

Gymnasts of the Week – Feb. 17-20, 2011

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Big Ten Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Sharaya Musser - Penn State

Penn State's Sharaya Musser earns her second Big Ten Gymnast of the Week award this season after winning the all-around title at Maryland on Friday. Musser tied her season high in the all-around, posting a score of 39.575 to lead the 18th-ranked Nittany Lions to a team season-best of 196.600 in the quad-meet win. She also picked up titles in the floor exercise, scoring a career-high 9.950, and on the balance beam (9.925). Musser finished tied for third on the vault (9.875) and fifth on the bars (9.825).

Co-Freshmen of the Week

Amber See - Illinois

Amber See posted two top-three finishes in No. 17 Illinois' win over Illinois-Chicago on Saturday en route to the first Freshman of the Week award in Illinois history. See took first place on the vault, recording a score of 9.875, and finished second in the floor exercise with a mark of 9.900. Her performance on the vault marked a personal-best score and her second title in the event this season. See's floor exercise score also set a career high.

Sarah Miller - Ohio State

Ohio State's Sarah Miller earns Co-Freshman of the Week laurels after helping the 14th-ranked Buckeyes to back-to-back wins over the weekend. Against Michigan State on Friday, Miller tied for first on the vault (9.800), tied for second on the balance beam (9.750) and tied for fourth in the floor exercise (9.800). She then won the floor exercise title against Kentucky on Sunday, tallying a 9.925 en route to a new career high. Miller also tied for third on the beam (9.800) and tied for sixth on the vault (9.825). The award is Miller's fourth of the season.

Big 12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Mary Burke - Missouri

Burke won the all-around title for the fifth time in her career in the Tigers' home meet against No. 4 Oklahoma last Friday with a score of 39.275. She tied her career-high with a 9.900 mark on the beam, leading the Tigers in that event and on the bars (9.775) and floor (9.875), while also posting a 9.725 score on vault. The junior is currently first in the conference in all-around competition this season and 10th overall.

Specialist of the Week

Jody McKellar - Iowa State

McKellar tied the all-time bars score in Iowa State gymnastics history with her career-high 9.95 mark in the Cyclones' win over No. 20 Iowa last Friday. The senior helped lead ISU to a season-best 49.350 on bars en route to its best overall team score of 196.350 since March 23, 2007. Iowa State's bars score marked the eighth-highest in program history. McKellar's score is the highest by a Cyclone this season, and she is tied for 13th nationally on bars.

Newcomer of the Week

Michelle Shealy, Iowa State

Shealy tied for the balance beam title in Iowa State's win over No. 20 Iowa last Friday with a 9.900 score, a personal-high and the best by a Cyclone this season. The freshman finished with

an all-around score of 39.025 after adding marks of 9.750 on bars, 9.700 on floor and 9.675 on vault. She currently ranks 15th in the nation in the all-around, but is the highest ranked freshman in that category.

East Atlantic Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Amy Bileski – West Virginia

Bileski's honor follows her all-around win with a career-best 39.325 score against No. 1 Florida, New Hampshire and George Washington on Feb. 20, at the WVU Coliseum. Bileski's previous career-best mark of 39.275 had stood since March 15, 2008. Included in her day was a second place, 9.875 finish on bars; the mark also was a career high and bested her old mark of 9.825, a score she had attained once each season since 2008. Additionally, she scored 9.85 on vault and 9.825 on floor to finish fifth on each event with the meet's third-best scores. She also finished sixth on beam with a 9.775 mark.

Specialist of the Week

Elizabeth Durkac – North Carolina

Durkac performed her best meet as a Tar Heel and helped the Tar Heels earn a home victory in last Sunday's meet against Pitt. She set or matched career highs on bars, beam and floor. Durkac tied with teammate Zoya Johnson for first on bars, posting a 9.825. She continued her career day on beam, where she hit every element in her set and scored a 9.85 for a first-place finish. Durkac closed her day on floor and finished sixth overall with a personal-best 9.775.

Rookie of the Week

Hope Sloanhoffer – West Virginia

Sloanhoffer wins her fifth rookie honor on the strength of her clutch performance on Feb. 20, as she followed two falls on beam and anchored the Mountaineers' lineup with a 9.85 score, the meet's third best and good enough for fourth place overall. She then moved to floor, where she posted 9.85 and finished in a tie for third place with the meet's second-best score. The league's No. 1-ranked vaulter for the fifth straight week, she opened the meet with a 9.725 score on the apparatus.

Eastern College Athletic Conference – Division I

Gymnast of the Week

Corrine Williams – Temple

Williams had a great meet this past week at the Shelli Calloway Memorial invitational. She tied two of her career highs, vault and uneven bars, to earn second place. Williams earned her season high for the year with a 9.750 to earn second place. She also finished third with the floor exercise (9.800). With these scores, she ended up winning the meet and earning a personal best of 38.95.

Rookie of the Week

Nicole Tay – Yale

Due to a tendon tear in her ankle, Tay was only able to compete in uneven bars and balance beam. Over the weekend, she scored a 9.50 in bars and 9.650 in beam both were season highs.

Specialist of the Week

Emily Santoro – Cornell

Santoro had her best meet of the season as she won the vaulting event at the five-team meet at Towson on Sunday. Her 9.875 was the second highest in school history and was the highest score of any event in the ECAC this past weekend.

Coaches Choice

Megan Milavec – Pennsylvania

Milavec had a breakthrough day scoring career highs in every event and the all-around at the Shelli Calloway Invitational. She was the team's second highest scorer on vault, third highest on bars, third on beam and third on floor. She completed a new vault routine this weekend and not only nailed it but stuck the landing as well.

Eastern College Athletic Conference – Division III

All-Around of the Week

Brittany Baglow - Springfield College

Brittany tied for first place in the all-around while setting a personal best of 37.10. Brittany also tied for first on the floor exercise with a 9.675 and placed fifth on the balance beam with a personal best of 9.45. Brittany's performance led the Pride to their highest team score of the season, 182.975

Co-Specialists of the Week

Annmarie Graziosa - Springfield College

Annmarie has been working hard all season to upgrade the tumbling in her floor exercise routine. It paid off this week as she scored a personal best of 9.525 on her way to a fourth-place finish. Annmarie performed a solid double back move in her routine. She also had a 9.225 on the vault and a 9.0 on the beam to complete her best meet performance of the season.

Kasey Cutler - Cortland

Kasey did great at the Harriet Marranca Invitational hosted by Ithaca College on Saturday. Cortland finished third out of the four-team meet. Brockport took the crown, Ithaca finished second and Wilson College rounded out the field in fourth. Cutler tied for second on the uneven bars with a 9.45, while finishing fifth on the balance beam with a 9.2

Mid American Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Nikole Viltz - Eastern Michigan

Senior Nikole Viltz (Hawthorn Woods, Ill.-Carmel) led the Eagles in the win, finishing first on the vault recording a career best 9.875 and tying for first on the balance beam posting a 9.550. Viltz also earned a 9.200 for her performance on the floor exercise.

Specialist of the Week

Rachel Goldenberg - Kent State

Goldenberg tied for first on the vault with a career-high score of 9.900 to help Kent State defeat Northern Illinois, 194.800-192.875, Sunday (Feb. 20). The Golden Flashes host their annual 'Flip For The Cure' meet against Western Michigan on Feb. 27.

Midwest Independent Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Taylor Westrick – Southeast Missouri State

The sophomore captured two of the five possible individual titles in the meet against Texas Woman's, including her fourth balance beam title of the season. She scored a 9.875 on the apparatus, matching the career-high she set last season. It was the eighth beam title of her career. She was the top all-around performer at the dual meet, winning her second all-around title of the season with a career-best 39.100. She tied for second on the floor with a score of 9.850, setting a new career-best. On the uneven bars, she tied for third with a score of 9.750. She set another personal best on the vault with a score of 9.650, placing her among the top-ten finishers.

Specialist of the Week

Hannah Deutsch – Illinois State

Deutsch took first place on the balance beam with a career-high score of 9.925 in the meet against Ball State, Wisconsin-La Crosse and Seattle Pacific. She also took first place on the floor exercise (9.825) and fifth place on the vault (9.650).

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

Marcy Miller – UC-Davis

UC Davis senior Marcy Miller (Huntington Beach, CA) tallied a first place and career all-around (38.825) in a dual win over California, leading the Aggies to a season-high team score (194.050). Miller recorded a pair of bronze routines with a 9.775 bars and a 9.675 vault. She also tied for fourth on floor (9.775) while adding a 9.60 beam score. This is Miller's fourth weekly MPSF honor this year.

Pac-10 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Ruby Engreitz – Washington

Ruby Engreitz, a junior from Kirkland, Wash., had her best career meet as a Husky, posting career-best marks on vault, beam and all-around competition. Engreitz's career-best score of 9.900 on vault earned a tie for second place, as the Huskies posted a season-high score of 49.300 in the event. Engreitz earned a first place finish on bars with a score of 9.875, posting her fourth title in the event this season. In addition, Engreitz won the all-around with a career-high 39.350, placed second on the beam with a score of 9.825, and finished fourth on floor with a 9.800.

Special Performance of the Week

Tauny Frattone – UCLA

Junior Tauny Frattone, hailing from Lake Forest, Calif., tied a career-high on vault with a 9.95, sticking her Yurchenko half-on, piked front half-off vault for her fourth consecutive vault victory. Frattone's score led the way for a Bruin season-high team score of 49.4 on vault. Frattone is averaging a team-best 9.868 on vault this year and ranks third amongst Conference competition. She has scored 9.8 or better on the event in 18 consecutive meets and in 22 of 24 career meets. In addition, Frattone scored a career-high 9.85 on beam (4th place) to help the Bruins achieve a season-high score of 49.4 on the event, and her leadoff score of 9.8 on floor (8th place) helped

lead the way to another season-high of 49.425. The Bruins' team total of 197.475 is a season-high and the highest of any team in the Pac-10 this season.

Southeastern Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Geralen Stack-Eaton - Alabama

Geralen Stack-Eaton won four of the five individual titles up for grabs against the Kentucky Wildcats on Friday and posted career-high scores on the balance beam and uneven bars at 9.925, and in the all-around with a 39.675. Her all-around score is tied for the highest in the country this year. She also tied her career-best floor exercise score with a 9.95. Stack-Eaton's career-night propelled Alabama to a 197.275 team score, the highest in the nation last week and the fourth highest of the year.

Freshman of the Week

Sarie Morrison - LSU

Morrison captured her third straight all-around title with a career-high 39.575 against fifth-ranked Georgia. Her 39.575 total is the highest all-around score by an LSU freshman since April Burkholder's 39.875 on March 21, 2003. The 39.575 ties Florida's Mackenzie Caquatto and Ashanee Dickerson for the second-highest all-around score in the SEC this season. She set career highs on vault with a 9.925, beam with a 9.875 and floor with a 9.90. Won the vault and bars titles as well as the all-around against Georgia. Leads the team with 10 individual titles this season, including four on bars, three all-around and three on vault.

Western Athletic Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Thomasina Wallace – San Jose State

Wallace, a junior from Pomona, Calif. (Charter Oak Gliders) won the all-around title in a dual meet against Southern Utah with a 39.250. The score marks her third 39.000-plus score of the season. Wallace also won on vault with a 9.825. Wallace also scored a 9.875 on beam, helping the Spartans to a school-record 49.275 team score on the event. She added a 9.800 on floor and a 9.750 on bars.

Specialist of the Week

Sarah Redmon – Boise State

Redmon, a senior from Sparks, Nev. (Flips USA) won the vault title with a season-best 9.925 at a dual meet against Utah State. The win marks her second vault title of the season and 18th of her career, which moves her into sole possession of the No. 2 spot in all-time vault wins at Boise State. Redmon also scored a 9.875 to win on floor and a 9.850 on bars to place second.

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Specialist

Siri Wischmann - UW-Whitewater

In a meet against Winona State University (Minn.) Feb. 18, as part of the Hal's Harley Davidson

Midwest Twisters gathering, Wischmann won two events and placed in another for the Warhawks. In the first event of the night, the vault, she took first with a score of 9.400. On the balance beam, she placed sixth with a score of 9.150. Siri's second win was in the floor exercise, taking it with a 9.375 score. The Warhawks defeated the Warriors 183.25-179.500.

All-Around

Stacie Jenkins - UW-Oshkosh

Jenkins took first place in the all-around competition as UW-Oshkosh edged UW-Eau Claire, 181.575-181.550, on Feb. 19 in Oshkosh. She scored a season-best 37.025 points in the all-around competition to defeat three UW-Eau Claire opponents. Jenkins also placed third on both the balance beam and uneven bars with 9.35 and 9.20 points, respectively. Jenkins added a fourth-place score of 9.40 in the floor exercise and an eighth-place value of 9.075 on the vault. Her performance helped UW-Oshkosh remain unbeaten at home the past two seasons.