

## COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

## Eastern College Athletic Conference CGA Weekly Report

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### NATIONAL SCORES THIS PAST

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	<b>WEEK</b>
Oklahoma	353.15
Illinois	352.30
Ohio State	347.75
Stanford	345.60
California	340.45
Michigan	340.30
Minnesota	339.40
Penn State	338.45
Nebraska	336.55
Air Force	331.75
Temple	330.80
Iowa	326.20
Ill-Chicago	321.30
Navy	309.40
Springfield	308.00
William/Mary	307.90

#### TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Temple took the top spot in their first meet



of the season at the Navy Open with their first place score of 330.800, while senior Adam Al-Rokh scored 82.400 all-around.

Temple put a large distance between itself and its competitors. Host school Navy finished with the closest score to the Owls, earning 309.800 points. Springfield placed third with a score of 308.000, which was ahead of William & Mary (307.900) and Brockport (204.800).

Junior all-around Allan Malone put forth an impressive first place finish on the mat in floor exercise, with a score of 14.700. Senior Chris Mooney and John Leonard finished just behind Malone, with scores of 14.600 and

14.500, respectively, in the event, allowing the Owls to take the top three spots in the event.

Temple continued to best its completion as it moved on to the pommel horse event, where Taylor Brana secured a first place score by earning 14.500 points in the event. Adam Al-Rokh, Michael Bittner and Chris Mooney followed up with scores that were enough to earn them the ensuing spots in the top four.

On rings, it was the only event that the Owls didn't have a top-finisher. But, Al-Rokh placed within striking distance of the top spot with a score of 14.100, which was 0.300 off from William & Mary's Ryan Ponce's first place score of 14.400.

On vault, Burke stole the show with his first place score of 14.400. Teammate and senior Jeff Zach followed up and finished with a second place tie with Navy's Nate Gessner.

In the parallel bar event, Mooney proved to be the best in the completion with his first place point total of 14.300. Again, the Owls showed their dominance. Senior Logan Fiery and Al-Rokh placed within points of each other, taking third and fourth place, respectively.

The final event solidified Temple's first outing at the Navy Open, as Alex Tighe and Blake Collins were the top two finishers for the Owls. Tighe scored 14.700 on the High Bar, which was ahead of Collins' score of 13.600.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

Illinois-Chicago claimed the top score in the floor exercise with 57.300 points to Minnesota's 57.000 score, but the Flames dropped 339.400-321.300 to the Golden Gophers Saturday inside the Sports Pavilion in Minneapolis, Minn.

Junior Dan Zerbel posted the top overall score in the floor routine with a 15.300, while junior Keith Lage scored a 14.600 in the event.

The Flames claimed a 49.400 score in the pommel horse, and were led by Lage with a 12.500. The Golden Gophers posted a 51.900 in the event, and would go on

to defeat the Flames in the remaining two rotations.

Minnesota topped UIC in the rings, 56.400-

53.200, then 59.800-56.900 on the vault. Junior David Ishida led the Flames on the rings with a 13.600 score, while freshman Kyle Christiansen claimed a 14.200 to lead UIC on the vault.

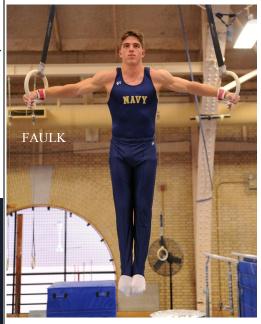
In addition to Zerbel's top floor score, he claimed the top UIC score in the parallel bars with a 14.700 and the high bars with a 13.800, but the Flames came up short in both events.

#### NAVAL ACADEMY

Navy began its 2012 season on Saturday as it hosted the annual Navy Open at Macdonough Hall. The Temple Owls topped the five-team field with a total score of 330.8, while Navy finished in second place with a 309.4. Springfield edged William & Mary, 308.0-307.9, for third place.

Senior captain Andrew Faulk placed second in the all-around with a score of 81.6, as Temple's Adam Al-Rokh registered an 82.4 to take first place.

Two of Faulk's best individual event finishes came on the rings, where he posted a 14.0, and on the horizontal bar, where he scored a 13.3, as both marks were good for third place.



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Faulk placed fourth in the floor exercise (14.2), fifth on the pommel horse (13.6), tied for fifth on the vault (13.7) and tied for seventh on the parallel bars (12.8).

As for Navy's other seniors, Aaron Ingram took sixth in the all-around with a 72.6 and Brandon Tinkham placed seventh with a 71.9.

Sophomore Nate Gessner turned in one of Navy's most impressive performances when he scored a 14.0 in the vault, which was good for second overall and was the highest individual finish of the day by any Midshipman.

In addition to Faulk and Gessner, Chris Junghans and freshman Eric Viscardi also had top-five individual finishes in events on Saturday. Junghans took fourth on parallel bars with a 13.4, while Viscardi tied for fifth in the vault by registering a 13.7. Viscardi was one of six Navy freshmen to see action on Saturday.

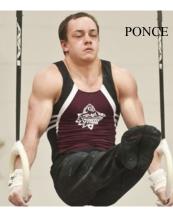
"The freshmen are becoming a main part of our team," said Fukushima. "That's been really interesting and it's a fun part of my job to see them improve."

#### SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Springfield College opened its 2012 season at the Navy Open by placing third of five teams competing. Ryan Ponce had SC's top performance of the day by winning the still rings.

For the Pride, Ponce, a sophomore, had a great meet, placing first in the rings with a score of 14.4. He also finished tied for fifth in the parallel bars at 13.2, and sixth in the pommel horse at 12.9.

Senior **Evans** Ty placed fourth in the allaround with a score of 76.500. Right behind him was freshman Ian Stratton



(Elizabeth City, N.C.) in fifth at 75.300.

In the high bar, Evans placed third at 13.3, with junior Jimmy Pezzino (Buffalo, N.Y.) tied for fifth at 12.9.

#### WILLIAM AND MARY

William and Mary placed fourth at the season -opening Navy Open on Saturday afternoon in Annapolis, Md. Temple claimed the team title with a score of 330.8, while the host Midshipmen finished second with a 309.4. Springfield (308.0) narrowly edged the Tribe (307.9) for third, while SUNY Brockport earned a (204.8).

Sophomore Daniel Potemski highlighted the Tribe's individual performances, as he tied for first on parallel bars (14.3), tied for second on vault (14.0) and placed third in all-around (79.5). Additionally, he was the Tribe's top scorer in four events.



As a team, W&M best performances came on rings (53.9) and parallel bars (53.1) where both scores placed the squad second.

Potemski led the College on floor with a 14.0, which placed fifth overall, to help the team record a 50.6. Sophomore Landon Funiciello and junior Futa Ikeda also contributed to the total with a 12.9 and a 12.0, respectively.

W&M registered a team total of 47.5 on pommel horse and was led by senior Steve Deutsch's 12.7 and classmate Dan Melzar's 11.8.

En route to placing second as a team on rings, Funiciello (13.9) and Potemski (13.7) led the effort by finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

Potemski's 14.0 on vault, the second-best score in the event, helped the Tribe post a 53.9 team total. Freshman Michael Deitz also came up big in his first collegiate competition with a 13.8 to finish fourth.

W&M's second-place effort on parallel bars was highlighted by Potemski's 14.3, which

tied for the top score in the event. Ikeda also placed among the top five individuals with a 13.2. Potemski's 13.2 was the College's top mark on high bar.

#### BROCKPORT

Brockport began its 2012 season on Saturday as they traveled to Annapolis, MD for the 2012 Navy Gymnastics Open. The Golden Eagles faced off against: Navy, Temple, William & Mary, and Springfield College.

Unfortunately the Golden Eagles did not compete its full team and would finish the meet in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Both seniors Brian Gildemeyer, and Paul Ferraro were unavailable for the competition.

Team Captains Matt Power and Ron Ayello, both agree that the team had a positive start to the season, but need to continue to work on the details especially in a short week before heading to West Point next weekend.

The team leaned on their freshmen, and they delivered. David Albaranes scored team highs on 5 of 6 events as well as in the all-around, and Alec Chatterton was the team high score on Still Rings.

Junior Ron Ayello returned to the lineup after missing the entire 2011 season, competing on both the Floor Exercise and Vault.

(Brockport is a club team that is eligible for USAG Collegiate Nationals.)



# **NAVY OPEN** INDIVIDUAL EVENT RESULTS

## U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY

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1. Adam Al-Rokh, Temple	82.40
2. Andrew Faulk, Navy	81.60
3. Dan Potemski, W/M	79.50
4. Ty Evans, Spfld	76.50
5. Ian Stratton, Spfld	75.30
6. Aaron Ingram, Navy	72.30
FLOOR EXERCISE	
1. Allan Malone, Tem	14.70
2. Chris Mooney, Tem	14.60
3. John Leonard, Tem	14.50
4. Faulk, Navy	14.20
5. Potemski, W/M	14.00
6. Zachery Aguiar, Tem	13.90
POMMEL HORSE	
1. Taylor Brana. Tem	14.50



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2. Al-Rokh, Tem	14.20
B. Michael Bittner, Tem	13.90
I. Mooney, Tem	13.80
5. Faulk, Navy	13.60
5. Ryan Ponce, Spfld	12.90
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1. Ryan Ponce, Spfld	14.40
2. Al Rokh, Tem	14.10
3. Faulk, Navy	14.00
4. Landon Funiciello, W/M	13.90
5. Potemski, W/M	13.70
6. Austin Zalik, Navy	13.60
VAULT	
1. Evan Burke. Tem	14.40

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1. Evan Burke, Tem	14.40
2. Jeff Zack, Tem	14.00
2. Nate Gessner, Navy	14.00
2. Potemski, W/M	14.00
5. Al-Rokh, Tem	13.90
5. Brett Statman, Tem	13.90
PARALLEL BARS	
1. Potemski, W/M	14.30
2. Mooney, Tem	14.30
3. Logan Fiery, Tem	14.00

13.90

13.40 13.20 13.20

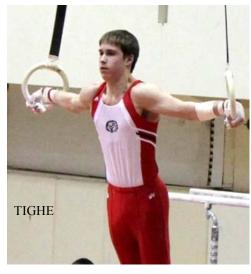
5. Chris Junghans, Navy
6. Ponce, Spfld
6. Futa Ikeda, W/M
HORIZONTAL BAR

4. Al-Rokh, Tem

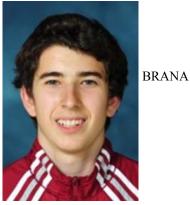
1. Alex Tighe, Tem	14.70
2. Blake Collins, Tem	13.60
3. Faulk, Navy	13.30
3. Evans, Spfld	13.30
4. Fiery, Tem	13.20
4. Potemski, W/M	13.20













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Score sheets for this event were extremely difficult to follow and even misleading. Apologies in advance for any errors.