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Australia dominate on girls, Great Britain on boys, Portugal take Gymsport Cup

The second edition of Gymsport Artistic Gymnastics International Tournament was a big success! Joining almost 80 gymnasts from 13 countries and 4 continents, the competition had a very nice atmosphere and a very good level.

In the girls' competition, Australia dominated the scene, winning in both individual categories and team. Making a very regular tournament, but not winning in any event, Emma Nedov was the best on junior all-around with 52,100. This gymnast performed with style and consistency, taking the gold home only 0,1 ahead of Argentinean Natalia Calgagno, who won bars and floor with 12,750 and 13,400, respectively. The Portuguese hope Filipa Martins completed the podium with 51,100. Martins had 3 big mistakes (2 on bars, 1 on beam), but showed the most difficult programs of the meet, as the top score on vault (13,700), for her yurchenko layout full. Australian Madeleine Leydin, 4th on all-around with 50,150, was the best on beam with 13,750.

On youth competition (born in 98 and 99), Australian Alexandra Eade was clearly the best gymnast winning on all four events and finished the all-around with 52,350. Spanish Marta Calleja, from EGAD Los Cantos Alcorcón, finished second with 46,250, while small but fast Tunisian Saker Chad was the third with 46,150.

Australia (Alexandra Eade and Emma Nedov) won easily the team competition, with a total of 104,450, well ahead from Portuguese team who became second with 95,350 and Le Reveil de Bettembourg, from Luxembourg, who finished third with 91,550.

Great Britain showed big superiority on boys, winning on every field. On juniors, Dominic Cunningham was the best with an impressive total of 82,500, having the most difficult program of all gymnasts and the best execution sum. Cunningham was also the best in four events: floor (14,200), rings (13,500), vault (14,750) and high bar (13,900). Spanish Borja Torregosa from Club Gimnastico San Blas, was the second with 78,750 and had the top score on pommel horse (12,950). Turkish Ibraim Colak was the third with 77,800, and was the best on rings (13,500 ex-aequo with Cunningham) and parallel bars (13,900).

On youth competition (born in 96,97 and 98), British Jay Thompson won the all-around with 84,500, and all apparatus except high bar, which was won by the Turkish Ahmet Bnder, second on the all-around with 80,450. Tony Nicolaou, from the Ipswich club PVGC (Great-Britain) was the third with 76,050.

On teams, Great Britain dominated completely with a total of 167,000, ahead of Turkey, with 158,250 and Pipers Vale Gym Club (Great Britain), with 149,850.

The Gymsport Cup, for the best delegation, summing scores from male and female competitions, was won by Portugal, who was second on girls and 6th on boys.

