

The North Shore Gymnastics Association (NSGA) held its annual Kickoff Invitational at the Orono Activities Center on Dec. 7, with 96 gymnasts competing.

The Level 3 boys team has had a strong start to their season, finishing third in the team category. In the 7-8 year old division, Grant Serum (7, Lester Prairie) achieved second place on the Floor Exercise and Still Rings, third place on the Horizontal Bar, fifth place on the Parallel Bars, and third place in the All-Around competition. Brooks Coen (6, Orono) secured second place on the Parallel Bars, third place on the Floor Exercise, fourth place on the Pommel Horse, fifth place on the Horizontal Bar, and fourth place in the All-Around. Tony Hess (6, Plymouth) finished third on the Parallel Bars and fourth on the Floor Exercise and Vault. Everett Lemke (6, Watertown) placed fifth on both the Parallel Bars and Vault. In the 9-10 year old division, Sam Loeck (8, Plymouth) excelled, taking first place on the Vault, fourth place on the Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, and Parallel Bars, fifth place on the Still Rings, and fourth place in the All-Around competition. Mason Hennesy (7, Maple Plain) also played a significant role in the team's success, contributing to their third place finish.

The Level 4 boys also came out strong in their first meet of the season, finishing third in the team category. In the 8-9 year old division, Decon May (8, Delano) placed second on Vault. In the 10 year old division, Harrison Bergstrom (9, Long Lake) with championship titles on Pommel Horse and Vault, second on Floor Exercise, fourth on Parallel Bars, fifth on Still Rings and second in the All-Around Competition. Owen Perez (9, Eden Prairie) placed second on the Pommel Horse, Still Rings, and Parallel Bars, third on the Floor Exercise, fourth on the Vault, fifth on the Horizontal Bar, and third in the All-Around competition. In the 11 year old division, Aiden Eng (10, Minnetrista) took first place on the Pommel Horse, second on Vault, Horizontal Bar and in the All-Around competition. In the 12 year old division, James Christianson (11, Long Lake) placed first on the Floor Exercise, second on the Pommel Horse, Still Rings, and Parallel Bars, third on the Horizontal Bar, fifth on Vault and third in the All-Around Competition. Leif Nelson (11, Delano) placed third on Pommel Horse, fourth on the Floor Exercise, Still Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars, and in the All-Around Competition.

The Level 5 team had an impressive start to their season, finishing in second place in the Team category! Mate Toth (9, Orono) was crowned champion in the Floor Exercise, Pommel Horse, Still Rings, and Parallel Bars. He also secured second place on the Horizontal Bar and third place on the Vault. His outstanding performance earned him the title of All-Around Champion in the 10-year-old division! Riley Barton (11, Eden Prairie) and Robbie

Green (13, Chaska) also showcased their skills in the 12-year-old division. Barton finished in second place on the Still Rings and Horizontal Bar, third place on the Floor Exercise and Pommel Horse, fourth place on the Vault, and fifth place on the Parallel Bars. His consistent performance also earned him the title of All-Around Champion.

Green excelled as well, claiming championships on the Pommel Horse, Still Rings, and Horizontal Bar, while finishing second on the Vault and Parallel Bars and fourth in the All-Around competition. Great job, boys!

Levels 6-10 performed exceptionally well! Hudson Arvizo (11, Maple Plain) secured first place in all six events for Level 6. Kaiden Kochar (16, Watertown) achieved remarkable results in Level 7, placing second on the Vault, third on the Floor Exercise and Parallel Bars, and fourth on the Pommel Horse, as well as third in the All-Around competition. Cable Farley (12, Long Lake) was crowned the Still Rings Champion for Level 8 and also placed second on the Vault and Horizontal Bar, third on the Floor Exercise and Pommel Horse, and fourth on the Parallel Bars. For Level 9, Alexander Bartz (14, Minnetrista) also earned the Still Rings championship. He placed second on the Floor Exercise and Horizontal Bar, third on the Vault, and fourth on the Pommel Horse and Parallel Bars, in addition to securing third place in the All-Around competition.

The Level 10 team, consisting of Owen Johnson (15, Delano) and Joe Hartmann (16, Independence), showcased their new skills at the meet. Johnson placed third on the Pommel Horse and Still Rings, fourth on the Vault, and fifth on the Floor Exercise and Horizontal Bar. Hartmann placed fourth on the Floor Exercise and fifth on the Pommel Horse, Still Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars, and in the All-Around competition. Excellent work by all competitors in Levels 6-10!

The next meet will be in Des Moines, Iowa, January 9-11, with NSGA's Levels 4-10 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. For more information, please call 763-479-3189 or visit us at [www.northshoregym.org](http://www.northshoregym.org).*