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Youngsters from the South Devon School of Gymnastics have been on top form recently, winning team and individual awards by the bucket-load.

The club, based at the Rotunda Oldway, Paignton, earned plenty of plaudits after a fine showing at the Open/Intermediate Devon Championships held in Plymouth.

Sophie Laidler, nine, came away as the new Devon Open U9s champion, having finished first on the bars and second on the floor, beam and vault.

Club-mate Amy Washbrook, 10, came away with fourth place overall in the U11s age group intermediate championship, gaining third on the floor, fourth on the vault and second on the bars.

Amy was also selected to represent Devon in her first South West inter-counties competition, which was held in Bristol. The team came away as bronze medal winners, with Amy claiming a third on the floor and seventh place overall, competing in the U12s age group.

India Marshall and Jessica Sanders-Wyatt, both seven, travelled to Poole in Dorset over the Bank Holiday weekend for the Poole Open Championship.

India came away with third place overall, gaining a second on the beam, fourth on the bars and floor and fifth on the vault.

Jessica came away with fourth place overall, gaining a third on the vault, bars and floor.

Congratulations also go to Rachel Tucker, 17, who was voted runner-up in the recent Devon Sports Personality of the Year awards in the female youth coach category.

For further information on the club, contact Nicci Tucker (general manager) or a member of her team on 01803 523774.



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