

## Darien YMCA Gymnasts Shine at New England Invitational

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The Darien YMCA gymnastics team set the gold standard at the New England Invitational in Glastonbury, capturing four team titles and twelve individual **All-Around (AA) titles**.

— *an announcement from the gymnastics team*

The Level 8 team completed a sweep of the AA and team titles, outscoring their closest team opponent by eleven points. Sarah Cross captured the Junior age group AA title with 35.475 and was fifth on vault, second on bars and third on floor.

Tori Ware never wavered in winning beam with 9.125 and was second AA, third on vault and fourth on bars and floor. Nadia Borja swung to first on bars with 9.35 and was second on floor and third AA.

Anna Moss took second on vault, fifth on bars, third on beam and fourth AA. Abigail Nevin scored third on bars, fourth on beam and fifth AA. Sofia Iuteri earned second on beam and fifth on floor where she tied with teammate Bella DeStefano. Bella also tied little sister Sofia for fifth on beam. Sofia was the vault champ with 9.2.

In the Senior group, Leilani Nguyen placed third on floor, fourth on beam and topped the podium for AA, vault and bars where she tied with Saskia Chermayeff. Winning the floor title as well with 9.55, Chermayeff also earned third on vault and second AA. Olivia Perkins was fifth on vault, second on bars and third on beam and AA.

As the sole Level 10 gymnast, Wells Fischer swept the titles highlighted by a 9.1 score on vault.

The first place Level 7 team was paced by Lana Schmidt in the 15 and older group, who topped the podium for AA, beam and vault with 9.35 and was fifth on bars and second on floor. Lucy Collins placed fourth on beam, fifth AA and third on vault where she tied Kerry McDermott. Lily Fairleigh swung to second on bars and was fifth on vault.

Sofia Alarcon-Frias was the AA champ in the 11-12 group and was fifth on vault, fourth on bars and second on beam and floor. Julia Decsi was steady for first on beam with 9.15 and was second on vault and fourth on floor and AA. Lauren Smith vaulted to fourth and was fifth on bars, beam and floor.

Anna Primmer had a pair of thirds on vault and floor. Coming back from injury, Anna Altier made the most of competing in just three events, winning vault and floor with 9.2 and 9.425 and placing third on beam.

In the 13s group, Kristie Alianiello took fourth on beam, second on floor and first on vault, AA and bars where she tied Emma Kelly.

Kelly was also second on vault, beam and AA. Emma Neaderland vaulted to first in the 14s group and was fourth on floor and third on bars and AA. Megan Mitchell earned fourth on bars, second on floor and fifth AA.

Ava Licata paced the Level 6 squad, winning the AA in the 12-13 group and placing third on bars and second on vault, beam and floor where she tied Melina Cardini, who was also fourth on vault. Alexa Bell was champ on beam and floor with 9.125 and 9.2 and third on vault, fourth on bars and second AA.

In the 11-12 group, Sophie Root captured first on beam with 9.325, sixth on vault and fifth on floor and AA. Ellie Davies flipped to first on floor with 9.475 and was second on beam and sixth AA.

The Level 5 team took first by nearly four points. Kayla Koproski was champ on vault, floor and AA in the Junior group and was third on beam and fourth on bars. Mina Leon was second AA, third on vault, floor and bars where she tied Tess Hennigan and also tied Olivia Davis for second on beam. Hennigan was also sixth on beam and fourth on vault, floor and AA.

Davis also placed fifth on floor and AA and continued the ties with Stella Nehro for fifth on vault and Emily Rizzi for fifth on bars. Nehro also earned fifth on beam and second on floor. Rizzi also took first on beam with a huge 9.5 and was second on vault and third AA.

Madeleine McGivney topped the podium on bars. Alex Kuras placed second on bars and fourth on beam. Ava Telgheder earned her meet high score on beam.

Reilly Costello topped the podium on floor and AA in the Senior group and was third on vault, second on beam and tied Alex Decsi for fourth on bars. Isabella Koproski soared to the vault title with 9.375 and was third on beam, fourth on floor and second AA. Chloe Sernick earned fourth on beam, sixth on floor and fifth

on vault and AA.

Avery Hanson led the first place Level 4 team, winning floor with a huge 9.675 along with vault and AA in the 8-10 group and placing fourth on bars and second on beam.

Jacquelyn Coppola was rock solid to win beam with 9.50 and was fifth on bars, third on vault and second on floor and AA. Violet Peroni vaulted to second and was fifth on floor and third on beam and AA.

Courtney Timmeny took fourth on floor, sixth on bars and fifth on all other events and AA. Taylor Davies earned sixth on vault while Lily Royce scored sixth on beam and Tanner Shanley earned her meet high score on floor.

In the 11s group, Katie Cutler took fifth on vault, sixth on bars and second on all other events and AA.

Tatum Jaroch was the beam champ with 9.3 and also sixth on vault, fourth on bars and fifth AA. Hanna Dudek earned her meet high scores on vault and bars and Kaia Woodman on floor.

In the 12 and up group, Mia Macdonald vaulted to second and placed fourth on bars and floor and fifth AA. Emma Bookless tumbled to third on floor and was fourth on beam and sixth on vault.

Sabina Molnar had four of a kind in the Level 3 age 6-8 group, winning vault, bars, floor and AA with 36.15 and placing fourth on beam. Grace Creanza swung to fourth on bars. In the 9s group, Kate Whitticom took fourth on bars, fifth on beam and sixth AA while Izzy Djiounas earned her meet high score on vault.

Carrie Coughlin scored a huge 9.7 to win vault in the 10s group and was fifth on bars, fourth on floor and third on beam and AA. Morgan Wise's top score for the meet was on vault.

Reese Barrett topped the podium on beam and AA with 36.35 in the 11s group and was fourth on bars and third on vault and floor. Elise DeGennaro placed fifth on beam and Sloane Kosowsky was fifth on floor.