

## Stumpf's Level 5 earns nine medals in Daytona Beach Open

The Level 5 team from Stumpf's Gymnastics Center traveled to Florida to compete in the Daytona Beach Open held in Florida's Ocean Center.

Over 1200 of the country's best male and female gymnasts competed in the three day event.

The Level 5 team fielded four gymnasts — Williamsville's Allison Scumaci and Christina Smith, Snyder's Lacey Woite and Cheektowaga's Kaily Martens. Martens, Scumaci and Woite, all nine years old, faced some stiff national competition in their

young age group. All second-year veterans, the trio performed very well in the high-pressure competition.

Woite finished eighth in all-around competition, closely followed by Martens in ninth and Scumaci, who finished 11th. In the event finals, Woite was eighth on vault and had a team best 8.875 on uneven bars, which earned fifth place. Additionally, Woite and Martens tied for sixth place on floor exercise. Martens' event finals were highlighted by an 8.550 on vault that earned fifth and a

ninth place finish on uneven bars. Scumaci led the team on balance beam, where she finished 10th all-around. She also earned 11th place on vault, uneven bars and floor exercise, and was the only teammate to finish in the top dozen on all events.

Fourteen-year-old Christina Smith competed in the older age group. Smith's team-high 8.60 on vault earned a medal in the event finals.

Lancaster's Leah Recor and Kurt and Lisa Stumpf of Williamsville coached the girls.

## Stumpf's upper level girls competes in open invite

The upper level girls from Stumpf's Gymnastics Center recently competed in the Daytona Beach Open.

Some of the best teams from across the country assembled in Florida's Ocean Center for the three-day-competition. Kurt and Lisa Stumpf of Williamsville coached all levels of the girls' teams.

The Level 8 team of Chelsea Recor, Emma Lasker and Mary Hamilton met with some strong competition. Ready for the challenge, however, each turned in a strong performance. The squad was led by Lancaster's Recor, who scored a 34.825 all-around and was crowned first place champion in the older age group.

Recor's victory could be attributed to solid performances on uneven bars and balance beam, each of which earned first place in the event finals.

Twelve-year-old Emma Lasker competed in the middle age group. Lasker's consistent performance earned sixth place all around. Additionally, Lasker was sixth place on uneven bars and floor exercise in the event finals.

Mary Hamilton of Lancaster competed in the youngest age group and earned a 34.600 all-around, which placed

eighth. Hamilton's performance was highlighted by a 9.150 on uneven bars that earned fifth place.

Level 9 was represented by Erin Hamister of Orchard Park, Buffalo's Kaitlyn Lopez and Clarence Center's Katie Kaiser. Hamister finished sixth in the all-around as well as on floor exercise. A solid 8.750 secured third place on vault and seventh place on balance beam. Lopez finished 12th all-around and executed a 8.725 vault that earned fourth place. Kaiser competed in the older division and finished 10th all-around as well as on uneven bars. She was also ninth on vault and floor exercise.

Amanda Recor, Kristina Arcury and Christine DelPrince competed in Level 10. Lancaster's DelPrince competed in the older division and finished fifth place all-around with a team-high 35.125. She was also eighth on uneven bars, seventh on floor exercise, and fourth on floor exercise with a solid 9.225. Lancaster's Recor competed in the younger division and finished eighth place all around. Recor also had a pair of seventh place finishes on vault and floor exercise. Williamsville's Arcury was unable to finish the competition.



The Level 5 girls team from Stumpf's Gymnastics recently competed in the Daytona Beach Open held in Florida's Ocean Center. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: front row - Kaily Martens, Allison Scumaci, Lacey Woite; back row - Christina Smith.



Amherst residents Taylor Balsler, far left, Shannon Martinsen, and Michaela Stumpf helped Stumpf's Gymnastics Level 6 team place second at the Daytona Beach Open in Florida.

## Stumpf's Level 6 wins second place in Daytona

Three representatives of the Level 6 Team from Stumpf's Gymnastics Center competed in the Daytona Beach Open in Florida. The trio met the challenge of the out-of-state competition and earned honors as the second place team.

Eleven-year-old Shannon Martinsen of Williamsville turned in a solid performance, which earned fourth place in all around competition. Martinsen's performance was highlighted by strong routines on the vault and balance beam, each of which were awarded second place. Martinsen also earned a fourth place medal on uneven bars.

Ten-year-old Taylor Balsler of Snyder also competed in the younger division. Balsler, who was awarded medals for sixth place on the vault and seventh place on the balance beam, finished ninth place in the all around competition.

Eleven-year-old Michaela Stumpf of Williamsville was Stumpf's only gymnast in the older age group. Stumpf's strong execution on vault earned third place honors, while her floor exercise was awarded sixth place. Stumpf also had a pair of seventh place finishes on uneven bars and balance beam.

Lancaster's Leah Recor and Kurt and Lisa Stumpf of Williamsville coached the girls.

## Stumpf boys compete in Florida

The Level 6-10 teams from Stumpf's Gymnastics Center competed in the Daytona Beach Open in Florida's Ocean Center. The three-day-event was attended by more than 1200 gymnasts from across the United States.

The Level 6 team was represented by Akron's Mack Lasker and Connor Story of Clarence. Lasker competed in the younger division where he finished sixth all-around with a 50.475. In the event finals, Lasker was fifth on pommel horse, sixth on floor exercise and seventh on rings and high bar. Story was 11th in the older division where he also earned sixth on vault, seventh on high bar and eighth on pommel horse.

Clarence's Cameron Collins competed for Level 8 where he was fifth all-around as well as on pommel horse, rings, vault, parallel bars and high bar. He was fourth on floor exercise.

The Level 9 team of Aaron Benson and Michael Wozniak gave a solid performance and earned first place team honors. Cheektowaga's Benson led the team, earning fourth place in the stiff all-around competition. Additionally, Benson was third on floor

exercise, vault and high bar. Wozniak, of Clarence, was eighth all-around, including fifth on floor exercise and sixth on vault. Teammate Cody

Stumpf of Williamsville made the trip, but was unable to compete due to illness. All boys teams are coached by Dan Molnar.



The Level 6-10 teams from Stumpf's Gymnastics recently competed in the Daytona Beach Open in Florida's Ocean Center. Members of the team, pictured from left, are: Aaron Benson, Cameron Collins, coach Dan Molnar, and Michael Wozniak.

## Williamsville's Morelli to row in world championships

When the starting horn blows at the World Rowing Championships in Eton, U.K., just outside London, the U.S. National Team's Lightweight 8 Men's division will include two rowers with Buffalo roots.

Peter Morelli, a 1998 graduate of Williamsville South High School, and Cameron Booth, a graduate of City Honors High School, are members of the crew selected to represent the United States after competing at the U.S. Rowing Senior National Team Trials on Mercer Lake in New Jersey. Their crew swept both qualifying races and beat the time standard of 5:42 with a time of 5:41.169.

This was the second attempt to qualify for the National team by the Buffalo lightweight rowers. They were just shy of the fast time standard last year.

"Rowing is the type of sport where marginal increases can make all the difference," said Morelli. "If

you get one extra inch per stroke, multiply that by 200 strokes and you can really shave some time."

Morelli's rowing career began as a freshman at Colby College in Waterville, Maine, where he served as captain. He rowed for Westside Rowing Club and coached in their summer high school program.

Morelli and Booth currently row in the High Performance Group at the Riverside Boat Club in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Their crew took gold at the Canadian Henley Royal Regatta in 2005 and first place in the famous "Head of the Charles" in Boston that same year.

The opening ceremonies for the World Rowing Championships are Aug. 19. Racing continues through Aug. 27. You can track results at [www.row2k.com](http://www.row2k.com).

Peter is the son of Drs. Daniel Morelli and Roseanne Berger.