

Local gymnasts advance to regionals



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Addie Uselman, Grace Edwards, Karly Laughley

Impact Athletic Training Center's level 7 gymnastics team competed March 17-19 at The USA Gymnastics Level 7 State Championships. Every team member qualified to represent the state of Texas at the Level 7 Regional Championships next month: Cate Cooper (Fort Worth), Grace Edwards (Aledo), Karly Laughley (Aledo), Lauren Smith (Weatherford), and Addie Uselman (Aledo). Gymnasts must be top scorers in their state

to advance to regionals where they will compete against gymnasts from Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming. The Level 7 Regional Championships will take place April 13-15 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Individual Level 7 awards at the state meet went to:

Cate Cooper (Fort Worth) - sixth on beam, eighth on bars, sixth all-around

Grace Edwards (Aledo) - first on floor, second on bars, second on vault

Karly Laughley (Aledo) - fourth on beam, fourth on floor, fifth on vault, fifth on bars, fourth all-around

Lauren Smith (Weatherford) - fourth on bars

Addie Uselman (Aledo) - second on vault, third on bars, sixth on floor, fourth all-around.

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"The girls were much more composed for the Colleyville Heritage game," Pinkerton said. "They had a playoff game under their belt, and they were ready to play. We had played Boswell to three points (in the district finale) and they were ranked No. 5 in the state so we knew we could play with Heritage. "I told the girls to forget the rankings and that the game has to be played, and when a game is

played, nobody dictates the winner, you dictate it by what you do on the floor. They got out there and flat got after it.

"To get Heritage's girl (Bryn Gerlich) in foul trouble and to pull within three points was big. It was just one of those games of (scoring) spurts and runs and the next thing you know 'ole momentum jumped ship on us and landed on them. It was just one of those things. But the experience and the fact that they now have been in that kind of atmosphere speaks volumes for the future."

Pinkerton said he enjoyed the season and enjoyed working with the girls, most of whom will return next season.

"One word I would use to describe this season is success - we had a lot of success this year," he said. "It was a learning experience throughout the season due to the youth of the team, and this team gained a lot of experience. Add the leadership by the seniors and it was a good blend. But we will have these girls coming back with a year of varsity experience under their belt, and I really think the future is bright."

Sip-N-Shop at The Clothes Closet



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Zoe Cooley was among the patrons who turned out for the Sip-N-Shop at The Clothes Closet. Proceeds from the shop, run by the Aledo Children's Advocats, go to benefit Aledo ISD students in need.



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Daisy Hohman checks out the new arrivals for spring.

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