thursday at Mauldin Park in Canton, Union's first game was pushed back to Friday night.

If all went as planned, Union played Friday night then again on Saturday (win or lose). On Sunday, Union would play one game if they're in the winner's bracket; two games if in the loser's bracket.

That same scenario would carry over to Monday with the title game on Tuesday and the "if necessary" game Wednesday.

On Monday and Tuesday, the games will be held at 6 and 8 p.m. The Wednesday game would be at 11 a.m. Score results



The Union County 10U Baseball team celebrates its District semifinal victory over Towns County that earned them a spot in the District 6 Championship game. Photo/Todd Forrest

will once again be available on Facebook and Twitter at: www.facebook.com/hotrodtodd25 and @hotrodtodd25.

For updated brackets, you can visit dizzydeanga.org. At the bottom of the page, click on "2018 District and State

brackets." Then click "10 year old 'sanct.' Division," also at the bottom of the page.

Union County game results from State will be available in next week's edition of the North Georgia News.



State Champs (Left to right top): Avery Frechette, Annalyse Kiernan. (L-R bottom) Lillian Peacock and Emma Schuette.

Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading

Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading 2018

House of Prayer Church is glad to announce that it is once again time for our Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading 2018 season. On-line registration is now open for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade at www.hopb.org .

The registration is open through August 18th and the price to participate is \$60. Payment plans are available, if needed. Convenient weekly practices commence the week of August 6th, while 6 games will be played Saturdays be-

tween August 18th and September 22nd.

Registrants should attend the evaluation that will be held on Saturday, August 4th on a drop-in basis between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on the upper football field by the House of Prayer Family Life Center offices. For more information regarding registration, call the church office at HOP (706) 745-5925.

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