

The North Shore Boys Gymnastics Team Impressed at the Kickoff Invitational

The North Shore Gymnastics Association (NSGA) held its annual Kickoff Invitational at the Orono Activities Center on December 8, with 93 gymnasts competing.

The Level 3 boys from North Shore had a great start on their first competition. Deacan May (7, Delano) delivered an impressive performance, finishing first on the Vault, third on the Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bar, and second on the Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Still Rings, and All-Around! Sam Loeck (7, Plymouth) also had a solid meet, placing fifth on the Pommel Horse and Vault.

Level 4 showcased strong talent. In the 7-9 age group, Cameron Glad (8, Wayzata) excelled by finishing first in the Floor Exercise, third on the Pommel Horse, fifth in the Vault, and third in the All-Around competition. Harrison Bergstrom (8, Orono) secured second place on the Pommel Horse, fourth in the Vault, and fifth on the Still Rings, Horizontal Bar, and All-Around. Owen Perez (8, Eden Prairie) achieved fourth place on the Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar. In the 10+ age group, Sam Tschimperle (11, Minnetrista) distinguished himself by placing first on the Pommel Horse, second on the Still Rings, third in the Vault, fifth in the high bar, and first in the All-Around. Christopher Glad (11, Wayzata) finished fifth in the Floor Exercise. Aiden Eng (9, Minnetrista) took third on the Pommel Horse, while James Christianson (10, Long Lake) secured fourth on the Still Rings. These fantastic results earned the Level 4 team third place. Great job, boys!

At Level 5, NSGA had a great showing. Máté Toth (8, Orono) competed exceptionally well, earning first place on the Floor Exercise, Still Rings, and Parallel Bars. He also placed second on the Pommel Horse and Horizontal Bar and fourth on the Vault, which earned him the All-Around champion in the 8-10 age group. Riley Barten (10, Eden Prairie) also had a strong performance, achieving first place on the Pommel Horse and Still Rings, second on the Parallel Bars, and fifth on the Vault. He finished third in the All-Around for the 11+ age group.

Level 6 Junior Elite gymnasts had a fantastic start to the season. Cable Farley (11, Long Lake) excelled, securing first place in the Floor Exercise, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bars. He also finished second on the Vault, third on the Pommel Horse, and fourth on the Still Rings. With this outstanding performance, Farley claimed first place in the All-Around competition! Hudson Arvizo (10, Maple Plain) also performed remarkably well. He took first place on the Still Rings, second place on the Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar, and finished third on the Vault. His impressive efforts earned him second place in the All-Around competition.

Levels 7-10 had an impressive start to the season. Kaiden Kochar (15, Watertown) placed first on the Parallel Bars, fourth on the Pommel Horse, and fifth on both the Floor Exercise and Horizontal Bar. He also secured fourth place in the All-Around competition for the Level 7 division.

In the Level 9 division, Tobin Dykoski (14, Minnetrista) and Alexander Bartz (13, Minnetrista) competed well. Dykoski achieved first place on the Floor Exercise, second on the Parallel Bars, and third on the Pommel Horse, Vault, Horizontal Bar, and in the All-Around competition. Meanwhile, Bartz placed fourth on the Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Vault, and Horizontal Bar, fifth on the floor and Parallel Bars, and finished fourth in the All-Around.

The Level 10 boys showcased impressive performances. Marek Dykoski (16, Minnetrista) excelled, finishing first on Vault and earning second place on the Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse Still Rings, and Horizontal Bar. He also secured third place on Parallel Bars and ultimately won the first-place All-Around title. Oliver Berg (15, Mound) also had a strong showing, finishing first on the Floor Exercise, second on Vault and Parallel Bars, and third on Pommel Horse, Still Rings, and Horizontal Bar. He claimed second place in the All-Around competition. Ian Laughlin (18, Carver) also achieved notable scores, finishing first on the Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar, while securing third place in the All-Around competition.

The next meet will be in Des Moines, Iowa, on January 11th, with NSGA's Levels 6-10 competing at the Emerge Invite.

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 gymnastic skills, good sportsmanship, and discipline. North Shore Gymnastics Association is also the practice facility for the ISD #278 (Orono) girls' high school gymnastics team. For more information, please call 763-479-3189 or visit us at www.northshoregym.org.



From left to right: Joe Hartmann, Oliver Berg, Marek Dykoski, Ian Laughlin, Tobin Dykoski, Alexander Bartz, Owen Johnson, Kaiden Kochar, Cable Farley, Hudson Arvizo