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HIGH TEAM SCORE THIS SEASON

357.05
355.50
355.10
351.40
349.90
347.75
347.00
345.70
342.30
341.75
338.90
338.20
333.10
330.90
329.90
328.60
325.00
323.90
284.30
251.20

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

In a battle between two of the most dominant programs in collegiate gymnastics, the top-ranked Oklahoma men's gymnastics team took down defending national champion Stanford on Saturday night at the McCasland STANFORD UNIVERSITY Field House.

Oklahoma's team total 357.050 was the highest of any NCAA program this season and it easily topped the Cardinal's 351.400. The Sooners won event titles in five events and captain Jake Dalton claimed four individual event titles (floor, vault, parallel bars and high bar) in addition to winning the allaround title with a season-high 90.500.



The Sooners started the meet by notching a 60.060 on floor exercise. Oklahoma, ranked No. 1 in the nation on floor, scored over a 60 in the event for the fourth time this season.

Dalton, the 2011 NCAA floor champion, won the event title with a 16.050, scoring performance on all over a 16 for the third time this season.

Freshman Dylan Akers (14.950) and Raymond White (14.900) both scored career highs on pommel horse to lead the Sooners to a 58.25 on the apparatus.

Oklahoma reclaimed first place in the third rotation with a 60.550 on rings behind Dalton's career-high 15.550 and junior Troy Nitzky's season-high 15.450.

The Sooners extended their lead with a 59.600 on vault behind career highs from senior Mike Heredia (14.950) and Akers (14.600). Dalton, the 2011 NCAA vault champion, claimed the event title with a season-high 15.350.

Picking up on the momentum headed into the final two rotations, the Sooners scored their highest parallel bars score of the season with a 59.650. Dalton led the way for OU with a season-high 15.550 to take his third event title of the night while sophomore Preseten Ellsworth set a career-high on parallel bars for the second week in a row with a 14 750

In the final rotation, the Sooners sealed the victory with a 58.950 on high bar behind Dalton's 15.000 and Rubin's 14.950.

For the second straight week the Stanford men's gymnastics team posted a season-high score. Unlike last week's victory over Michigan at Burnham Pavilion, this time the No. 4 Cardinal fell to the top-ranked Oklahoma Sooners in Norman, 356.950-351.400. Even in defeat, the team continued to build momentum as it nears the post-season.

Cale Robinson continued to emerge as a force, leading the squad with a 15.100 on vault and strong performances on parallel bars and high bar.

Eddie Penev finished second in all-around, floor exercise and parallel bars.

John Martin took individual honors on

pommel horse with a 15.200 and James Fosco topped leaderboard on still rings, posting 15.600.

"It was good to see Chris Turner show up on more events tonight. He's coming back from a back injury and had a solid five events he com-



peted in tonight. Hopefully he can continue to get stronger down the stretch."

U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY-Friday

Backed by victories on the final four events, 11th-ranked Air Force posted its highest score of the season (338.900) to defeat No. 14 Illinois-Chicago (329.500) on Friday, March 2, at the Academy's Cadet West Gym.

Sophomore Mac Ritchie moved into sixth on the program's all-time high bar list, after scoring a career-best 14.500 to win that event. He was one of four Falcons to finish within the top half of that event, as freshman Josh Ramos placed second with a career-best

14.300 - the ninth-best score in Air Force history - and juniors Tory Brown and James Okamoto placed fifth (13.600) and s i x t h(13.500),respectively.



Air Force also claimed four of the

top six scores on the still rings. Senior Devin Menefee won the event title with a score of 15.000, while freshman Gared Chapman scored a career-best 14.800 to take second. Sophomore Ben Zaiser collected a personalbest tally of 14.600 to tie for third, while freshman Jon Spiro finished sixth with a score of 14.300.

With a winning score of 14.400, Zaiser paced the Falcons to the top three placements in the vault event. Freshman Corbin Palmer took second with a 14.300, while Okamoto and Chapman tied for third with matching marks of 14.100

Ramos rounded out the Falcons' event winners, as he scored a 14.100 to win the parallel bars. He was one of three freshmen to place within the top three, as Nick Gaudlip and Skyler Awisus finished second (career-best 13.800) and third (13.700), respectively.

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U. S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY-Sunday

11th-ranked Air Force completed its regular season sweep of No. 14 Illinois-Chicago with a 337.300-332.400 victory on Sunday, March 4. In the final regular season competition at the Academy, the Falcons collected four event titles.

Air Force claimed the top five scores on the high bar during their second-best overall performance of the year. Junior Tory Brown scored a 14.200 to win the event, while freshman Josh Ramos and sophomore Mac Ritchie tied for second with matching marks of 14.000. Freshman Corbin Palmer finished fourth, while junior James Okamoto tied for fifth with a mark of 13.600.

Senior Devin Menefee collected a pair of event titles for Air Force, as he scored a 14.600 to win the still rings and tied for the top spot on the vault with a career-best score of 14.700. Freshman Gared Chapman tied for



second with a score of 14.500 on the rings, while sophomore Tyler Huebner and freshman Jon Spiro placed fourth (14.300) and fifth (14.200), respectively. Sophomore Ben Zaiser finished fifth on the vault (14.300), while Palmer and Chapman tied for sixth with matching marks of 14.200.

In addition to his runner-up performance on the pipe, Ramos won the parallel bars with a score of 14.200. He was one of four Falcons to place within the top half of the field on that event, as freshman Greg Chaput placed third (13.900) and classmate Skyler Awisus tied for fourth (13.800). Palmer also added a top-six mark on that event, placing sixth with a score of 13.500.

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