First USAG Sanctioned Meet
Gobble Wobble

"Time to wake up!" My mom told me at five-thirty in the morning.

"Ugh," I sighed as she left the room. I sat up and grabbed my leotard. It was blue and black with a sequin design on both sides. I slipped it on along with my navy blue warm-ups. I finally turned and got up out of bed. I walked half asleep into the dark bathroom, switched on the lights, and brushed my teeth. I made sure my grips were in my grip bag and that in my gymnastics bag. Soon my grandmother came and her, my mom, and stepdad got into the car. My stepdad started the car, and we left. Cars passed shining red lights, raindrops fell on the car.

About ninety minutes later we pulled into the Dudziaks Gym (In Biddeford, Maine). The traffic directors told gymnasts to go in the back door. I tucked my gymnastics bag under my raincoat and ran to the door. I stepped in and saw many people from different teams along with my friend Chloe.

Within ten minutes my whole team was there but, no coaches. A coach from another gym came over and told us that our coach's car broke down. "But your other coach will bring her in his car," she said "They will just be a little late."

The Conway's mom came in to lead us through warmups. We stretched and soon our coaches Helen and Nate were there. We got in order from shortest to tallest for the march in. I was so nervous my palms were sweating.

The announcers called many gyms and then they said "Iron Rail," we all saluted. The National Anthem played and we marched to our first first event, beam.

As we warmed up I fell off once. I was extremely worried that I would fall off when we were competing. After all of my teammates warmed up and four competed, it was my turn. In this routine I did an okay mount, good handstand, okay leap, awesome snap turn and bad dismount. My dance parts in the routine were okay as well. I waited very nervously for my score to show up on the screen… 8.75! I was very proud but still nervous for my next event, floor.

. We had already warmed up everything in our floor routines during warmups so we did roundoff back handsprings. After many other floor routines I was up. I saluted the judge, and the loud music started. I thought I was doing pretty well once I finished my half turn. I ran and hurdled into my roundoff and did a terrible back handspring. It wasn't the worst one, but all of the weight was on one hand and I had probably got some leg form deductions. I did the finishing poses and saluted. Once again I waited for my score nervously… 8.225! It was okay. Next up was vault, I was pretty confident.

After three people It was my turn. I saluted. I ran down the runway, pumping my arms. I arm-circled and did a nice, straight handstand flat back, and finally saluted again. I repeated this for my second vault too. This time I wasn't thinking about my

score, I was getting ready for bars. However my vault score was 8.7 which I was really proud of. I had some good scores going into bars, my favorite event!

I opened my gymnastics bag, and got out my wristbands. Over them I put my grips. When I warmed up bars I did everything with pretty good form. After warming up I watched four teammates compete. Then it was my turn. I saluted and began with a glide swing. That connected to a pullover front-hip-circle, cast. Next was a shoot through which I don't usually struggle with but for some reason I fell back. I didn't swing back like most people but it probably was the same deduction. I slithered back up, turned my hands and did a windmill. Then I did a leg-cut, cast back-hip-circle, underswing, salute. I thought I would score somewhere in the middle sevens. Nope, worse… 7.05, terrible. I was a little disappointed but I went over with my team for awards.

In the end, I was very proud of the results of my first USAG sanctioned meet. I was very nervous and excited going into the meet. Even though I performed the worst in what is normally my best event, my total results gave me a lot of help for future meets. I placed 4th on beam and 6th on vault! I will never forget the Gobble Wobble meet and I now know that if I perform the same with a better routine on bars at another meet, I can score higher all around.