

North Shore Boys Ice Out the Competition at the Iceberg Meet

North Shore Gymnastics held its 29th Annual John Roethlisberger Iceberg Open at the Gangelhoff Center at Concordia University on Feb. 1-2, hosting over 450 boys representing 28 different teams from across the country. During the evening session on Saturday of the Iceberg meet, the MN GymAct Men's Gymnastics team hosted the KC United and Iowa GymAct, with Minnesota pulling out the win.

The meet kicked off with NSGA's Level 5 team, showcasing the emerging talent. In the 9-year-old age group, Máté Toth (9, Orono) showed steady progress since his first competition this year. He secured 3rd place on the Parallel Bars, claimed 5th on the Horizontal Bar, and achieved 4th place finishes in the Floor, Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Vault, and All-Around events. Meanwhile, Riley Barton (11, Eden Prairie) rose to the challenge in the fiercely competitive 11-year-old category, proving that he has what it takes to excel.

The Level 4 gymnasts were up next, with a total of 91 boys competing in this session! In the 9-year-old age group, Cameron Glad (8, Wayzata) achieved 3rd place on Vault and 5th place on Pommel Horse. Harrison Bergstrom (8, Orono) secured 6th place on Vault, while Owen Perez (8, Eden Prairie) also took 6th place on Pommel Horse. Aiden Eng (9, from Minnetrista) placed 3rd on the Pommel Horse in the 10-year-old age group with an impressive score. James Christianson (10, Long Lake) and Leif Nelson (10, Delano) showcased their determination in the competitive 11-year-old division, each elevating their overall scores by nearly 2 points! Outstanding achievement! Christopher Glad (11, Wayzata) was the Vault champion in the 12-year-old division, achieving a remarkable score of 9.5. He also performed excellently on the Floor, which earned him a 3rd place finish. Sam Tschimperle (11, Mound) had an impressive meet as well, taking 2nd place in the Floor, Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Horizontal Bar, and the All-Around events.

The Level 10 team completed the meet on Saturday with impressive results. Ian Laughlin (18, Carver) had an outstanding performance, becoming the Pommel Horse champion with an impressive score of 13.3. He also finished 2nd on the Horizontal Bar, 3rd on the Floor, 4th on both the Still Rings and Parallel Bars, and 6th on the Vault. His remarkable skills earned him second place in the All-Around competition. In the thrilling 16-17 age division, Marek Dykoski (16, Minnetrista) showcased his exceptional talent, securing 3rd place on the Still Rings and achieving 6th place in both the Vault and Parallel Bars events. His performances truly reflected his hard work and dedication!

The Level 3 team kicked off Sunday's competition on February 2nd. In the 8-year-old division, Decan May (7, Delano) and Sam Loeck (7, Plymouth) impressed everyone with

significant improvements, scoring over a point higher than their previous performances. Their determination truly stood out. Great job, Decan and Sam! Keep up the excellent work!

In an exciting session, the NSGA Level 6 Junior Elite team faced tough competition. Cable Farley (11, from Long Lake) had an impressive performance, finishing 3rd on Floor, 4th on Vault, and 5th on Still Rings and Parallel Bars. Hudson Arvizo (10, from Maple Plain) also delivered a strong showing, securing 3rd place in Still Rings, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bars, as well as 4th place in both Floor and Pommel Horse, and 5th place in Vault. He concluded the event with a 3rd place finish in the All-Around category.

The Level 9 team competed on Sunday afternoon and impressed the judges with their talent, earning them 2nd place with an overall score of 190.1! In the 14-15 age group, Tobin Dykoski (14, Minnetrista) placed 6th on the Floor, while Owen Johnson (14, Delano) finished 5th on the Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bar, and 6th on the Pommel Horse. In the 16-17 age division, Oliver Berg (15, Mound) had an outstanding performance, securing 3rd place on the Floor, 4th on the Pommel Horse, and 5th on the Horizontal Bars. He also placed 6th in the Still Rings, Vault, and Parallel Bars, and 5th in the All-Around competition. Peter Davis (16, Minneapolis) contributed to the team's success with a 3rd place finish on the Still Rings.

Kaiden Kochar (16, Watertown), a Level 7 gymnast from NSGA, concluded the meet on Sunday with an outstanding performance. He earned 2nd place on the Horizontal Bar, 3rd place on the Still Rings, and 6th place on the Floor. Additionally, he demonstrated significant improvement from the previous meet, increasing his score by 3.6 points!

The next competition for the NSGA Boys Team is the 8th Annual Minnesota GymACT Invitational, which will take place at The Luminare in Minneapolis from February 14-16. The highlight of the meet will be the dynamic competition among six GymACT College teams. Competing teams will include gymnast from Minnesota, Iowa, Northern Illinois, and Wisconsin, with both Minnesota and Northern Illinois proudly fielding two full teams each. This event promises to be unforgettable, filled with thrilling performances and fierce competition!

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.



Level 3 Team from left to right: Decan May, Coach Rob Dykoski, Sam Loeck.