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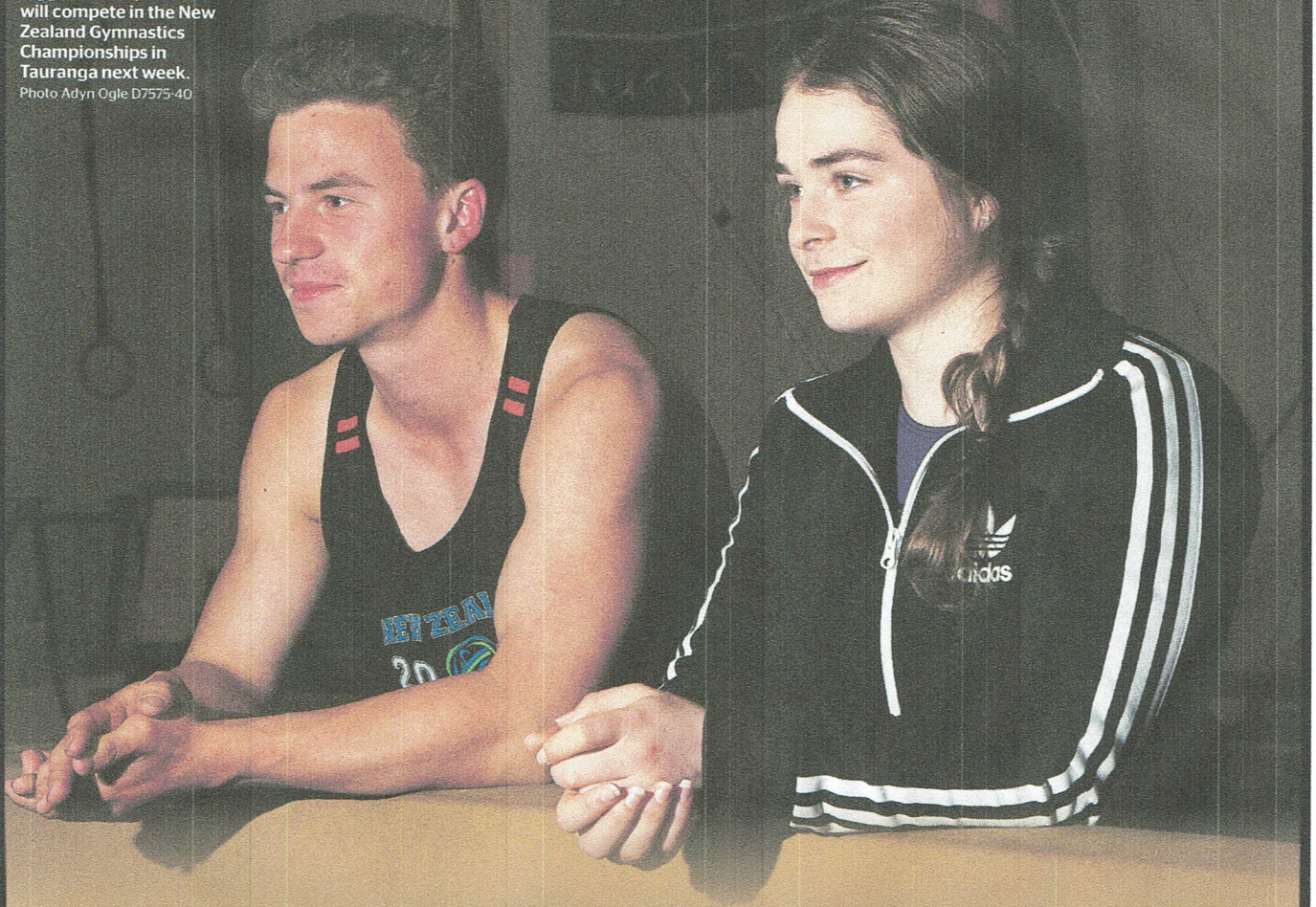


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Team shines in tamariki tourney

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**LOOKING AHEAD:** Dylan Biggs and Amy Pilkinton will compete in the New Zealand Gymnastics Championships in Tauranga next week.  
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# Nationals in sight

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TWO Whakatane gymnasts are feeling relaxed about next week's New Zealand Gymnastics Championships.

Despite being in their teens, Dylan Biggs and Amy Pilkinton are bordering on veterans at this level and preparation for the national champs in Tauranga next week has gone well.

Both Eastern Bay Gymnastics Club members agreed they were not as nervous heading into the event as they had been in previous years. But, when competition time came there were still a few nerves.

Amy will only compete in tumbling events next week while Dylan will compete in the level eight artistic events along with Kawerau gymnast Shayne Buckeridge-Morrison.

Dylan has had a good season

and represented New Zealand at the Australian National Championships in Melbourne three months ago.

There he competed on six apparatus, his best result was on vault where he placed fourth.

The pair have had mixed build-ups to the national championships in recent years.

In 2015, Dylan missed out on the national championships breaking his foot and the following year, Amy was still recovering

from tearing tendons and ligaments in her foot.

They competed at the 2016 nationals where they both caught the flu.

They appeared to have broken their unfortunate run last year when Dylan placed sixth overall and was second on the rings and vault, third on the parallel bar and sixth on the floor.

Amy placed 11th overall and qualified on the uneven bar where she placed eighth.