

Gymnasts of the Week – Feb. 3-9, 2014

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Big Ten Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Emily Wong, Nebraska

- Collected a trio of top-three finishes en route to winning the all-around (39.575) to help No. 8 Nebraska defeat No. 23 Penn State
- Tied for first on the bars (9.90) and floor exercise (9.90), placed third on the vault (9.90) and finished fourth on the beam (9.875)

Event Specialist of the Week

Jennifer Lauer, Nebraska

- Tied for first on the beam with a season-best score of 9.925 to help No. 8 Nebraska defeat No. 23 Penn State
- Scored a 9.825 on the floor exercise and posted a 9.775 tally on the bars

Freshman of the Week

Nicole Artz, Michigan

- Tied for first on the bars (9.825), placed second on the floor exercise (9.875) and tied for fourth on the beam (9.775) to help No. 6 Michigan defeat No. 14 Illinois
 - Helped the Wolverines remain undefeated against Big Ten opponents
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Big 12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Haley Scaman, Oklahoma

Scaman had an outstanding afternoon for Oklahoma last weekend, posting scores of 9.9 or higher on all three events she competed in, including career-high efforts on both bars (9.925) and floor (9.975). She earned or tied for event titles on bars (9.925) and floor exercise (9.975) and earned a 9.9 on vault. The sophomore has not earned a score below 9.9 on vault this season in five performances. Scaman's efforts helped lead Oklahoma to its highest scores of the season on vault (49.525), bars (49.475) and floor (49.525).

Specialist of the Week

Camille Santerre-Gervais, Iowa State

Santerre tied the school record for best score on uneven bars with a 9.95. Only four other gymnasts in program history have ever scored a 9.95 on bars. The senior also set a new career-high on balance beam with a score of 9.825.

Newcomer of the Week

Chayse Capps, Oklahoma

Capps had another standout meet for Oklahoma, earning career-high scores on vault and floor for the Sooners. Capps opened the meet on vault, sticking a new career-high 9.95 routine to finish second overall at a meet loaded with outstanding vaults. She then earned a 9.9 on floor exercise, tying her career-high and putting her at fifth overall at the meet. Capps' efforts boosted Oklahoma to new season-high team performances on vault (49.525) and floor (49.525).

East Atlantic Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Alexis Gunzelman, Rutgers

Gunzelman recorded a career-best 39.350 all-around score to place first in a tri-meet at George Washington. Starting off on balance beam, Gunzelman matched her career-high 9.850 to place first in the event. Next up on floor, the senior captain posted a 9.800, earning a second place finish. Gunzelman added to the RU's record-breaking performance on vault, recording a 9.825. She then closed the meet on the uneven bars, pacing the team with a meet-high 9.825.

Specialist of the Week

Katie O'Rourke, Pittsburgh

O'Rourke, a senior from Springfield, Va., won the floor exercise title with a season-best score of 9.90 and finished third on the balance beam with a 9.825 in a quad meet featuring all EAGL teams (Maryland, George Washington and Towson). O'Rourke's floor title marked her fourth event title of the young season and her beam score of 9.825 was just 0.050 behind the first place scorer.

Rookie of the Week

Kelsey Aucoin, New Hampshire

Aucoin, who was previously tabbed EAGL Rookie of the Week on Jan. 28, was honored following UNH's 195.400-188.700 victory at Yale on Feb. 8. The native of Double Oak, Texas, shared the top score on vault with a personal-best 9.850, tallied third place on balance beam (9.775) and shared second place with a career-high-tying 9.800. On the season, Aucoin leads the Wildcats and is ranked 10th in EAGL on vault (9.800 average).

Eastern College Athletic Conference – Division I

Co-Gymnasts of the Week

Brittany Stover, William & Mary

Stover helped the Tribe post the sixth-best score in school history (194.375) at a tri-meet hosted by George Washington. She broke the school record on vault with a winning score of 9.925 and led the team in setting the school record on the event (49.025). She placed second in all-around with a 39.075, the second-best score in school history, placed third on beam with a 9.725, and sixth on floor with a 9.75.

Diana Walters, Brown

Walters had the best meet of her career against Springfield College, as she set new career-highs on every individual event and the all-around. She placed first on vault (9.80), bars (9.80), beam (9.775) and in the all-around (39.05), and finished second on floor (9.675). Her scores on vault and bars, as well as her all-around score are the third-best in school history and helped lead the Bear to a first-place finish and a season-high score.

Rookie of the Week

Kelly Tan, Pennsylvania

Tan added another week of solid performances to her resume, leading all Penn scores on beam and placing fourth overall on the event. Her scores help Penn score its highest team score of the season.

Specialist of the Week

Stacia Ruse, William & Mary

Ruse set a new career-high on bars with a score of 9.850, which placed her second on the event and ties for the seventh-best score in school history. She also placed fifth on beam with a 9.675.

Her efforts helped the Tribe post the sixth-best score in school history (194.375) and a second place finish at a tri-meet hosted by George Washington University.

Coaches' Choice

Madeline Benz, Brown

Competing for the first time since her freshman year, Benz was composed and solid for the Bears. Benz has had a very tough career at Brown. She has spent the first three years of her collegiate career rehabbing injuries and had previously never been able to compete. Her dedication to the team and support of her teammates has always remained strong. Now as a senior, Benz was recently diagnosed with three bulging disks in her back. Her performance on Sunday was incredible and brought tears to everyone's eyes. She is described by her coaches as one of the most mentally tough, dedicated and giving athletes the Bears have.

Eastern College Athletic Conference – Division II

Gymnast of the Week

Chelcie Rosborough, Southern Connecticut State

osborough earned a share of the top spot on the beam with a 9.600 and was third on the floor exercise with a 9.700 at the Cornell Big Red Invite.

Rookie of the Week

Majesta Valentine, West Chester

Valentine had her best meet of the season thus far. She scored her season best on vault and in the all-around, where she broke West Chester University's individual all-around record. She placed secon on vault, second on balance beam and first on floor and in the all-around. Her efforts in all four events helped the Golden Rams break their team scoring record with a 190.575.

Specialist of the Week

Meghan Brannon, West Chester

Brannon, for the second week in a row, tied her individual bar record with a score of a 9.775, placing first in the event. Her efforts helped the Golden Rams break their team scoring record with a 190.575.

Coaches' Choice

Samantha Menichini, Southern Connecticut State

Menichini was sixth on the vault (9.525), seventh on the bars (9.375) and seventh on the floor exercise (9.575) at the Cornell Big Red Invite.

Eastern College Athletic Conference – Division III

Gymnast of the Week

Courtney Mangini, Cortland State

Mangini competed all-around on Saturday against the University of Pennsylvania, Temple and Brockport. Her floor routine was rewarded with a 9.900 to cap Cortland's floor line-up and set a Cortland floor record. It was the first time that a Cortland gymnast has ever earned a 9.900 in any competition.

Rookie of the Week

Lauren Chavis, Ursinus

Chavis' 9.650 on the beam helped contribute to breaking the school's team beam score last weekend against West Chester. This was also a career high score for her on beam as well as bars.

Specialist of the Week

Kristin Aichele, Ursinus

Aichele posted her two highest scores of the season on the vault and the beam, both receiving a 9.775. On the vault, she broke the school record as well as contributed to breaking the team beam record which was set in 2004.

Mid American Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Megan Harrington, Bowling Green

Megan Harrington scored a career-best 39.100 in the all-around at the Chicago Style Invite and then almost equaled that score with a 39.075 Sunday against Central Michigan. Harrington placed second in the all-around in each meet, the first coming against No. 18 Boise State, North Carolina and Illinois-Chicago. She scored season-highs in the vault (9.800) and the bars (9.725) in the opening meet of the weekend, then set a career-high in the beam (9.850) and tied her bars score (9.725) in the meet against Central Michigan. She scored at least 9.675 in all eight rotations on the week. Harrington led the Falcons to a 2-2 weekend with losses to a pair of top 20 ranked teams and an upset win over North Carolina.

Specialist of the Week

Natasha Jufko, Northern Illinois

For the second week in a row, NIU senior Natasha Jufko tied her career high and won the balance beam event with a score of 9.850. There was only one score higher than 9.850 in the entire meet, her 9.850 was the Huskies' highest score of the meet and ties her beam score last week as the highest score on any event by an NIU gymnast in 2014. She tied for first place on balance beam with Kent State's Marie Case.

Midwest Independent Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Catherine Dion, Illinois-Chicago

In her first competition last week at the Chicago Style Meet on Feb. 7, Dion recorded the Flames top scores on bars with 9.800 and beam with 9.825. The two scores put her in a tie for fourth and tie for third, respectively, for UIC's best finishes against No. 18 Boise State, Bowling Green and North Carolina. Turning around just two days later in a tri-meet against Southeast Missouri and Alaska Anchorage, the Gatineau, Quebec, Canada native came away with first place on bars (9.850), beam (9.850) and floor (9.875) and took the crown in the all-around competition with 39.375. Dion's scores on vault (9.800), bars, floor and all-around were all career-highs.

Specialist of the Week

Bailey Walker, Illinois State

The freshman scored a personal-record on the floor exercise while taking first place in the Redhawks meet Sunday against UIC and Alaska. She scored a 9.875, which ranks as the top individual score this year for Southeast on the floor. The native of Edina, Minn., helped Southeast secure the meet victory as the Redhawks scored a 48.925 as a team in the event and a season-high 194.075 in the meet.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

Linnaea Hance, Air Force

Air Force senior Linnaea Hance (Bend, OR) tallied a season-high all-around (39.025) to help the Falcons to their highest overall score of the season (193.025) during a dual meet with No. 10 Auburn last Saturday. Air Force also had its top vault and floor total. Hance recorded season-bests on vault (9.725), uneven bars (9.800, 5th-place) and floor exercise (9.775), along with posting the top Falcon finish in the meet with a fourth-place beam routine (9.725). This is the fourth career MPSF Gymnast of the Week award for Hance, earning it once each year.

Specialist of the Week

Stephanie Stamates, UC Davis

UC Davis sophomore Stephanie Stamates (Alamo, CA) repeats this honor from last week after tying her career-high of 9.825 on beam to tie for second, while adding a season-best 9.875 to capture the floor title in Friday's dual at San Jose State. She added a 9.675 vault, as the Aggies posted identical 48.800 beam and vault team scores, the No. 4 and 5 event totals respectively in school history.

Newcomer of the Week

Katy Nogaki, UC Davis

UC Davis redshirt freshman Katy Nogaki (Orange, CA) hit a 9.825 on vault last Friday at San Jose State, placing second. That score helped the Aggies to a 48.800 event total, tied for fifth-highest in school history. This is Nogaki's second newcomer award, also winning it on Jan. 28.

Mountain Rim Gymnastics Championship

Gymnast of the Week

Moriah Martin, Denver

Martin's 39.450 is the highest all-around mark for an MRGC gymnast this season and included individual titles on vault (9.900) and bars (9.925). The senior also tallied a 9.775 on beam and a 9.850 on floor to finish in third place on each event.

Co-Specialists of the Week

Ceira Perkins, Boise State

Boise State scored a 196.325 in Chicago with wins over UIC, North Carolina and Bowling Green as Ceira Perkins captured individual titles on bars (9.875) and floor (9.900).

Raquel Willman Hatch, BYU

BYU picked up a head-to-head victory against Utah State with a 194.900, behind Raquel Willman Hatch's first-place 39.225 in the all-around.

Pac-12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Tory Wilson, Utah

Albuquerque, N.M., native, Tory Wilson scored a season-high 39.60 to win her fourth all-around title of the season and helped Utah take down Arizona, 197.825-194.425. 197.825 was a season high for Utah and is the third-best score in the nation this year. Wilson tied her season-high on vault with a 9.975 for the title and tied for second on floor with a score of 9.95. She is currently ranked No. 2 in the nation on vault and No. 11 in the all-around.

Specialist of the Week

Samantha Peszek, UCLA

UCLA Bruin Samantha Peszek scored the first perfect 10 of her career and first perfect 10 in the Pac-12 this season in a 196.925-194.950 win over Arizona State. The redshirt juniors 10.0 performance came on the uneven bars. Despite being limited in competition this season due to a stress reaction in her heel, the UCLA standout was able to take titles on the uneven bars and beam. In addition to her stellar performance on uneven bars, Peszek also tied her career-high on beam with a 9.95. The Indianapolis, Ind., native's perfect 10 was the 101st in school history and 20th by a Bruin on the uneven bars.

Freshman/Newcomer of the Week

Hallie Mossett, UCLA

Bruin freshman Hallie Mossett took the all-around title against Arizona State with a career-high 39.325 in UCLA's 196.925-194.950 win over Arizona State. Mossett placed Top 5 in all four of her events including a career-best 9.825 on vault. Mossett is averaging 9.775 on vault, 9.8 on bars, 9.82 on beam and 9.833 on floor. She has hit all 16 routines she has competed this season.

Southeastern Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Bridget Sloan, Florida

- Used the nation's top all-around total of the weekend to win her fourth consecutive title of the season on Feb. 7 at Kentucky.
- Sloan's total of 39.675 is the third-highest total turned in this season – and Sloan has also turned in the No. 1 (39.75) and No. 2 (39.70) totals in 2014.
- Included in that all-around total was a 10.0 on balance beam – the second ever for the Gators on the event as she joins Kristen Stucky who set the school record in 2004. It is her second 10.0 of the season as she posted a perfect score in her Jan. 24 floor performance and she is the first in the program's history to score 10.0 in multiple events.
- She is also the first in the nation to turn in 10.0 marks in multiple events in 2014.
- Sloan also shared the evening's uneven bars title with senior Mackenzie Caquatto. She leads the Gators in 2014 with 14 event titles (four all-around, three vault, bars and two beam, floor).

Co-Specialists of the Week

Kim Jacob, Alabama

- Led the Crimson Tide to a decisive win over No. 5 Georgia in front of 12,381 fans Friday night, winning the floor exercise with a career-best tying 9.950.
- Helped lead the Crimson Tide to a 49.625 team score on the floor exercise, the fourth-highest total in school history. It was the highest floor score in the nation last week and the third highest in the nation to this point in the season.
- There wasn't a higher floor score in the conference last week. Overall, Jacob pushed the Tide to season-best 197.5 team score.

Sarie Morrison, LSU

- Continued her fantastic season as she captured three titles in the four events she competed this

weekend as the Tigers knocked off Arkansas and Oklahoma.

- Posted a 9.925 on bars at Arkansas to win her third bars title of the year, and then she followed with another 9.925 on bars at Oklahoma to take home her fourth bars crown of the season.
- Recorded a season-high 9.975 on vault at Oklahoma to win her third vault title of the year and lead LSU to the nation's highest vault total and third-best in school history with a 49.600.
- With her three titles over the weekend, Morrison moved into a tie for 10th place in LSU career individual titles with 37, equaling the number won by Rachelle Fruge' from 1988-91.

Freshman of the Week

Ashleigh Gnat, LSU

- Had two outstanding performances to help lead the Tigers to victories at Arkansas and Oklahoma.
- Tallied the first two individual titles of her career over the weekend, winning the vault title at Arkansas with a season-high 9.90 and the beam title at Oklahoma with a season-high 9.90.
- Gnat's 9.90 on beam at Oklahoma came at a crucial time for LSU. The Tigers were in the midst of pulling the upset when one beam routine was scored a 9.40. One performer later, Gnat got on the beam and turned in her best routine as a Tiger to take home the event title and help LSU pull off the upset.
- In addition to her two event titles, Gnat tied her season high on floor with a 9.875 at Arkansas to help guide the Tigers to the first 197 score in a dual meet at Arkansas in LSU history.

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Specialist

Brooke Baures, Winona State University

Baures won a pair of event titles against UW-Oshkosh on Feb. 6, claiming both the balance beam and uneven bars crowns. She won the beam with a 9.600, her fifth victory in the event in six events this season, while also claiming the bars with a mark of 9.300.

All-Around

Katie Fiorilli, UW-Whitewater

Fiorilli won the all-around competition with a 37.450 to help the Warhawks to a 187.850-186.450 win over UW-La Crosse in the Harley Davidson Meet in Milwaukee, Wis. Fiorilli won the vault competition with a 9.5 to open the meet. She tied for second on the balance beam with a 9.45 and tied for seventh on the bars with a routine that scored 9.25. Fiorilli rounded out the meet with a 9.25 on the floor exercise, 10th best in the meet.