



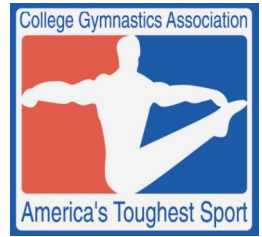
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BIG TEN CONFERENCE:

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

No. 2-ranked University of Michigan, paced by a pair of event titles from graduate student Syque Caesar and a pair of career highs from junior Nick Hunter, earned a



CAESAR

443.650-416.060 win over the No. 10-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers on Saturday (Feb. 8) in front of a season-high 912 fans at Cliff Keen Arena.

On floor Stacey Ervin took home the event title with a 15.60, while classmate Adrian de los Angeles scored a 15.50 to take second.

On pommels U-M took home an event sweep, as Hunter earned his first career high and an event title with a 15.20. Matt Freeman took second on the event with a 15.10, while Nolan Novak took third with a 14.85.

Jordan Gaarenstroom and Alex Bubnov shared the rings event title with matching 15.35s.

Vault saw yet another event sweep for U-M, as Paul Rizkalla Jr. took home his first event title as well as the Newt Loken Award for his 15.35 on the table. Caesar followed with a 14.95, while freshman Anthony Stefanelli scored a 14.85 to take third.

Caesar notched the first of two event titles on the night on p-bars with a 15.60. Caesar then collected title No. 2 in the final rotation on high bar, where he scored a 14.75.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The No. 6 Golden Gopher men's gymnastics team won its second-straight meet Saturday night, defeating No. 9 Air Force on the road by a score of 434.200 to 431.550.

While the Gophers did not record any season highs as a team in any of the events, they were consistent throughout the night. Tonight's meet marked the first time this season the team has scored above 70.000 in all six events.

The best routine of the night belonged to Gopher senior Matt Frey, who scored a 15.400 to place first on the parallel bars, his only event of the night. The score marked a career high on the event for Frey, beating his previous best by over half a point.

Along with Frey's parallel bars title, the Gophers had the champion or co-champion in six of seven events, including the all-around, only missing out on the still rings.

Seniors Adam Kern (floor exercise, 15.000) and Zack Chase (vault, 14.850) each picked up event titles, while sophomore Paul Montague, Jr. tied with Air Force's Timmy Wang for first on pommel horse. Fellow sophomore Daniel DiBenedetto won his first event title of the season, posting a 14.750 on high bar, and junior Ellis Mannon won his second all-around crown of the season with a score of 86.700.



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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Illinois defeated the Iowa Hawkeyes Friday evening 433.35-420.300. It was a record-setting night for the Illini, with C.J. Maestas breaking the NCAA and school records on still rings.

C.J. Maestas took second on floor with a score of 14.850, followed by teammates Chandler Eggleston and Alex Varga who tied for third with a score of 14.800.

On pommel horse, Chad Mason took the title with his personal best of 15.350. Matt Foster followed closely behind in second with

a 14.650.

In the third rotation, C.J. Maestas took home the title and made history by setting not only a school record on rings, but the NCAA record as well with a score of 16.450. (The previous record was set by David Sender of Stanford at 16.35, in 2-23-2008.) Mike Wil-



MAESTAS

ner followed in second with his season best of 15.500. Joey Peters came in fourth with his season best of 14.750.

On vault Fred Hartville achieved his season best of 15.150 and took the title. Eggleston came in second with a score of 14.950.

Maestas continued his success on the parallel bars, taking the title with his season high of 14.850. Valdez took second for the Illini with a 14.800.

Valdez dominated the high bar, taking first with a score of 15.550, his career high. Chandler Eggleston followed in third with a 14.400.

Maestas' consistent performance earned him the all-around title, scoring 89.200.

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Penn State swept past Temple, 431.550-401.60 Saturday afternoon at Rec Hall. The Nittany Lions bested the Owls in all six events to claim their fourth consecutive team title.

Trevor Howard claimed individual event titles on the rings (15.650), high bar (14.55), and parallel bars, where he swung to a season-high score of 15.150. Howard finished tied for third (13.650) in the floor exercise (13.650) and placed second on the vault (14.800) to round out his performance.

Alexis Torres finished first in the floor exercise, earning a career-high score of 15.300. Freshman Jeremy Munn earned a second-



place finish in floor exercise with a score of 14.500, followed by Howard's third-place 13.650 tally.



HOWARD

Torres also notched a career-high mark on the still rings, swinging to a score of 15.400, as well as a 13.650 on the pommel horse and a 14.350 on the high bar, placing second overall.

Tristan Duverglas earned the individual title on the vault with a season-high 15.500. Duverglas also posted a 14.950 on the still rings, a 14.200 on parallel bars, and a 13.000 in the floor exercise. Penn State dominated the parallel bars, claiming the first four spots behind Howard's season-high tally.

Junior Craig Hernandez secured a first place finish with a season-high score of 15.150 on the pommel horse to contribute to Penn State's victory. Hernandez led the Lions as they secured the first four positions on the pommel horse.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa dropped a 433.350-420.300 decision to fifth-ranked Illinois on Friday night in its home opener at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Iowa started the meet off strong by winning on the floor. Redshirt senior Matt McGrath led the Hawkeyes by tallying a 15.000 and claimed the event title. Following close behind was redshirt junior Lance Alberhasky with a score of 14.650 and sophomore Matt Loochtan with a 14.550.

Sophomore Doug Sullivan paced the Hawkeyes with a score of 13.400. Iowa struggled in this event.

On the rings, Sophomore Jack Boyle scored a 15.000 and took third place in the event to lead the Hawkeyes. Both McGrath and freshman Andrew Botto scored a 14.550.

McGrath led the Haw-



McGRATH

keys again on the vault, scoring a 14.650 and placed third in the event. Junior William Albert came in slightly behind, with a score of 14.600, followed by Loochtan with a 14.550.

Cyrus Dobre-Mofid led the Hawkeyes with a score of 14.350 and took third place in the parallel bars, while both Alberhasky and Landau followed with scores of 14.250.

On the horizontal bar Landau displayed a strong routine by scoring a 15.200 and took the runner-up spot in the event. Boyle and Cory Paterson followed behind with scores of 14.200 and 14.000.

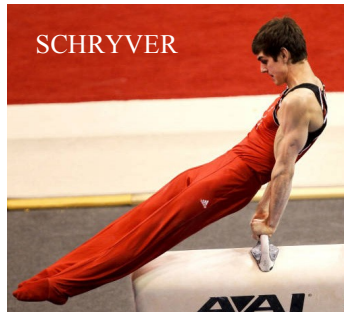
In the all-around, Boyle took second place with a score of 82.050.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Nebraska traveled to Ann Arbor, Mich., for their first-ever regular season match up against the Wolverines in school history. The Huskers scored 416.050, finishing behind Michigan, who earned a 443.650.

Eric Schryver broke into the top five overall on the pommel horse event, earning a 14.15 for his routine.

Freshman Travis Gollott earned a new personal best on the floor exercise event with a 14.60 for his routine. This placed him at sixth overall on the event. Grant Perdue grabbed the No. 3 spot on the event, earning a 15.05.



SCHRYVER

Schaaf and teammate Wyatt Aycock tied as the highest scoring vaulters for the Huskers, earning 14.45s. Junior Josh Ungar followed the two seniors, grabbing a 14.25 for his vault.

Junior Robbie Kocks led NU on the rings event for the fourth meet in a row, earning a 14.90. This score placed him in third overall on rings. Schaaf and senior Zach Hedval finished close together, grabbing a 13.85 and 13.80 respectively.

Freshman Austin Epperson earned a new personal high, grabbing a 14.45 and fourth overall on the high bar. Schryver led the Huskers, though, earning a 14.60 and the No. 2 spot on the event.

On the parallel bars Aycock led the team in their last push of the night, grabbing a 14.00.

ECAC CONFERENCE:

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Navy put together its best performance of the young season on Saturday at Macdonough Hall versus Army. With the annual star on the line, the Mids avenged their 2013 defeat with an impressive 422.3 - 420.1 victory over the Black Knights.

Connor Westrick led the way on pommel horse with a 15.0 score and the event win, though he was closely followed by a trio of teammates to give Navy a sweep of the top four positions. Eric Morrision, Andrew Potts and Chris Junghans finished with scores of 14.5, 14.3 and 14.3, respectively.

Eric Viscardi led the Mids in the floor exercise portion of the meet with a 14.2 score and third place finish.

Coach Fukushima's plan of winning the rings came to fruition when the Mids finished second, third and fourth. Joshua Steves highlighted Navy's effort on the rings with a 14.45-point routine. Thomas Goodell and Viscardi followed Steves with scores of 14.4 and 14.2, respectively. First place scores by Mitchell Larios and Junghans led Navy in the parallel bar portion of the meet. The duo tied with Army's Chris Short with identical scores of 14.5.



JUNGHANS

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TOP TEAM SCORES THIS WEEK:

Oklahoma	447.70	William/Mary	420.45
Michigan	443.65	Iowa	420.30
Stanford	437.25	Army	420.10
Minnesota	434.20	Nebraska	416.05
Illinois	433.35	Springfield	407.10
Penn St.	431.55	Temple	401.60
Air Force	431.55	Ill-Chicago	401.35
California	426.45	Arizona St.	394.00
Navy	422.30	Brockport	220.45

In the vault Larios was the top finishing vaulter for Navy with a 14.5 score, good for second place. Freshman Jonny Tang and Steves rounded out the top-five scorers for Navy with 14.3 and 14.25-point efforts, respectively.

Tang and Junghans were the top finishers for Navy in the high bar with scores of 14.0 and 13.95, good for third and fifth, respectively.

In the all-around, Junghans finished second with 84.3 and Tang finished third with 83.6.

U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Army turned in a season-high 420.1, but it was not enough to counter Navy's season-best 422.3 as the Black Knights fell to the host Midshipmen in the annual "Star" match in Macdonough Hall.

Army and Navy split the six team events with the Black Knights claiming four individual event titles and sharing it in another, but the Midshipmen's depth and their domination on pommel horse proved the difference in the meet.

Jesse Glenn was the all-around winner with an 84.35. Glenn shattered his career-high on high bar with a 15.3 in earning medalist honors for the second time this season in an event he is ranked No. 3 in the country. Glenn was also third on floor exercise (14.2) and vault (14.45) and took fourth on parallel bars (14.4).



Kip Webber was first on still rings with a season-best 14.55 and was runner-up on floor exercise (14.5). Freshman Joe Pritts led an Army sweep of the top three places on floor exercise with a career-high 14.7, Jeremy Cahill earned the individual title on vault with a career-high 14.7, and sophomore Chris Short's score of 14.5 on parallel bars is a season best as he tied for first-place honors.

Mike Tserkovnyuk turned in a season-best 14.25; recording Army's highest score in that event.

WILLIAM AND MARY (2-8-14)

William and Mary won a tri-meet hosted by Brockport on Sunday afternoon, as the Tribe (412.45) defeated the University of Illinois at Chicago (401.35) and the host Golden Eagles

(220.45).

W&M swept all six individual event titles. Senior Landon Funicello claimed three events (rings, vault, parallel bars), while sophomore Neal Courter won two (floor, high bar) and junior Jason Wang earned one (pommel horse).

Wang recorded the winning score of 14.8 on pommel horse, while Peter Ten Eyck placed second by equaling a career-high 14.4.

Funicello's captured the rings event with a score of 15.7. Junior J.J. Jindra placed second with a 13.9.

Courter earned the floor title with a 15.0, while Funicello placed second with a 14.8.

Funicello continued to win the parallel bar event with a career-high 15.0, while senior Sam Patterson finished second by equaling a career high (14.4).

Courter won his second event of the afternoon by equaling a season-high on high bar (14.1).

Funicello led the way with his third event



title of the afternoon by recording a season-best 14.6 on the vault, while Michael Deitz and Jindra posted a 14.2 and a 14.0, respectively.

Keaton Ackerman (77.05) and freshman Aria Sabbagh (75.75) both competed as all-rounders for the Tribe and placed third and fourth, respectively.

WILLIAM AND MARY (2-9-14)

William and Mary nearly posted the best score in school history and broke the program's record on parallel bars en route to earning a 420.45-407.1 victory at Springfield College on Sunday afternoon.

Individually, Landon Funicello broke his own school record on parallel bars (15.15) and nearly matched his school standard on rings with a 15.9, as he won both events. Neal Courter also registered a number of impressive performances and claimed titles on floor, vault and high bar.

W&M posted a season-high 71.2 on floor, as Courter (14.65), Funicello (14.5) and junior J.J. Jindra (14.15) earned the top three scores in the event.

On pommel horse WM was led by Jason Wang who placed third with a 14.95. Keaton Ackerman (14.6) and Peter Ten Eyck (14.2) also came up big with season highs.

Funicello highlighted the Tribe's performances on rings and nearly equaled his own school record with a 15.9.

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK: C. J. MAESTAS: University of Illinois



Courter (15.0) and junior Michael Deitz (14.3) both matched season highs on vault to place first and third, respectively.

Funiciello's winning score of 15.15 on parallel bars broke his own school record. Senior Sam Patterson (14.55) and Jindra (14.3) placed second and third, respectively.

W & M also claimed the top three scores on high bar as Courter won his third event title of the afternoon with a season-best 14.15, while Deitz equaled a season high (14.0) to finish second. Jindra placed third with a 13.8.



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Jindra was the Tribe's lone all-around competitor and earned an 81.05.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Temple dropped a dual meet at Penn State in Recreation Building on Saturday evening. Penn State topped Temple 431.55-401.6.

Temple first started on pommel and Brendan Williams had the top score for Temple with a 14.05.

Up next was the floor, where Williams once again led the Owls with a score of 13.65.

Casey Polizzotto (14.2) and Scott Haddaway (14.25) both scored above 14.0 on the vault.

Evan Eigner continued his solid performance on rings, earning a score of 14.35 and the highest score of any Owl on all six events.

Jon Rydzefski had the highest score on the high bar for Temple with a score of 14.15.

Rydzefski once again had the highest score for Temple on the parallel bars event with a 13.85.

Jakob Welsh and Rydzefski were the only two gymnasts to do all six events for the all-



RYDZEFSKI

around. Welsh finished with 79.4, while Rydzefski had 78.

ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

Joseph Hodges and Brett Valin placed first and second, respectively, in the all-around this weekend when the Flames competed in a tri-meet Saturday (Feb. 8) against SUNY-Brockport and William & Mary at the Tuttle North Gymnasium Facility. UIC ultimately fell to William & Mary 412.450-401.350, while placing ahead of SUNY-Brockport's 220.450.

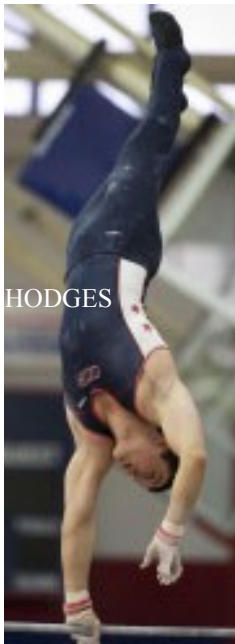
As it was faced with tough competition, UIC tallied top scores from Jacob Thurber and Jason Gaides.

After William & Mary's Landon Funiciello took first on vault with 14.600, Thurber came in just behind with 14.500. The freshmen also took third on floor with a final score of 14.400.

On high bar, Gaides took second with a final score of 13.650. He also scored 14.000 on pommel, 13.750 on rings and 13.850 on parallel bars, taking third in all three events.

Hodges finished competition with a first-place all-around score of 79.750. He scored 14.000 on floor, 13.150 on pommels, 13.700 on rings and vault, 13.550 on parallel bars and 11.650 on high bar.

Valin completed his all-around competition closely behind his teammate taking second with a final score of 77.350.



HODGES



ZIRNA

fifth overall. He also was the Pride's top finisher in the floor exercise with a sixth place score of 13.800.

On the high bar, Brian Cogan placed sixth overall to lead Springfield, earning a mark of 13.400.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Springfield College's Jon Zirna had a record-setting performance on the pommel horse on Sunday, despite a 420.450 - 407.100 loss to visiting William and Mary in Blake Arena.

Zirna recorded a winning score of 15.150 on the pommel horse, breaking the school record of 14.70, previously held by Matt Davis since 1998. The sophomore also won the all-around competition with a combined score of 81.400.

Ryan Ponce took runner-up on the rings with a mark of 15.200 while Pat Hanley earned a third place finish with a score of 14.350. Pat Ryther finished third in the pommel horse with a score of 14.750.

Tucker McClure placed second on the vault with a score of 14.400 while teammate Andy Grabowski finished fourth (14.200).

Sam Dochery was Springfield's top finisher on the parallel bars with a 13.650, good for