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ONE STEP CLOSER TO OLYMPICS FOR LOCAL GYMNASTS

Sarah Finnegan, Brenna Dowell and Maddie Desch just returned from the Visa US Gymnastics Championships in Minneapolis, Minnesota as members of the USA Junior National Team. Finnegan, Lake Lotawana, MO, received the bronze medal in the All-Around and the balance beam competition, placed fifth on the uneven bars and 9th on vault. Dowell, Odessa, MO, finished in sixth in the All-Around and on the uneven bars, placed 5th on vault and 8th on floor. Sarah and Brenna are returning members to the Jr. National Team. Desch, Lenexa, KS, new to the National team this year, placed 5th on floor and 7th on vault,

As part of the USA National Team, each of these gymnasts will regularly attend training camps held at the National Training Center in Houston, Texas and will have opportunities to be selected to represent the USA at international competitions.

The Dragon team trains at the Gage Center in Blue Springs, MO under the direction of Al Fong and Armine Barutyan-Fong.

