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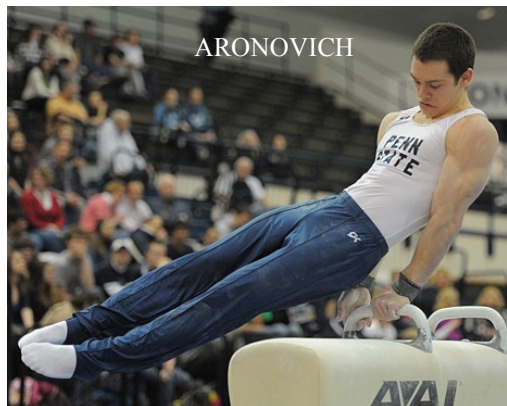
NATIONAL SCORES THIS PAST WEEK

Oklahoma	351.60
Penn State	350.50
California	349.40
Stanford	343.70
Minnesota	340.00
Illinois	339.00
Nebraska	336.50
Iowa	334.50
Ill-Chicago	329.00
Navy	327.10
Arizona State	325.00
William/Mary	324.50
Springfield	323.50
Army	319.00

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Penn State captured all six events, both as a team and individually, to secure a convincing 350.500-323.500 victory over Springfield College on Sunday afternoon in Springfield, Mass. Despite competing without several key regulars across their line-up, the Nittany Lions established season highs in the parallel bars (57.900) and high bar (58.300).

Felix Aronovich was a multiple-event winner, placing first in the parallel bars and high bar. The junior's winning parallel bars score, a 15.000, was a team-season high, while his 14.900 high bar mark was a career best. He also placed second in the pommel horse (14.900) and third in the still rings (15.000).



ARONOVICH

Junior Scott Rosenthal dominated the still rings, recording a 16.300 for the second time this season. The score tied the Penn State program record that he set in week one of the 2012 season in a win over Army and equaled the NCAA benchmark owned by Brandon Wynn of Ohio State, who also posted it twice in his career.

Junior Parker Raque remained undefeated

on the season in the floor exercise, claiming his fifth title in the event. His score of 15.400 tied a career and team season high. Raque also finished second in the vault (14.500).

Freshman Tristan Duverglas continued his early season emergence as Penn State's top vaulter, securing his third consecutive title in the event (15.000).

Sophomore Preston Gall surpassed his previous career high in the pommel horse by .5, scoring a 15.100 to win the event.

Senior Warren Yang (14.800, high bar) and junior Tony Beck (14.700, parallel bars) each recorded career highs to place second in events. Other notable performances included Mathew Felleman notching a pair of third place finishes (vault, parallel bars) and junior Matt Chelberg tying a season high in the floor exercise (15.000).

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

In last year's tri-meet against Iowa and Nebraska, the Gophers finished third out of the three competitors. But this season they did not let history repeat itself.

It wasn't Minnesota's strongest meet. They struggled with the last three events, allowing Nebraska and Iowa to close the scoring gap.

But the No. 6 Gophers pulled through and won the meet with a total score of 340.0. The 11th-ranked Cornhuskers finished in second with a 336.5, and No. 12 Iowa came in third at 334.5.

Despite the win, the Gophers did suffer a big loss. Junior Josh Wokurka tore his ACL on the floor exercise and is out for the season.

"It's pretty tough to lose a guy like that," head coach Mike Burns said. "He was a valuable asset to the team. It was hard on the rest of the guys, but we were able to stay strong enough to win the meet."

Minnesota either won or tied for first place on every event but the high bar.

Zack Chase had a standout performance for



CHASE

Minnesota. Chase finished first in each of his three events. The sophomore scored a 14.8 on the floor exercise, a 14.5 on rings, and a 14.7 on the vault.

Freshman Kyle Banks had a great night as well. He had the difficult job of following Wokurka on the floor after his injury, but Banks helped the Gophers bounce back with a 14.5.

He also filled in for Wokurka on the vault. It was his first time vaulting all year, but his 14.4 was the team's third-highest score. And his 14.3 on the high bar tied him for second overall on the event.

The Gophers swept the top three spots on the pommel horse. Harris Coleman won the event with a 14.6. Ellis Mannon finished in second and John Scallon in third.

Other notable performances included Russell Dabritz on the parallel bars, where he tied for first with a 14.8, and Steffen Beck, who tied for second place on the rings.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The second-ranked Fighting Illini took down No. 13 UIC, 339.000-329.000, Saturday night at Huff Hall. Orange and Blue gymnasts captured the crown on four of six events and in the all-around, while the team was victorious on floor (57.600), rings (58.500), parallel bars (55.800) and high bar (56.200). The victory was in spite of Illinois resting five of their top score makers—Paul Ruggeri, Tyler Mizoguchi, C.J. Maestas, Austin Phillips and Anthony Sacramento.

Junior Yoshi Mori led the Illini, capturing his first titles of the season with first-place finishes in the all-around (81.800) and on floor (15.000), matching his career high on that event. The Irvine, Calif., native also finished second on high bar (14.000) and tied for third on vault (13.900).



MORI

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Meanwhile, sophomore Jordan Valdez claimed his first two titles of the season as well, posting a career-high 15.100 to secure the high bar crown and a 14.300 to win on parallel bars for the first time in his career. The Louisville, Colo., native also tied Mori for third on vault.

Senior Kyle Moe rounded out the Illini event-winners with a victory on rings (15.000), edging freshman C.J. Maestas (14.900), who took second, and sophomore Andrew Margolis and freshman Michael Wilner, who tied for fourth (14.300).

Junior transfer Vince Smurro finished second on floor with a 14.600, marking his highest score on that event as an Illini. The Manasquan, N.J., native also took fourth on parallel bars (13.400) and fifth on high bar (13.500), while senior C.J. Padera finished second on parallel bars (14.100) and fourth on floor (14.200).

Sophomore Chad Mason also posted a high finish for the Orange and Blue, taking third on pommel horse (14.200). Classmat Cameron Rogers finished third on parallel bars (14.000) and fifth on both floor (13.800) and pommel horse (14.100), while senior Devin Regan took fourth on high bar (13.600).

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The No. 11 Nebraska finished in second place at their Big Ten opener in Iowa City, posting a team score of 336.500 on Saturday night. The No. 6 Minnesota Golden Gophers took first place on the night (340.000), while the No. 12 Iowa Hawkeyes finished in third (334.500).

The Huskers were led on the evening by senior Andreas Hofer, who captured the event title on high bar with a mark of 14.40 while leading the Huskers in two additional events. Sophomore Wyatt Baier also picked up an event title on vault, finishing in a three-way tie for first with a score of 14.70.



HOFER

The Huskers started the day on pommel horse. NU posted a team score of 54.100, slightly below their season average (54.750). Nebraska was paced by sophomores Wyatt Aycock and Eric Schryver, who both logged marks of 13.80. Senior David Jacobs added a score of 13.70 for the Big Red.

Nebraska moved to still rings, totalling a team score of 54.300. Hofer led the Huskers on the event, posting a score of 13.70. Sophomores C.J. Schaaf and Donovan Arndt added marks of 13.60 apiece.

The third rotation saw the Huskers on floor exercise, where they posted a team mark of 57.000, well above their season average (55.400). Nebraska was again led by Hofer, whose mark of 14.60 was good for second overall. Freshman Hayden Henriouille also had an excellent day on floor, posting a 14.30 overall.

Nebraska moved to parallel bars for their fourth rotation, posting a team mark of 56.600. Aycock led the Huskers, hitting a 14.40. Schryver added a 14.20, while Hofer tacked on a 14.10 for the Huskers.

Nebraska posted a team score of 56.500 on high bar in their fifth rotation, soaring past their team average of 54.850. Hofer again paced the Huskers with his meet-leading mark. Senior Will Eastman added a career-best mark of 14.30, while Josh Ungar tacked on a 13.90 in his first outing on high bar for the Huskers.

The Huskers took to vault for their final rotation, tallying a team score of 58.000, Baier's title-winning mark led NU on the evening, while freshman Grant Perdue contributed a score of 14.50 for Nebraska.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa men's gymnastics team set a new mark for its season high team score, but couldn't edge out No. 6 Minnesota or No. 11 Nebraska in a tri-meet inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The No. 12 Hawkeyes tallied a 334.500 to place third. The Golden Gophers placed first with a 340 while Nebraska finished runner-up with a 336.500.

The Hawkeyes had eight top-four finishes, which included first place honors for junior Broderick Shemansky

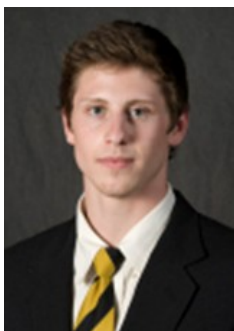
on all-around. Shemansky set a career best mark with an 82.500 in the all-around to top the field.

Iowa also got a first place finish from junior Javier Balboa on parallel bars. Balboa tied Minnesota's Russell Dabritz with a 14.800 on the event to place tied for first.

Junior Matt McGrath returned from a knee injury to lead Iowa on rings, placing tied for second with a 14.400.

Freshman Mitchell Landau placed third on parallel bars, scoring a 14.700. The runner-up finish was the highest the Iowa City native has placed so far in his young career. Landau has five top-five finishes this season.

The Hawkeyes also had four fourth place finishes. Sophomore Angelo Bronzino and Shemansky tied for fourth on high bar, each scoring 14.100 on the event. The score was a career best for Bronzino. Balboa placed fourth on vault, scoring a 14.500 to lead the Hawkeyes on the event. Junior Anton Gryshayev placed fourth on rings with a 14.300.



SHEMANSKY