

Gymnasts of the Week – March 15-18, 2012

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Big Ten Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Sharaya Musser, Penn State

- Earned titles in three of four events as well as the all-around in Penn State's win over Maryland
- Tied a season-high score on the all-around with a mark of 39.650
- Took crowns on the vault (9.950), floor exercise (9.950) and balance beam (9.850), adding a second-place finish on bars (9.875)
- Picks up her sixth Big Ten Gymnast of the Week honor

Freshman of the Week

Jessie DeZiel, Nebraska

- Won the floor exercise and posted top-five finishes in all four events and the all-around to help Nebraska defeat Iowa State
- Earned a score of 9.900 in the floor exercise en route to the title, finishing second on the vault (9.925) and fifth on the bars (9.875) and balance beam (9.750)
- Totaled an all-around score of 39.450 to take third place
- Collects her ninth Big Ten Freshman of the Week award

Big 12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Celine Paulus, Iowa State

In the final regular season meet of her career, Paulus posted the highest all-around tally in the Big 12 this season with a career-high 39.500. Her score was the highest by a Cyclone gymnast since Janet Anson's 39.550 on March 23, 2007. The Yorba Linda, Calif.-native also earned a 9.900 on three events (vault, bars and floor), making her the first Iowa State gymnast to achieve the feat since Anson on March 31, 2007. The senior tied her career high on bars and floor, garnering a share of the floor title.

Specialist of the Week

Brie Olson, Oklahoma

Earning her second-highest score of the season on bars, Olson posted a 9.875 to earn top honors on the event en route to OU's 196.825-196.700 victory over No. 13 Ohio State Saturday. The junior added a third-place finish on vault after receiving a 9.85 on the apparatus. It was the 10th time this season Olson has posted a 9.85 or better in any event.

Newcomer of the Week

Erica Brewer, Oklahoma

Brewer finished second in the all-around with a 39.200 as she helped the Sooners to their seventh win over a top-25 opponent this year. The freshman tied her career high on floor with a 9.875. Since she began competing in the all-around, Brewer has scored a 9.8 or higher 12 times.

East Atlantic Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Katy Dodds, Maryland

For the third time this season, Dodds tied a career high with a 9.900 on vault to take fourth place behind Penn State's Sharaya Musser and Madison Merriam, who rank fifth and 28th, respectively, nationally on vault, and fellow Terp junior Ally Krikorian.

Specialist of the Week

Brooke Barr, North Carolina State

At the meet against William & Mary and Rutgers, Barr scored a 9.875 on vault to claim first place in the event. The senior also competed on floor, posting a score of 9.850, which was good for second place. Barr finished in the top three in multiple events at the meet for the fourth time this season.

Rookie of the Week

Haley Bodenheimer, Pittsburgh

Against Ball State on the road last weekend, Bodenheimer won the all-around competition with a 39.075, which gives her a plus-39.00 score in four meets this season. Additionally, she won the vault (9.825) and uneven bars (9.725) events and finished second on the floor exercise (9.80).

Eastern College Athletic Conference – Division I

Gymnast of the Week

Kacy Catanzaro, Towson University

Catanzaro led the Tigers to a triple win over George Washington, Pennsylvania and Yale on Senior Night and a dual meet victory over George Washington in the regular season finale. She helped the Tigers post their two highest scores of the season as they first had a 194.800 score in the triple win. In Towson's final regular season meet, she led the Tigers to a 195.225 team score, the highest point total since 2007 and 12th highest score in school history. In the two meets last week, she won two all-around titles. In the Tigers' March 16 meet, she won the all-around with a 39.225 score. In the dual meet win at George Washington, she won the all-around with a career high 39.40 score, matching the fourth highest score in school history, a mark set by former All-American Erin Shanley in 1997. In the two meets, Catanzaro won five different events. On March 16, she won the balance beam (9.875) and the floor exercise (9.875). She tied her career high on the beam and set a career-high on the floor. On March 18, she won the vault (9.90), the uneven parallel bars (9.80) and the balance beam (9.825). She also took second on the floor and matched her career high (9.875). In addition, she also tied her career high on the vault. Catanzaro has now won 23 events this season, including the all-around (6); the vault (6), the uneven bars (5) and the balance beam (6).

Co-Rookies of the Week

Brandy Stover, College of William & Mary

Stover won the balance beam title against Temple (March 18) by nearly equaling a career high with a 9.750. She placed tied for second on the balance beam against Rutgers/North Carolina State (March 16) with a 9.725.

Amber Woo, University of Pennsylvania

Woo scored a career high on the floor exercise in a quad meet against Towson, George Washington and Yale. She has scored at least 38 points in five meets this season. She has been a staple in the Penn line up and is the only freshman on Penn's roster to compete in the all-around.

Specialist of the Week

Alli Antenucci, Towson University

Antenucci helped the Tigers post their two highest team scores of the season by finishing second on the uneven parallel bars in both meets. In the Tigers' triple win over George Washington, Penn and Yale, she finished second with a 9.80 score. In a win at George Washington, she tied for second place (9.725).

Coaches' Choice

Kady Sullivan, Towson University

With four screws in her hand, Sullivan returned to action for the final two meets of the season and her presence made an immediate impact on the Tigers' floor scores. A Tiger co-captain, Sullivan broke her hand two weeks before the season opener and had not competed all season. In her first meet on Friday night, she tied her career high score with a 9.825 score on the floor exercise to tie for sixth place in the meet. She helped the Tigers earn a 194.80 team score and a season-high 49.225 on floor. In the regular season finale at George Washington, she had a 9.75 on the floor exercise as the Tigers earned their top team score in five years, a 195.25. She also helped the Tigers earn a 49.175 floor score.

Eastern College Athletic Conference – Division II

Gymnast of the Week

Kirby Pallis, Southern Connecticut State University

Pallis registered the team's highest score on the uneven parallel bars with a 9.675 performance, placing second in the meet against Division I opponent Brown University. The Southern Connecticut coaching staff has noted her consistency on the event all season long.

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Rookie of the Week

Sasha Tsikhanovich, University of Bridgeport

Tsikhanovich continued her impressive first season in a Bridgeport leotard, helping the Purple Knights to a second-place finish (193.525) in last Friday's Division I-dominated meet at the University of Arizona. A three-time ECAC rookie of the week honoree, she tied for fourth in the floor exercise (9.85) and tied for fifth on the balance beam (9.8).

Coaches' Pick of the Week

Jessica Watts, University of Bridgeport

Watts has served all season long like an extension of the coaching staff with her hard work in practice and leading her teammates by example. She has been a key member of the Purple Knights' floor exercise unit, hitting every routine during the season as one of the team's most consistent competitors. She tied for sixth place with a score of 9.825 on Friday at the University of Arizona quadrangular meet that included the host Wildcats, Utah State and Air Force.

Mid American Conference

Co-Gymnasts of the Week

Kristin Teubner, Central Michigan

Senior Kristin Teubner continued her stellar streak of performances Friday at No. 24 Washington, scoring a 39.200 in the all-around for her fifth-straight meet of a 39-plus. Teubner scored 9.8 or better in three of the four events to help the Chippewas post a season-best 195.300 to finish behind the Huskies and defeat San Jose State. Teubner posted three more 9.8s or better in Sunday's meet at Sacramento State en route to a 38.700 all-around score.

Marie Case, Kent State

Case led the Golden Flashes to the best team score in the MAC this season and its best since the 2009 campaign with her all-around victory in helping Kent State post a 196.400 team score. Case had two season-high scores, leading with her meet-best 9.875 on the balance beam, and then her season-best 9.875 on the floor. It was the fourth consecutive meet that Case broke the 39.000-point mark this season.

Specialist of the Week

Megan Melendez, Northern Illinois University

Megan Melendez won the balance beam for the second meet in a row and fifth time this season, scoring a 9.825 at the EMU Eagle Invitational (quad meet). The Huskies tallied a 48.700 on balance beam, the second-highest team total of the year. The sophomore also led NIU on uneven parallel bars as she tied for fourth with a 9.750 to record her second highest score of the season.

Midwest Independent Conference

All-Arounder of the Week

Kim Genereux, Illinois State

Genereux placed fourth in the all-around competition, with a final score of 38.850 at the State of Illinois Classic. Tying for fifth place in the vault competition alongside teammate Marissa Stom. Genereux earned a score of 9.725. She placed second on uneven bars with a career high score of 9.850. Genereux rounded out her scores with a 9.675 on floor, and 9.600 on balance beam.

Specialist of the Week

Angela Serafini, SEMO

Serafini put together her best meet of the season against Texas Woman's last Friday, scoring 9.800 on both the uneven bars and balance beam. The junior finished runner-up on both events. In the last two weeks, the Glencoe, Mo., native has scored 9.800 or better on three of her four routines.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

Michelle Ho, UC Davis

UC Davis junior Michelle Ho (Los Altos, CA) led the Aggies to their season-high uneven bars total (48.450) and their second-best balance beam rotation all-time (48.775), en route to a season-best 194.150 overall, in the tri-meet at San Jose State. Ho took fourth on floor (9.825), while adding a 9.80 beam and 9.725 bars routine.

Pac-12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Aubree Cristello, Arizona

Junior Aubree Cristello was a major contributor to Arizona's season high score of 196.525 in last week's quad meet. The Glendale, N.Y., native claimed event titles on the vault (9.875), floor (9.925), and all-around (39.475). Cristello's all-around score of 39.475 ranks No. 9 all-time in Arizona history. The junior also made significant contributions on both the bars (9.850) and beam (9.825), placing second and third, respectively.

Special Performance of the Week

Kailah Delaney, Utah

Utah's Kailah Delaney earns her first weekly honor of her career for her effort against No. 1 Florida last week. The freshman from Yorba Linda, Calif., tied for first on the vault, scoring a 9.900. The win was Delaney's fourth on vault this season, and she is currently ranked No. 9 nationally in the event.

Southeastern Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Alaina Johnson – Florida

Johnson led a trio of Gator All-Americans who swept the top three all-around spots versus No. 7 Utah on March 16. Her winning total of 39.675 matches her collegiate-best set as a freshman and equals the Gators' season-best. The total also ranks as the nation's third-highest posted in 2012. Johnson added three event titles to bring her season total to 11 wins. Johnson shared the ninth vault win (9.90) of collegiate career with a pair of Utes. She turned in season-best 9.95 to share her 10th uneven bars win of career with teammate Ashanee Dickerson. Johnson equaled her collegiate-best of 9.925 to share her first win on balance beam with teammate Marissa King.

Freshman of the Week

Rheagan Courville - LSU

Rheagan Courville helped LSU tie its season high in a 196.850-194.900 victory against West Virginia in the home finale. Courville earned her fourth all-around title of the year with a season-high tying 39.500, and she also picked up her seventh vault title of the year with a 9.925. With the two titles against the Mountaineers, Courville leads the team with 17 individual titles this season, the most by an LSU freshman since April Burkholder had 20 in 2003.

Western Athletic Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Thomasina Wallace, San Jose State

Wallace, a senior from Pomona, Calif. (Diamond Ranch HS) won her 10th all-around title of the season with the second-highest score in school history with a 39.550. She won three of the four individual meet titles at the SJSU tri meet. She won on bars with a 9.900, on beam with a 9.875 and on floor with a career-best 9.950.

Specialist of the Week

Alyssa Click, Southern Utah

Click, a junior from Vancouver, Wash. (Skyview HS) recorded a career-best 9.925 on beam last week to win the individual title in the event in a dual meet against Boise State. Click's 9.925 is the third-best mark on beam in SUU history. She repeated her performance in a dual meet at Brigham Young on Monday.

