

North Shore Gymnasts headed to Glendale, Arizona for the 2026 Dragon's Torch Invitational February 27-March 1. All athletes showed up ready to compete and show what Minnesota gymnasts are capable of.

The Xcel Gold team won third place honors against some tough competition. Reese Moslander, 10, of Minnetrista, Cora Weglietner, 11, of Hamel, and Ellie Wexler, 14, of Plymouth all took second place All Around in their divisions. Moslander took first on Vault and second on Beam, and Wegleitner took second on Bars and third on Beam and Floor. Wexler took second on Beam and third on Bars. Other notable accomplishments came from Elise Marcouiller, 11, of Maple Plain, who took second on Vault, Beam, and Floor, and Shiloh Palmer, 11, of Buffalo who took third on Beam. Mackenzie Lewis, 12, of Plymouth took third on Bars.

The Xcel Platinum team also showed up to win, earning a third place banner in their competition. Ashley Meyer, 12, of Rockford, placed second All Around with a first place finish on Beam and a second place finish on Vault. Addy Rice, 12, of Mound, placed third All Around. She won first on floor, second on Bars, and third on Vault. Lucy Jones, 13, of Mound placed second on Floor, and Hannah Erickson, 13, of Plymouth placed second on Bars. Joelle Johnson, 13, of Mound, placed third on Floor, and Lauren Wheeler, 11, of Independence placed third on Vault.

Maddie Meyer, 15, of Rockford had an excellent meet for the Xcel Diamond team, placing first on Bars and second on Vault. She took home third place All Around. Maya Wetter, 12, of Delano placed fourth on Floor. All three Diamond gymnasts, Meyer, Wetter, and teammate Kate Pohl scored 9.4 or higher on Floor, which is an exceptional accomplishment.

The Developmental teams had equally impressive meets, starting with the level 7 team. Colbi Shelp, 13, of Maple Plain placed first on Beam and took fourth All Around. Harper Takkunen, 13, of Plymouth placed second on Floor. Natalie Reardon, 13, of Wayzata represented the level 8 team with a second place finish on Floor. Kennedy Farley, 14, of Long Lake also had an impressive meet placing third on Beam and third All Around.

The level 9 team took home second place honors, led by Madelyn Hallet, 16, of Minnetrista who placed first All Around. Hallet also placed first on Vault and second on Beam and Floor. Addison Berg, 16, of Mound placed second All Around and earned first on Floor. Berg also placed third on Vault, Beam, and Bars. Lillian Anderson, 16, of Hamburg took third All Around and placed second on Vault and Bars. Grace Green, 15, of Chaska placed fourth All Around with a second place finish on Bars and a third place finish on Vault. Both athletes on the level 10 team took home medals as well. Luciana Levya, 16, of Mound placed first on Bars and fourth on Beam, and Siena Chermak, 18, of Mound placed third on Floor.

North Shore women's will host their final women's meet of the season, The Shamrock Shake, March 7-8 at Shakopee High School. 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 with 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 www.northshoregym.org.

Picture Caption:

Xcel Gold Team (pictured left to right): Ellie Wexler, Claire Boyle, Landri Vaale, Alexa Walters, Mackenzie Lewis, Reese Moslander, Monroe Decker, Shiloh Palmer, Elise Marcouiller, Cora Wegleitner, Grace Barsness.

