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PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Penn State took a step outside of NCAA competition on Friday (March 8) when they traveled to San Juan, Puerto Rico to compete against members of the Puerto Rican National Team. The competition took place in front of a boisterous crowd at the national team training facility with the Nittany Lions collecting a 421.250-414.050 victory.

"We had an uncharacteristically sloppy night," said Penn State head coach Randy Jepson. "We missed on quite a few routines, which is something that we don't normally do."



Leading Penn St. were: Parker Raque-2nd FX (14.75); Trevor Howard-1st V (14.85), 3rd R (14.90) and 2nd PB (14.85); Preston Gall-2nd PH (14.05) and 3^{rd} PB (14.80); Mckenzie Dow-3rd HB (14.15); Alex Torres-2nd V (14.75), Matthew Fellerman-1st HB (14.75) and Craig Hernandez-3rd FX (14.55).

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (Sat)

Leading Oklahoma until the final event, Michigan was forced to count a score of 11.65 on HB that they could not overcome. OU ended up winning 432.10 to 431.25 at Michigan.

Leading the Wolverines were: Stacey Ervin with an NCAA all-time 6th best FX score of 16.00 for 1st place. Sam Mikulak-2d FX (15.45), 2nd PH (14.60), 5th R (15.35), Matt Freeman- 1st R (15.50). Michael Strathern-1st V (14.75), 1st PB (15.00), 3rd HB (14.80).

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (Wed)

No. 2-ranked University of Michigan improved to 9-0 this season with a 428.50-408.30 win at Arizona State Wednesday (March 6) at the Aspire Kids Center.



-1st-PH-15.10, 1st PB-14.60, 2nd V-15.20; Taylor Harrower-1st FX-14.75, 1st HB-14.20, 5th V-14.60: Matt Freeman-1st R-15.35. 2nd PH-14.65; Konner Ackerman-1st V-15.35; Stacey Ervin-2nd V-15.20.

Adrian de los Angeles competed in only two events and Rohan Sabastian was apparently given the night off.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Sixth-ranked Fighting Illini captured a 21-9 victory over No. 7 Minnesota in its historic match play meet Friday night at Huff Hall. The Orange and Blue clinched the win on parallel bars in the fifth rotation after winning all five vault matchups in the fourth. Four Illini notched event titles, including two by freshman Fred Hartville. The meet format. which was created by head coach Justin Spring and assistant coach Daniel Ribeiro,

HARTVILLE

featured five head-tohead contests on each apparatus with no set lineups. Each matchup was worth one point.

"I think it was an overall great meet format," Spring said. "The fans got it, and they were buying in. 'Point Illinois' made sense to them, and there was a lot of great energy when the score was close. It was exciting. and I really enjoyed it." Traditional scoring

was also maintained throughout the contest except the audience was not made aware of this. In traditional scoring Illinois won 430.60

Leading the Wolverines were: Sam Mikulak to 420.65. Leading the Illini were: Fred Hartville-1st FX (14.90), 1st V (15.30); Yoshi Mori-1st HB (14.55), 2nd FX (14.80), 2nd PH (14.55); Mike Wilner-1st R (15.30); Max Mayr -2nd HB (14.35); Austin Phillips-2nd R (14.75); Jacob Tilsley-2nd V (14.85).

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

No. 4 Ohio State posted its best team score of the season Saturday afternoon, defeating No. 15 UIC, 439.200-409.050, at St. John Arena.

"The team worked really hard the past week and a half and it paid off,"

Ohio State head coach Rustam Sharipov said. "We ended up hitting 90 percent of our routines which was above our goal of 85 percent."

Leading the Buckeyes were: Daniel Steiner-1st FX (15.90), 2nd V (14.90); Drew Moling-1st



R (15.50), 2nd PB (14.80); Jeff Treleaven-1st V-14.95), 4th FX (14.75); Michael Newberger-1st PH-(15.00); Jake Martin-1st PB (14.85), 4th PH (14.65); Nick Tagliaferro-2nd R (15.10); Alex Johnson-1st HB (15.05).

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota dropped a road decision at Illinois on Friday night. The No. 7 Gophers and No. 6 Illini competed in a new, unique head-to-head match play format (see Illinois write-up).

Illinois swept the vault and high bar, earning all ten points as it pulled away from Min-

nesota to claim a 21-9 win against the Gophers using the alternative scoring system. Traditional scores were kept as well, with Illinois winning 430.600 – 420.650.

Leading the Gophers were: Ellis Mannon-1st PH (15.30); Steve Jaciuk -1st PB (14.90), Harris



Coleman-2nd PB (14.70), 3rd PH (14.50).

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COLLEGE OF WILLIAM/MARY

No. 13 William and Mary recorded its best performance of the season on Saturday after-

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noon, as it defeated No. 16 Navy, 420.5-407.05.

In addition to posting its best overall score, W&M also registered season highs on floor, rings, vault and high bar. Individually, junior Landon Funiciello and freshman Neal Courter earned school records on rings and floor, respectively, while Tribe gymnasts combined to win five of six individual events, as well as



the individual all-around title.

Highlights for W&M were: Neal Courter-1st FX (15.30-school record), 1st V (14.75), 1st HB (14.45); Landon Funiciello-1st R (15.50-school record), 1st PB (14.05); Dan Potemski – 1st AA (83.20), 2nd R (14.80), 2nd HB (14.20); Jason Wang (2nd PH (13.60); Simon Casey-2nd FX (14.80), Sam Patterson-2nd PB (14.00).

ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

UIC Senior Dan Zerbel posted a seasonhigh score of 15.500 on floor and came away with second place in two events, as UIC suffered a 439.200-409.050 loss Saturday afternoon to No. 4 Ohio State at St. John Arena. Jason Gaides was the only all-around competitor with a score of 81.450.

"We are right on the cusp of being where

we want to be," head coach Charley Nelson "Horizontal bar said. was a bit rough and parallel bars was definitely tough. On parallel bars and pommel horse, there were things that I wanted to argue, but you can't." UIC was led by: Dan Zerbel-2nd FX (15.50), 2nd HB (14.70), Lukasz Adamzcyk-2nd PH (14.80); Jason Gaides -1st AA (81.45).

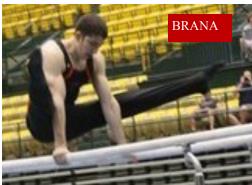


ZERBEL

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY-Sunday

The start to a busy week got underway for the No. 12 Temple men's gymnastics team, as

they competed in their first of three road meets in seven days on Sunday at No. 9 California Berkeley, where the Owls were outdone 428.650-405.150. Graduate student Taylor Brana was the standout for Temple, as he



led the Owls on pommel horse (14.2) and still rings (14.3), while tying senior Alex Tighe for the event title on parallel bars (14.6). Top scorers for Temple: Allan Malone-FX-14.90, PH-14.20, HB-13.75; Alex Tighe-HB-14.60; Evan Burke-V-14.25; Brandan Williams-PH-13.50, PB-13.40, FX-13.25.

ARMY

Senior Garrek Hojan-Clark earned medalist honors on pommel horse for the seventh time this season, and junior Kip Webber beat the NCAA co-defending champion for first-place honors on vault as Army split a triangular in its home finale at Gross Sports Center Saturday afternoon.

Fifth-ranked Stanford (9-1) captured all six team events and claimed four of the six individual winners in outpointing the field with a 438.6. No. 14 Army (2-4) posted a 413.5 fol-

lowed by No. 17 Springfield (403.3).

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Springfield College finished third among three teams competing at Army on Saturday as it scored a total of 403.300 points.

Stanford took first in the competition with 438.600 points, followed by the host Black Knights who posted a 413.500.

For the Pride, Andy Grabowski posted its Min best score on the floor, registering a 14.050. Will Both Pat Ryther and Jon Zirna had strong showings on the pommel with 13.95's each, UIC



and Ryan Ponce led Springfield on the rings with a 14.600.

Against Army Grabowski was 4th FX, Pat Ryther and Jon Zirna tied for 3rd on PH and Ryan Ponce placed 2nd on Rings.

NAVY

WEBBER

Navy dropped a dual meet with William & Mary on Saturday at Macdonough Hall in Annapolis. The 13th-ranked Tribe posted a team score of 420.50, topping Navy's 407.05. Junior Chris Junghans led all competitors

on the pommel horse with a score of 14.2 to take 1st. He rounded out his all-around score with a score of 14.15 on the floor exercise-(4th), for an AA total of 81.5 (3rd).

Sophomore Eric Viscardi was the other Mid to finish first in an event on Saturday as he registered a season



-high 14.75 on the vault and placed 3rd FX (14.20) and 3rd on R (14.25).

Top Team Scores this past week:	
Ohio State	439.20
Stanford	438.60
Oklahoma	432.10
Michigan	431.25
Illinois	430.60
California	428.65
Penn St.	421.25
Air Force	420.95
Minnesota	420.65
William/M	420.50
Army	413.50
UIC	409.05