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Maryland Twisters Newsletter

March 2018

March's Athlete of the Month

Hanover: Natalie Shope - Fierce Winds

How have you seen Natalie improve?

Natalie has improved tremendously from the beginning of the season. Not only with polishing up her skills she has improved with her leadership role as well.

What makes Natalie stand out?

She is very outspoken and has a clear direction of how she feels most comfortable within in her skill set. Having level 5 skills and making our level 5 program after evaluations, Natalie made the decision to stay on a level 4 team this season. She is a captain on Fierce Winds and she takes her job duties very serious in and outside of the gym.

What does she contribute to her team?

She is always here and warming the team up. She is a great role model, leader, and motivational speaker to her teammates and peers. Natalie displays the true definition of team work. Her teammates can go to her for advice as well as a pump me up or pep talk before competitions.

What can we expect to see in her future?

We expect that Natalie is ready to take the next step further within in her cheer career here at Maryland Twisters with moving into our level 5 program next season. Being a 3rd year veteran on the team, She truly will be missed as she graduates from our Junior program and Fierce Winds

Coach Kenney and Amber

Sterling: Leila Bataineh - Sprinkles

How does Leila stand out on your team?

Leila always follows directions and gives 100% no matter where she is or what she is doing in the routine. It is easy to coach Leila because of her versatility. We can put her in any position and we know she can handle it.

How have you seen her improve?

Leila has is excelling in all areas! She now has a specialty pass in Sprinkles' routine, and bases and back spots. As coaches, we are confident with putting Leila anywhere in a routine.

What can Leila's teammates learn from her?

Push yourself, have a positive attitude, work hard, and be willing to try new things!

What advice can you give her for the rest of this season?

Don't stop giving it your all at every practice and competition, and keep leading by example! Your hard work does not go unnoticed!

Coach Chelsey, Liz, and Brittany

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"Natalie is such a great leader on Wind! She is always at practice and always has a positive attitude. She is the first to help cheer on her teammates and offers up suggestions on how to make things fit! She is an overall asset to the team."

~ Coach Amber



"Leila is a natural leader and an asset to Sprinkles! She always does her job (and sometimes new jobs!), never complains, and gives it her all. She helps other athletes out on the team and always encourages them to do their best. Leila has also been crossing over to Haze for the past couple months and has been able to balance both teams well."

~ Coach Chelsey

Happy Birthday to YOU!

Alexa Amendola, Kaylee Berry, Allyson Brouillette, Taryn Crawford, Rebecca Davis, Ava Discepolo, Adyson England, Tae Fisher, Cat Gervaise, Blaire Glover, Caitlyn Goldberg, London Gonzales, Mya Hall, Jenna Hapbell, Bryn Hertel, McKenna Hopke, Lexi Hymes, Autumn Johnson, Skyla Judd, Kaitlyn Kalb, Jacqueline Keefer, Jeremy Kelly, Summer Lawrence, Skyla McClellan, Taylor McCoy, Tori Morin, Daniela Noce, Dawson Orlowski, Madison Painter, Camari Philson, Mykayla Reid, Meredith Rose, Natalie Shope, Anna Stookey, Sofia Toccalino, Grace VanFossen, Elizabeth Walter, Jordan Weitzel, Tiffani Williams, Ainsley Zdanowski

Club Zero Leaders

First place - Lightning - 70 points

Second place - Sidewinders, Sprinkles, Radar - 60 points

**Third place ~ Breeze, Surge, Little Winds, Fierce Winds,
Smoke ~ 50 points**

Upcoming Events:

Easter Closure

March 30th-April 2nd

Both Gyms will be closed for the holiday

Reach the Beach - Ocean City

April 7th-9th

MD: Levels 1s, 2s, Reign, F5,

Except Flurries and Breeze

VA: Levels 1s, 2s, Ice and Blackout

All Star Challenge - Baltimore

April 7th-9th

MD: Levels 3s, 4s, and Cells

VA: Levels 3s and 4s

Current Twisters Pre-Registration

April 15th

Last day for all current Twisters to pre-Register for Try Outs for only \$40

Season End - Upper Marlboro

April 21st

MD: Levels 1s and 2s

Except Freeze

VA: Levels 1s and 2s

Worlds Showcase

April 25th

Help send our athletes off to Worlds!

March Nominees:



Kate Workosky - Ice

"Kate is a standout athlete and person. She has emerged as a leader on this very young worlds team by leading by example. Kate was asked to step back into a flying role after a few seasons and has done an excellent job. She has a presence about her that puts her teammates at ease. You're awesome Kate, keep it up!"

~ Coach Becky



Jacqueline Keefer - Freeze

"Jaqueline has been a strong consistent athlete this entire season. She works hard, performs harder, and has become a strong asset to her team."

~ Coach Shonte



Averi Cain - Sidewinders

"Averi is a great listener who never has to be told to do the same thing twice. She always comes to practice with a smile on her face. Her stunting has improved tremendously over the season!"

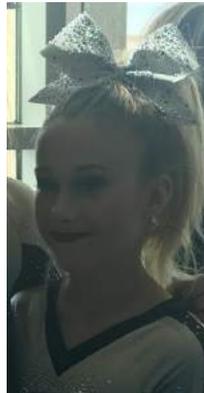
~ Coach Jazmin



Valencia Tatum - Thunder

"Valencia is a first year Twister, and we are so happy she joined the Twister family. Regardless of the position we put Valencia in she able to adapt. She has a natural talent for our sport from basing, to performance she can do it all! She has a great attitude and always gives 100%. Thank you Valencia for all of your hard work and dedication!"

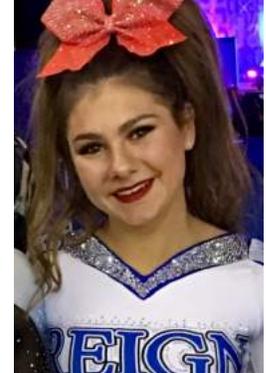
~ Coach Bobbi



Hannah Simms - Radar

"Hannah has a positive attitude, always works her hardest, and is a leader on the team even though she is one of the youngest. She is new to cheer this year and continues to improve at every practice! She does anything the coaches ask and is always a pleasure to coach."

~ Coach Chelsey



Kendall Whaley - Reign

"Kendall is an extremely dedicated athlete who puts the team before herself. She doesn't complain and always gives her best at practices, even if she is not feeling 100%. Kendall has not only competed with sicknesses and injuries, but performed error free routines on top of that! Congrats, Kendall!"

~ Coach Matt G.

Meghan Yakel - Eye of the Storm



"Meghan's contribution to Eye of the Storm this season can be measured succinctly with this fact: there would be no International Cheer Union (representing the United States) or Worlds bids without her stepping out of her comfort zone as a base and taking on the role as a flyer. It has required extra training, extra conditioning and immeasurable selflessness to do something that is the opposite of her personal nature. Meghan is a typically-reserved athlete, but has forced herself to show the sparkle and expression necessary to be a flyer on a premier team. She is also tremendously pleasant to be around, has a great sense of humor, and is beloved by her teammates who refer to her as the "Bodyguard," because she cares for and protects her cheer family. Meghan is well deserving of the honor of being Eye of the Storm's Athlete of the Month!"

~ Coach Brittany

Reese Allen - Flurries

"Reese has been a standout member of the Flurries this year! She has continued to work hard in and out of practice to perfect her level 1 skills and master her routine. When asked to take on a flying position, Reese did so with a positive attitude and determined work ethic. Reese's love of the sport shines through her performances, reminding her coaches and teammates what it's truly all about! Great job Reese, we're very proud of you!"

~ Coach Allie



Maia Mitchell - Storm



"Maia has been a strong leader on Storm all season long. She goes above and beyond to help make sure her team is confident in the progressions made to the routine. Her love for the sport truly shines through with every performance."

~ Coach Brittany

Chencia Winston - Lightning

"Chencia is an all around good athlete and very coachable. She does her job and has no problem pushing her peers along the way. We're lucky to have such a strong minded athlete who will do whatever it takes to be successful."

~ Coach Michelle





Congratulations to our March National Champions!

Flurries, Weatherbugs, Cyclones, Little Winds, Chill, Cold Front, Frost, Perfect Storm, Radar, Lightning, Forecast, Fierce Winds, Smoke, Supercells, Reign, and F5!



Competition Totals

Third Place finishes: 12

Second Place finishes: 37

First Place finishes: 73

Grand Champions: 10

At Large Summit Bids: 5

Full Paid Summit Bids: 1

At Large Worlds Bids: 1

Full Paid Worlds Bids: 3



Sprinkles and Freeze
WIN SPIRIT WEEK!!

