

Texas East Gymnastics Takes on the Tiger Classic

The optional gymnastics team from Texas East Gymnastics traveled to Austin this weekend to compete in the opening meet of their season. The draw of this competition was live tigers. The host gym brought in live tigers from an Oklahoma zoo and the winning All Around gymnasts had the special opportunity to pet and play with the tiger cubs.

Being the first meet of the season for TEG, Coach Parsley held reasonable goals for each girl. "In the gymnastics world you don't want to begin your season in tip top shape, the competitions will span for a total of 5 months so it is more realistic to think of the gymnastics season in terms of running a marathon as opposed to running the 200 meter dash," said Coach Parsley. Parsley went on to say, "the whole team had some hi-lights and showed areas they still need to work on, it is amazing how a little bit of pressure can really shine the light on which gymnasts have which skills in their command and which are still slightly out of reach! It is a good measurement for me the coach to set the next weeks of workout by."

TEG added three new gymnasts to its Optional team this season, two Level 7 gymnasts; Claire Bradshaw of Nacogdoches and Nadia Sukiennik of Tyler as well as a Level 10, Emily McLemore of Nacogdoches. All three of these girls are very fine additions to the TEG family and will be quite beneficial to team scores in the bigger meets. They all did very well at keeping a tight mind when necessary and keeping perspective too. Coach Parsley is counting on these girls to continue improving and to be an integral in team standings.

The next scheduled competition for TEG is the Denver Winterfest.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	LEVEL	AGE	VAULT	PL	BARS	PL	BEAM	PL	FLOOR	PL	A.A.	PL
SUKIENNIK	NADIA	7	JR A	9.300	8	8.600	8	8.950	7	9.300	7	36.150	5
BRADSHAW	CLAIRE	7	JR A	9.000	15	8.500	11	8.900	8	9.000	8	35.400	9
ABANTO	DANICA	8	JR A	8.350	11	9.200	4	8.400	11	9.400	4	35.350	8
SHAFFER	SARAH	9	JR A	9.350	4	9.575	2	9.050	6	8.275	14	36.250	8
HILL	KORTLYN	9	JR A	9.250	10	8.475	12	8.800	8	9.350	8	35.875	9
MARADIAGA	SAVANNA	9	JR B	9.300	6	9.200	1	8.350	11	7.250	16	34.100	13
ROGERS	ANGELA	9	SR A	9.650	3	8.750	2	7.450	13	8.900	5	34.750	3
DUKES	SIDNEY	10	JR A	9.275	8	8.500	9	8.725	10	9.475	2	35.975	6
WATSON	DREW	10	JR A	9.225	9	8.000	11	8.125	14	9.175	7	34.525	12
MCLEMORE	EMILY	10	JR B	9.125	7	9.150	4	8.650	7	8.850	7	35.775	4
RICKMAN	EMILY	10	JR B	9.350	4	8.075	7	8.125	8	8.400	9	33.950	7