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HUDSONVILLE ATHLETE WINS GOLD IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Briana Hogan becomes National Champion at 14 years old.

(Grand Rapids, MI – May 15, 2008) Three girls from the U.S. Airborne Gymnastics team qualified to compete in the USA Gymnastics Level 9 National Championships that took place in Dayton, OH over the weekend of May 9-11, 2008. Rachel Haines (13 years old) from Greenville, Hannah Grow (14 years old) from Forest Hills and Briana Hogan (14 years old) from Hudsonville all competed for the hopes of bringing home a first place medal. Of the three that competed, Briana Hogan from Hudsonville won Gold on the Balance Beam portion of the National competition.

Notable scores from the competition are as follows:

Briana Hogan: Balance Beam – 9.4 (National Champion)

Bars – 9.4 (4th Place Overall)

All Around – 36.825 (7th Place Overall)

Hannah Grow: Uneven Parallel Bars – 9.3 (7th Place Overall)

All Around – 36.300 (11th Place Overall)

Rachel Haines: Did not finish due to illness

In 2007, the U.S. Airborne gymnasts were awarded a National Championship at level 9 in the Women's all-around; first place at the Boy's level 5 State Championships and a TOPS National Qualifier. Many of the U.S. Airborne athletes have received numerous awards and accomplishments including several full ride athletic scholarships to the University of Maryland, Western Michigan University and Michigan State University.

About U.S. Airborne Gymnastics

For more information on U.S. Airborne Gymnastics or to contact the athletes mentioned above please call coach Shelly Robinson at 616-648-6665 (cell) or 616-975-2992 (gym).

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