

Gymnastics club excels at states

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BERKELEY — The Freehold Gymnastics Club's Level 5 and 6 Jersey Optional Gymnastic Association teams placed fourth overall at the JOGA state championships.

Freehold competed against 35 Level 5 teams and took on 38 Level 6 teams Feb. 11-13.

Two team members captured first place all-around.

Arah Godbole, 12, of Freehold, was first in the Level 5 ages 11-13 Junior Division at 32.125.

Alyssa Rivera, 9, of Monroe, was first in the Level 6 9-10 Junior Division at 29.950.

Godbole won on the balance beam and floor routine and was fifth on the uneven bars and 10th in vault.

Rivera seized first place on the balance beam and was second on the uneven bars. Rivera was fourth on vault and sixth in floor routine.

The Level 5 and 6 teams won a total of 40 medals in the competition.

For the Level 5 team, Sophie Garito, 12, of Colts Neck, continued her undefeated season on the uneven bars with another first-place finish in the 11-13 junior group. She also placed sixth on vault, seventh on the balance beam, eighth in floor routine and was third all-around at 31.90.

In the 8-10 age group, Valerie Randazzo, 10, of Freehold, was fifth on the

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uneven bars and seventh on the balance beam. She was sixth all-around at 31.275.

In the 14-up age group, Shannon Scibor of Freehold was sixth all-around at 29.225. She was third on vault, fourth on the uneven bars and 10th on the balance beam.

Samantha Loftus of Freehold was ninth all-around at 28.550, placing fifth on vault and seventh on floor routine.

In Level 6 girls action, Alexandra Cavanaugh, 10, of Manalapan, was third all-around in the 9-10 senior group at 28.2. She was fourth on the balance beam and the uneven bars and seventh in floor exercise.

Mary Amen, 10, of Manalapan, was fourth all-around in the same group at 28.125. She was fifth all-around in the 11-13 junior group at 29.00. She was second on the balance beam and fourth on the uneven bars.

Caitlin Amen, 12, of Manalapan, was sixth all-around in the 11-13 senior group at 29.225. She was third on the balance beam and fifth on the uneven bars.

Grace Kenny, 9, of Freehold, was seventh on the balance beam in the 9-10 Junior Division. Maria Marrocco, 15, of Millstone, was 10th on the balance beam in the 14-up age group.

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