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North Shore Gymnasts Win Big at Minnesota State Championship Competition

3 Gymnasts Win First Place All Around and Named State Champions in Their Age Categories

DECEMBER 17, 2024 – Athletes from North Shore Gymnastics Association competed well this weekend at the annual Minnesota State Championship finals at The Minnesota State Fair Grounds. Gymnasts who had qualified from previous competitions in the Levels 3, 4 and 5 and Xcel Silver competed. The athletes put on an impressive show for the judges and earned several top placements. Three North Shore gymnasts won first place All Around in their age category and were named State Champions: Level Three athlete Sloane Svobodny (Mound), Level Four athlete Beatrice Parks (Long Lake), and Xcel Silver athlete McKenna Walsh (Plymouth).

The Level 3 athletes gave a strong performance and the team won second place. Leading off with the Child C Session, Taylor Merz (Orono) won fifth place All Around with a third place on Floor and third place medal on Beam. In the Child D session, Amilia Lund (Wayzata) won first place on Uneven Bars. In the Junior D session, Sloane Svobodny (Mound) was named a State Champion and tied for first place All Around with a first place

on Floor and 1st place tie on Beam. Maya Kucera (Long Lake) won third place All Around with a first place on Beam, third place on Floor and fourth place on Vault.

Gracelyn LePage (Buffalo) won third place on Bars and fifth on Beam and Floor. In the Senior D Session, Maddie Weinberg (Watertown) won first place on Beam. In the Junior E session, Kendall Matson (Mayer) and Vailynn Jahnke (Mound) tied for fourth place All Around. Kendall Matson (Mayer) won second place on Floor and fourth place on Beam. Vailynn Jahnke (Mound) won fourth on Uneven Bars. Aria Eng (Minnestrista) won first place on Uneven Bars. In the Senior A session, Lydia Emery (Brooklyn Park) won third on Uneven Bars. In the Child B Session, Jenna Matson (Mayer) earned first place on Floor. In the Senior E Session, Briana Figueiredo (Medina) won third place All Around with a third place on Floor and fourth place on Vault. In the Junior B Session, Joey Wood (Independence) won third All Around with a second place on Uneven Bars and Beam, and third place on Floor. Tenley Marcotte (Maple Grove) won fifth All Around with a second place on Floor and fourth place on Beam.

The Level 4 athletes continued to see medal success and took home a lot of hard-earned hardware and seventh place as a team. Chachi Denniston (Maple Pain) took home first place for both Vault and Uneven Bars and a fifth place for Floor, leading her to a third place All Around. In the Senior D Session, Alexis Pohl (Corcoran) won fourth place on Uneven Bars. in the Senior C Session, Beatrice Parks (Long Lake) won first place All Around with a first place on Uneven Bars and Beam, second place on vault and fourth place on Floor. Louise Parks (Long Lake) won fourth All Around with a second place on Beam and fifth place on Floor.

In Level 5, Alice Fogle (Corcoran) placed fifth All Around, with first place on Beam and fourth on Floor.

Xcel Silver athletes' strong routines contributed to solid results and a tenth place team win. In the Child D Session, Reese Moslander (Minnestrista) won third place All Around with a first place on Beam and third place on Floor. In the Junior H Session, McKenna Walsh (Plymouth) was named State Champion and first place All Around with a first place on Floor, second place on Uneven Bars and third place on Beam. In the Junior F Session, Alexa Walters (Plymouth) tied for fourth on Uneven Bars. In the Child B Session, Cygni Corradi (Mound) won fifth All Around with a first place on Beam. Ella Olson (Maple Plain) took home third place on Floor and fourth place on Beam. In the Child C Session, Eleanor Wagner (Mound) placed second All Around with first place on Beam and fourth place on Floor. Elowyn Stofferahn (Orono) tied for third place on Vault. In the Child F Session, Grace Barsness (Medina) won third place All Around with a second place on Beam, fourth place on Vault and fifth place on Floor. In the Junior E Session, Gianna Ellickson (Plymouth) won fifth place on Floor. In the Junior D Session, Elise Marcouiller (Maple Plain) won third place All Around with a first place on Floor, second place on Beam and fifth place on Uneven Bars. Cora Wegleitner (Hamel) tied for fourth place All Around with a first place on Vault, third place on Floor and fourth place on Beam.

The next competition will be the Gopher Invite hosted by North Shore Gymnastics on January 10-12 at Concordia University in St. Paul, 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 <u>www.northshoregym.org</u>.

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