

North Shore Girls' Levels 5 & 6 Compete in State Gymnastics Meet

North Shore Gymnastics Association (NSGA) sent 17 Level 5 and 6 gymnasts to this year's Minnesota State Girls' Gymnastics Meet held at Hamline University on December 3rd and 4th.

NSGA Level 5 Team turned in an All-Around score of 101.300 and finished 26th overall in a field of 36 teams that qualified for the state competition. North Shore's consistent Level 5 high scorer, **Nicole Albertson**, (age 12, Orono) finished in 10th place in the Floor Exercise with a score of 8.925 and an All-Around of 32.675. Albertson was followed closely by **Sydney Donaldson** (age 11, Maple Plain), who despite competing with an Achilles injury, had one of her best meets of the season with her All-Around of 32.650. NSGA's youngest Level 5 gymnast, **Makena Rasmussen** (age 7, Independence), finished 19th out of 85 competitors on the Uneven Bars with a score of 8.650. With eight of nine North Shore gymnasts new to Level 5 team this year, it was a season filled with solid team-building and continual personal improvement.

North Shore's Level 6 Team finished 19th out 34 teams vying for the State title with an All-Around of 104.625. This team score was only their second highest score of the year (104.675). In the Age 7-10 bracket, **Saylor Campbell** (age 9, Plymouth) finished 8th out of 43 on the Balance Beam with her score of 8.975. In the Age 11 bracket, **Taylor Burnham** (Delano) placed 23rd out of 69 in Vault with a score of 9.075 and teammate **Amanda Krampf** (Delano) placed 25th out of 69 on the Balance Beam with her score of 8.950. **Kate Schmid** (Plymouth) placed 11th out of 42 in the Uneven Bars amongst the Age 12 bracket with her score of 8.625. And in the Age 13+ bracket, **Madelyn Peterson** (age 13, Mound) rounded out her competition with 6th place on the Balance Beam and 3rd place on Floor, scoring 8.675 and 9.000, respectively. Like the Level 5 Team, North Shore's Level 6 squad also holds many that are new to this level of competition. The Team is young and has made great strides in both strength and style.

North Shore Gymnastics Association, Orono, was founded 37 years ago 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 and 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 teams. **For more information please call 763-479-3189 or visit us at www.northshoregym.org.**