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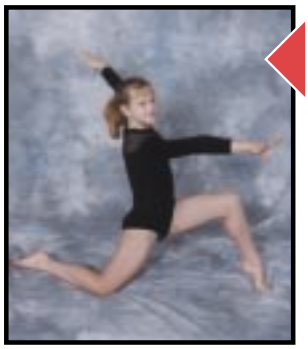

EMILY WALKER
THORNTON, COLORADO

Emily, 9, has been in the sport of gymnastics for three years. She trains at Xtreme Altitude Gymnastics in Broomfield and is coached by Irina Koriakova, Alexander Jikharevitch, and Mark Bogoger. Last season as a Level 4 she scored a 36.175 in the all-around. This season she competed one meet Level 5 and one meet Level 6 and placed first and second all-around, respectively. She's now preparing for her Level 7 season.

LAUREN-ASHLEY DEBLANC
MANDEVILLE, LOUISIANA

Lauren Ashley, 14, competed as a Level 7 last season (2001-2002) and hopes to compete Level 8 this season. She trains at Northshore Gymnastics and is coached by Brian Neal and James Guidry. She placed second at the Louisiana State meet on beam. In Level 6, she was Louisiana State Champion on bars, beam, floor, and in the all-around. She also finished second on vault.

IVANA M. HONG
LAGUNA HILLS, CA

Ivana M. Hong, 9, was the youngest National Elite at the 2002 U.S. Challenge. She ranked third all-around overall. She was first in Physical Abilities, second in compulsories, and sixth in optionals. She moved from Level 6 to national elite in less than two years. She trains at GymMax in Costa Mesa, Calif. with her coaches, Howie and Jenny Liang.

HAYLEE ROLLINS
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Haylee trains at Phoenix Gymnastics Academy and Dance. She started gymnastics when she turned 8 years old. At 10 she was a Level 5 State Champion. She competed one meet Level 6 and will compete Level 7 this year at age 12. She loves to twist and flip and her favorite event is bars. She's coached by Mike and Donna Payne.

A FEW FRIENDS
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

Gabriel Gomes from Duke City Gymnastics in New Mexico, Tayler Scharman from USA Gymnastics in Utah, and Michael Martinez from Gold Cup Gymnastics in New Mexico, toured the Royal Gorge in Colorado Springs, Colo, while on some free time from a gymnastics camp. The boys were attending the Future Stars Training camp in July 2002.

THE SBORZ SISTERS
POTTSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

The Sborz sisters—Christie, 9; Shana, 11; and Chanelle, 13—captured gold medals on the same event, uneven bars, at the Keystone State Games. The gymnasts train at Pottsville Gymnastic Training Center and are coached by twin sisters Sandy Sterner and Barbara Lonergan. This season Christie is a Level 4, Shana is a Level 6 and Chanelle is a Level 7.

ROSWELL RECREATION & PARKS GYMNASTICS CENTER
ROSWELL, GEORGIA

The Roswell Recreation and Parks Gymnastics Center, had the honor of having 24 of its talented gymnasts take first place at the Judges 500 Meet., Sept. 7-8. The proceeds from the meet went to benefit the NAWGJ (National Association of Women's Gymnastics Judges). Sheila Ragle, the Southeast Regional Juding Director, said, "The money raised from the event goes to educate and train the Georgia State Judges and to the Athlete apparel fund."

JORDAN HESS
VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Joran, 9, competed Level 5 in the spring of 2002 and never scored below a 33.50 all-around. She competed Level 6 in the fall and in her second meet of the season she placed first in every event. In the third competition she placed first in every event but vault (she placed second). Jordan begins competing as a Level 7 in January.

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