

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

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Big Ten Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Kylee Botterman - Michigan

Kylee Botterman collects her second straight Big Ten Gymnast of the Week honor after earning four first-place finishes, including top honors in the all-around, to send Michigan to a tri-meet win over No. 21 Illinois and Penn State on Friday. Botterman began her night with a top score of 9.975 on the vault, marking the highest score in the country in 2011. She also took first on the balance beam and floor exercise, turning in a 9.875 in each event, and posted a 9.825 on the bars en route to a third-place finish. Botterman's all-around score of 39.550 tied the highest total in the country this season, and her all-around average of 39.475 leads the nation.

Freshman of the Week

Dusti Russell - Minnesota

Minnesota's Dusti Russell earns the first Big Ten Freshman of the Week honor in program history after helping the Golden Gophers to a dual win over No. 18 Iowa on Saturday. Russell finished third in the all-around with a score of 38.925 after finishing first in the floor exercise (9.875) and second on the balance beam (9.825). The newcomer also posted a ninth-place score on the bars (9.675) and finished 12th on the vault (9.550).

Big 12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Mary Burke - Missouri

Burke won the all-around as the Tigers defeated Southeast Missouri State 194.925-192.825 on Saturday. Burke finished with an overall score of 39.225, including the top spot in the vault at 9.800. The junior also placed second on bars (9.800), beam (9.775) and floor (9.850).

Specialist of the Week

Kayla Nowak - Oklahoma

Nowak won a share of both the bars and floor titles as OU defeated 10th-ranked North Carolina State, 196.175-195.150. She led the Sooners on the floor for the second-straight week, posting a mark of 9.85, while scoring 9.875 on the bars, a career high. The sophomore also competed on the beam where she recorded a score of 9.775. The Sooners are ranked third in the nation.

Newcomer of the Week

Taylor Spears - Oklahoma

In her first appearance in the event, Spears won the beam title with a score of 9.875 as Oklahoma topped North Carolina State. The Plano, Texas, native also scored 9.825 on the bars and 9.75 on the floor. Spears is ranked first in the nation on the beam.

East Atlantic Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Leslie Delima – George Washington

Delima was honored following an amazing performance on Sunday afternoon in which she set or tied three personal records while helping GW to a second-place team finish at the Lindsey Ferris Invitational. The Virginia Beach, Va., native finished second overall in the meet with a personal-best score of 39.175. She finished as the top individual on the floor exercise as she tied her personal-best with a score of 9.875. She also set a personal record with a 9.825 on the vault, good enough for second-place. Additionally, Delima finished in second-place on the balance beam with a score of 9.825 and registered a 9.650 on the uneven parallel bars.

Specialist and Rookie of the Week

Hope Sloanhoffer – West Virginia

Sloanhoffer has repeated as the East Atlantic Gymnastics League (EAGL) Specialist and Rookie of the Week. Sloanhoffer continued her strong rookie debut in the meets against Michigan State and Georgi, as she earned four top-three finishes, including two event wins. Her most impressive routine of the weekend was a 9.875, first-place beam showing against MSU. She also finished first on floor (9.825) and second on vault (9.775) against the Spartans. At No. 5 Georgia, competing on the biggest stage of her young career, Sloanhoffer finished second on vault (9.8) and fourth on floor (9.85); her floor score was the third-best mark of the meet. She ranks nationally No. 6 on beam (9.85 average), No. 18 on vault (9.85 average) and is tied for No. 28 on floor (9.838) with senior Amy Bieski. Her beam mark is good enough for the No. 1 EAGL ranking.

Eastern College Athletic Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Rookie of the Week

Specialist of the Week

Eastern College Athletic Conference Division III

Gymnast of the Week

Sarah Nadrowski - Cortland

Sarah had her second consecutive strong performance in the all-around at an away meet at Wilson College. She achieved personal bests in bars (9.45), beam (9.45) and all-around with a 37.9. Sarah captured first place on, bars, all-around, and the vault with a 9.55. She also finished second on both floor with a 9.45, and beam.

Freshman of the Week

Shilanna Gallo - Ithaca College

As a freshman, Shilanna Gallo was able to tie for second on bars with a 9.325 and finish fifth on the vault with a 9.425 in a seasoned field at Ithaca College's season-opening quad meet.

Specialist of the Week

Erin Slaunwhite, Ursinus College

As in the past, Erin is off to a great start on the balance beam this season. At an away quad meet hosted by West Chester, Erin Scored a 9.450 capturing second place in the meet. The senior is on her way to finishing her career on a high note. The meet also included Springfield College and was won by Southern Connecticut

Mid American Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Kristin Teubner - Central Michigan

Teubner won three events including the all-around to lead the Chippewas to a victory at Ball State in CMU's conference opener. Teubner tallied a career-high in the all-around with a 38.975 and tied for first on vault (9.775) and floor (9.800). She also had top three finishes on bars and beam.

Specialist of the Week

Lindsay Runyan - Kent State

Sophomore Lindsay Runyan (Maineville, Ohio) had another strong meet, winning the uneven bars with a score of 9.825 and taking third on the balance beam with a 9.800 as Kent State overcame injuries and a different time zone to dominate Sacramento State, 195.475-189.625, Friday (Jan. 14) at the Lady Luck Invitational at the South Point Hotel & Conference Center on Las Vegas Boulevard. Runyan is currently ranked as the 12th-best gymnast in the country on the uneven bars with an average score of 9.900.

Midwest Independent Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Brianna Gaddie – Southeast Missouri State

Gaddie earned her second career Gymnast of the Week honor after she captured her 11th career title on the vault with a season-high score of 9.800. She followed that performance with a second place showing on the beam with a score of 9.775, tying her career-high mark. She capped off the evening with the night's second-highest score on the floor with a 9.800, to finish third overall.

Specialist of the Week

Christina Sundgren – Southeast Missouri State

For Sundgren, her award is the first of her four-year career. She took home her first career title on the beam with a career-best 9.800. Sundgren followed that performance with eighth place finishes on the bars and floor. Sundgren shared her weekly honor with Illinois-Chicago's Andrea Skala.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

Marcy Miller – UC Davis

Miller (Huntington Beach, CA) repeats this award by winning an individual balance beam title (9.80), leading the Aggies to a second place finish at California last Friday. Miller added routines of 9.675 on floor, 9.625 on vault, and 9.60 on bars, for a second place all-around total of 38.700.

Pac-10 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Leslie Mak – Oregon State

Mak, a native of Toronto, Ontario led Oregon State past No. 15 Ohio State Friday night in a lopsided home win over a ranked opponent, 195.925-193.300. Following a tightly scored opening rotation on the vault, she helped lead her team past the team's initial bumps in the meet to post a season-high team score of 195.925. Mak scored a 9.90 on the bars to help set up her teammate, Vivian, for a career-best 9.975. On the beam, Mak tied her career-high with a score of 9.925 to win the event title. Overall she finished the meet with an all-around score of 39.100, her third-straight meet scoring 39+ and the all-around win.

Special Performance of the Week

Olivia Vivian – Oregon State

For the second time in two weeks, Vivian performed a near-flawless uneven bars routine this time earning another career-high score of 9.975 and the Pac-10 Special Performance of the Week honor. Vivian, a native of Perth, Australia received a 10.0 from the head judge on the apparatus in the meet vs Ohio State, the first of her career. Vivian's score earned her the individual title, a feat she has accomplished in all three of OSU's meet so far in 2011. Vivian is the top ranked gymnast in the country on the uneven bars.

Southeastern Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Cassidy McComb - Georgia

McComb helped Georgia post the second-highest score in the country to date with a 39.525 in the all-around vs. No. 18 West Virginia on Monday. McComb matched or set career highs on bars (9.9), beam (9.9) and floor (9.925) in the win over the Mountaineers. McComb won a total of six individual titles against Utah and West Virginia and has won the all-around in all three of Georgia's meets this season.

Freshman of the Week

Alaina Johnson - Florida

Johnson opened the UF-UK meet with wins on vault (9.95) and uneven bars (9.925). Her vault mark makes one of four Gator freshmen all-time to earn a 9.95. Johnson used the same score to earn her second consecutive bar win of the season. She placed in the top three of each of the three events she competed Friday, taking third in floor with a mark of 9.90. In the currently national rankings - Johnson is No. 2 in all-around (39.425), No. 7 in vault (9.90), No. T2 (9.925) and T7 in floor (9.875).

Western Athletic Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Amy Glass – Boise State

Glass, a junior from Vacaville, Calif. (Will C. Wood HS) won the all-around, vault and beam at the Washington Quadrangular meet last week. Glass scored a 39.325 to win the all-around, just .025 short of her career best. She also won on vault with a 9.875 and on beam with a 9.850. Glass also placed second on floor with a 9.850. The all-around win is her sixth career win in the event, moving her to a tie for the sixth in all-time career all-around wins at Boise State.

Specialist of the Week**Hannah Redmon – Boise State**

Redmon, a senior from Sparks, Nevada (Reed HS) won the floor exercise title at the Washington Quadrangular in Seattle for her 17th career win in the event. Redmon scored a 9.875 to win the event title, which ties her for the school record in career wins on floor at Boise State.

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference**Specialist****Allyse Dieringer - UW-Whitewater**

Dieringer made her mark several times in UW-Whitewater's record book against Hamline University (Minn.) Jan. 15. She took first place in the uneven bars with a 9.600, which ties for seventh in the Warhawk record book. Dieringer also placed first on the balance beam with a 9.725 mark, this ties the number one spot in the Warhawk record book. She also led UW-Whitewater in the floor exercise, tying Hamline's Melissa Thomas with a 9.575 for top honors.

All-Around**Christa Booman - UW-La Crosse**

Booman won the all-around (36.775) title and helped lead UW-La Crosse to a first-place finish at the UW-Eau Claire Invitational Jan. 14. She also won the uneven bars (9.500) and tied for fourth on the vault (9.375).