



Aerial Tumbling and AcroGymnastics brings home gold at the inaugural Pat Wade Classic International competition in Stoke-on-Trent, Great Britain

Five athletes from Aerial Tumbling and AcroGymnastics, San Jose, Calif., flew to Manchester, England to compete at the first ever Pat Wade Classic International competition.

6 countries and 260 athletes participated in this event. Countries represented were Great Britain, Australia, Belgium, France, Russia and USA.

ATA's men's pair, Bryan Allen and Brennan Atsatt earned gold with solid, impressive routines. The boys opened up with their balance routine. Newly choreographed by Arthur Davis, their performance was dramatic and the skills were solid, earning a 27.340. Later in the first day, they performed a strong dynamic routine, earning 27.380. The final day all athletes that qualified to final competition performed their combined routines. The competition was very tight, but the boys pulled ahead, winning the gold with a score of 26.730!

Their coach, Alayna Davis said, "I was really proud of how our athletes performed under pressure." We went with the intention to hit 6 out of 6 routines and that's what we did. It was just an awesome feeling to reach that goal and great to see our athletes on the podium."

When asking the boys about what they enjoyed most about their experience they loved the camaraderie with athletes from all over the world and other parts of the US. When asked about the highlights, the boys said, "We loved winning" and "it was really great getting tips from other high level coaches"

Also competing for club ATA was a 12-18 age group trio. Shannon Kennedy, Kaitlyn Kennedy and Kendall Tarvin had strong, confident routines. Having now competed together for the second season they felt even more equipped and prepared this second time around in the international arena. In May, the girls represented Team USA in Bulgaria and later silver medaled at the 2013 Acrobatic Gymnastics National Championships in Louisville, KY. We are very proud of their performances. In a large field of a dozen competitors, the girls were able to finish in the top 8 the first day earning the right to go to finals. After the final routines, the girls placed 6th.

"All of us from home were rooting for our trio and pair! It was a special treat to see all the competitors perform their routines on Livestream and get the results real time through BG Score! It was the next best thing to being there!" said Nancy Davis, ATA's Acrobatic Team Manager.

Acrobatic Gymnastics is a combination of powerful partner skills that include both static and flight elements that show the athletes strength, agility and flexibility. Competitive performances are choreographed to music and take place on an Olympic spring floor. They also include tumbling and superior artistic dance. The sport consists of five events: women's pairs, men's pairs, mixed pairs, women's groups and men's groups. Acrobatic Gymnastics is a discipline of gymnastics supported by USA Gymnastics.

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