

Gymnasts of the Week – Jan. 20-26, 2014

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Big Ten Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Lindsay Mable, Minnesota

- Won the all-around with a career-high tying and school record score of 39.600 in No. 13 Minnesota's dual meet win over No. 11 Illinois
- Placed first on the floor exercise (9.975) and tied for first on the vault (9.925), beam (9.875) and bars (9.825)

Event Specialist of the Week

Reema Zakharia, Michigan

- Won the balance beam (9.900), placed second on the floor exercise (9.925) and finished fourth on the vault (9.850) in No. 5 Michigan's win over No. 23 Ohio State
- Her score on the balance beam was a career-best mark

Freshman of the Week

Nicole Artz, Michigan

- Recorded a pair of top-three finishes in Michigan's dual meet victory over Ohio State
- Tied for first on the bars (9.875), placed third on the floor exercise (9.900) and scored 9.800 on the balance beam

Big 12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Hope Sloanhoffer, West Virginia

Sloanhoffer scored three event wins and the all-around title in WVU's 195.425-195.4 home opener win over NC State on Jan. 26 at the WVU Coliseum. The team score was a season-best mark and Sloanhoffer's season-high all-around score of 39.35 helped deliver the win. The senior defeated NC State's Brittni Watkins, who entered the meet ranked No. 10 nationally in the all-around. Sloanhoffer finished first on floor with a 9.9, matching her career high and tied for wins on vault (9.85) and bars (9.825) and finished fourth on beam with a season-best 9.775 score. She's won two straight vault and all-around competitions and currently ranks No. 3 in conference in the all-around.

Specialist of the Week

McKenzie Wofford, Oklahoma

Wofford was clutch for Oklahoma in her first career road meet, posting career-high performances on both bars (9.9) and beam (9.925). Wofford finished in a tie for second overall on bars, aiding the Sooners to a 49.450 on the event—the team's highest score this season. Wofford then stepped in as a late addition to the beam lineup and posted a 9.925 in her first career appearance in the OU lineup on the event. She finished second overall behind teammate Spears.

Newcomer of the Week

Chayse Capps, Oklahoma

Capps came through in three clutch situations for Oklahoma in her first career road meet, posting or tying career-high marks on two events and contributing a crucial score on a third. Capps posted a 9.875 on vault to boost the Sooners to a 49.450 on the event, then earned a 9.9 on beam to boost OU to a 49.525—the nation's second-highest score on the event this season. Her 9.85 on floor in the No. 2 slot also proved crucial to OU's victory over No. 17 Arizona.

East Atlantic Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Lexi Cappalli, North Carolina

Sophomore Lexi Cappalli notched EAGL Gymnast of the Week honors on January 28th after placing first in the all-around, her first time competing all four events as a collegiate gymnast. In UNC's home conference win over Maryland, Cappalli went 9.775 on vault, 9.850 on bars, 9.750 on beam, 9.825 on floor, and 39.200 in the all-around. In addition to a top finish in the all-around, Cappalli took first on both bars (tying with teammate Acacia Cosentino) and floor.

Specialist of the Week

Emma Hoffman, Rutgers

Hoffman scored a career-high 9.850 to finish first on uneven bars in the Scarlet Knights' most recent meet at home versus Brown. Hoffman's 9.850 helped Rutgers tally 48.625 in the event Friday and ultimately pick up its sixth win of the season. With this past weekend's performance, she ties Stephanie Oullette of NC State and Taylor Henderson of George Washington for third in the conference on bars (9.788 average).

Rookie of the Week

Kelsey Aucoin, New Hampshire

Aucoin, who missed the entire 2013 season due to a shoulder injury, has established herself as a three-event stalwart in the Wildcats' lineup this year. On Jan. 25 at Pittsburgh, she set a personal best with a 9.800 on vault to tie for third place. Aucoin added a 9.700 on balance beam to earn a share of sixth place, and she scored a 9.725 on floor exercise for seventh place.

Eastern College Athletic Conference – Division I

Gymnast of the Week

Brittany Stover, William & Mary

Stover helped the Tribe post its best score of the season (191.300) at a tri-meet hosted by N.C. State with Texas Woman's College. She won the all-around title with a 38.925 and tied for third on bars by equaling a season high score of 9.750. Stover matched her season high on beam (9.750) finished tied for the team's top score on vault at 9.775. The sophomore nearly equaled a season high on floor after scoring a 9.650.

Rookie of the Week

Briana Odom, Temple

Odom had two solid performances for the Owls against the University of Alaska Anchorage. She posted a 9.625 on floor, good enough for second-best on the team and in the event. Her 9.500 on the vault was the third-highest score for an Owl on the day.

Specialist of the Week

Alexandra Chretien, Brown

Chretien had the highest score for the Bears on any event, tying her career high with a 9.825 on the bars. This is the second highest score on that event in school history. In addition, this was the highest score from any ECAC gymnast on any event this past weekend of competition.

Coaches' Choice

Diana Walters, Brown

Competing all-around for the first time this season, Walters was outstanding in back to back meets. She earned Brown's top score in the all-around over Brown's Michelle Shnayder and Caroline Morant, last week's Gymnast of the Week and Rookie of the Week, respectively. She was solid on all four events and earned the Bears' second highest score on vault and bars. This was Walters' second-highest all-around score in her career.

Eastern College Athletic Conference – Division II

Gymnast of the Week

Nicole Pruchnik, Southern Connecticut State

Pruchnik registered first place marks on the beam (9.775) and the floor exercise (9.825) to lead the Southern Connecticut State University gymnastics team in its quad-meet at Towson with West Chester and Centenary (La.) on Saturday.

Rookie of the Week

Kimberly Stewart, Bridgeport

Stewart tied for first place on the vault with a score of 9.800 helping Bridgeport win a quad meet at Brown on Sunday.

Specialist of the Week

Caitlin Perry, Bridgeport

Perry helped Bridgeport win a four-team meet at Brown on Sunday afternoon with a strong performance in the floor exercise, taking second place in the event with a score of 9.800.

Coaches' Choice

Chelcie Rosborough, Southern Connecticut State

Rosborough took eighth with a 9.675 on the floor exercise and was tenth with a 9.375 on the vault in a quad-meet at Towson University.

Eastern College Athletic Conference – Division III

Gymnast of the Week

Abby Clark, Springfield College

Clark had outstanding performances at two meets last week, placing first in all around, vault, beam and floor against Ithaca and Ursinus and second in the all around against Brockport. Her all around score of 37.575 set a new personal best. Clark's consistency has helped lead the Pride to a 3-1 start this season.

Rookie of the Week

Jennifer Sklenar, College at Brockport

Sklenar has proven to be a "meet person" thus far in her young career at Brockport. With her team struggling at Springfield, she started a string of four consecutive made beam routines and continued the successful run at Brown.

Specialist of the Week

Marley Bender, Cortland State

In a dual home meet against Cornell on Saturday, Jan. 25, Bender tied for first place on the vault by successfully competing two double saltos in her first and last passes. She capped off the meet by combining her vault performance with an elegant dance.

Mid American Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Alyssa Nocella, Bowling Green

Sophomore Alyssa Nocella had a career-best 39.150 score in the all-around, leading Bowling Green to its second-highest team score since 2005 in a 194.600-192.525 win over Eastern Michigan Saturday to improve to 2-0 in the MAC. Nocella scored at least 9.725 on all four apparatuses, posting a 9.800 on the balance beam and concluding with a 9.850 on the floor exercise. She also tied her career-best with a 9.775 on vault as the Falcons recorded the MAC's highest team score of the weekend.

Co-Specialists of the Week

Shelby MacDonald, Western Michigan

Shelby MacDonald won the bars competition for Western Michigan for the second straight week, placing first against No. 22 Kent State Friday with a 9.800. She also finished first last week against Bowling Green with a 9.775. In her other competition of the night, MacDonald led WMU with a team-high 9.700 on the balance beam, where she placed fourth. Both scores were season highs for the senior gymnast.

Kristen Petzold, Central Michigan

Petzold set the tone for Central Michigan's victory over Ball State with a career-best 9.925 on vault to win the event and followed that up with another career best, this time on floor with a 9.825. Her performance helped CMU post the MAC's best team score this season with a 195.800. Her score on vault is the best in the conference this season.

Midwest Independent Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Catherine Dion, Illinois-Chicago

Dion, a native of Gatineau, Quebec, Canada, recorded two first-place finishes with a 9.825 on bars and a 9.700 on beam. Dion also came in a tie for second on vault with a season-high 9.775 and placed third with 9.775 on floor. She matched her career-high all-around score and took first with 39.075, the best in the MIC.

Specialist of the Week

Nicole Szabo, Illinois-Chicago

Szabo, a Johannesburg, South Africa, native, produced her best scores of the season on both bars and floor. She tied for first with Dion for her best finish on bars with a 9.825 and then came in fourth on floor with a 9.750. Through competition this season, Szabo has the best scores on both events among all freshmen.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

Anna Shumaker, UC Davis

UC Davis senior Anna Shumaker (Alameda, CA) scored a personal-best 39.225 to win the all-around in a home quad meet with No. 12 Stanford, San Jose State and Utah State. She hit a

9.825 on vault, a career-high 9.850 on bars, 9.750 on beam, and then finished her day with a 9.800 on floor. Her vault and beam scores helped UC Davis notch team records in those events while her floor mark clinched an overall school-record and the second-best total in MPSF history (195.875).

Specialist of the Week

Dani Judal, UC Davis

UC Davis sophomore Dani Judal (Antelope, CA) scored a career-high 9.875 on bars, then followed with a school record-tying 9.900 on beam for her season debut. The beam mark helped UC Davis score 48.925 on that apparatus, breaking a program benchmark dating back to 1999.

Newcomer of the Week

Katy Nogaki, UC Davis

UC Davis freshman Katy Nogaki (Orange, CA) tied the school vault record of 9.90 in the opening rotation of Sunday's meet, helping the Aggies surpass the 49-point barrier (49.050) on that apparatus for the first time ever. It was the first 9.90 on vault in the MPSF since Katie Yamamura's identical mark in 2012, while the 49.050 team total shared for the best ever in MPSF history (Sac State, '04).

Mountain Rim Gymnastics Championship

Gymnast of the Week

Moriah Martin, Denver

Martin earned the top all-around score in the alliance, finishing with a 39.325. Martin, who competed in the all-around for the first time this season, took individual titles on vault and bars with a 9.900 and 9.925 en route to her 39.325 finish in the all-around. Her total also included a 9.775 on beam and a 9.725 on the floor exercise.

Specialist of the Week

Ciera Perkins, Boise State

Perkins, a junior of Boise State, recorded individual titles on vault and bars with career-best 9.925's on each event to earn the specialist of the week award. She added a third title on floor, tying teammates Kelsey Morris and Kelsey Black with a 9.875 on the event.

Pac-12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Chelsea Tang, Oregon State

Tang, a junior from Eugene, Ore., earned two victories last weekend, as No. 16 Oregon State defeated Iowa State in Corvallis. The Beavers beat Iowa State in its home opener, 196.425-194.850. The junior set three season-highs tying for first on bars with 9.875, 9.80 on floor, and took the all-around title with a score of 39.275. This win also marks head coach Tanya Chaplin's 318th career win, a new Oregon State Gymnastics record.

Specialist of the Week

Georgia Dabritz, Utah

Utah junior Georgia Dabritz earned her third-consecutive Specialist of the Week honor as the No.4-ranked Utes took down the No. 8 UCLA in Salt Lake City last Saturday, 197.125-195.875. The Newburyport, Mass., native took three titles that evening. Dabritz won the vault and floor with

career-tying scores of 9.975 and took first in the bars with 9.95. In a national poll, the junior is ranked No. 1 on bars, No. 2 on vault, and No. 5 on floor. Dabritz has won six of her nine routines this season as she helped lead the Utes to its first victory over UCLA since 2011.

Freshman/Newcomer of the Week

Charlie Owens, California

California's freshman Charlie Owens earned her first ever all-around victory last weekend against No. 23 Arizona State, scoring 39.175. Owens finished second on floor with a score of 9.85 and fourth on bars with 9.825 to try keep the Golden Bears on pace to upset the Sun Devils. The freshman from Alta Loma, Calif., posted career-highs in three of the meet's four event and finished within the top six in every single event. This was not enough as No. 23 Arizona State took down No. 25 California 196.00-195.350.

Southeastern Conference

Co-Gymnasts of the Week

Bridget Sloan and Kytra Hunter, Florida

- The pair shared the all-around and floor exercise wins versus No. 6 Georgia Friday. Their winning marks are the nation's leaders – 39.70 (all-around) and 10.0 (floor exercise). They are the first Gators to score a perfect floor mark since 1997 and are among only four Gators all-time to post a 10.0 on floor.
- They helped Florida earn the nation's leading team (198.05) and floor (49.875) totals. The floor total is the nation's highest in any event since 2006.
- The duo has won the past two NCAA & SEC all-around titles – Hunter (2012) and Sloan (2013). The all-around win is the 12th for Hunter and the eighth for Sloan.
- Hunter has won floor in each of Florida's 2014 meets. Sloan also used a 9.925 to claim her second consecutive vault win. This season, Sloan leads the Gators with seven event titles and Hunter is second with five.
- They also are the leaders on the current team in career event titles – Hunter now has 44 all-time while Sloan owns 29.

Specialist of the Week

Lindsey Cheek, Georgia

- Georgia senior Lindsey Cheek continued her torrid start to the 2014 season with a pair of first place finishes on the road against Florida.
- Cheek scored a career-high 9.975 on bars to help the Gym Dogs score a 49.6 – their highest bars score since 1999. With the 9.975, Cheek moved into first in the SEC and second nationally on the uneven bars.
- She then tied for first on vault with a season-high 9.925.
- Cheek has now scored a 9.9 or higher in 11 of her 15 routines this season, and she has claimed eight individual event titles.

Freshman of the Week

M.J. Rott, Auburn

- Tied for the Auburn record with a vault score of 9.975
- It's the best vault for Auburn since 2008
- Her score helped Auburn to a 49.425 on vault, the second best team score in program history

- Competed on three events helping the Tigers to the best road score in Auburn history, 196.850

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Specialist

Courtney Pickett, UW-Whitewater

Pickett won two events to lead the Warhawks to a 187.075-179.600 win over UW-Stout on Jan. 25. She opened the meet with a 9.425 on the vault besting all other competitors on the apparatus. Pickett followed with a 9.65 to tie for first on the uneven bars and help UW-Whitewater break the program record with a team score of 48.025 on the event. She also tied for fifth on the balance beam with a score of 9.0.

All-Around

Katie Fiorilli, UW-Whitewater

Fiorilli led the Warhawks to a 187.075-179.600 dual win over UW-Stout and a school record on the bars on Jan. 25. She won the all-around competition with a score of 37.200 after finishing in the top eight in each of the four events. Fiorilli tied for second on the balance beam with a 9.375 and added a fourth-place finish on the floor exercise with a routine that scored 9.325. She tied for sixth on the vault and was eighth on the beam with scores of 9.175 and 9.325, respectively.