



# COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION BIG TEN CONFERENCE CGA Weekly Report

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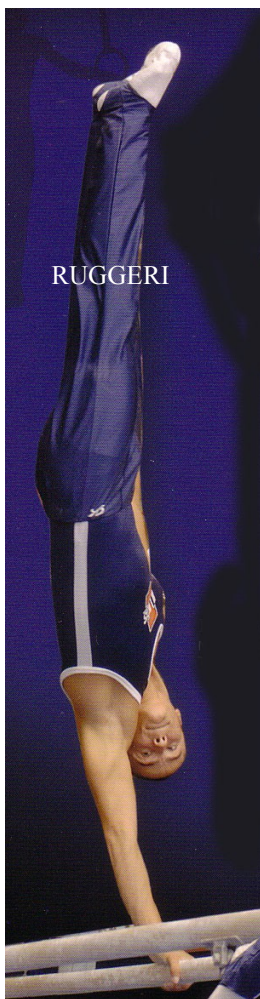
## HIGH TEAM SCORE THIS SEASON

Oklahoma	357.05
Penn State	355.50
Illinois	355.10
Stanford	351.40
California	349.90
Ohio State	347.75
Minnesota	347.00
Michigan	345.70
Temple	342.30
Nebraska	341.75
Air Force	338.90
Iowa	338.20
UIC	333.10
Army	330.90
Navy	329.90
William & Mary	328.60
Arizona State (club)	325.00
Springfield	323.90
Brockport (club)	284.30
Washington (club)	251.20

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINIOS

The third-ranked Fighting Illini scored a season-high 355.100 to topple No. 5 Ohio State (341.300) Friday evening during Senior Night at Huff Hall. As a team, the Illini won five of six events and posted season-best team scores on three apparatuses. Redshirt senior Paul Ruggeri took home three titles, including his first in the all-around this season, performing for the final time on his home floor.

Illinois got off to a strong start on floor, sweeping the top four spots to earn its best score (59.700) on that event this season. Freshman C. J. Maestas led the charge, capturing his ninth title as an Illini and second on floor with a 15.300, the second-highest floor score for an Illini this year. The newcomer just edged



Ruggeri, who took second with a 15.100. Senior C.J. Padera secured third with a season-best 14.700, while junior Yoshi Mori finished fourth (14.600).

The Orange and Blue continued their success in the second rotation with a season-best team score of 57.900 on pommel horse, highlighted by Mori's first-place finish with a career-best 15.200, which leads the team this season. The win marked his third title of the year and first on that apparatus. Meanwhile, Maestas tied for fourth (14.400). Despite scoring a season high, the Illini could not match the Buckeyes (58.500) on pommel horse, taking their only team loss of the night.

On rings, the Illini swept the top four spots, led by Maestas who picked up his second title of the night and 10th of the season with a 15.300. Seniors Tyler Mizoguchi (slowly recovering from an early season concussion) and Anthony Sacramento and sophomore Cameron Rogers tied for second, each scoring 15.000, which marked a career high for Rogers and a season high for Mizoguchi.

The Illini had a stellar night on vault as well, posting a season-best 59.700. Ruggeri captured his first title of the night and fourth on vault this season with a 15.400, matching both his personal best and the Illinois record in the modern scoring era. Mori and sophomore Alex Varga tied for second, scoring 14.800, which marked Varga's best this season.

On parallel bars, the Illini finished first, second and third, as junior Austin Phillips won his first title of the season with a career-best 15.100. Mori matched his career high with a 14.800 to finish second, while Maestas tied his career high with a 14.600 to take third. Padera and Ruggeri tied for fifth (14.200).

In the final rotation, Ruggeri claimed his second title of the night and fourth on high bar this season with a 15.800 in his final routine at Huff Hall. Padera and Phillips tied for second (14.400), matching Padera's season high, while senior Devin Regan placed fourth with a season-high 14.200.

In the all-around Ruggeri matched Illinois' season-best with an 88.100 to take home the title for the first time this year, just edging Maestas (85.200).

Ruggeri, Mizoguchi, Moe, Padera, Regan and Sacramento were recognized for Senior Night following the event.

## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The sixth-ranked Minnesota Gophers defeated Iowa and Brockport at home, winning their sixth consecutive meet of the season. They also posted a new season-high score of 347.0.

In addition, the team hit new season-high marks on the floor, vault, and parallel bars. The team totaled a 60.1 on the floor exercise, outscoring their previous season-high by nearly one and half points. They also broke the 60-point mark on the vault, scoring a 60.3.

Adam Kern received the Cooke Award for outstanding performance for the first time in his career. Kern excelled on the floor and vault. He placed second on the floor exercise with a 15.1 and tied for first on vault with a 15.2.

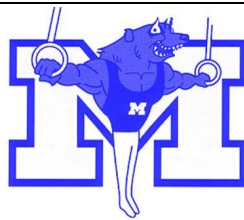
Minnesota opened the meet on a high note on the floor, sweeping the top three spots. Adam LaFleur and freshman Sean Bauer tied for third, Kern finished second, and D. J. Repp won the event with a score of 15.2. Kern and Repp recorded new personal bests with their performances.

The Gophers struggled on the pommel horse but managed to walk away with the top two spots. Harris Coleman won the event with a 14.3. Russell Dabritz finished in second with a 14.2, reaching a new career-high. Dabritz was also part of a three-way tie for first on the still rings, where he scored a 14.7.



Vault was certainly one of the highlights for Minnesota. LaFleur finished in third with a 15.0. Kern and Zack Chase tied for first, each posting a 15.2.

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Minnesota also took home the top three places on the parallel bars. Ross Cameratta and freshman Steve Jaciuk tied for second with a 14.6. Dabritz earned another top finish with his score of 15.1. Dabritz then came in second on the high bar with a 14.1.

### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

No. 10 Nebraska faced off with Arizona State on Sunday afternoon as part of a dual meet with the Husker women. The men came away with the 341.75-322.60 victory in front of 2,472 fans at the Devaney Center.

Grant Perdue captured the floor (15.00) and vault (14.85) titles, while Eric Schryver took home the pommel horse title (14.50). Donovan Arndt claimed the rings crown (14.50), as Mark Ringle captured top honors in the parallel bars (15.05). Andreas Hofer finished first on the horizontal bar (14.65).



PERDUE

The Huskers started on floor where the men came away with a team score of 59.10. Perdue led NU with a score of 15.00 to claim the event title, while Hofer contributed a mark of 14.85, Ringle posted a 14.65 and Will Eastman added a 14.60.

Nebraska moved to pommel horse where Schryver led the Huskers with a score of 14.50 for the event crown. Arndt added a mark of 13.10, while Aycock posted a 13.00 and C.J. Schaaf posted an 11.35.

Moving to rings, Arndt led the way with a score of 14.50 for the event crown, while Baier contributed a 14.25 Kocks and Hofer posted marks of 14.20.

Nebraska went on to vault where Perdue won his second title of the day guided the Huskers with a score of 14.85. Hofer followed his performance with a mark of 14.65, while Aycock posted a 14.40 and Ungar recorded a mark of 14.35.

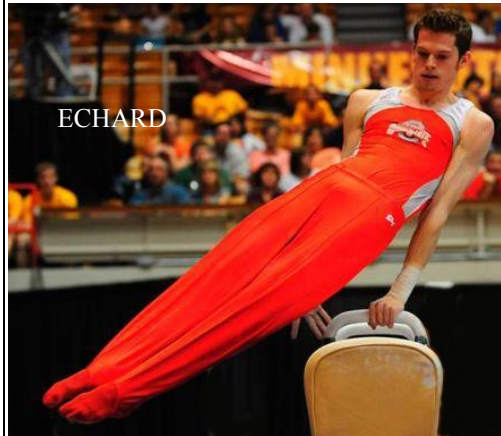
On parallel bars, Ringle led the Huskers with a score of 15.05 for the event title, while Schryver, Aycock and Hofer all added marks of 14.65.

In the final rotation the Huskers moved to high bar where Hofer won the event crown

and posted a team-high score of 14.65. Stillwell followed his performance with a mark of 14.15.

### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

No. 5 Ohio State fell at No. 3 Illinois, 355.100-341.300, Friday night at Huff Hall in Champaign, Ill.



The Buckeyes began the evening on pommel horse and posted a 58.500 team total. Echard, a two-time All-American, guided the Buckeyes with a season-high 15.2 to tie for first overall on the event with Yoshi Mori of Illinois. The event win was Echard's 10th career pommel horse title. Freshman Alex Nork followed with a season-high 14.7 for third overall, while sophomore Brandan Jones notched a career-high 14.4 to tie for fourth place.

Next on floor exercise, Ohio State collected a 57.300 team total highlighted by Jones who posted a team-best 14.6 to tie for fourth overall. After two rotations, the Scarlet and Gray trailed Illinois, 117.600-115.800.

On the third rotation, the Buckeyes traveled to the vault and scored a season-high 59.100 team total. Freshman Larry Mayer led the charge when he was awarded with a season-high 15.2 for second overall. Steiner followed Mayer with a season-high 14.8 to tie for third overall, Blaize Monks tied his season high on vault with a 14.6.

On rings, the Scarlet and Gray combined for a 56.700 team total. Freshman Drew Moling led the way with a 14.9 for fifth place - just .200 off his season-high.

On the fifth rotation, Ohio State competed on high bar, notching a 54.2 team total. Monks collected a 14.1 on the event for fifth overall.

The Buckeyes concluded the meet on parallel bars, collecting a 55.500 team total. Com-

peting in his first meet as a Buckeye, senior Mike Carney collected an impressive score of 14.5 for fourth overall in the competition.

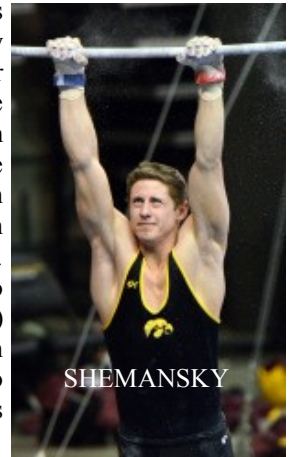
### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa set a season high team score in a tri-meet against Minnesota and Brockport in the Sports Pavilion on Saturday night. The No. 12 Hawkeyes scored a 338.200 to top Brockport, but fell to No. 6 Minnesota.

The Hawkeyes had five top-three individual finishes, led by event titles from Matt McGrath, Anton Gryshayev and Broderick Shemansky.

Shemansky scored a career best 84.200 to win all-around for the second time this season.

The Hawkeyes were led by McGrath on floor exercise as he scored a season personal best on the event. McGrath placed tied for fifth with a 14.700. Sophomore Angelo Bronzino (14.400) and freshman Devin Clarke (13.900) also paced the Hawkeyes on the event.



Junior Javier Balboa placed third on pommel horse, leading the Hawkeyes with a 14.100. Shemansky and senior Adam Wilson also led Iowa on the event as each scored a 13.800 to place tied for fifth.

McGrath and Gryshayev tied for first on still rings as each scored a 14.700 to provide Iowa with its highest individual placing of the meet.

Shemansky led the Hawkeyes on vault, placing fifth with a 14.800.

Sophomore Jack McClay placed fourth on parallel bars, leading Iowa on the event with a 14.200.

Shemansky placed first in high bar, topping the field with a 14.300. Freshman Mitchell Landau placed third with a 14.000 as well.