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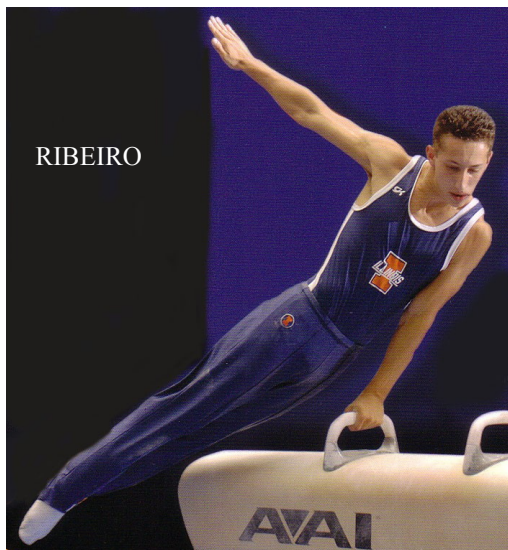
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

After one day of competition, seven Illini advanced to the finals at the 2011 U.S. Winter Cup Challenge in Las Vegas on Thursday. Senior Paul Ruggeri was the top finisher for Illinois, placing sixth with 46 points in the performance-based points ranking system.

A total of 43 athletes qualified for the Winter Cup Finals, which will take place on Saturday, Feb. 5 beginning at 7:15 p.m. PT/9:15 p.m. CT.

Former Illini Wes Haagensen and junior Tyler Mizoguchi finished close behind in seventh and eighth, respectively, with 45 points each, followed by senior Daniel Ribeiro (17th; 29 points), former Illini Luke Stannard (19th; 27), senior Chad Wiest (24th; 21) and freshman Jordan Valdez (33rd; 15).

Ruggeri finished the night tied for 10th place in the all-around with a score of 83.350, placed third on high bar (15.650) and fourth on floor exercise (15.100), while Ribeiro captured the lone first-place finish on the day, tying his career-best score on pommel horse with a 16.000, and Wiest took third on floor (15.300).



RIBEIRO

Mizoguchi finished tied for 16th in the all-around with a score of 81.850 and also placed sixth on floor (15.050) and parallel bars (15.200). Rounding out the group of current team members was Valdez, who finished 27th in the all-around (79.450) and tied for sixth on high bar (14.150).

Haagensen, competing for Team Hilton HHonors, placed 15th in the all-around (81.950) and second on rings (15.100), and Stannard took fourth on pommel horse

(14.550).

In the final round of competition Valdez: 5th HB (28.60), 19th AA (159.50), 31st FX (26.55), 22nd PH (14.50), 26th V (28.40); Wiest: 8th PB (28.90), 16th FX (28.50), 16th V (29.85), 24th HB (25.05); Mizoguchi: 9th AA (166.80), 4th FX (29.80), 9th PH (26.75), 3rd PB (30.15), 13th HB (27.60) 20th SR (26.05), 36th V (26.45); Ribeiro: 8th FX (29.45), **1st PH (31.40)**, 32nd V (27.60), 16th PB (27.75); Ruggeri: 12th V (30.30);

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Six members of the University of Michigan competed on Thursday (Feb. 3) in the preliminaries of the USA Gymnastics Winter Cup Challenge at the Las Vegas Sports Center.

The preliminaries consisted of three sessions. Two Michigan athletes competed in the first session, Ian Makowske and Adam Hamers. Makowske competed on high bar and floor exercise, while Hamers competed on pommel horse. At the conclusion of session one, Makowske was leading the scoreboard in both his events, scoring a 14.80 on FX and 14.35 on HB. Hamers was sitting in fourth after the session with a 13.25.

Four Michigan gymnasts were in session three: Michael Myler, Sam Mikulak, Thomas Kelley and Chris Cameron.

The Wolverines began action on the parallel bars, as Kelly led the guys on the event, taking a 14.50. Moving to HB for the second event, Myler and Kelly competed for U-M. Both athletes struggled on their routines, with Kelley falling on his laid-out Tkachev. Mikulak highlighted the third rotation (floor exercise) with a new routine packed with difficulty; his routine was nearly flawless until his last pass, a double twisting double back, where he landed short and put his hands down.

The Wolverines moved to pommel horse for the fourth rotation, where Cameron, Myler and Kelley competed. Cameron, who is already prequalified for National Team because of his placement on the 2010 World Team back in October, tried an upgraded horse routine, but struggled a bit.

On rings, the fifth rotation, Cameron and Kelley competed. Cameron, again, pushed for an upgraded routine and experienced some trouble on his dismount.

In the final rotation on vault, Michigan had the highlight of the night, when Mikulak went for an upgraded routine. Attempting a triple twisting vault, Mikulak wowed the crowd and

garnered cheers from his teammates when he stuck the landing. Mikulak is one of the few gymnasts in the world who is able to do this vault. His efforts awarded him a 16.05 and the first-place position on the event after prelims. Mikulak, Hamers and Makowske gathered



MIKULAK

enough points to advance to the Winter Cup finals.

In the final evening of competition: Umphrey: 15th PB (27.80), 25th FX (27.40), 19th SR (26.15); Makowske: 14th FX (28.65), 3rd HB (29.70); Mikulak: FX 14th (28.65), **2nd V (32.20)**; Hamers: 15th PH (26.00).

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Due to the widespread and severe winter storm that has impacted travel throughout much of the nation, the trip to Las Vegas, Nev. that four members of the No. 5-ranked Penn State men's gymnastics were to make this week in order to compete at the 2011 Winter Cup Challenge had to be cancelled.

Junior Miguel Pineda (Galloway, Ohio), sophomores Matt Chelberg (Athens, Ohio) and Parker Raque (Louisville, Ky.), and freshman Wasef Burbar (Arlington Heights, Ill.) were scheduled to compete at the prestigious annual USA Gymnastics event, set for Thurs., Feb. 3 and Sat., Feb. 5.

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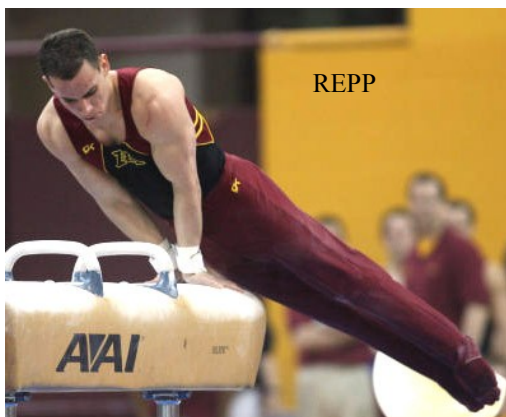


UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The combined team aspect for the University of Minnesota was put on hold this past week as most collegiate teams from across the country sent some of their best athletes to compete at the Winter Cup this week at the Las Vegas, Nev. Sports Center.

The Gophers sent junior DJ Repp and sophomores Harris Coleman and Josh Wokurka to the event. Aaron Fortunato, who graduated from Minnesota last year, also competed.

The 119-man field will be competing for the a chance at the eight remaining spots available on the 15-man U.S. Men's Senior National Team through the 2011 Visa Championships. The Championships will be held at the Xcel Energy Center in Saint Paul, Minn. Aug. 17-20.



REPP

"We're going there hoping to hit our routines, and if the guys do good enough of a job, they might make the National team," Minnesota head coach Mike Burns said. "I think it's going to be very difficult, all the top guys in the country will be there."

None of the four gymnasts qualified for the final round of competition, but Fortunato placed 28th in the AA (79.35) and Wokurka placed 14th on HB (13.50).

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa men's gymnastics team was unable to arrive in Las Vegas for the 2011 U.S. Winter Cup Challenge due to the recent snow storms.

The No. 9 Hawkeyes were scheduled to fly out of Cedar Rapids last Wednesday, but had their flight cancelled. Senior Mike Jiang and sophomore Matt McGrath were both slated to compete at the tournament. Big Ten foe Penn State also had the weather cancel their trip.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ohio State sent six student-athletes to the

2011 Winter Cup Challenge held Thursday and Saturday at the Las Vegas Sports Center in Las Vegas, Nev. The Buckeyes will be competing for a spot on the U.S. Men's Gymnastics Senior National Team.

Interim co-head coaches Doug Stibel and Blaine Wilson led the group comprised of senior co-captain and current U.S. National team member Brandon Wynn, senior Sean Regan, juniors Ty Echard and Philip Onorato, sophomore Blaize Monks and freshman Jeff Treleven. Current volunteer assistant coach and former Buckeye Tai Lee also competed.



ECHARD

With a solid showing three of the Buckeyes advanced to the final round of competition with **Echard: 2nd PH (29.95)**; Regan: 26th AA (138.40), 32nd FX (26.05), 23rd SR (25.60), 26th V (28.40), 31st PB (24.50), 25th HB (25.00)); Treleven: 5th V (31.60),

National Best team score this season.

1.	Stanford	364.40
2.	California	358.80
3.	Oklahoma	358.35
4.	Illinois	355.40
5.	Penn State	351.80
6.	Michigan	346.90
7.	Minnesota	344.10
8.	Nebraska	343.00
9.	Iowa	342.10
10.	Temple	341.40
11.	Ohio State	340.35
12.	Air Force	334.40
13.	Army	330.90
14.	Illinois-Chicago	329.30
15.	Springfield	327.50
16.	Navy	324.30
17.	William/Mary	316.10
18.	Arizona State	312.20*
19.	Brockport	263.60*

*Club teams.