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For the second year in a row, William Polly, son of Kris and Laura Polly of Arlington, Va., and grandson of Karl and Judy Polly of Wauneta, poses with the trophy as the National Speed Stacking Grand Champion. Polly set an individual world record and was part of a team world record at the US Nationals event held in Towson, MD. March 23-24. (Photo courtesy of the WSSA)

The final day of the U.S. Nationals saw two records fall and a familiar overall champion crowned. The relay team of Wills & Not Wills hit a world record time of 13.187 seconds in the Timed 3-6-3 Relay. Team USA Members William Polly, William Orrell, Mason Langenderfer and Chandler Miller will take that new record to the World Championships slated for Orlando, Fla., on April 6 and 7.

Polly is the son of Kris and Laura Polly of Arlington, Va., and grandson of Karl and Judy Polly of Wauneta.

For the second year in a row, Polly earned the title of U.S. Nationals Grand Champion. Along the way, the 12-year-old from Virginia hit a new Cycle World Record of 5.595 seconds. His combined time for the 3-3-3, 3-6-3 and Cycle was 9.235 seconds.

Coming in second overall was Josh Hainsel from North Carolina with a combined time of 9.522

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seconds and William Orrell, also from North Carolina, claimed the third spot with a combined time of 9.885.

Taking home the title of Overall Girls Champion was Lexy Mattson. The 14-year-old from Pennsylvania had a combined time of 12.300.

College student Kailey Diedrick from New York was the second fastest girl with a time of 12.813. And with a combined time of 12.826 seconds, South Carolina's Anna Smith was the third fastest girl.

In the Speed Stacks State Challenge, Ohio defended its title from last year's inaugural event nudging out Pennsylvania.

The team from North Carolina took third and Missouri took second in the double elimination Head-to-Head Cycle Relay.

Nearly 400 stackers took part in the 2013 U.S. Nationals/Maryland Open.

The 2013 World Championships will be April 6-7 in Orlando, and the Junior Olympics will be July 26-27 in Detroit.

William is featured in a documentary movie about sport stacking called "Stacker" - the movie has been accepted for screening at the 2013 Dallas International Film Festival and the 2013 International Family Film Festival. It follows the top U.S. stackers as they train for and compete in the 2011 World Championships, which was the first World Championship tournament that William won.