



## College Gymnastics Association Special Report

# UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN WINS 2013 NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Compiled by Jerry Wright April 23, 2013



TEAM FINALS	
1. Michigan	443.20
2. Oklahoma	440.10
3. Stanford	436.15
4. Penn State	436.10
5. Iowa	426.45
6. Illinois	422.55



### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan men's gymnastics team captured its fifth NCAA title in program history Saturday (April 20) at Penn State's Recreation Hall. The Wolverines earned a 443.200 team score behind a 1-2 all-around finish from first-place winner Sam Mikulak and second-place winner Adrian de los Angeles who tallied a 91.150 and a 88.350, respectively.

U-M began its quest for championship No. 5 with a fantastic start on pommel horse in the first rotation, scoring a 72.25, its third-highest score of the season. U-M was led by Mikulak, who notched a 14.85, and junior Dylan James, who scored a 14.70. Mikulak's finish was good for fourth, while James took seventh to earn the pair a berth

in the individual-event finals.

The Wolverines then busted out an outstanding second rotation, hitting all five routines on still rings. Junior Alex Bubnov led off with a career-best 15.25, while classmate Jordan Gaarenstroom followed with a career best of his own (15.60) to advance to the individual-event finals as the second overall seed. Junior Mikulak sprinkled in a 15.25.

On vault in the third rotation, U-M



**Sam Mikulak:** University of Michigan: 2013 NCAA All Around Champion and Gold Medal on Parallel Bars and Horizontal Bar.

was led by sophomore de los Angeles, who hit is Kasamatsu 1.5 for a 14.80, and classmate Stacey Ervin who completed his double-front with a slight step for a 15.05 and a berth in the event finals in the No. 5 position.

On parallel bars senior Syque Caesar scored a 14.90 to take fourth in the third position, while de los Angeles followed with a 14.80 to take eighth. Mikulak anchored the event with a stellar 15.40.

Following a high bar set that saw Mikulak, the 2012 NCAA high bar champion score an event-best 15.65, and Caesar notch a 14.55 to tie for eighth, U-M carried a .50 lead into the final rotation, putting the Wolverines on floor, where they were ranked No. 1 in the nation, and Oklahoma on high bar.

Much like the entire season, the Wolverines excelled on the floor exercise, as four competitors qualified for individual-event finals. Senior Rohan Sebastian led off and scored a 15.20 to take sixth, while Caesar followed with a 15.25 to take fourth. De los Angeles manned the No. 3 spot and collected a 15.30 and took third, while Mikulak scored a 15.15 to take eighth. Ervin anchored the event and provided a

tense moment with two falls on his exercise, but the world-class difficulty resulted in a 14.35 to seal the team victory for U-M.

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### UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

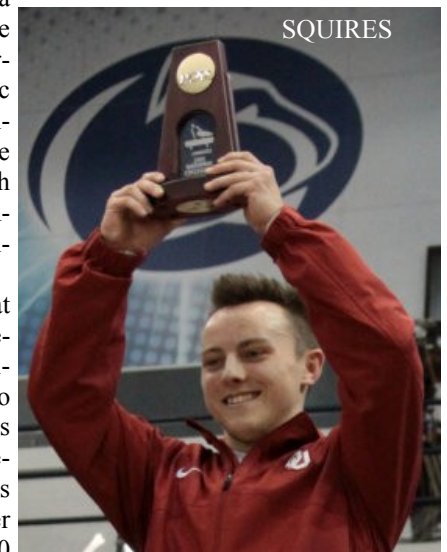
For the third straight season, the University of Oklahoma men's gymnastics team captured a second-place finish at the NCAA Championship Saturday night at Penn State's Rec Hall. It marks the 13th consecutive season in which the Sooners, led by head coach Mark Williams, have finished in the top three nationally.

In an exciting final that went back-and-forth between Oklahoma and Michigan, OU posted a 440.100 to finish just behind UM's 443.200. The margin between the two teams was as close as 0.150 points after the fourth rotation and 0.400 points going into the final event.

Since 2000, OU is the only collegiate men's gymnastics program to finish in the top four every year at the NCAA Championships, a streak that includes five NCAA championships and six second-place finishes. Oklahoma came in second in 2011 and 2012 as well.

Alec Robin, a sophomore, posted a career high 86.650 in the all-around to finish in fifth place and earn All-American honors for the first time in his career. Michigan's Sam Mikulak won the all-around title.

OU opened the NCAA Finals with a 73.600 on floor and found itself in third place. Dylan Akers got the Sooners started with a 14.550, followed by Oyama's meet-high and career-high tying 15.250. Every OU gymnast posted a score of at least 14.400.





On pommel, OU was anchored by Reid's meet-high 15.150, while Raymond White scored a 14.600 and Troy Nitzky a 14.05.

The Sooners put together a solid rings event to score a 75.450 and was in second place with a 220.650 halfway through the competition; Just 1.2 points separate the top three teams. Oklahoma was anchored by Squires' meet-high 15.800. Chris Stehl posted a 15.400.

A 74.100 on vault made a close finals even closer. With a 294.750, the Sooners were just .150 points behind first-place Michigan's 294.900. Robin scored a meet high 15.400 as OU's final competitor. Presten Ellsworth added a 14.850, while Raymond White scored a 14.700 and Todd Dowdy tied his career high with a 14.650.

After five events, OU had 367.350 points, and Michigan had 367.750. Just 0.400 separated the two teams, with UM holding the slight advantage. On parallel bars, OU notched a 72.600 and was led by Danny Berardini's 14.900.

OU closed with a 72.750 on high bar for an unofficial total of 440.100. Michigan scored a 75.250 on floor to capture the title. The Sooners were led by William Clement's 14.800.

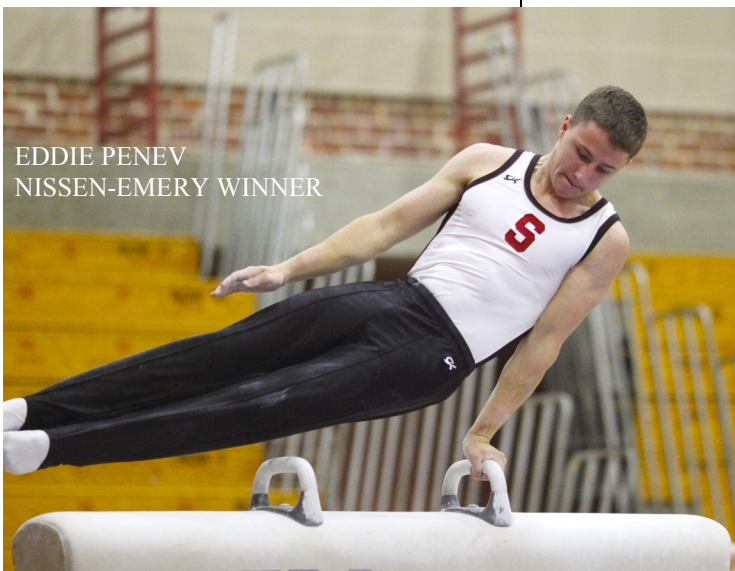
## STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Stanford delivered a strong team performance Saturday night as it finished third at the NCAA Championships Finals at Penn State.

Six Stanford gymnasts recorded 10 top-10 finishes in five events and qualified to the individual event finals on Sunday. The Cardinal had at least one gymnast finish in the top six in five of six events.

Brian Knott claimed the lone Stanford individual victory, recording a career-best 15.450 on parallel bars.

Eddie Penev earned his second consecutive All-America honor in the all-around, finishing third with an 87.350.



EDDIE PENEV  
NISSEN-EMERY WINNER

began the competition with a hot start, notching a 74.000 vault team score. Penev led the way with a 15.200 to finish third, while Sean Senters followed in fourth with a 15.150. Both Penev and Senters qualified for the individual event finals in the event. Michael Levy also delivered a strong vault earning a 14.700, followed by Kevin Baker (14.500) and Jonathan Deaton (14.450).

Stanford continued to heat up on parallel bars where Knott claimed his individual victory and Stanford finished with a season-best 73.700 parallel bars team score. Dennis Zaremski and Cameron Foreman earned scores of 14.800 to tie for eighth. Knott, Zaremski and Foreman each qualified to the parallel bars event finals.

John Martin and Cameron Foreman led the Cardinal on high bar, both scoring 14.700 and tying for fourth overall. Knott followed with a 14.350 and Paul Hichwa delivered a 14.300.

Penev and Senters earned top-10 finishes on floor, as Stanford recorded a 73.500 team score. Penev finished second with a 15.350, while Senters claimed a 14.950 to finish 10th.

The Cardinal dropped to fourth in the competition after its pommel horse rotation in which it tallied a 70.100.

Martin finished sixth with a 14.750, and was the lone Cardinal to qualify to the event finals in the event. Knott delivered Stanford's second-highest score of 14.300, a career best, an impressive feat, considering it was only his third time competing in the event this season.

Stanford continued to battle in its final event on rings and was rewarded with a 72.650, good enough to pass Penn State for third in the competition. Michael Levy scored a career-best 15.000 to earn Stanford's highest mark, followed by Dennis Zaremski (14.850) and Jordan Nollf (14.700).

## PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Penn State finished in fourth place at the team finals of the 2013 NCAA National Championships on Saturday evening inside a packed Rec Hall. The Nittany Lions recorded a team score of 436.100, highlighted by a 75.000 team score on the still rings and a 71.850 tally on the pommel horse.

Senior Felix Aronovich brought home his third All-America status, and second career all-around All-American honor, after posting a score of 86.900 to grab a fourth place finish on Saturday.

His best performances came on the still rings and parallel bars, both

of which were awarded marks of 14.700.

Freshman Trevor Howard continued his stellar first year as a Nittany Lion by posting scores of 15.000 or better on three of his four events. The freshman scored a career-high 15.450 on the floor exercise, which was the top score on the event. Howard also led the Blue and White on the parallel bars with a score of 14.950 and followed that with a tally of 15.050 to tie for fifth on the vault. He was the only Nittany Lion to qualify for three individual event finals.

Senior captain Parker Raque turned out his third best still rings performance of the season at 15.450, which led the way for the Nittany Lions and put him in fourth place on the event. Scott Rosenthal ended the day tied for eighth place on rings, and will join

Raque in the event finals tomorrow.

Adrian Evans finished tied for fourth place on the pommel horse. The junior put up a mark of 14.850, and advanced to the individual championships.

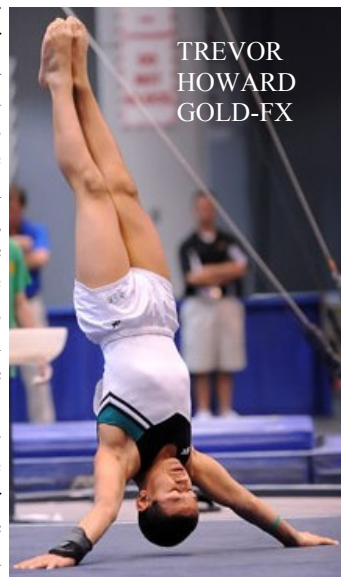
Sophomore Matthew Felleman led the Nittany Lions on the high bar, with a score of 15.100. The mark put him in second place on the day, and will send him to the event finals tomorrow along with Aronovich, who finished seventh overall at 14.600. Six Nittany Lions qualified for eight routines at individual event championships.

## UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Without a doubt, the surprise team of the 2013 Championships, the Univ. of Iowa placed 5th after coming into the competition ranked 8th.

The University of Iowa tallied a score of 426.450 to finish fifth in the NCAA team finals on Saturday night, marking the program's best finish since 2000 when it finished third. The Hawkeyes -- one of six teams to qualify for the team finals -- made their first finals appearance since 2006.

Javier Balboa placed sixth in the all-around (85.650) to earn All-America status. The senior becomes Iowa's first all-around All-American since Michael Reavis in 2005, and the Hawkeyes' first individual to earn All-America honors since Matt McGrath in 2011 (vault).



TREVOR  
HOWARD  
GOLD-FX

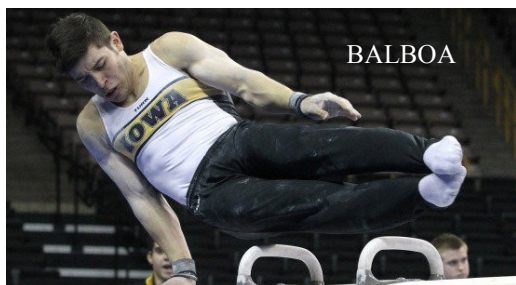
For the second consecutive day, Stanford

Iowa finished the floor routine with a score of 71.400. Brandon Field was the lone Hawkeye to land among the top-20. Field's score of 14.700 earned 17th place.

Doug Sullivan led the Hawkeyes on pommel horse. Sullivan scored a 14.000 to tie with Oklahoma's Alec Robin for 26th.

The Hawkeyes recorded their best score of the night on the still rings, finishing the event with a 74.850. Anton Gryshayev finished in third with a 15.550. Balboa tied Oklahoma's Chris Stehl for sixth place (15.400). William Albert and Mikulak of Michigan both recorded a 15.250 to tie for 10th.

Balboa earned 15th on vault, recording a score of 14.750. Iowa finished the event with a 71.250.



BALBOA

On the parallel bars, Iowa tallied a team score of 71.500. Cyrus Dobre-Mofid landed in a three-way tie for 16th place with a score of 14.500. Mitchell Landau also found himself in a three-way tie with a score of 14.400 to round out the top-20.

Landau scored 14.400 on the horizontal bar to finish in a three-way tie for 14th place. Jack Boyle recorded 14.300 on the event to tie Stanford's Paul Hichwa for 19th place.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Illinois freshman Joey Peters earned All-America status in the all-around, and four Orange and Blue gymnasts advanced to NCAA Event Finals, but Illinois struggled during NCAA Team Finals Saturday night at Penn State's Recreation Building, placing sixth of six with a season-low 422.550.

Peters placed eighth in the all-around with an 84.750, the second-highest all-around mark of his career. With his top-eight finish, the Danville, Pa., native garnered All-America honors, marking the fifth straight year Illinois has produced at least one All-American in the all-around.

Meanwhile, fellow freshman and reigning Big Ten vault champion Fred Hartville battled back after a fall on floor to stick his vault and notch a 15.300, securing a runner-up finish.

Three other Illini finished in the top 10 on various events, including fifth-year senior and 2012 high bar All-American Austin Phillips, who tied for fourth on high bar with a 14.700. Sophomore Mike Wilner tied for eighth on rings with a 15.350 to advance to event finals for the first time in his career, while senior

Vince Smurro placed ninth on floor with a 15.050 to secure his first career NCAA Event Finals appearance.

Despite Phillips' fourth-place finish on high bar, the Illini got off to a shaky start on that event in the first rotation, posting a 68.950.

Illinois could not recover on floor in the following rotation, totaling a 71.450. Although the team struggled, Smurro's ninth-place finish highlighted the rotation, and senior Yoshi Mori finished just outside the top 10, tying for 11th with a 14.850 to earn the alternate spot in floor finals.

In the third rotation, the Illini posted their third-lowest pommel horse score (67.900) and the team could not get back on track on rings, scoring a 73.850. Wilner's eighth-place performance led the squad.

The Orange and Blue secured a 72.200 on vault, but Hartville's second-place finish was not enough to put Illinois out of fifth place as a team on that event. The Illini finished the night on parallel bars with their second-lowest score (68.200) on that apparatus this season.



HARTVILLE  
VAULT CHAMP

#### THOSE TEAMS NOT QUALIFYING FOR THE TEAM FINALS:

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

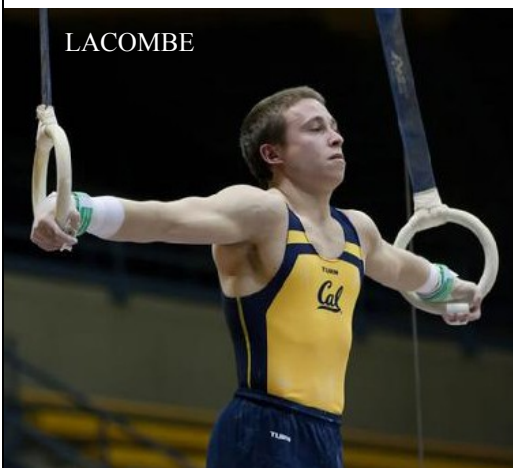
In a heartbreaking decision at the NCAA Championships, California placed fourth in session II of the NCAA Championships Qualifier with a 426.450, failing to advance to Saturday's team final at Penn State in State College, PA.

The top three teams in session I and session II earned spots in the team competition. Cal finished the meet tied with Iowa, but after an inquiry by the Hawkeyes, Iowa secured the third and final spot in the team finals when its score was recalculated to 426.550. This is the first time since 1999 that Cal failed to advance as a team to the team final.

The young squad could not overcome a 68.800 in pommel and 69.150 on the high bar to give the team a final edge. Still, at least one Golden Bear advanced to the individual quali-

fier in each event.

The night's big winner for the Golden Bears was senior Steven Lacombe, who qualified for the floor (sixth with 14.900), rings (first with 15.500) and vault (sixth with 14.800) championship events. Junior Jeffrey Langenstein also



LACOMBE

qualified for the floor event with a 15.150 performance that tied for third in the session.

Freshman Takahiro Kawada, a rock in the pommel event for most of the season, posted a 14.950 to claim second place. On the parallel bars, freshman Kyle Zemeir tied for fifth with a 14.700 while fellow freshman Jonathan Liu also advanced with a ninth-place 14.550 score. TJ Bzoscik rounded out the qualifying freshmen with a 14.400 performance on the h bars for an eighth-place finish.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota fell short of advancing to the final round of the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championship when it finished fourth out of six teams in the first session qualifier in University Park, Pa.

Minnesota ended the qualifier with a score of 424.700 to finish fourth, one spot from advancing to the team finals on Saturday.

The Gophers best event of the day was the parallel bars where they placed second with a score of 71.400. Minnesota was fourth on the still rings

(73.250), high bar (68.500) and floor exercise (72.800). The Maroon and Gold finished fifth on vault (71.900) and sixth on pommel horse (65.850) despite Ellis Mannon winning the pommel horse with a score of 15.250.



MANNON



Minnesota did advance seven gymnasts to the individual finals. Advancing were Justin Morinishi and Sean Bauer who tied for fifth on the floor exercise with scores of 15.050. Matt Frey finished ninth with a 14.950 on the floor exercise. Jack Metcalf tied for fifth on the still rings with a 15.200 to advance. Steve Jaciuk tied for fourth on the high bar with a 14.500 score and recorded a seventh-place finish on parallel bars with a 14.700 to compete in both events. Mannon also advanced after winning the pommel horse.

## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Five members of Ohio State's team advanced to the 2013 NCAA Team and All-Around Finals after the second qualifying session at Rec Hall Friday night. The Buckeyes tallied a 421.950 team score but finished fifth.

Individually, five Buckeyes advanced to competition Saturday night where they will look to make the Top 10 in their respective events and advance to the 2013 Individual Event Finals at 2 p.m. ET Sunday. Redshirt sophomore Jeff Treleaven, a 2011 All-American, tied for first place overall on vault (15.00) with Stanford's Eddie Penev.

Redshirt junior Michael Newburger, a 2012 All-American, scored a 14.700 on pommel horse to finish sixth overall, while sopho-



more and 2012 All-American Danny Steiner earned a 15.000 on floor exercise to finish in fifth place. In addition, sophomore Drew Moling posted a 14.700 on rings to finish within the Top 15 and true freshman Alex Johnson earned a 14.200 on high bar to advance and end the night in the Top 10.

The Buckeyes opened the meet on pommel horse, earning a 68.900 team score. Behind Newburger, senior John Laing scored a 14.500 to finish second and sophomore Alex Nork posted a 14.450 to round out the top three Buckeyes.

## AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The 11th-ranked Air Force men's gymnastics team collected the best NCAA qualifying finish in program history and qualified two gymnasts to the next round of competition this afternoon (April 19), as it placed fifth in

the National Qualifier of the NCAA Championships at Penn State.

Junior Mac Ritchie claimed the Falcons' best finish of the day, as he took third on the high bar with a score of 14.650. Ritchie, who posted his third-highest score of the season to place third in the 35-competitor field, only trailed two members of the U.S. Senior National team.



Sophomore Gared Chapman tied for sixth on the vault (14.950) and placed 10th on the still rings (15.050), while senior Tory Brown tied for 10th on the vault with a score of 14.600.

Sophomore Jon Spiro finished right behind Chapman on the still rings, placing 11th with a score of 14.950. He also led the Falcons on the pommel horse, using his second-highest score of the season (13.850) to finish 12th.

Chaput also paced the Falcons on the parallel bars, scoring a 14.350 to tie for 13th, while classmate Nick Gaudlip collected the program's top placement (16th) on the floor exercise (14.650) and added another 16th-place finish on the high bar (13.900).

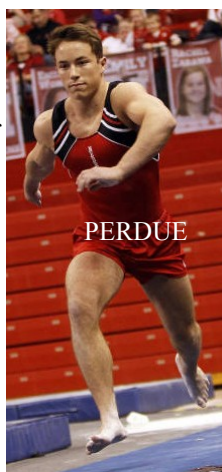
## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Facing five of the top twelve schools in the nation, the Huskers finished NCAA competition with a team score of 417.550, leaving them in 11<sup>th</sup> place overall.

The Huskers started out on high bar, where they saw some difficulties early. Sophomore Josh Ungar kicked off the event for NU, earning a 14.40 for his routine.

NU then moved to floor for their second rotation. Sam Chamberlain led the rotation from the start, earning a 14.60 for his routine. The freshman tied for the best score on the event among the Huskers with teammate and 2012 All-American, Grant Perdue.

Nebraska went to horse. Freshman Ethan Lottman led the Huskers on the event yet again, securing the only score above 14.00 on the event for the Huskers.



The Huskers then moved to rings, where sophomore Robbie Kocks and junior Zach Hedval tied for the team lead. Both athletes earned a 14.50 for their routines.

Nebraska's fifth rotation was vault. The team earned a team score of 72.30, putting them in fourth of the six competing teams on the event. Junior Micah Christensen started off the rotation for the Huskers, earning a 14.50 for his vault. He held the team lead until the last vault. Perdue snagged a 15.25, just 0.5 points off of his season-high score.

NU finished out the afternoon on parallel bars, with two Huskers posting scores above 14.50. Chamberlain, ranked No. 8 nationally coming into the afternoon, earned a 14.55 for his routine. Just after the freshman's leading routine, junior Mark Ringle finished out the afternoon's competition with a team-high 14.95

## TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Senior Alex Tighe qualified for the Event Finals of the NCAA Championship. In Friday evening's NCAA National Qualifier, Temple placed sixth in the second session with a score of 407.800 to maintain 12th place in the national rankings.

Tighe, who is the ECAC Senior Athlete of the Year and was honored by the NCAA on Thursday evening for being selected as a Nissen-Emery Finalist, will compete in the parallel bars and horizontal bar event finals. The fourth-year gymnast tied for 10th on both bar events, having a 14.5 on parallel bars and a 14.2 score on the horizontal bar.



Graduate student Evan Burke nearly joined Tighe in the Event Finals with his second-highest vault score of the season (14.7). Senior Dashiell Sears came away as the Owls' leader on rings with his earned score of 14.450.

Junior John Leonard supported the Owls with scores that were strong enough for second place on the team in the floor exercise (14.150) and third on vault (14.250). Freshman Phillip Pruett totaled a 14.350 for his routine on vault to take second place on the team.

Also competing well for the Owls were Asaf Zoor, Evan Eigner, Blaise Consenzq, Brendan Williams and Brett Statman.





# COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL REPORT

## NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

HOST: PENN STATE UNIVERSITY  
April 19-21, 2013

### INDIVIDUAL EVENT FINALS



#### ALL AROUND

1. Sam Mikulak, Michigan	91.150
2. Adrian de los Angeles, Michigan	88.350
3. Eddie Penev, Stanford	87.350
4. Felix Aronovich, Penn St.	86.900
5. Alec Robin, Oklahoma	86.650
6. Javier Balboa, Iowa	85.650
7. Wyatt Aycock, Nebraska	85.200
8. Joey Peters, Illinois	84.750

#### FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Trevor Howard, Penn St.	15.800
2. Eddie Penev, Stanford	15.550
3. Sam Mikulak, Michigan	15.450
4. Syque Caesar, Michigan	14.900
4. Rohan Sebastian, Michigan	14.900
6. Kanji Oyama, Oklahoma	14.700
7. Danny Steiner, Ohio State	14.650
8. Sean Senters, Stanford	14.000

#### POMMEL HORSE

1. Michael Newburger, Ohio State	15.450
2. Ellis Mannon, Minnesota	14.900
3. John Martin, Stanford	14.775
4. Sam Mikulak, Michigan	14.700
5. Adrian Evans, Penn St.	14.675
6T. Michael Reid, Oklahoma	14.575
6T. Dylan James, Michigan	14.575
8. Takahiro Kawada, California	14.475

#### RINGS

1. Michael Squires, Oklahoma	15.775
2. Landon Funicello, Wm/Mary	15.675
3. Scott Rosenthal, Penn St.	15.400
4. Chris Stehl, Oklahoma	15.375
5. Mike Wilner, Illinois	15.150
6. Parker Raque Penn St.	15.075
7. Anton Gryshayev, Iowa	14.925
8. Javier Balboa Iowa	14.875

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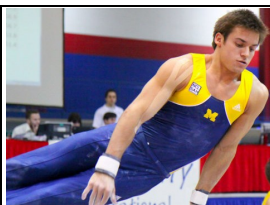
1. Fred Hartville, Illinois	15.425
2. Alec Robin, Oklahoma	15.325
3. Neal Courter, Wm/Mary	15.275
4. Grant Perdue, Nebraska	15.175
5T. Sean Senters, Stanford	15.125
5T. Jeff Treleaven, Ohio State	15.125
7T. Eddie Penev, Stanford	15.100
7T. Sam Mikulak, Michigan	15.100

#### PARALLEL BARS

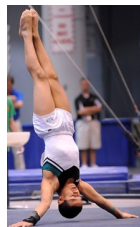
1. Sam Mikulak, Michigan	15.500
2. Syque Caesar, Michigan	15.450
3. Sam Chamberlain, Nebraska	14.925
4. Jonathan Liu, California	14.900
5. Danny Berardini, Oklahoma	14.850
6. Brian Knott, Stanford	14.750
7. Dennis Zaremski, Stanford	14.525
8. Adrian de los Angeles Michigan	14.325

#### HORIZONTAL BAR

1. Sam Mikulak, Michigan	16.100
2. Austin Phillips, Illinois	14.950
3. Syque Caesar, Michigan	14.925
4. Matthew, Felleman Penn St.	14.850
5. Felix Aronovich,	14.725
6. Alec Robin, Oklahoma	14.700
7. Cameron Foreman, Stanford	14.625
8. Ethan Jose, Oklahoma	14.475



Sam Mikulak



Trevor Howard



Michael Newburger



Michael Squires



Fred Hartville



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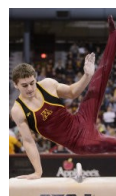
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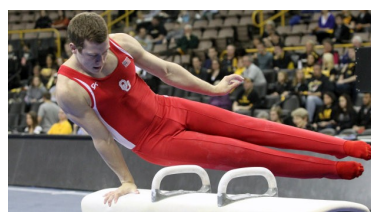
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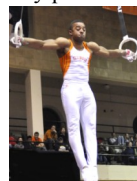
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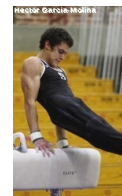
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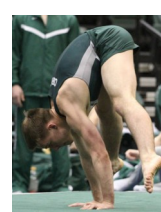
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