

Gymnasts of the Week – Jan. 14-16, 2011

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Big Ten Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Paul Ruggeri – Illinois

Illinois' Paul Ruggeri earns Big Ten Gymnast of the Week honors for the seventh time in his career after leading the fourth-ranked Illini to first place at the Windy City Invitational on Saturday. Ruggeri turned in top-five scores in four of his six events en route to a first-place finish in the all-around with a score of 88.900. The senior took first on the high bar (15.800), second in the floor exercise (15.300), tied for third on the parallel bars (14.600) and tied for fifth on the vault (15.700). He also turned in a 13.900 on the still rings and a 13.600 on the pommel horse.

Freshman of the Week

Jeff Treleaven, Ohio State

Jeff Treleaven earns the first Big Ten Freshman of the Week honor in Ohio State history after tying for first place on the vault in his collegiate debut at the Windy City Invitational on Saturday. Treleaven posted a score of 15.900 to share the vault title and turned in a score of 14.200 in the floor exercise, which placed him in a tie for 11th place in the event. The newcomer's performance helped the sixth-ranked Buckeyes to a fourth-place finish at the competition.

Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Andrew Faulk – Navy

Andrew Faulk (Navy) - Faulk, a junior from San Antonio, TX, where he attended James Madison High School, placed 2nd (83.5) in the All-Around to Parker Raque (84.3) from Penn State at the 2011 West Point Open. In addition to his 2nd place all-around finish he earned medals on five events in the individual event finals on Saturday evening in the Holleder Center, placing 5th on FX (13.7), 6th on PH (12.3), 1st on V (15.55), 2nd on PB (13.5) and 3rd on HB (14.1). Andrew was the 2009 ECAC Rookie of the Year and is majoring in Quantitative Economics at the Naval Academy.

Rookie of the Week

Joseph Hodges – Illinois-Chicago

Joseph Hodges (UIC) - a freshman competing in his first competition for the Flames placed 5th in the all-around at the 41st annual Windy City Open hosted by UIC. Hodges received his early training at the Rochester Gymnastics Academy where he helped to lead his club to a state championship. A native of Webster, NY, Joseph counted for the UIC team score on all six events. He is majoring in mechanical engineering. Prior to the start of competition a banner was unveiled in the Physical Education Building honoring retired coach CJ Johnson for his remarkable 38 years as head coach for the UIC Flames.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

Glen Ishino – California

Ishino (Santa Ana, CA) won individual titles on horse (14.750), parallel bars (15.550), and high

bar (15.900), on his way to a dominating all-around victory (90.300), in a season-opening upset at top-ranked Stanford last Saturday. Cal was trailing the meet by 3.5 points with two rotations left, before Ishino nailed the p-bars and high bar to seal the team win.