
Skyliners Junior bring home gold



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MIDDLESEX COUNTY — The Skyliners Junior Synchronized Skating Team, representing Team USA for its eighth straight year, earned a gold medal at the 2016 Leon Lurje Trophy in Gothenburg, Sweden, on Jan. 17.

"To see the raising of the flag and know that we had earned gold for America was truly amazing," said Josh Babb, Skyliners head coach and director of Synchronized Skating. "The girls took command of the ice and their strong, heartfelt performance paid off."

The team was in second place after their Short Program, but after their Long Program set to "Les Miserables" gave them a combined score of 167.23, they earned the first-place prize.

New Jersey was represented by Julia Damesek of Short Hills, Michaela Kaminski of Whippany, Emily Kirillov of Fair Lawn, Katie Lam of Edison, Audrey Laude of Short Hills, Rachel Oberman of Warren and Alexandra Perez of Gladstone.

In addition, Team USA teammates the Haydenettes of Lexington, Mass., earned the silver medal in the senior division at the competition.

For more information about the Skyliners, visit skylinerssynchro.com.

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