

## North Shore Gymnasts Win Big at Hastings Men's Invitational

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January 11, 2012 – Maple Plain, MN – North Shore Gymnastics Association's (NSGA) Levels 4 and 5 boys competed at the 2012 Hastings Men's Invitational hosted by Hastings Gymnastics Center on January 7, 2012. It was a very successful meet for NSGA with twelve gymnasts earning individual first place awards. In addition, NSGA's Level 5 team placed first overall and the Level 4 team placed second.

NSGA's Level 5 gymnasts earned first place with a team score of 248.50. **Ryan Klump** (age 8, Plymouth) competed in the 8-9 age category and led the team with a first place finish for All Around, vault and parallel bars. **Klump** finished second place on pommel horse, fourth place on rings and fifth on high bar. **Sam Stavig** (age 9, Orono) assisted with a first place finish on rings and high bar and a third place finish All Around and on parallel bars. **Kyle Elliot** (age 9, Minnetonka Beach) finished second on rings, third on high bar, fourth on floor and fifth All Around. Teammates **Patrick Ricke** (age 9, Mound) and **Halsten Larsen** (age 8, Independence) also contributed towards the team's first place finish.

NSGA Level 5 team member, **Finn Larson** (age 11, Independence), competed in the 10-11 age group and finished second All Around and on floor, rings, vault and parallel bars. **Larson** also finished third on high bar and fifth on pommel horse. **Max Bortnem** (age 11, Minnetrista) was awarded first place on vault, second on pommel horse and high bar, and third place All Around and rings.

The NSGA Level 4 team earned second place with a team score of 247.50. **Cameron Januik** (age 9, Mound) competed in the age 8-9 age group and finished second on parallel bars, third on floor, rings, vault, high bar and All Around and fourth on pommel horse. **Jack Yerxa** (age 9, Buffalo) finished first on vault, fourth on parallel bars and high bar, fifth on floor and sixth All Around.

In Level 4, 10-11 age group, **Caleb Hamby** (age 11, Minnetrista) placed first All Around and on floor, pommel horse, vault and parallel bars. **Hamby** placed second on rings and high bar.

North Shore Gymnastics Association, Orono, was founded 37 years ago and is a 501©3 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 gymnastics skills, good sportsmanship and discipline. North Shore Gymnastics Association is also the practice facility for the ISD #278 (Orono) and ISD #277 (Mound) girls' high school gymnastics team. For more information, please call 763-479-3189 or visit us at [www.northshoregym.org](http://www.northshoregym.org)