

Press Release – Falcons Girls Reach County Finals

Seven of Falcons Gymnastics Academy's brightest talents recently competed in the Devon Open and Intermediates and they all qualified for the finals on July 23.

Taylor Langmead and Olivia Sayer, competing at U10, had a terrific all round competition finishing 7th and 5th respectively. Taylor posted scores of 11.60 on Bars and 10.00 on Beam to qualify for the final in each of those apparatus whilst Olivia, in addition to qualifying for Bars and Beam with scores of 10.85 and 9.00, also qualified for Vault after scoring an impressive 11.50

There was a clean sweep for the Falcons in the U12's. Sophie Johns finished the day in 3rd and qualified for all four of the apparatus. Sophie collected 3rd place on Bars (8.25), Beam (9.80) and Floor (11.10) and her Vault was awarded 1st place with an excellent 11.75.

Hannah Francis collected the Silver medal as her consistency across the apparatus led to 4th on Vault (11.40) and Floor (10.60). Hannah also earned 2nd on the Bars with 9.45 and a 1st place was her highlight of the day on the Beam as she topped the score sheet, with fellow Falcon, Holly Jago, with a brilliant 10.30.

Holly Jago had a wonderful day of competition. As well as top scoring on the Beam with Hannah, she also claimed 2nd on the Vault (11.70) and Floor (11.15) and another 1st on the Bars (9.75). Hannah's combined total led to overall gold and she will be joined by both Sophie and Hannah at next month finals as each of Falcons U12 girls qualified for all four pieces.

In the U14 category Katie Beagley qualified for the finals, again on all four pieces of apparatus, after completing the day in the 3rd place overall. Katie's admirable Bars routine was rewarded with 6th (8.40) but her best was yet to come. Her Floor routine earned 3rd with 10.35 whilst she completed a standing back tuck on the Beam for the first time on her way to picking up 2nd with a score of 10.10. On the Vault, Katie managed to stick a Tsukahara for the time and pick up 2nd with a superb 11.85

Finally, Megan Dunn, competing at O14 level, also claimed 3rd on the day and qualification for all four pieces. Megan was also able to land her first successful Back Somersault on the Beam and she earned 2nd (9.40). Another 2nd place was to follow on the Floor (10.05) before performing an outstanding 1st place Vault (12.25). Megan's day finished with a 4th on the Bars (8.15) and she, along with her Falcons colleagues, will begin working towards the upcoming finals.

In addition to qualifying for the finals four of the girls have been selected to represent Devon in the South West Intercounties Floor and Vault Competition. The four chosen Falcons are Holly, Sophie, Katie and Megan.

Coach, Helen Feltham, said of the girls and their achievements, "They girls are now moving up a level and are still showing that their talent is endless. Keep it up!!! This is, yet again, another great haul for Falcons. THE GIRLS NEVER FAIL TO IMPRESS ME."

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