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*THE LAST MONTH OF THE SEASON, 2 MORE WINS
OVER ASU, POST-SEASON QUALIFICATION #27 AND
AUBREE MAKES HISTORY*

Dear Friends, Alumni & Boosters,

March 2 16-1. That was our record against ASU for the last 6 years. If I weren't such a stress addict it might make a person feel at ease for our first meet of March. But you all know me better than that. Our annual competition with ASU has taken on even more significance in the past few years with the addition of the Territorial Cup competition between the 2 schools. Add the fact that this is the first year of the Pac-12 Networks contract and the meet was going to broadcast LIVE from McKale Center. And add to that the fact this year has been so injury filled that we haven't had our strongest line-up for a single meet once. And finally add in the fact that we were coming off a sub-par performance in Corvallis. With all that, I think I did pretty well with the stress! Honestly, the team was pretty focused. As much as we enjoy owning Arizona (as we call it), we had other just as important details we needed to take care of with this meet. No, the injury situation wasn't any better but it was now March and time waits for no man, or gymnastics team for that matter. With the addition of live television, there were some nuances to this meet that we and the fans had to deal with. First, TV was going to control the pace of the meet so there would be a bit of dead time during the meet. Also, no exhibitions were allowed on any event to clean up the telecast. We still planned to warm-up a back-up on every event but we just had to go with the primary 6 this meet.

We had a vault competition in the gym the day before the meet just to decide on the top 7 for this meet. Vault is the only event where we have a lot of athletes capable of scoring big. We just have to figure out who is on that day and go with them. So after warm-up, the vault line-up became: Shana, Danielle, Amber, Kristin, Shelby, and Aubree. After a TV hold, Shana started off this rivalry meet with a stellar effort and a 9.8. Danielle then equaled that effort with our second 9.8. Things were starting off pretty well. Then Amber, Kristin, and Shelby all hit 9.85 vaults, one after another. This was a great start to the meet. We had a 49 before Aubree even performed. Aubree then added the icing as she nailed her vault for a 9.925. For our first event we had

scored a 49.275, one of our highest events in a while. When you have to drop a 9.8, things are pretty good. We took the initial lead in the meet by .45 over ASU

We rotated to bars with the same line-up as last week: Allie, Lexi, Jordan, Aubree, Danielle, and Shana. Allie started us off great once again with a nice set and a 9.825. Lexi was up next but faltered half-way thru her routine. She finished up but all of the cover up cost her and her score was a 9.275. Jordan got us back on track as she hit a very nice routine for a 9.775. Aubree then saluted for her routine and received a 9.725. Danielle then stepped up and hit for our second 9.775. It had been a bit of a rough bar rotation so far. Shana was up last to salute for only her 4th collegiate bar routine. She did an admirable job and scored a 9.675. She had saved us 4 tenths and our final event score was a 48.775. During the rotation, ASU had hit their vaults and as we rotated at the half-way point, our lead had shrunk to .325 but we still had the lead at 98.05.

We still had multiple people injured and not ready but we still had a quality group of beam workers. This meets line-up would be: Allie, Jessie, Lexi, Amber, Shelby, and Aubree. Allie was really ready to get back in the line-up and she delivered with a 9.825 opening score. Jessie was up next and stayed on but a number of balance checks resulted in her score of a 9.575. Lexi was focused after her bar mishap. She attacked her routine and scored a new personal high of 9.875. Amber then stepped up and quickly put to rest last week's rough time as she hit a great routine for a 9.825 and her own new high score. Shelby then stepped up and made it three in a row for a new personal high score and our second 9.875. Aubree was our final routine and it a good routine that had a major wobble in it for a 9.775. Overall a very good beam rotation for us and our high for the season with a 49.175. The team was pumped and focused as we quickly mentally prepared to finish on floor. ASU had been successful on floor but our beam had outscored them. We had edged out a little larger lead of .525 at a 147.225.

Now in most cases, I will take a lead and our floor team against almost anyone's beam team. I knew ASU had been scoring well on beam this season but we were ranked #9 on floor. Our line-up would be: Allie, Shana, Amber, Jessie, Kristin, and Aubree and it looked to be exciting finish. Beam salutes first and the first ASU competitor went and fell. Interesting, I thought. Allie stepped up with a big smile and performed like a star as she hit a 9.85 to start us off. Honestly, at this point, I believed the competition was clinched in our favor. I just have a lot of faith in the floor squad. The second ASU athlete goes – fall. Shana salutes for us – big hit for another 9.85. Now I start talking to the team. “Forget the competition, it is done, we need the score.” Amber then steps up and hits her 3rd routine of the meet for a 9.75. Jessie was up next and continued her remarkable floor work as she nailed for a 9.925. Kristin then stepped up and hit a pretty good routine but over rotated her last pass and stepped out-of-bounds which resulted in a score of 9.65. Aubree then finished our meet with a near-perfect routine and a 9.9. ASU continued to meltdown on beam and in the end it wasn't even close. Our event score of 49.275 helped us to a new season high of 196.5 to ASU's 193.85.

It was a great meet for it satisfied the team needs I mentioned initially. It was great to beat our in-state rival, earn a point for the territorial cup and reaffirm that we “own” Arizona. The meet was also the first time all season that we felt that we put out a good effort on all four events. Individually, we had a

lot of athletes set new highs either for the season or their career. Individually, Aubree won both the All-Around and Vault. Both Lexi and Shelby shared the Beam title while Jessie took the Floor crown. It was nice to get back on track and the score will certainly help in the rankings as we position ourselves for the post-season. I hope you had a chance to see the telecast, it was good. And

oh yah... **17-1!**

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
Danielle	9.8	9.775			
Aubree	9.925	9.725	9.775	9.9	39.325
Shelby	9.85		9.875		
Allie		9.825	9.825	9.85	
Kristin	9.85			9.65	
Lexi		9.275	9.875		
Shana	9.8	9.675		9.85	
Jessie			9.575	9.925	
Jordan		9.775			
Amber	9.85		9.825	9.75	

March 8 Our second meet of the month had us heading to the Midwest and the University of Oklahoma. We hadn't been back there in 11 years and we were looking to keep up the momentum that we had produced with the ASU victory. It was a standard dual meet and it was also being telecast live just like the ASU meet. We were a bit healthier as Molly was back and able to compete on a couple of events. Overall, things were slowly getting a little better and it was coming at a good time. Oklahoma was ranked #2 at the time of the meet and it was shaping up to be a good meet.

We started out on bars and we had a new line-up to compete: Danielle, Lexi, Jordan, Molly, Aubree, and Allie. Danielle has been doing a great job all season finishing up our bars, many times when we absolutely had to have it. Now I wanted her to start us off with a great routine. She didn't let me down. One hit and a 9.775 to start us off. Lexi was up next but just as in Chicago, she slipped off the bar on her mount. Another fall on her dismount left her with an 8.775. Now the pressure was on as we didn't want to start the meet by counting a fall within the first 10 minutes! Jordan was up next and really got it back together for the team with a hit and a 9.85. Then Molly returned with a great set and another 9.85. Aubree hit her best set in a few weeks with a 9.875 and then Allie brought it home with our third 9.85. It was a tad stressful but a 49.2 event score had the team fired up.

Our vault line-up was the same as last week: Shana, Danielle, Amber, Kristin, Shelby, and Aubree. Shana led off but had a problem trying to stick her landing. She still received a 9.7 but we knew we needed to get better. Danielle then saluted and hit a very nice effort for her a new personal high of

9.825. Amber then nailed for a second 9.825 followed by Kristin for the triplet 9.825. Things were going well but still could be better. Shelby delivered that “better” with a personal high herself, a 9.875 on a great effort. Aubree was our final vault for the meet. She had a bit too much rotation which resulted in a number of steps and a 9.775. None the less, it was a pretty decent rotation for a 49.125. We wish we had a couple of vaults back but no time to look backward; we were off to floor with a 98.325 at the turn.

The floor line-up was also the same as at the ASU meet: Allie, Shana, Amber, Jessie, Kristin, and Aubree. It would be great if they could perform as they did against ASU. Allie had a good routine going except for a slight error on her last pass; her score was a 9.70 with one start value at 9.9. I didn’t really agree and immediately decided to inquire the score. Meanwhile, Shana had a good routine except she stepped out-of-bounds as she prepared for her last pass. That was a painful .1 and her score was a second 9.7. Amber was up and had a little difficulty with her first pass. She finished well but her score was a 9.65. This was definitely not going as planned. Now Jessie had been on a roll but this night really struggled during warm-up. But when it came time for the meet, she was once again more than up to the challenge. A great routine and a 9.85 felt a little better. Kristin then stepped up for what is becoming a favorite of GymCat nation. Her floor routine was excellent and she received a 9.9. Aubree was our final set and performed extremely well herself for a 9.875. It was a 49.025 the hard way. Three good routines and three we wished we had back. I received the inquiry back from the meet referee and couldn’t believe my eyes. I was told that Allie had not performed a skill that I was sure we had. I grabbed our video camera that we use to record every routine. After looking at Allie’s passes, I decided that I would put in for a video review, something that is very rare. (This was only my second time ever) But for now, we had a 49.025 and a 147.0 as we marched to our last event.

After two events that we left something behind, the pressure was on the beam team to try and get some of those points back. The beam line-up for this meet was changed from our last meet: Allie, Lexi, Amber, Shelby, Aubree, and Molly. Allie did a fine job starting us off with a 9.75. Lexi also had a good routine but one balance check, breaking her leap series, cost her and she received a 9.6. Amber then was up and hit a good set for a 9.8. Shelby followed that up with her another good routine and a 9.825. Aubree then had a few balance checks but held it together for a 9.75. So far, it hadn’t been the beam rotation we had hoped for but if Molly performed well, we could salvage it. Unfortunately, Molly didn’t have a good routine. Her score of 9.525 was the low of the rotation and our event score was also a low for the meet of 48.725. Our final unofficial team score was announced as 196.075.

At the end of our beam rotation I submitted our video review. I knew it would be awarded and after the awards ceremony I receive my confirmation. Allie’s floor score was raised to 9.75 and our final team score was a 196.125. It may only be .05 but it was the principal of the thing. Also, you never know when you are going to need those tenths. It was a pretty good team score but it was once again a bit empty knowing we had a number of routines that didn’t go as planned. We would have to buckle down when we returned to Tucson to get ready for the final home meet of the season where we honor our seniors – Aubree and Molly.

	Bars	Vault	Floor	Beam	All-Around
Danielle	9.775	9.825			
Aubree	9.875	9.775	9.875	9.75	39.275
Shelby		9.875		9.825	
Allie	9.85		9.75	9.75	
Kristin		9.825	9.9		
Lexi	8.775			9.6	
Molly	9.85			9.525	
Shana		9.7	9.7		
Jessie			9.85		
Jordan	9.85				
Amber		9.825	9.65	9.8	

March 16 Our last home meet of the year welcomed the Tigers from Missouri to McKale center. Missouri used to be one of those teams that we competed against every year in the 80's & 90's when there was far more flexibility in scheduling. But those days are gone and it was going to be good renewing an old rivalry. Because it was our last dual meet format of the season, I also decided to put out more exhibition routines than usual to help prepare us for the post-season. But of primary importance, this meet was special as it was the meet where we would honor both of our seniors, Aubree and Molly.

For our vault line-up, we decided to go with Shana, Danielle, Amber, Kristin, Shelby, and Aubree with Barbara in exhibition. Shana got us off to a good start with a 9.775. Danielle then nearly stuck her vault for a 9.8 keeping her 9.8 streak alive. Amber and Kristin then both hit for two more 9.775's. Shelby then really hit a big vault and was awarded a 9.875, the second one in two weeks. Aubree then hit a huge vault for another well-deserved 9.875. Barbara then made return to vault with a good effort and a 9.725. It was a solid start for the team. Our event score was a 49.1 and we had an early lead of .475 over Missouri.

Shelby has been working very hard since injuring her elbow in December. She is making a big contribution on vault and beam already but just this week, she started hitting bar routines. Since this was the last opportunity of the season to see extra routines, I decided to put her out there with the other usual bar workers. The line-up would be: Danielle, Lexi, Jordan, Molly, Aubree, and Allie with both Shelby and Shana performing exhibition. Danielle did a fantastic job keeping our momentum from vault as she started us out with a big 9.8 in the first slot. We had changed Lexi's routine after last week's fall to reduce risk and make her a little more comfortable. It must have worked as she hit a nice routine in a meet for the first time in weeks and a 9.75 from the judges. Jordan unfortunately had a fall on her Jaeger and scored only a 9.25. The pressure was now on for the team. Molly has been dealing with her wrist recovery not going as smoothly as hoped

but was able to deal with it when we needed her to. She hit a very good routine for get us back on track for a 9.825. Aubree then hit her set for a big 9.875. Just one routine to go to avoid counting a fall. Allie then hit her best routine of the season for a new personal high of 9.9. It was a great way to finish out the official line-up. But we weren't done yet. Shelby was up next for the first bar routine of her collegiate career. Better late than never. She did a good job considering a little case of the nerves. She hit her routine and scored a 9.725. Our final routine was from Shana who is definitely getting better and more comfortable with bars. Her score for her routine was a 9.7. The team was excited that we had avoided the fall and counted 5 really decent routines. Our event score was a 49.15 with a running score of 98.25. We had extended our lead to .775 at the halfway point.

We had the same beam team as last week but with the addition of two exhibition routines: Allie, Lexi, Amber, Shelby, Aubree, and Molly followed by Jessie and Jordan. Allie was solid getting us off with a hit and a 9.7. Lexi then had a few close moments but stayed one herself for a 9.7 which I inquired up to a 9.75 later. Amber had two significant checks and scored a 9.75. Shelby also had a nice routine and scored a 9.775. It seemed like we had a theme going. Aubree up next, significant break on her front combo but stayed on for a 9.8. We had not had a fall but no one had really hit well. No one until Molly that is. She saved her best of this year for her senior meet and nailed a set for a 9.875. It was a great way to keep the meet going. Up next was Jessie. After a great week of practice, unfortunately it wasn't to be in the meet. A fall on her series and scored a 9.275. Jordan had also looked good in the gym but also had a fall. Her score was a 9.3. Even though the two exhibitions had fallen, the overall beam was good. Our event score was 48.95 and our running total was 147.2. Our lead had shrunk just a bit to .7 as we rotated to our last event.

We had a pretty good score going but we couldn't afford to let up now. The floor line-up was the same as last week: Allie, Shana, Amber, Jessie, Kristin, and Aubree with Barbara performing in the 7th spot. Allie did another great lead-off routine and started us off with a big 9.85. Shana then had a very good routine going but fell on her last pass. Something none of us had seen in the past two seasons. Her score was a 9.0. Now again the pressure was on to not let this meet get away. Amber had just reworked her routine and this was going to be a very important first run. It worked out very well for her and us as she hit a great set for our second 9.85. Jessie then came up and hit yet another great routine for a 9.9. Kristin overcame a rough warm-up to also hit a great routine and another 9.9. Aubree was up next and had to fight back emotions as she saluted to begin. It didn't seem to bother her much though as she hit one of her best of the season for a 9.925. She couldn't contain her emotions as she was congratulated by her teammates. Barbara was our final routine of the meet and she also hit and scored a 9.625 for her set. It was a great floor rotation for a 49.425. Our final team score was a season high 196.625 with Missouri finishing with a 195.45.

It was a good meet for the team and a great way for our senior's last meet in McKale Center. We had hit 22-for-24 and had good execution throughout the meet. Individually Allie won Bars, Molly won Beam, and Aubree won both Floor and the All-Around. All three of them had season highs. This was a great way to send our home fans into the off-season but we had some more competing to do. We will head back to Oregon next week for the Pac-12 Championships. After that, we will know where our post-season future is

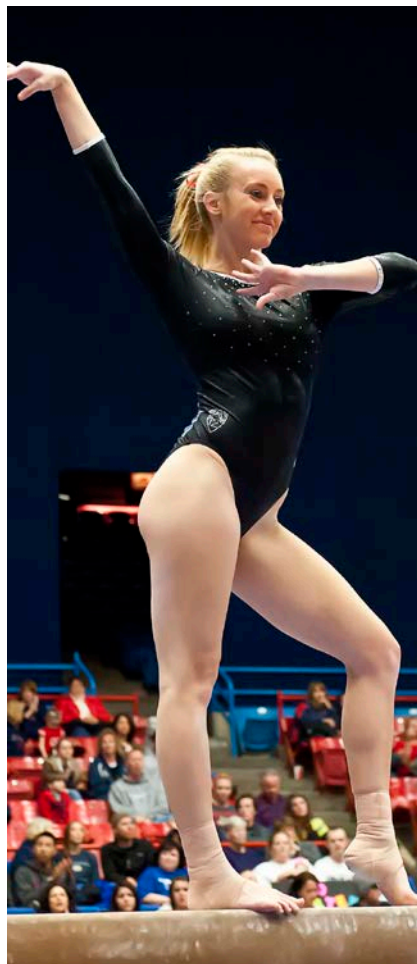
headed. After the meet we took the opportunity to honor our seniors Aubree & Molly for their fans. Here are the words that backed their videos:

“Even though it is easy to just lump both of our seniors together. They grew up together, competing for the same club in Albany, NY. They went on family vacations together and although they did not commit to Arizona together, it was close. Since their arrival, they have been scoring workhorses, delivering well over three thousand points and solid members of the line-up for all four seasons. I have known both of them close to 6 years and I am very happy that they have made an impact and will be always a big part of the GymCat family. So even though they are often referred to together, they are definite individuals and I would like to honor both of them for you today. Both of these athletes will leave big shoes to fill and I would like to personally thank them on behalf of the coaching staff, this team and their former teammates, and selfishly myself for coming 3000 miles from home to complete their gymnastics careers and becoming a permanent part of GymCat history.



Aubree Cristello comes from Glenville, NY and has had arguably one of the best careers of any Arizona gymnast. Aubree has been in the line-up, in all four events, since her arrival on campus. Her durability, work ethic, combined with amazing gymnastics has resulted in storied career. As of today's meet, Aubree has competed 193 routines for the team, 103 9.8 routines, 16 9.9 routines and only falling 9 times thru four years. Over 95% hit percentage over 193 routines! Because of this she has amassed an amazing 1883.375 total points to date making her the second most prolific scorer in school history and also has 46 individual event titles. Her high scores are vault-9.95, bars-9.875, beam-9.9, floor-9.95 and AA-39.475. With all of this she has been honored many times. Aubree has been named Conference gymnast of the week in both 2011 & 2012 and has been named 1st Team All-Conference in the AA for all of her first three years here at Arizona. When you think of the amazing athletes in the Pac-12, you realize how special that is. Aubree has a chance to make it 4 in a row this year and if doing so would accomplish something no other Arizona gymnast has ever done – 1st Team All-Conference every year of her career. Outside of her athletics, Aubree is also very dedicated and has had an impact on the

program. Aubree is a member of the Peer-Athletic-Leaders and is the gymnastics representative to the Student-Athlete-Advisory-Board. Aubree spearheads the team community service efforts and was a Scholastic All-American last year and is enrolled in the prestigious Eller School of Business. Her major is Marketing and she is working towards a career in Athletics marketing. Please welcome Aubree Cristello and her parents John & Teresa Cristello and her grandmother Toni Renna.



Molly Quirk comes from Glenmont, NY and has also had a great career as an Arizona gymnast. Molly was also put in all-around line-up from her first meet of her freshman year. Due to injury, Molly had to really step up before she even knew what was happening. She had one fall that meet, going 3-for-4. After that, Molly went 48-for-48 in the next 12 meets to finish her freshman year a remarkable 51-for-52. She was named 1st Team All-Conference that year for her exceptional efforts. Molly competed in the all-around for her sophomore and junior seasons, being named 2nd Team All-Conference in the AA last season. This year, injury has limited her role to 3 events but she has still been a primary scorer for the team. In fact she was just 3 weeks out of wrist surgery to return to the line-up last week. For all of her work, Molly has amassed 1620.65 career points and has 12 individual event titles. She has 49 9.8 routines and 3 9.9 routines. Her high scores are vault-9.85, bars-9.875, beam-9.9, floor-9.9 and AA-39.2. Molly has also earned her place in the gymnastics HOF. Molly is an excellent student, majoring in Molecular & Cellular Biology. She plans on a career in scientific research. Please welcome Molly Quirk and her parents John & Patty Quirk.”

	Vault	Bars	Beam	Floor	All-Around
Danielle	9.8	9.8			
Aubree	9.875	9.875	9.8	9.925	39.475
Barbara	9.725			9.625	
Shelby	9.875	9.725	9.775		
Allie		9.9	9.7	9.85	
Kristin	9.775			9.9	
Lexi		9.75	9.75		
Molly		9.825	9.875		
Shana	9.775	9.7		9.0	
Jessie			9.275	9.9	
Jordan		9.25	9.3		
Amber	9.775		9.75	9.85	

March 23

Our final meet of the season was the annual conference championship. This year the meet was hosted by Oregon St. We were in the afternoon session with Washington, Cal, and ASU. We were the top seed in our session but that really didn't matter much in a year where every team in the conference was good enough to qualify to the post season. We wouldn't be able to use the same line-up as last week as Molly was again out with her injury. That would put a question in a couple of events but the team was confident that whatever line-up was out there, they would prevail. This would be another first for the Pac-12 in meet format. The meet would be telecast live and the plan was to show every routine. So every athlete would perform alone with the order of UB-BB-FX-V. We had no idea how it would work, but it was worth a try.

We started on floor and the line-up would be: Allie, Shana, Amber, Jessie, Kristin, and Aubree. The team was pumped but that would hurt us initially. Allie saluted and was a little over aggressive on her first pass causing her to step out-of-bounds. The rest of the routine was good, not great and our first score of the meet was a 9.5. Shana was up next and had similar problems with her set for a 9.575. This definitely was not the start we were hoping for. Amber had a better time with her set which she hit well for a 9.75. Jessie then was up and hit her routine for another 9.75. It was rough going so far. Kristin then was up and broke over the 9.8 threshold for a 9.825 on a nice set. Last up was Aubree and finally we had a routine that we were anticipating. She hit a great routine for a 9.9. It was a rough first rotation for a 48.8. At the start of any big meet, you have to come out great just to be good, if that makes any sense. We didn't and it cost us as we sat in third place out of four. We didn't hang our head though; there was a lot of meet left. We rotated to vault to try and get back some points.

The vault line-up for this meet was: Shana, Danielle, Amber, Kristin, Shelby, and Aubree. But it almost wasn't as Danielle took a pretty big crash in one touch. She shook it off and we got ready to vault. Shana brushed off her rough start to the meet to come back with a solid vault and a 9.75. You would never know that Danielle sprained her ankle as she nailed a great vault for a 9.825. Amber then hit a good vault for a 9.775. Then both Kristin and Shelby hit great vaults for a pair of 9.85's. Aubree was up last again and again put forth a superb 9.9 effort. It was a very good vault rotation at 49.2. It definitely felt like we were back on track as we were still in third but only by .025.

As I mentioned before, Molly was not going to be able to go for this meet. This meant that Shelby would be called into action only weeks after starting bar routines. It has been one heck of a year with the bar depth and this was just another challenge in front of us. So this meet's line-up would be: Danielle, Lexi, Shelby, Aubree, Allie, and Jordan. Danielle had not missed all year but it would end on this day as she missed her first bar routine of the year and we started out with a 9.2. The pressure was now on. It went bad quickly as Lexi missed her release and fell. She remounted to finish and score a 9.225. We were now counting a fall and we still had four routines to go. Shelby was now up for her first official bar set of her collegiate career and it would be under a lot of pressure. She rose to the challenge and hit a great routine for our first hit and a 9.8. Aubree then saluted and hit her routine for a 9.775. Allie then stepped up and hit her set for a 9.8. Jordan was up last and she did a great job hitting her set for a team high 9.85. Although the last four athletes did a great job, it was simply not a good rotation and not what we needed. Our event

total with the fall was a 48.45. We were somehow in second but a long way behind. We just had to try and do great beam and see what would happen.

The revised line-up for this meet on beam would be: Allie, Lexi, Amber, Shelby, Aubree, and Jordan. Allie did a great job starting us off with a hit and a 9.75. Lexi then made up for her bar mishap as she hit her set for a 9.775. Amber then really had a great routine for a 9.85 with a step on her dismount. Shelby then kept up her great meet with another hit routine and a 9.8. Aubree followed and hit her set for a 9.85. This was more like it. Five for five and there was still one routine to go. Jordan finished off a great event for us with our sixth hit and a 9.8. It was our best beam of the season for a 49.075. It was a good effort but we fell short of winning our session by .35. The fall really cost us and along with our floor, we left a lot out there.

Overall a 195.525 for a not very good meet. Honestly, we should have won our session by a sizeable margin but we have no one to blame but ourselves. Individually, Aubree had a good meet with a 39.425 AA and placing 5th overall. Shelby had a great meet with 3 events at 9.8+. Jordan and Kristin both also had a great meet with 2 events at 9.8+. Amber also had a solid meet finishing off with that excellent beam routine. The last 10 routines were very good but the falls and the less than expected floor are things we will take back to Tucson and work on diligently for the NCAA Regional.

	Floor	Vault	Bars	Beam	All-Around
Danielle		9.825	9.2		
Aubree	9.9	9.9	9.775	9.85	39.425
Shelby		9.85	9.8	9.8	
Allie	9.5		9.8	9.75	
Kristin	9.825	9.85			
Lexi			9.225	9.775	
Shana	9.575	9.75			
Jessie	9.75				
Jordan			9.85	9.8	
Amber	9.75	9.775		9.85	

NCAA We finished the regular season ranked #18. On the Monday after we returned from the conference meet, it was announced that we had qualified to the NCAA Regional Championships and therefore the post-season for a 27th consecutive year! We are proud of this and plan to do everything in our power to represent Arizona to the best of our abilities. We have been placed in the Columbus Regional as the #3 seed. Joining us will be UCLA (#1), LSU (#2), Ohio St. (#4), Central Michigan (#5), and North Carolina St. (#6). It should be a great meet and will be held on the campus of Ohio St. University on April 6 at 6:00 PM. If you are close, we hope you can come out and cheer on the team!

Early Season Honors On the Wednesday after we returned from the Pac-12 Conference meet, it was announced that Aubree had been named to the All-Conference 1st Team in the All-Around. This is a great honor and we are very proud of Aubree. What makes this very, very special is that Aubree has been named 1st Team All-Conference every year of her collegiate career – four in a row! She is the first gymnast in the history of Arizona Gymnastics to ever accomplish this feat. Amazing. And to add to that, she is only the eighth **ATHLETE** from any sport at the University of Arizona to accomplish this feat ever. Way to go Aubree!

Alumni Sightings **Mary (Reiss) Farias, Jamie (Duce) Quintero, Deanna Graham, and Danyra Varela** were all in the stands cheering the team during the ASU meet. **Karin Wurm, Melanie Weiser and Alexis Kelley** all made the effort to drive up from Dallas to cheer on the team at the Oklahoma meet. It was such a great thing to see them and I really appreciated that they went to that effort for their old program! **Laura (Jager) Konkle** stopped by the gym to watch practice the week before the Missouri meet. Her son plays baseball for Butler and she and her family were in town to watch their series against Arizona. **Deanna Graham, Kara (Fry) Meyer, and Rose (McLaughlin) Neale** all were in the stands to cheer for the team and the seniors for our meet against Missouri. Rose flew in from Minnesota to visit her old home and brought along her husband, Nelson, who has become an honorary Arizona super-fan with all the events that Rose has brought him to. And of course **Jamie (Duce) Quintero** was wearing the headset calling the meet for all of our internet viewers. And I also want to mention **Brina Weissman** who came back this year to serve as our Meet Director this season. It was great to see **Karen (Stephens) Walker** at the Pac-12 meet. I didn't have time to talk but it is incredible to me the support of our former GymCats!

Boosters We have already had a number of donations come in. I just want to thank again those of you who have already donated. I means a great deal to the team and myself.

If you would like to donate, just send a check made out to "University of Arizona / Gymnastics" and send it to me here at the office. I will get it to the proper people. Your donation is tax deductible and greatly appreciated.

Cyberspace If you want to actually hear a recap of all of the meets, all you have to do is catch the Coach's Show on our website (www.arizonawildcats.com). It definitely will give you a different look at the results! You will also find valuable news on the team and the competitions. Remember to also check out the Facebook page (**University of Arizona Gymnastics**) and the twitter feed (**AZGymnastics**) to get up to date info.

As always, the newsletter will be on our main website. The archives of the old newsletters reside at (www.u.arizona.edu/~ryden/gym.html). An entire segment of GymCat supporters receive this newsletter electronically. Please contact me if you would like to be put on that list.

Until next time...

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "B" and a simple "ill" following it.