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Tiner Shines in Coeur d'Alene

This past weekend, seven gymnasts from Kelowna traveled to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, USA to compete at the Great West Gym Fest. This is the athletes first time travelling to this competition. The girls came home from the USA trip with impressive results.

The top placing athlete was Sugar Tiner, 14, who finished with a gold medal on the vault in her age division. She also finished with a third place on the uneven bars and floor exercise in her respectable division. She finished with a third all around. Tiner also finished in first place on vault in her session, regardless of ages and proceeded to qualify for the vault event finals. After competing later in the competition for finals Tiner pulled ahead once again to claim the overall first place finish on the vault.

Miranda Pineau, 13, finished with two first place finishes in her age division, winning the vault and the balance beam. She finished with a fourth all around.

Meghan Fehr, 16, competed in the 15+ age division and finished with a third place on the uneven bars and balance beam. Teammate Kelly Atamanchuk, 15, also competed in the same category and finished with a silver on the vault.

Makinli Handley, 11, and Adele Lefevre, 10, both competed in the 11 and under age division and also both brought home some medals. Handley finished with a silver medal on the vault and on balance beam while teammate Lefevre finished with a bronze medal on the balance beam.

Alison Watters, 12, finished with a fifth place on balance beam in her age division.

Traveling and competing in the USA is a new challenge for these athletes as there is an entirely different code of points.

At the beginning of February, Adele Lefevre competed in Coquitlam, BC, in the second of two trials for a Pre-Novice Elite team to travel to the Gymnix International Competition held in Montreal, Quebec. Lefevre finished with a third in the overall standings after two trials which qualified her for Team BC to travel to this prestigious competition. Lefevre and her coach Sergei Chelest will be travelling to Montreal on Wednesday, March 4th, to begin to prepare for this upcoming event.

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