

The gymnasts from the North Shore women's Xcel and level 7-10 teams made an excellent showing at the State Meet March 20-23 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. At Level 10, Luciana Levya placed sixth overall, highlighted by strong routines in all events. The Level 9 team earned a fourth-place finish. Leading the Level 9 squad, Grace Green, 15, of Chaska, claimed the all-around title with a first-place finish on floor, second on beam, and third on both vault and bars. Addison Berg, 16, of Mound, tied for first in the all-around and added first-place finishes on bars and floor. Lillian Anderson, 16, of Hamburg, placed second on beam and third on bars. Madelyn Hallett, 16, of Minnetrista, delivered a strong performance with a first-place finish on vault, second on floor, and third on bars and in the all-around.

The Level 8 team also delivered a strong performance. Natalie Reardon, 13, of Wayzata, earned a second-place finish on beam and a first-place finish on floor. Kennedy Farley, 14, of Long Lake, turned in an impressive meet, placing first on floor, third on beam, and third in the all-around. Mila Silbert added a second-place finish on floor and third all-around to contribute to the team's strong performance.

The Level 7 team was highlighted by several top individual performances. Harper Takkunen, 13, of Plymouth, led the way with a first-place finish in the all-around, adding first-place finishes on vault and bars, along with a second-place finish on floor. Colbi Shelp, 13, of Maple Plain, turned in a strong meet with a first-place finish on bars and second-place finishes on vault, earning her a second place all around medal. Evelyn Belgarde, 12, of Wayzata, placed second on vault and third all around, while Ava Meyer, 13, of Rockford, added a pair of fourth-place finishes on vault and floor.

The North Shore Gymnastics Xcel Gold team finished strong at the state meet, highlighted by several winning individual performances. Elise Marcouiller, 11, of Maple Plain, led the team with a first-place all-around finish, adding a first-place finish on bars and second on both vault and floor. Kayleigh Kochar, 13, of Watertown, placed first on beam and third on floor. Grace Barsness, 10, of Medina, earned a first-place finish on floor and third on beam. Cora Wegleitner, 11, of Hamel, contributed with a first-place finish on beam and third on bars, taking home third place overall while Mackenzie Lewis, 12, of Plymouth, added a second-place finish on beam and third on floor.

Xcel Platinums earned several top-three individual performances. Ashley Meyer, 12, of Rockford, led the team with a first-place finish on vault and second all around while Hannah Erickson, 13, of Plymouth, also delivered a strong performance, placing first on bars and third all around. Angelina Kovar, 13, of Independence, added a second-place finish on vault. Lucy Jones, 13, of Mound, and Lauren Wheeler, 11, of Independence, each recorded third-place finishes, Jones on floor and Wheeler on vault. Addy Rice, 12, of Mound, contributed with a third-place finish on bars.

The Xcel Diamond team had a strong showing with Maddie Meyer, 15, of Rockford leading the way. Meyers earned first place all around, first on vault and second on beam. Maya Wetter, 12, of Delano, placed first on floor while Mia Garding, 17, of Wayzata, placed third on beam.

The North Shore women's team qualifying gymnasts will head to the regional meet in Sioux City, IA in April to wrap up their competitive season. 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.

Photo Captions:

All Around State Champions Maddie Meyer (Xcel Diamond), Elise Marcouiller (Xcel Gold), Addie Berg (Level 9), Grace Green (Level 9), and Harper Takkunen (Level 7)