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The YMCA of Darke County Level 4 and 5 competitive gymnastics teams recently traveled to Kettering, Ohio to compete in their first meet of the season. Six other YMCA teams and over 120 Level 4 and 5 gymnasts participated in the event.

Nine gymnasts from the Level 4 Darke County team competed, with 6 girls marking this as their first experience with competition.

Veteran gymnast Tessa Schatz took home 1st in the All Around competition with a score of 34.35. She received 1st in uneven bars, 1st on floor exercise with a 9.0 and 2nd on vault with a 9.10. Kari Kueterman was pleased with 2nd place in the All-Around competition, boasting a score of 33.0, and took 3rd place on bars, vault and beam.

Rookie Madison Myers also took home a 2nd place in All-Around competition with a score of 33.45, 1st place on vault with a 9.30, 1st place on floor exercise with 8.40 and 3rd on balance beam.

Bryanna Diceanu and Jenna Frantz did well in their first competition with a 2nd place tie on vault with scores of 8.80. Frantz also received 3rd on floor with an 8.40 and Diceanu received 5th All-Around with a 32.775.

Taylor Ward scored an 8.55 in her first vault competition, while Yvonne Barga took 3rd in the event with an 8.70. Ashley Jolley took home 3rd place on uneven bars while Amber Aultman placed 6th in the event.

Seven gymnasts represented Darke County at Level 5, with several placing in their respective age divisions. On vault, Jordan Stickley earned an 8.0, Danielle Smith an 8.20 and Madison Schaar placed 2nd with an 8.60. Schaar also placed 2nd on floor exercise with a score of 8.7 and 3rd in the All Around competition with a score of 31.575.

Morgan Bingham placed 2nd on balance beam and boasted the team's highest mark with an 8.55.

The YMCA of Darke County offers a pre-team class on Monday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30 for those interested in training for the 2008-2009 competitive season. Recreational gymnastics are also offered for ages 18 months through high school.

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Picture captions:

Level 4 Team, front to back:

Ashley Jolley, Amber Aultman, Jenna Frantz, Taylor Ward, Kari Kueterman, Tessa Schatz, Bryanna Diceanu, Yvonne Barga & Madison Myers. Coaches: Jessica Pothast and Brittani Groff.

Level 5 Team, clockwise from front right:

Jordan Stickley, Meg Rehmert, Madison Schaar, Karina Bridenbaugh, Morgan Booher, Morgan Bingham & Danielle Smith.