

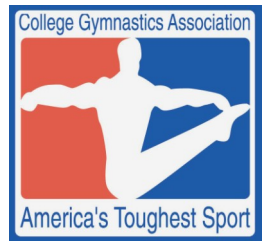


# COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

## BIG TEN CONFERENCE

### CGA WEEKLY REPORT

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#### PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

No. 3 Penn State claimed its biggest win of the season in the face of its sternest challenge to this point of the 2011 campaign, upsetting No. 2 Illinois, 352.10-351.00, on Saturday night in Champaign, Ill.

For the first time this season, the Nittany Lions failed to establish a new team season high score but were buoyed by standout performances in three events.

Penn State won the floor exercise (59.50) and the vault (63.40) but it was a dominating effort in the still rings that fueled the Nittany Lion victory. Behind a career-high and event-winning score of 15.80 by Scott Rosenthal and career-best mark of 15.50 by Miguel Pineda PSU upheld its No. 1 national ranking on the still rings by besting the Illini by more than three points (60.50-57.10).

The Nittany Lions nearly let their large lead slip away in the final two rotations with sub-par showings in the parallel bars (56.00) and high bar (55.70), but Felix Aronovich clinched the victory in the PSU's final performance, scoring a 14.60 in the parallel bars to place second. Aronovich also highlighted the Penn State high bar line-up, placing in a tie for first with a 14.30.

Led by a career-high score of 16.00 from Parker Raque Penn State swept the top three



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places in the vault. Mackenzie Dow finished in second (15.90) and redshirt freshman Francisco Vazquez placed third (15.80). Vazquez also tied for the runner-up spot in the pommel horse.

Raque also was the Lions' top finisher in the floor exercise, securing second with a score of 15.10. Matt Chelberg placed third with a career-high mark of 15.00 while Warren Yang came in fourth (14.90).

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Despite claiming first-place finishes on four events, No. 2 Illinois fell just short to Penn State 352.10-351.00, Saturday evening at Huff Hall.

Highlighting the day were Illini event winners Chad Wiest on floor exercise (15.60), freshman Chad Mason on pommel horse (15.10) and Tyler Mizoguchi on parallel bars and all-around (87.20), in addition to tying for first on high bar (14.30) with teammate Jor-



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dan Valdez and Penn State's Felix Aronovich.

On floor, Wiest collected his second title of the season on the event and third overall, while freshman Alex Varga and Yoshi Mori added career-high scores of 14.70 to finish tied for fifth place. Mason captured his first-career event title on pommel horse with a career-best score of 15.10, followed by Daniel Ribeiro who tied for second place (14.80) and Mori placed fourth with a score of 14.70.

Anthony Sacramento led the way on rings for the Illini with a third-place score of 15.20, while Mizoguchi took fourth and tied his season-high with a 14.70. Mizoguchi also tied for fourth place on vault (15.70) with Wiest.

Illinois finished out the meet strong on parallel bars and high bar. In addition to his first-place tie on high bar, Valdez also claimed third on parallel bars (14.50), while freshman Cameron Rogers added a career-high score of 14.40 on the event. On high bar, Sacramento posted a fifth-place finish with a career-best score of 13.900.

Mizoguchi competed unopposed in the all-around to record his third all-around title of the year. **A meet sidelight:** the meet took a little less than 2 hours to complete.

#### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa earned a big victory over seventh-ranked Nebraska on Saturday night inside the UI Field House, and set school records in the process. The Hawkeyes defeated the Cornhuskers 348.10-342.70 on Senior Night.

The Hawkeyes' team score was just 1.3 points away from setting a school record, this coming after just one week after Iowa's lowest team score of the season against Minnesota (330.10). The Hawkeyes set team season highs on five of the six total events.

"That was night and day difference from last weekend to now," said head coach JD Reive, who graduated from Nebraska in 2000. "It was the push we needed to get better. They were disappointed after our last meet. Our guys went into the gym, and we pushed them really hard and they did the work, and this is the reward they get for it."

Iowa made three additions to the school record book, two of them coming from strong individual performances. Matt McGrath scored a 15.50 on floor exercise to win the event by a full point, and topped Geoff Reins' record of 15.45 in 2009. The 15.50 score was also a season-high team score on the event by .70.

Anton-Gryshayev broke his own record on rings for the second time.

Gryshayev scored a 15.20 on the event to place tied for first, breaking his previous school record of 15.10 against Illinois.

McGrath's routine on floor exercise helped Iowa jump out to a two point lead after the first rotation, and the Hawkeyes improved that lead in four of the next five events.



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John Haines also scored a 14.20 on the event to place fourth, tying his season high score on the event for the second time. Freshman Lance Alberhasky also scored a 14.20.

Broderick Shemansky kept the momentum going for Iowa on pommel horse, scoring a team season high 14.80 on the event to place second. Mike Jiang placed third (14.40), Adam Wilson placed fourth (14.20).

Iowa added another team season high score on rings with a 58.10 thanks in large part to Gryshayev's routine. McGrath and Javier Balboa tied for third place as well (14.40).

Gryshayev had another first place finish, this time on vault with a 15.70 to set his season high. McGrath came in third (15.50).

Iowa's record setting performance on parallel bars was fueled by Shemansky's first place finish and team season high score of 14.70, a score that was just one tenth away from an individual school record. Jiang finished runner up with a 14.60.

Iowa scored a season high 56.00 as a team on horizontal bar, as freshman Samuel Wright earned his first career first place finish. Wright scored a team season high 14.30 to tie for first. Shemansky placed third (14.200).

### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team took care of business on Friday night as it took down Air Force 345.60-331.30 at the Sports Pavilion.

The Gophers walk away from the meet with several reasons to feel proud of the win. Their 345.60 score is the highest achieved so far this season, and the 14-point win is biggest point differential Minnesota has enjoyed this year.

The Gophers controlled the meet from the start, jumping out to an early lead with a score of 58.70 on the floor exercise.

However, the Falcons remained competitive and eventually closed the gap to 170.60-169.80 midway through the meet.

Minnesota still never wavered down the stretch and went on to pull away by con-



tinuing its trend of being very solid on the vault, this time scoring a 62.80 on the event.

The Gophers had several solid individual performances on the night. Freshman Zack Chase put up the highest score of the evening with a 16.10 on the vault. Adam LaFleur scored a 15.70 on the vault as well as an event-high score of 15.00 on the floor exercise.

"Zack Chase did a great job," Burns said. Adam LaFleur won the Cooke award tonight and did an awesome job on the floor and vault. I thought the rings team did a really job tonight with four out of six stuck dismounts, and that's what we need to do on that event."

### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

On the strength of winning five out of the six events, the No. 6-ranked University of Michigan defeated No. 12 UIC, 341.900-322.700, on Saturday (Feb. 19) inside Cliff Keen Arena.

Michigan began the competition on floor exercise going in Olympic order. Struggling to gather momentum, the Wolverines put up their lowest event score this season (55.50). Ian Makowske led the team with a 14.10.



Moving to the pommel horse for the second rotation, Michigan shrugged off FX and began to get in gear. Second up, freshman Michael Myler put up a personal best (14.20) with his clean, high amplitude circles. Showing his consistency for the second week in a row, Adam Hamers closed out the rotation with a masterful 15.00 hit routine, matching his career high for the event.

The Wolverines continued to turn up the heat going into the third rotation, still rings, with six-for-six hit routines and the highest event score of the season yet (58.70). Freshman Alex Bubnov his season high (14.20) with solid strength positions. Andrew Vance led the wolverines on SR with an all-time high of 15.05, sticking his dismount and cheering with a double fist-pump.

Michigan continued to ride the momentum from rings into the fourth rotation, vault, scoring another event season best for the team (62.05). Rohan Sebastian did an outstanding Yurchenko vault with two twists cleanly landing with a tiny step forward, scoring a career-best 15.75.

The Wolverines experienced some trouble on the fifth rotation, parallel bars, suffering from several missed routines. Thomas Kelley was the bright point in the rotation, scoring 14.50 to lead the Wolverines.

In the final rotation on high bar, Michigan struggled with routines missing release moves. In spite of this Kelley managed to place 2<sup>nd</sup> with a 14.10 score. The Wolverines appear to still be without the services of Chris Cameron.

### National Best team scores this past week..

Oklahoma	357.50
Penn State	352.10
Stanford	352.00
California	351.70
Illinois	351.00
Iowa	348.10
Minnesota	345.60
Air Force	345.00
Nebraska	342.70
Michigan	341.90
Temple	340.70
Navy	334.55
William/Mary	332.90
Army	331.35
Springfield	323.05
Ill-Chicago	322.70