

Stumpf boys dominate Nickel City invite

The boys teams from Stumpf's Gymnastics Center competed at the Nickel City Invitational meet hosted by Gymnastics Unlimited.

The event included seven gyms and about 100 gymnasts. Each Stumpf's level excelled, with three levels earning first place and the other two earning second-place team honors. Additionally, the teams produced five all-around champions.

The Level 4 team fared very well in the 6-7-year-old division. Hunter Sullivan was named all-around champion. Sullivan was also pommel horse champion with an 8.90, second on floor exercise and high bar, and third on vault.

Anthony Gallo earned third-place all-around and on pommel horse. Additionally, Gallo was the floor exercise and vault champion. Trey Buscaglia was fifth all-around and on floor. He was also second on vault, third on parallel bars and fourth on high bar. Elliot Gengo was seventh in all-around. Gengo's performance was highlighted by a 9.10 rings routine that earned first place. Joshua Reinstein was eighth all-around and fourth on pommel horse, and Blake Lang earned ninth overall.

Zack Palmerton was third in the 8-9 division with a team-high 55.40. He was also second on rings and high bar, and vault champion with a stunning 9.80. Andrew Searns was sixth all-around, fourth on rings and second on parallel bars with a team-high 9.30. Brandon Colley earned seventh place all-around and was second on



The boys teams from Stumpf's Gymnastics Center excelled at the Nickel City Invitational meet hosted by Gymnastics Unlimited. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: front row - Austin Martin, Elliot Gengo, Andrew Searns, Trey Buscaglia, Brandon Colley, Mitch Perlstein, Zack Palmerton, Dylan Arena and Hunter Sullivan; middle row - Luke Penner, Matt Salvati, Anthony Gallo, Nick Rey, Joshua Menegaux, Griffin Ingerson, Spencer Henley and Bram Houston; back row - coaches Dan Molnar and Steve Martin.

vault with a solid 9.70. Mitch Perlstein was eighth in the all-around and sixth on parallel bars with a 9.10.

Austin Martin competed in the 10-11-year-old division and was awarded third place overall. Martin was second on floor and rings and crowned champion of pommel horse and vault.

The Level 4 team was awarded second place in the team competition.

The first-place Level 5 team was led by Joshua Menegaux, who scored a

team-high 55.75 and earned first place in the 7-9 division. Menegaux was also champion of the pommel horse and rings and awarded second on parallel bars and high bar. He was third on floor and vault. Spencer Henley earned third all-around and was vault champion with a 9.60. Henley was second on floor, pommel horse, and rings and third on parallel bars and high bar as well. Nicholas Rey earned third place on vault on his way to placing fourth all-around. He

was also fourth on floor, pommel horse, rings and high bar.

Griffin Ingerson was fifth all-around. Ingerson's best finish came on the vault, where he earned a 9.40 and placed third. Dylan Arena was seventh all-around with a pair of sixth-place finishes on floor and vault and a fourth-place routine on parallel bars.

Bram Houston was the pommel horse and high bar champion for the 10-11-year-olds. Additionally, Houston placed second in the all-around and floor.

Matthew Salvati was fourth all-around, was second on pommel horse and was parallel bars champion with a 9.40. Luke Penner finished ninth overall and earned third on vault with an impressive 9.60.

The first-place Level 6 team produced two all-around champions. Mack Lasker, competing in the 7-9 division, earned a 53.00 all-around. He was also first on floor, rings, vault, parallel bars and high bar. Lasker was second on pommel horse.

Noah Roberson was champion of the 10-11-year-old group with a 54.35, and he was first on floor, rings, vault and high bar. Roberson was second on pommel horse and third on parallel bars. Teammate Seth Messer was fifth all-around and second on vault with a 9.30.

Brian Sheppard of the 12-and-over division placed third all-around, as well as on floor and pommel horse. Sheppard was second on parallel bars and high bar and champion of the vault with a 9.20.

The Level 8 team earned second-place honors and produced the 12-14-year-old all-around champion.

Adam Cole was first all-around, as well as on vault and parallel bars. Cole was also second on floor, rings and high bar. Cameron Collins was second all-around and was crowned champion of floor and pommel horse.

Additionally, Collins was second on vault and parallel bars and third on rings. Teammate Joey Lysen was fourth overall and tied with Collins for second on vault.

The solid Level 9 team won first-place team honors and stacked the all-around podium.

First place went to Aaron Benson, who scored a 50.40 on his way to sweeping the event finals. In second place was Jon Zirma, who was also second on floor, pommel horse, vault and parallel bars. Michael Wozniak was third all-around as well as on vault. Wozniak also earned second on rings and high bar. Nathaniel Roberson was fourth overall, third on pommel horse and vault, and second on floor with an 8.30. Adam Arena was fifth all-around, third on parallel bars and tied Roberson and Wozniak for third place on vault.

A slightly injured Cody Stumpf competed only on high bar and rings, where he was fourth and seventh, respectively.

Jimmy Pezzino, Stumpf's only competitor in Level 10, earned third place all-around as well as on floor. Additionally, Pezzino placed second on pommel horse and parallel bars.

Stumpf's Level 6 takes second at meet

The Level 6 team from Stumpf's Gymnastics Center gave a strong performance at the Graffiti Invitational Meet recently held at the Niagara Falls Conference Center.

The squad earned second-place team honors and was the highest-ranking team from New York State. The girls competed against seven other teams and 93 total gymnasts. They also placed four girls on the all-around podium and several in the event finals.

The team was led by Lilly Kamara, who earned a spectacular 37.200 all-around and placed second in the 10-11-year-old division. Kamara was also second on floor exercise and uneven bars, third on vault and 11th on balance beam. Shannon Martinsen earned fifth place all-around and was third on floor and fourth on vault. A 9.500 on beam, which earned second place, highlighted

Martinsen's performance.

Amber Moser earned a 12th-place ribbon in the all-around as well as finishing sixth on uneven bars and 10th on vault. Taylor Blaser had her best performance of the year, earning a 34.075 all-around score. Teammate Michaela Stumpf had a strong performance on uneven bars, earning an 8.125. She was ranked in the top 50 percent of all gymnasts.

The 12-and-over division boasted a strong performance from Callie Flanagan of Lancaster, who was sixth all-around with a solid 36.275. Flanagan was eighth on uneven bars and second on floor. Flanagan's team-high 9.600 on beam was also awarded second place. Teammate Kristen Kelly had a 16th-place finish on floor, and Ashley Materise scored in the top 25 on uneven bars.

Stumpf girls teams win at Graffiti invite

The upper-level girls from Stumpf's Gymnastics Center competed in the Graffiti Invitational hosted by Flips Gymnastics of Lockport.

Included in the three-day event were gymnasts from across New York State, Ohio and Michigan. The Level 10 squad had a very strong showing, winning first place as a team and having all girls in the top 10 in all-around.

The 14-and-under age group was led by Kaitlyn Lopez, who scored a 35.775 overall and won the vault with a 9.200. Lopez was also fourth on bars, fifth on balance beam and seventh on floor exercise. Kaitlyn Arcury placed fifth overall as well as fourth on floor and 12th on beam. A pair of second-place finishes on vault and uneven bars highlighted Arcury's performance.

Teammate Erin Hamister placed sixth in all-around, fifth on vault, sixth on uneven bars, 10th on beam and second on floor with a solid 9.325.

Melissa Blando and Katie Kaiser represented the 15-and-over age group. Blando placed fourth in all-around competition and was vault champion with an 8.55. She was also ninth on beam and second on uneven bars and floor. Kaiser was seventh all-around with sixth-place finishes on vault, uneven bars and beam and a 10th-place finish on floor.

The Level 10 team won third-place team honors and placed all girls in the top 10 in all-around. The team also produced an all-around champion when Courtney Connors scored 36.875 and placed first in the



The Level 9 team from Stumpf's Gymnastics Center recently won first place at the Graffiti Invitational. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: front row - Melissa Blando, Katie Kaiser and Erin Hamister; back row - Kaitlyn Lopez and Kaitlyn Arcury.

15-and-under age group. Connors was also champion on the uneven bars and beam and fourth on vault and floor.

Erica Gasiiecki was seventh all-around, sixth on floor, seventh on uneven bars, eighth on balance and ninth on vault. Kristina Arcury was eighth all-around and uneven bars. Arcury was also ninth on floor and had a pair of sixth-place finishes on vault and beam. Teammate Amanda

Recor was ninth in all-around and vault, seventh on beam and 10th on floor. Recor's performance was highlighted by a third-place finish in vault where she scored a 9.175.

The Level 8 squad also won third-place team honors and saw several girls rank in the top 12. Chelsea Recor, of the 14-and-under age group, led the team with a 36.750 and earned second place overall. Recor was also second on beam, fourth on vault and ninth on floor. Mary Hamilton was ninth all-around, sixth on floor and 10th on vault. Hamilton's best finish was on uneven bars, where she scored a 9.20 and earned fifth place. Rachel Kistner was 10th all-around as well as on beam. Her 9.35 on floor was also awarded seventh place.

Teammate Alex Sada was 11th all-around and on vault. A solid 9.425 floor exercise routine led the team and placed fourth in the event finals.

Also in the event finals, Audrey Mulhisen placed 12th on beam, Rachel Utech placed 11th on beam, and Chelsea Zirma placed third on vault with a team-high 9.175.

Due to injury, Emma Lasker competed in only two events. She earned seventh on uneven bars and third on beam with a 9.225.

Kelsey Kuppinger was the team's only representative in the 15-and-over age group. Kuppinger gave a solid performance, which earned sixth place overall. Additionally, she had a pair of fourth-place finishes on vault and beam and a second-place finish on floor with a 9.25.



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Sports brief

The Star Swim Team will be hosting registration and tryouts for preschool, elementary, middle school and high school age swimmers at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Frontier Middle School, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31 at Erie Community College South Campus Building No. 6, and at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 1 at the Erie Community College Flickinger Center. Pre-registration is not necessary. All Star Swimming coaches are certified through the United States Swimming Association in addition to their Red Cross Lifeguarding, CPR, and AED training. For more information, visit starswimming.org, or contact Rick at 851-1209 or by email at aronberg@ecc.edu.

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