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The international competition season heats up in the coming weeks, starting March 2-3 with the Tyson American Cup in Jacksonville, Fla.

Competitors at the 2007 American Cup include eight medalists from the 2006 World Championships: **Sasha Artemev**, **Jana Bieger** and **Ashley Priess** (USA), **Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs** (Canada), **Zhou Zhuoru** (China), **Fabian Hambüchen** (Germany) and **Kristina Pravdina** and **Maxim Devyatovsky** (Russia).

The American Cup will also be the senior debut for Americans **Shawn Johnson** and **Samantha Peszek**, who finished first and third at the 2006 U.S. Junior National Championships. The top 16 gymnasts from the qualifying competition on March 2 will advance to the final on March 3, to be broadcast live on NBC.

The World Cup season begins March 17-18 with the French International in Paris, to be followed by the Cottbus Cup on March 23-25.

Two smaller meets attracting international fields are the Gymnix International, March 16-18 in Montreal; and the Friendship Classic, March 23-25 in Pottsville, Pa.

American Cup  
*March 2-3, Jacksonville, Fla.*

**Australia:** Dasha Joura  
**Belarus:** Dmitry Savitsky  
**Canada:** Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs; Adam Wong  
**China:** Zhou Zhuoru; Lu Bo  
**Colombia:** Natalia Sanchez

**France:** Dmitry Karbanenko

**Germany:** Marie-Sophie Hindermann; Fabian Hambüchen

**Japan:** Kyoko Oshima; Takuya Nakase

**Mexico:** Elsa Garcia; Daniel Corral

**Puerto Rico:** Luis Vargas

**Romania:** Andreea Grigore; Flavius Koczi

**Russia:** Kristina Pravdina; Maxim Devyatovsky

**Switzerland:** Danielle Englert

**Ukraine:** Daria Zgoba

**USA:** Jana Bieger, Bianca Flohr, Shawn Johnson, Natasha Kelley, Samantha Peszek; Guillermo Alvarez, Sasha Artemev, Raj Bhavsar, Jonathan Horton

Gymnix International

*March 16-18, Montreal*

**ASF Gymnastics:** Marci Bernholtz, Caya Colling

**Bluewater:** Emily Bigras, Dominique Pegg, Emma Willis

**Calgary Gym Center:** Sydney Sawa

**Cambridge Kips:** Jennifer Lezeu

**Equilibrix:** Geneviève Brazeau

**Excalibur Gymnastics:** Sheriese Clark, Rebekah Conrad, Maria Cross, Gabrielle Douglas, Kaitlynn Hedelund, Krystine Jacobsen, Natalia Joyce, Makyna Kancso, Sara Tiano

**Gemini:** Brittnee Habbib, Kelsey Hope, Kristina Vaculik

**Gym Mississauga:** Rochelle Hurt, Jessica Savona

**Gym-Alliance:** Joanie Fortin

**Gymélites:** Stéphanie Desjardins, Catherine Dion

**Gymnastics Adventure:** Alexandra Picton, Danielle Roy

**Gymnix:** Ann Ly Brouillette-Quenneville, Léa Barro, Nansy Damianova, Coralie Leblond-Chartrand, Ti Liu

**Gym-Richelieu:** Lisa-Marie Farley, Jennifer Fujs, Laurie-Eve Gagné, Cynthia Lemieux, Kim Lévesque

**Lions Pride Gymnastics:** Hannah Swift

**Mississauga:** Stephanie Pacitto

**Omega Gymnastics:** Charlotte Mackie, Brittany Rogers

**Pulsars:** Rebecca Simbudas

**Russia:** Aliya Mustafina, Tatiana Nabiyeva, Ksenia Semyonova, Margarita Slepchenko

**SALTA Gymnastics Club:** Laurel Clouston

**Sport Seneca:** Peng-Peng Lee, Leslie Mak

**Taiso:** Crystal Gilmore

**USA:** Sarah DeMeo, Corrie Lothrop, Bridget Sloan

**Wimgym:** Dawn Patulli

French International

March 17-18, Paris

**Albania:** (*women*) Ornela Cuka

**Algeria:** (*men*) Fatah Ait Saada, Sid Ali Ferdjani, Adbelkader Guetaf, Youcef Sebti

**Argentina:** (*women*) Virginia Deluzio

**Armenia:** (*women*) Astghik Gyulnazaryan; (*men*) Harutyun Merdinyan, Vahagn Stepanyan

**Australia:** (*women*) Hollie Dykes, Dasha Joura, Chloe Sims; (*men*) Prashanth Sellathurai

**Belgium:** (*women*) Gaelle Mys; (*men*) Gunther Couckhuys, Donna-Donny Truyens, Koen Van Damme

**Belarus:** (*women*) Anastasia Marachkovskaya, Oksana Novikova; (*men*) Dmitry Kasperovich, Dmitry Savitsky

**Brazil:** (*women*) Jade Barbosa, Lais Souza; (*men*) Luiz Augusto dos Anjos, Diego Hypolito, Mosiah Rodrigues, Victor Rosa

**Bulgaria:** (*men*) Jordan Jovtchev, Alexander Batinkov

**Canada:** (*women*) Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs; (*men*) Grant Golding

**China:** (*women*) Fan Ye, Jiang Yuyuan, Liu Hou, Zhang Xin; (*men*) Du Wei, Feng Zhe, Teng Haibin, Zou Kai

**Croatia:** (*women*) Tanja Delladio, Tina Erceg; (*men*) Marco Brez, Marijo Moznik, Robert Seligman, Filip Ude

**Czech Republic:** (*women*) Jana Komrskova, Kristyna Palesova

**Egypt:** (*women*) Sarah Osman; (*men*) Tamer Ahmed Ragab, Mohamed Sayed Sourour, Abdel Rahman Sobhy

**Spain:** (*women*) Laura Campos, Lenika de Simone, Patricia Moreno; (*men*) Victor Cano, Manuel Carballo, Rafael Martinez, Juan San Miguel

**Finland:** (*women*) Annamari Maaranen, Annika Urvikko; (*men*) Sami Aalto, Ikka Kuusela, Timo Niemela, Toni Oikari, Jani Tanskanen, Olli Torkkel

**France:** (*men*) Thomas Bouhail, Eric Casimir, Yann Cucherat, Gael da Silva, Danny Rodrigues, Raphael Wignanitz

**Great Britain:** (*women*) Imogen Cairns, Lynette Lisle; (*men*) Adam Cox, David Eaton, Luke Folwell, Steve Jehu, Daniel Keatings, Louis Smith

**Georgia:** (*men*) Ilya Giorgadze

**Germany:** (*women*) Anja Brinker, Oksana Chusovitina; (*men*) Philipp Boy, Max Finzel, Robert Weber

**Greece:** Stefani Bisbikou, Vasiliki Millousi, Eugenia Georgakopoulou; (*men*) Michalis Doulkeridis, Christos Lympantovnos, Vlasios Maras, Dimitrios Markousis, Vasileios Tsolakidis, Ioannis Zachariadis

**Guatemala:** (*men*) Joel Olivas Santos Mynor

**Hungary:** (*men*) Krisztian Berki, Robert Gal, Marcel Hetrovics, Vid Hidvegi

**Israel:** (*women*) Vered Finkel, Tali Lyak; (*men*) Alexander Shatilov

**Italy:** (*women*) Francesca Benolli, Vanessa Ferrari, Carlotta Giovannini, Silvia Zanolo; (*men*) Matteo Angioletti, Igor Cassina, Matteo Morandi

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**Japan:** Yosuke Hoshi, Yasuhiro Okamura, Kohei Uchimura

**Jordan:** (*men*) Mohammad Abu Saleh, Jad Mazahreh

**Kazakhstan:** (*men*) Sain Autalipov, Stepan Gorbachyov, Ildar Valeyev, Yernar Yerimbetov

**Latvia:** (*men*) Ivans Gorbunovs, Yevgeny Sapronenko, Denis Zbickis

**Luxembourg:** (*women*) Mandy Loes

**Malaysia:** (*women*) Fatiha Nurul, Ali Nabihah; (*men*) Ng Shu Wai

**Mexico:** (*women*) Maricela Cantu, Elsa Garcia, Erika Garcia

**Netherlands:** (*women*) Tahnee Masela, Lichelle Wong; (*men*) Yuri van Gelder, Jeffrey Wammes, Epke Zonderland

**Poland:** (*women*) Joanna Litewka, Paula Plichta; (*men*) Leszek Blanik, Emil Hulboj, Adam Kierzkowski, Roman Kulesza

**Portugal:** Luis Araujo, Felipe Bezugo, Manuel Campos

**Puerto Rico:** Angel Ramos, Jose David Ramos, Luis Rivera, Alexander Rodriguez, Luis Vargas

**Romania:** (*women*) Sandra Izbasa, Steliana Nistor; (*men*) Marian Dragulescu, Flavius Koczi, Daniel Popescu, Razvan Selariu

**Russia:** (*women*) Ksenia Afanasyeva, Anna Grudko, Irina Isayeva, Svetlana Klyukina; (*men*) Dmitry Gogotov, Anton Golotsutskov, Sergei Khorokhordin, Nikolai Kryukov, Vladimir Olennikov, Alexander Safoshkin

**Slovenia:** (*men*) Saso Bertonec, Alen Dimic, Rok Klavora, Klemen Rutar, Mitja Petkovsek, Ziga Silc

**Switzerland:** (*women*) Ariella Kaslin, Danielle Englert; (*men*) Nicolas Boescshenstein, Claudio Capelli, Daniel Groves, Claude-Alain Porchet, Mark Ramseier, Christoph Scharer

**Sweden:** (*women*) Veronica Wagner

**Tunisia:** (*men*) Wajdi Bouallegue

**Ukraine:** (*women*) Alina Kozich, Irina Krasnyanskaya, Olga Scherbatykh, Daria Zgoba; (*men*) Valery Goncharov, Andrei Isayev, Nikolai Kuksenkov, Alexander Yakubovsky, Roman Zozulya

**USA:** (*men*) Sean Golden, Kevin Tan, Sean Townsend

**Venezuela:** (*men*) Regula Carmona, Jose Luis Fuentes, Darwin Griman

Friendship Classic

March 23-25, Pottsville, Pa.

**Belgium:** Aagje Van Walleghem, Chloe Henry

**Canada:** Lisa-Marie Farley, Brittnee Habbib, Cynthia Lemieux, Gael Mackie, Laurie-Eve Pepin-Gagne

**Czech Republic:** Nicole Pechanec

**Japan:** Maniko Kakitani

**Netherlands:** Loes Linders

**Puerto Rico:** Leysha Lopez, Mariecarmen Rivera

**Russia:** Anastasia Grishina

**Ukraine:** Valentina Golenkova, Marina Proskurina

**USA:** Carol Byrnes (Girls In Cooperation), Austyn Fobes (Galaxy Gymnastics), Annette Miele (Lehigh Valley Sports Academy), Stephanie Seich (Rebound)

Cottbus Cup

March 23-25, Cottbus, Germany

**Albania:** (*women*) Ornela Cuka; (*men*) Alon Hasa, Valter Mishova

**Argentina** (*women*) Virginia Deluzio;

**Australia:** (*women*) Hollie Dykes, Daria Joura, Chloe Sims; (*men*) Prashanth Sellathurai

**Austria:** (*women*) Sandra Mayer; (*men*) Fabian Leimlehner, Marco Baldauf, Andreas Höller

**Azerbaijan:** Sabuhi Aslanov

**Brazil:** (*women*) Jade Barbosa, Daiane dos Santos, Lais Souza; (*men*) Diego Hypolito, Mosiah Rodrigues, Luiz Augusto dos Anjos

**Belgium:** (*women*) Gaelle Mys; (*men*) Donna-Donny Truyens, Günther Couckhuyt, Koen Van Damme

**Belarus:** (*men*) Igor Kozlov, Alexander Tsarevich, Dmitry Kasperovich

**Canada:** (*women*) to be named; (*men*) Adam Wong, Ken Ikeda

**Chile:** (*men*) Tomas Gonzalez

**China:** (*women*) Fan Ye, Jiang Yuyuan, Liu Hou, Zhang Xin; (*men*) Teng Haibin, Zou Kai, Feng Zhe, Du Wei

**Croatia:** (*women*) Tanja Delladio; (*men*) Filip Ude, Robert Seligman, Marizo Moznik

**Czech Republic:** (*women*) Jana Sikulova, Eva Verbova, Adela Pavoukova, Martina Strnadova

**Egypt:** Nourhan Ahmed Saad; (*men*) Waleed El Deriny, Kareem Aly

**Finland:** to be named

**France:** (*men*) Gael Da Silva, Thomas Bouhail, Danny Rodrigues

**Great Britain:** (*women*) Marissa King, Emma White

**Germany:** (*women*) Anja Brinker, Kim Bui, Oksana Chusovitina, Marie-Sophie Hindermann; (*men*)

Philipp Boy, Matthias Fahrig, Marcel Nguyen, Thomas Andergassen, Robert Juckel

**Greece:** (*women*) Stefanie Bisbikou, Despoina Grigoriadou, Maria Parsantanian, Viktoria Tsakalidou;

(*men*) Vlasios Maras, Konstantinos Barmpakis, Christos

Lympanovnos, Eleftherios Kosmidis, Vasileios Tsolakidis, Dimosthenis Tampakos

**Hungary:** (*women*) Enikö Korcsmaros, Laura Gombas; (*men*) Krisztian Berki, Robert Gal, Vid

Hidvegi, Marcell Hetrovics

**Iceland:** (*men*) Runar Alexandersson

**Israel:** to be named

**Italy:** to be named

**Jordan:** (*men*) Jad Mazahreh, Mohammad Abu Saleh

**Japan:** (*men*) Kazuki Mizutori, Yuto Hayami, Yusuke Tanaka

**Kazakhstan:** (*men*) Sado Batsiyev, Maxim Patrishko, Stanislav Valiyev

**Latvia:** (*men*) Yevgeny Sapronenko, Yevgeny Zorins, Dmitry Trefilovs, Vitaly Kardashovs

**Luxembourg:** (*men*) Sascha Palgen

**Mexico:** (*women*) Maricela Cantú, Erika Garcia, Elsa Garcia

**Netherlands:** (*men*) Yuri Van Gelder, Jeffrey Wammes, Epke Zonderland

**Poland:** (*women*) Joanna Litewka, Maria Frandofert; (*men*) Roman Kulesza, Kamil Bulboj, Leszek Blanik, Adam Kierzkowski, Krzysztof Mucborski

**Portugal:** (*men*) Manuel Campos

**Puerto Rico:** (*men*) Luis Vargas, Luis Rivera, Jose David Ramos, Angel Ramos, Alexander Rodriguez

**Romania:** (*women*) Sandra Izbasa, Steliana Nistor; (*men*) Marian Dragulescu, Razvan Selariu, Daniel Popescu, Flavius Koczi

**Russia:** (*men*) Alexander Safoshkin, Nikolay Kryukov, Alexander Balandin; (*men*) Samuel Piasecky, Alexander Benko

**Slovenia:** (*women*) Adela Sajin, Sasa Golob; (*men*) Mitja Petkovsek, Saso Bertonec, Alen Dimic, Rok Klavara, Klemen Rutar, Ziga Silc

**Sweden:** Veronica Wagner

**Switzerland:** (*men*) Christoph Schärer, Claudio Capelli, Nicolas Böschenstein, Claude-Alain Porchert, Mark Ramseier, Roger Sager

**Turkey:** (*women*) Göksu Üctas; (*men*) Ümit Samiloglu

**Taipei:** (*men*) Huang Yi-Hsueh

**Ukraine:** (*women*) Irina Krasnyanskaya, Alina Kozich, Olga Scherbatykh; (*men*) Valery Goncharov, Vadim Kuvakin, Nikolai Kuksenkov, Alexander Yakubovsky, Roman Zozulya, Alexander Vorobyov

**USA:** to be named

**Uzbekistan:** (*men*) Anton Fokin

**Venezuela:** (*men*) Regulo Carmona, Jose Luis Fuentes, Darwin Griman

**Yemen:** (*men*) Nashwan Al-Hrazi, Mohammed Saleh Al-Husali, Mohammed Al-Sanea, Mohammed Wahib Sharif