

NSGA men's team made the trip to Des Moines to compete in the 2026 Emerge Academy Invitational held January 10-11.

Saturday morning began with the Level 5 team. In the Junior A division, Mate Toth (9, Orono) excelled, finishing in first place on the Floor Exercise, Still Rings, Vault, Parallel Bars, and Horizontal Bar. He also tied for second place on the Pommel Horse. His outstanding performance earned him the title of All-Around Champion in the Junior A division! Riley Barton (11, Eden Prairie) also had a strong showing, securing first place on the Horizontal Bar, second place on the Pommel Horse and Still Rings, fourth place on the Parallel Bars, and fifth place on the Vault. This impressive performance earned him third place in the All-Around ranking for the Junior B division. Robbie Green (13, Chaska) performed exceptionally well as well. He tied for first on the Pommel Horse, placed second on Still Rings and Vault, and third on the Horizontal Bar, which earned him third place in the All-Around competition for the Senior division. The excellent performances from all three gymnasts contributed to the team's strong finish, placing them second overall, just tenths of a point away from first!

In the Saturday afternoon and evening sessions, competitors from Levels 6 to 10 took to the floor. Hudson Arvizo (11, Maple Plain) secured third place on the Still Rings and fifth place on the Floor Exercise in the Level 6E division. Kaiden Kochar (16, Watertown) achieved third place on the Still Rings, fourth place on the Parallel Bars, and fifth place on the Vault in the Senior division for Level 7. Alexandar Bartz (14, Minnetrista) delivered an impressive performance, placing first on the Pommel Horse and Parallel Bars, second on the Floor Exercise, Vault, and Horizontal Bar, and fifth on the Still Rings. His strong showing earned him second place in the All-Around competition in the Junior A division for Level 9. Owen Johnson (15, Delano) finished third on the Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bar, fourth on the Still Rings, and fifth on the Pommel Horse. His outstanding performance placed him fourth in the All-Around competition for Level 10.

On Sunday morning, the Level 4 team competed with impressive results. Owen Perez (9, Eden Prairie) won first place on the Pommel Horse and finished fifth in the All-Around competition in the Junior B division. Aiden Eng (10, Minnetrista) earned second place on the Pommel Horse, fourth on the Still Rings and Parallel Bars, and also secured fifth place in the All-Around competition in the Senior A division. James Christianson (11, Long Lake) placed second on the Floor Exercise and third on the Pommel Horse in the Senior B division. The team's hard work paid off, resulting in a fourth-place finish overall. Decon May (8, Delano), Harrison Bergstrom (9, Orono), and Leif Nelson (11, Delano) also played significant roles in contributing to the team's strong performance.

The next meet will be in Saint Paul, MN, January 24-25, with NSGA's Levels 3-10 competing at the Twin Cities Invite.

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From left to right: Hudson A, Kaiden K.