

Tumbling

to the top....

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TRYOUTS BEGAN IN THE LATE FALL, although no cuts were made potential gymnasts dropped out after a few days due to the challenging skill level and intense conditioning. The tryouts lasted two weeks; left were thirteen girls with determination and love for the sport. They were now a team.

The girls participated in many bonding activities; such as the two pasta parties. One before their first meet and one before the Sycamore Invitational.

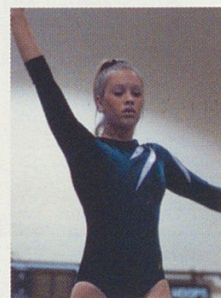
Every Monday they had the opportunity to practice at Kids First, which is a huge gymnastics and sports complex on Kemper Road. Additionally, once a week they practiced with the CCD team.

The team was riddled with injuries. **Katie LeBuhn, 12**, had shin splints, **Kristin Grueninger, 11**, along with **Krista Wesslekamper, 11**, experienced different knee problems and **Abby Listo, 11**, fractured her ankle at practice, one week before districts. In the end, the girls surpassed not only goals of the team but many personal expectations. They seemed to bond more then ever before.

"Having only one senior on the team I know we're all going to miss her, but I along with the other girls on the team can't wait to come back next year," said Listo.



"Gymnastics has been a lot of fun it was a lot more easy going, but I think we did really well through out the season."
 > **Rachel Washburn, 10**



"I had a great season and I can't wait until next year when I'm a senior on varsity, Katie did a great job and hopefully I will do the same."
 > **Kristin Grueninger, 11**



"Being captain and the only senior on the team, I felt sort of like their mother. Being with them everyday made me realize how much I am going to miss them when it's over. I LOVE YOU GIRLS!"
 > **Katie LeBuhn, 12**



"This year was a lot more laid back due to the new coach. The change took a lot to get used to but we still progressed in our skills and had an amazing time."
 > **Sachi Sunamoto, 11**



Row 1: Coach Bardes, Becca White, 11, Rachel Washburn, 10, Katie LeBuhn, 12, Elizabeth Back, 10, Sachi Sunamoto, 11, Krista Wesslekamper, 11, **Row 2:** Shoshana Arnow, 9, Sandra Zuend, 10, Abby Listo, 11, Kristin Grueninger, 11, Carre Herrell, 11, Lauren Goedde, 9.

LEAP! Abby Listo, 11, did a leap on the beam. The girls choreographed their routines in practice.

Scoreboard

Opponent	Score
Snowflake Inv.	SCORES NOT REPORTED
Lakota East Inv.	
Anderson Inv.	
Indian Cup Inv.	
Sycamore Inv.	
Cincy Champ	
CCD Districts	