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**Ultimate Gymnastics Stopped at Border  
Trying To Bring Too Many Precious Medals Into Canada**

The suitcases of thirteen athletes from Ultimate Gymnastics were a little heavier after a very successful weekend at the 2015 Gopher Invite Gymnastics Competition held this past weekend in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The competition, comprised of 1300 athletes from the United States and Thunder Bay's Ultimate Gymnastics as the lone Canadian entry, saw several of our club's athletes mine more than their fair share of medals.

Leading the way with a first ever for the club, was the team of Kathleen Varey, Aimee-Leigh Balec, Emily Ukrainec, Christiana Collins and Katerina Hamar, who placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in LEVEL 8 Junior Olympic Team Competition, after capturing more than 15 individual medals between them.

Varey finished competition with 1<sup>st</sup> Place All Around and Balec nabbed 3<sup>rd</sup> Place All Around in their respective Level 8 age categories. Hamar and Ukrainec finished tied for 1<sup>st</sup> on floor while Collins and Hamar grabbed a 2<sup>nd</sup> place tie on beam in their Level 8 age bracket.

In the Junior Olympic Level 6 All Ages category, Julianne Bica and Daniele Prochnicki finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in the All Around. Among the 9 medals these two young athletes received was 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 1 Bronze.

In the Junior Olympic Level 7 Age 13+ bracket, Megan Bryson captured a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish on beam and a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish on floor while Cassandra Boyer finished 5<sup>th</sup> place on vault and 5<sup>th</sup> place All Around.

Rounding out the results with very solid efforts were Bryanne Simmons, who won her first Gold Medal with a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish on vault in the Xcel Gold Age 12+ category, Erica Etrene who finished 7<sup>th</sup> on floor in the Xcel Gold Age 11 category,

Caitlin Stallwood, with 9<sup>th</sup> place on floor and 10<sup>th</sup> place on vault in the Xcel Gold Age 13+ bracket, and Hannah Hoogsteen, who, in her first ever competition, grabbed 16<sup>th</sup> place in the All Around Xcel Bronze Age 6-9 category.

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