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COURTNEY MCGREGOR (GYMNASTICS)

Courtney is a 15 year old with considerable potential in gymnastics and this was confirmed recently when she became the first NZ woman to qualify for an apparatus final at a world cup. She also secured a silver at the prestigious Pacific Rim international event in Canada in early April.

Courtney is one of Christchurch School of Gymnastics' high performance gymnasts. She began competitive gymnastics as a 6 year old with the Olympia Club. At age 11 she transferred to the Christchurch School of Gymnastics to train with world class coaching staff and develop her potential. For the past 4 years she has been training up to 35 hours per week to gain the strength, elegance and skills to compete internationally. She performed well in competitions over this period gaining a number of national titles and at the time of her nomination, was ranked # 2 in NZ in the All Around events. This year she has already attended the Pacific Rim trials, the World Cup in Doha and the Pacific Rim competition in Canada. Pending events include Commonwealth Games trials and Australian Nationals in May, Commonwealth Games in July/August subject to selection and the World Champs in China in October. Her strengths are the vault and floor exercises and she is aiming to be a finalist in Glasgow in these events. She is on the shortlist for the Commonwealth Games team and given her latest achievements, she has very good prospects. The final team of 5 will be announced in May.

Courtney is a stunning performer, hard working and an outstanding prospect. In 2013 she took up correspondence school to concentrate on her sport and this is a measure of her commitment. She strives for excellence in whatever she does and with her strong work ethic she has already achieved remarkable results both in NZ, Australia and the USA. She has a friendly nature and, along with her family, gives her full support to club activities and events. She is a very worthy recipient and the award will assist with her progress and development. We wish her well for the future.

Our thanks to Deloitte for their assistance with this award.

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