

**World Age Group Competition
St Petersburg Russia
November 15th – 18th 2018
KSTP Athletes Four day wrap up**



DAY 1 : Thursday 15th



Our 13/14's tumblers were first up to compete. There were some big fields and tough competition, but our guys were amongst it and we couldn't be more proud of them.

Damon Louwen performed well in the first group of boys, landing 2 new routines to his feet. A great effort finishing 15th out of 25 competitors.

Molly Mamo and Breannah Cauchi were in the first of 3 groups of girls, a huge field of 30 competitors.

Unfortunately, 2017 World Age Champion Molly had been battling fevers and a bad case of the flu for the last couple of days so wasn't at her best but still she tumbled well and didn't back down, landing 2 beautiful routines, of very high difficulty finishing in 11th place.

Breannah was amazing putting out new routines for the first time in competition. She was very strong on both passes and landed well putting her in 10th place, just missing out on the final top 8. Top 10 in the world is not too bad and was a really strong performance for her.

Koralee Catlett was up in the last group of girls, again competing new routines for the first time in competition. Her first pass was with transition, done beautifully but unfortunately couldn't stay on her feet on the landing. Despite this she smashed out her 2nd pass beautifully putting her in 24th place.

Congratulations guys!!! We are super proud of your efforts and improvements and we can't wait to see what you're all going to do next!

Special mention must go out to fellow Aussies, tumbler Thomas who made the final in 13/14's and placed 6th

Great way to kick off WAGC 2018!

DAY 2 : Friday 15th

WE HAVE A WORLD CHAMPION!!! 🏆 🏆



Congratulations to our coach/athlete Cheyanna Robinson for her win and World Age Champion title in the 17-21 Dmt event.

There were 2 groups fighting it out for a finals spot and after prelims our Cheyanna was sitting in 3rd position. She looked confident going into finals but knew she had to finish 2 clean routines in that red box. She nailed her 3rd routine so it was all going to come down to the 4th and final pass to determine how it would end. She hit the dmt bed well, completed her skills and landed nicely, then it was off to the kiss and cry area to await the scores. She moved into 1st with one competitor to jump, then we waited again.



Scores came in for the American athlete and it was revealed....Cheyanna Robinson number 1!!! The rest of the team went wild, Australia's first Gold medal at this competition for this year and to someone who was at her first World Age Championships! It was amazing.....certainly worth people back at home waking up at 3am to watch!!

We are so proud of you Cheyanna, the gym was a buzz hearing the news, and all her athletes were so proud to say their coach won gold at the World Age Championships. Congrats to our coaches in Vanessa, Zac and Dima along with Chey's family in Queensland. Cheyanna is such a hard worker and although competitions have not always gone her way in the past, she kept it together and things certainly went her way in Russia.

DAY 3: Saturday 16th

ANOTHER WORLD AGE MEDAL! 🏆



Congratulations Blake Grainger, now the 17-21 tumbling silver medalist!

The third day of the World Age Group Competition in Saint Petersburg, Russia was a very busy one for our guys, Jack Hemmings, Blake Grainger and Ethan McGuinness, and they certainly did not disappoint. The boys in the 17- 21 tumbling event were nothing short of spectacular, all 3 making the final but it was a roller coaster ride to get there. All boys tumbled beautifully putting out huge routines and getting great scores. Blake and Jack were clean and guaranteed a finals spot in 2nd and 4th respectively however Ethan, in his 2nd pass was judged as a crash landing. Coach Dima felt quite strongly that it was not and although it wasn't easy, he went through the appeal process. Ethan was re judged and rightfully awarded his degree of difficulty (dd) which saw him just creep into the final in 8th place alongside his teammates. Who would've thought....all 3 into the final at world championships, so amazing for such great teammates.

The final was huge, so the pressure was on. All 3 nailed their routines and in the end, it was Jack in 5th, Ethan in 4th (by countback) and Blake in 2nd, being beat in the very end by the athlete from Great Britain.

All in all we could not be more proud of all 3, top 5 in the world was very well deserved and to Blake, well done mate! This medal has been a long time coming! 🙌🙌🙌 You've all earned the glory, what an amazing team!



As if the tumbling wasn't enough, at the very same time we had Tamia Fonua and Madison Rodd fighting it out in the 11/12's Dmt event. Madi was solid and in prelims hit the Dmt well. She looked great in the air and although had some long landings, she jumped well and finished in 19th position. Well done Madi!

Teammate Tamia competed very strongly, and some good scores saw her in 6th place heading into the final. It was a tough final and unfortunately a mishap in her first finals pass saw her unable to complete her routine and from there against a strong field it was hard to catch up, even with a strong 4th routine. Congratulations Tamia on your 8th place finish. A final at this standard is always an amazing achievement.

DAY 4: Sunday 17th

TWO MORE MEDALS TO KSTP ATHLETES!! 🏆 🥉 🥈



The last day of competition in Russia included some of our youngest representatives in the 11/12's Tumbling and 13/14s Dmt.

The girls were up first to tumbling in Hayley Sepping, Madison Rodd and Tamia Fonua. Now these guys might be the youngest age category but that did not stop them from putting out some big routines.

Hayley performed well and competed two strong routines and landings, she finished in 11th place, a great job in her first world age championships.

Two great routines and high DD saw Madi finish in 5th place after prelims, sending her to the finals along with Tamia, who performed two of the most difficult routines in the field, she was in 1st place by almost 2 points going into the final.

And so the final was upon us, just one more routine to determine the podium finishes. Madi jumped first and absolutely nailed her pass putting her up into 1st place, which is where she stayed until teammate Tamia tumbled. She blew everyone away with a beautiful pass and there it was, 1 and 2 to Australia and another world champion for us. An amazing event, well done to all 3 girls and huge congrats to Tamia, you've had quite the year!



Next it was Molly and Koralee in the 13/14's Dmt event. Both girls were in the first of 3 groups, again a huge field in the age category. Koralee saved her first pass and landed well. Right after her was Molly who unfortunately had to adjust her routine due to a mishap in her first skill, still she landed. Onto second passes. Koralee was strong, securing herself a spot in the final in 6th place. Molly's second pass was one of the highest scoring of the competition and

absolutely amazing, she finished the completion in a commendable 13th place.

The final was a battle of the nation's 2 from USA, 4 Russians and 2 Aussies. Koralee performed 2 beautiful passes and ending up holding her spot of 6th place at the end of the event, amazing work in a field of 30 and in her first world championships too.

Last to compete was young Joshua Blench and boy was he pumped, waiting all competition, watching his teammates just waiting for his turn to tumble. His passes were strong, and with just small steps on his landings, his scores were good. He finished the qualifications in 6th place and was looking forward to his first WAGC final.

Again some very strong competitors in the final but Josh was ready to compete and did his very best tumble to push him right to the top of the group. Some strong competitors followed and saw him out of the podium finishes but he managed to jump up one spot from prelims and finish in 5th place. Amazing work from Josh, our youngest representative on the team, Congratulations!!

This brought WAGC 2018 to an end for our guys, what a competition, 4 medals coming home with our guys!!

Congrats to our coaches and families who just like us are so proud of each and every one of you. It's been a busy year for you all, especially the second half and we could not be more proud! Amazing stuff guys, you've made 2018 one to remember!!

