

Gymnasts of the Week – Feb. 18-20, 2011

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Big Ten Conference

Co-Gymnasts of the Week

Tyler Mizoguchi - Illinois

Tyler Mizoguchi takes home Co-Gymnast of the Week laurels after winning the all-around, parallel bars and high bar titles for No. 2 Illinois against No. 3 Penn State on Saturday. Mizoguchi turned in an 87.200 in the all-around, along with a 14.700 on the parallel bars and a 14.300 on the high bar en route to first place in all three. He also tied for fourth on the vault, posting a score of 15.700, and earned another fourth-place finish on the still rings with a 14.700. Mizoguchi rounded out the competition by tying for ninth on the pommel horse (13.600) and taking 10th in the floor exercise (14.200). The award marks his second this season.

Parker Raque - Penn State

Penn State's Parker Raque earns his first weekly honor after leading the third-ranked Nittany Lions to a road win over No. 2 Illinois on Saturday. The sophomore posted a career-high 16.000 on the vault en route to his third vault title this season and a Penn State sweep of the event's top three spots. Raque also picked up a second-place finish in the floor exercise with a 15.100. He finished fifth on the still rings with a 14.600 and 12th on the high bar with a 12.000.

Freshman of the Week

Francisco Vazquez - Penn State

Francisco Vasquez earned two top-three finishes to help No. 3 Penn State to a win at No. 2 Illinois on Saturday and collect his first Big Ten weekly honor. Vazquez tied for second on the pommel horse with a career-high score of 14.800 and placed third on the vault with a 15.800. He also took eighth in the floor exercise, posting a 14.400.

Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Kyle Voissem – Illinois-Chicago

A sophomore from West Allis, Wisc., Voissem posted an all-around score of 83.5 to take top honors as the Flames (322.7) lost to number 7 ranked Wolverines (341.9) at Michigan. He also took first place on horizontal bar (14.15). Kyle attended West Allis Central and is a student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He received his early training at the Swiss Turners under Stacy Maloney and Andrei Kan where he was a top Junior Olympic competitor and a past qualifier to the USAG Visa Championships.

Rookie of the Week

Daniel Potemski – William & Mary

Potemski, a freshman from Round Rock, Texas, worked five events for the Tribe (332.9) at Temple (340.7) on Saturday evening. He was the top point scorer for William & Mary earning 53.3 points on the five events worked. He posted a 14.1 floor exercise score for a 3rd place tie, a season high 13.1 score on pommel horse and counting scores on vault (14.6) and parallel bars(13.5). Daniel has excelled academically receiving the Provost Award given to freshman scholar-athletes who earn above a 3.75 GPA. He is a government major with a strong interest in law school after graduation.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

Nash Mills – Air Force

Air Force senior Nash Mills (Coto de Caza, CA) led one of the most successful meets in program history, the second highest total ever for the Falcons (345.000), taking the Academy Crown for the first time in 11 years just minutes from his hometown. He won the all-around with a season-high (85.800), along with a first place career-high on rings (14.800) and first place season high on bars (14.300). Mills added a third place vault (15.6) in that meet and two top-three results at Minnesota last Friday.