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North Shore Gymnasts Put on a Sweet Performance at Candyland Challenge Competition

NOVEMBER 11, 2024 – Athletes from North Shore Gymnastics Association competed well this weekend at the annual Candyland Challenge meet at Shakopee High School Field House. Gymnasts in the Levels 3, 4 and 5 divisions competed on Saturday and Xcel Silver competed on Sunday. The athletes put on an impressive show for the judges and earned several top placements.

Kicking off the competition, In Level 5, Alice Fogle (Corcoran) placed fifth All Around, with first place on Beam and fourth on Vault. In the Level 4 A division, Chachi Denniston (Maple Plain) won fourth place on Uneven Bars. In the D division, Kate Snaza (Mound) won second place on Uneven Bars and Hadley Louricas (Wayzata) tied for fourth place on Beam. In the E division, Beatrice Parks (Long Lake) won first place on Uneven Bars, Alexis Pohl (Corcoran) placed first on Vault and Louise Parks (Long Lake) placed fourth on Beam.

The Level 3 athletes gave a strong performance to wrap up the competition day and the team won first place with a team score of 110.875. Level 3 gymnasts continued to see medal success and took home a lot of hard-earned hardware. Leading off with the A division, Taylor Merz (Orono) won first place All Around with a first place on Floor, second place medal on Beam, third place on Vault and fourth place medal on Uneven Bars. Jenna Matson (Mayer) earned second place All Around with a first place on Uneven Bars, second place on Floor and fourth place on Vault. In the B division, Hadley Hannay (Maple Plain) earned fourth place All Around. Amilia Lund (Wayzata) took home fourth place on Vault and Brooklyn McCoy (Independence) won fourth place on Floor. In the C division, Joey Wood (Independence) won second place All Around with a first place medal on Floor, second place on Vault and third on both Uneven Bars and Beam. Tenley Marcotte (Maple Grove) won fourth place on Floor and fifth place All Around, with fifth on Vault and Uneven Bars. The D division finished strong with Kendall Matson (Mayer) earning first place All Around with a first place medal on Floor and second place on Vault and Beam. Gracelyn LePage (Buffalo) won second place All Around with a third place on Bea, fourth place on both Vault and Floor and fifth on Uneven Bars. Maya Kucera (Long Lake) won third place All Around with a first place medal on Beam and fourth place on Floor. Sloane Svobodny (Mound) won fifth All Around with third place medals on both Uneven Bars and Floor and fourth on Beam. The E division athlete Briana Figueiredo (Medina) earned first place All

Around with first place medal on Vault and third on Uneven Bars. Aria Eng (Minnetrista) took home third All Around with first place on Beam, third place on Vault and fourth place on Uneven Bars. Maddie Weinberg (Watertown) earned first place on Beam, Patty Peterson (Mound) earned second place on Uneven Bars and Kora Bennett (New Hope) won third on Vault. The team placed 6th with a team score of 106.725.

Xcel Silver athletes' strong routines contributed to solid results and a second place team win with a score of 112.3. In the A division, Eleanor Wagner (Mound) placed second All Around with three spots on the podium placing first place on Floor and Beam, and fourth place on Vault. Ella Olson (Maple Plain) placed fourth All Around with a third place medal on Uneven Bars. In the B division, Grace Barsness (Medina) won second place All Around. Grace earned four spots on the podium placing second on Vault, fourth on Uneven Bars and fifth place on Beam and Floor. Reese Moslander (Minnestrista) won third All Around with second place on Beam and fifth on Uneven Bars. Landry Vaale (Hanover) won fifth place All Around with fifth place on Uneven Bars and Charleigh Lefebvre (Annadale) won third place on Beam. In the Silver D division, Elise Marcouiller (Maple Plain) placed third All Around with second place on Beam, fourth on Floor and fifth on Vault. Gianna Ellickson (Plymouth) won first place on Uneven Bars and McKenna Walsh (Plymouth) won second place on Vault. In the E division, Mackenzie Lewis (Plymouth) earned fourth place All Around and Minka Schmidt (Medina) placed third on Vault.

The next competition will be the Turkey Tumble hosted by North Shore Gymnastics on November 23-24 at Westonka High School in Minnetrista, MN.

About North Shore:

North Shore Gymnastics Association, Orono, was founded in 1974 and is a 501c3 non-profit organization. It is the club's purpose to acquaint children at all levels of physical ability, potential, and growth with the sport of gymnastics in an atmosphere of safe, fun, positive learning and to help each child develop gymnastics skills, good sportsmanship, and discipline. For more information please call (763) 479-3189 or visit us at www.northshoregym.org.

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