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BIG TEN CONFERENCE

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

In the final home regular-season meet of the season, No. 7 Penn State outlasted No. 6 Minnesota. The Nittany Lions recorded a season-high score of 440.200-431.500 in Rec Hall.

Penn State opened the meet with a solid performance in the floor exercise; Alexis Torres led the way with a first-place finish in the floor exercise, posting a score of 15.650. Matt Felleman followed with a score of 15.150, tying him for second.

The Nittay Lions captured four of the top five positions on the pommel horse. Craig Hernandez turned in a 14.900 score, good for first place. Nestor Rodriguez tied for second with a 14.700, while redshirt freshman Leroy Clarke and Preston Gall tied for fourth with a score of 14.500.

On the rings, Trevor Howard took home an individual title, matching a season-high mark with a score of 15.750. Torres finished second on the rings, swinging to a score of 15.400.

Penn State secured positions three, four and five on the vault, as Felleman led a trio featuring Rodriguez and Howard with a second-place finish (15.200). Rodriguez and Howard finished third and fourth in the event with scores of 15.100 and 15.000, respectively.

Howard captured his second individual title of the night with a season-high score of 15.200 on the parallel bars. Rodriguez joined Howard in the top three with a score of 14.850, which tied him for third.



HOWARD

On the high bar Felleman's score of 15.100 ranked second while Clarke and Rodriguez each posted a score of 15.050 to tie for third overall.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan took first at the first-ever Arnold Invitational with a team score of 437.50 on Saturday (March 1) at the Columbus Convention Center. Wolverines took home individual-event wins in five of six events on the day as U-M remained undefeated on the season.

The Wolverines competed without the services of Adrain de los Angeles who recently suffered an injury to his ACL and without the services of Sam Mikulak who, during the same day, won the AT&T American Cup All Around title in North Carolina.

Graduate student Syque Caesar claimed a pair of event titles on the day, beginning with a win on parallel bars with a 15.55. He followed with a pristine routine on high bar for a 15.80.

Also taking home titles were Stacey Ervin who marked a 15.80 on floor in the first rotation. Rotation two saw U-M head to pommel horse, where senior Dylan James scored a 15.15 for first place, while classmate Matt Freeman took third with a 15.05.

On vault, freshman Tristian Perez-Rivera tallied a 15.10, while Caesar led an event sweep on parallel bars with his 15.55. Ervin took second on the event (15.00), while Nick Hunter placed third with a 14.95.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa finished runner-up with a score of 431.600 Saturday afternoon at the Arnold Classic in Columbus, Ohio. Michigan won the meet with a score of 437.500 and No. 3 Ohio State placed third with a score of 429.500. The victory over Ohio State marked Iowa's first win over a team ranked in the top five this season.

Nebraska finished fourth with a score of 424.750, followed by the Canadian National Team in fifth with a score of 401.300 and Arizona State with a score of 401.050. The meet was also the start of the new 5-up, 5-

count system for the NCAA.

The Hawkeyes dominated on rings, as McGrath proved his All-American status, winning the event with a 15.450. Loochtan finished runner-up as he recorded a 15.300, and freshman Andrew Botto tied for sixth with a 15.000.

On floor, the Hawkeyes were led by Matt McGrath who finished fifth in the event with a score of 15.000. Matt Loochtan tied for sixth with a score of 14.900.

Del Vecchio Orozco tied for sixth on pommel horse with a score of 14.650.

McGrath, once again, led the Hawkeyes on vault by tying for third with a 14.900. Cyrus Dobre-Mofid tied for fifth, as he recorded a 14.750.

Dobre-Mofid and Landau both tied for fifth on parallel bars with a matching score of 14.650. Boyle finished ninth with a 14.400 to improve his mark on all-around.

On horizontal bar Landau led Iowa with a fifth place finish, as he scored a 15.150. Boyle took eighth with a 14.900, and Alberhasky tied for ninth with a 14.650.

Boyle won his third all-around title this season with a score of 85.100.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ohio State placed third at the Arnold Challenge Saturday afternoon, posting an overall team score of 429.500 to round out the top three teams at the inaugural invitational.

Alex Johnson represented OSU on floor exercise, finishing third overall after posting a career-high 15.20.

Sean Melton and Jake Martin finished second and fifth on pommel horse with a career-high score of 15.05 and 14.80, respectively.

On vault, Larry Mayer posted a 15.00 to finish second, while Jeff Treleven scored a season-high 14.90 to finish third.

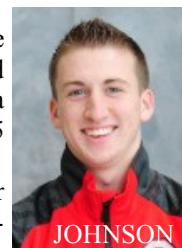
Johnson also paced the Buckeyes on high bar, scoring a career-high 15.45 to place second overall while junior Alex Nork finished



McGRATH



CAESAR



JOHNSON



fourth with a 15.35.

Ohio State moved to pommel horse for the second rotation, led by Melton and Martin. Freshman Jake Dastrup posted a 14.65.

The Buckeyes traveled to rings for the third rotation, where Drew Moling tallied a 15.00 to lead the team. Behind Moling, Johnson earned a season-high 14.60 and Nork tied a season-high with a 14.30.

On vault, Quade scored a 14.20 to finish third on the team behind Mayer and Treleaven.

Freshman Andrew Rickly led the Buckeyes on parallel bars in the fifth rotation, scoring a 14.55. Following Rickly, Dastrup notched a 14.35 and Misha Koudinov tallied a 14.00.

On high bar Koudinov followed Rickly and Johnson, posting a career-high 15.10.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Minnesota's five-meet winning streak came to an end Saturday night, as No. 5 Minnesota fell to No. 7 Penn State, 440.200 to 431.500, on the road.

"Penn State was the better team tonight," head coach Mike Burns said. "We didn't give them a run for their money like we hoped we would."

The meet marked the Gophers' first outing after most of the squad took a week off for the Winter Cup, and it was the first meet of the year to feature "five up, five count" scoring, meaning teams can no longer discount one gymnast's score per event.

Despite the team loss, Minnesota took home two individual event titles as Zack Chase was the vault champion with a score of 15.300, his third vault title of the season, and Steve Jaciuk won the high bar with a score of 15.150.

Matt Frey was the runner-up on parallel bars with a score of 15.000, and Jaciuk tied for third at 14.850. Justin Morinishi also earned a second-place finish, scoring a 15.150 on floor exercise.

Paul Montague, Jr. took second on pommel horse with a score of 14.700. Montague and Jack Metcalf also tied for third on still rings at 14.550 to lead the



Gophers.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Nebraska traveled to Ohio State University for the 2014 Arnold Challenge. NU earned a team score of 424.750, finishing in fourth behind the Wolverines (437.500), the Hawkeyes (431.600) and the Buckeyes (429.500).

On still rings redshirt freshman Austin Epperson led the Huskers on the event, tying for tenth overall with a score of 14.65. Robbie Kocks earned a 14.60, tying him for the No. 12 spot.

Wyatt Aycock earned the highest score for Nebraska on vault, grabbing a 14.45. This put the All-American in a three-way tie for seventh overall.

Aycock led the team once again on parallel bars, earning a 14.85 and finishing in fourth.



Teammate Eric Schryver finished eighth with a score of 14.50. Returning All-American on parallel bars, Sam Chamberlain, struggled on the event, earning a 14.00.

Schryver led Nebraska with a solid routine, earning a 14.65 on high bar and tying for ninth place overall. Epperson just barely missed his personal best on the event, earning a 14.50. This score placed him at No. 11, just behind Schryver.

On floor exercise Perdue, a former All-American on the event, came in second overall, earning a score of 15.25. Gollott came close behind, finishing in fourth overall with a score of 15.15. Andrew House returned to the competitive scene with a bang, earning a 14.90 for his routine. This placed him at sixth.

Having struggled on pommel horse in the past NU, unfortunately, still found the event a challenge as Gollott led on the event, tying for the No. 13 spot with a score of 14.00 to lead NU.

ECAC CONFERENCE

WILLIAM AND MARY

William and Mary posted the top score in school history with a 425.4 - 413.65 victory

against Navy at Kaplan Arena on Sunday afternoon.

W&M standout Landon Funicello, a two-time NCAA All-American, shattered his own school record on rings (16.4), while classmate Daniel Potemski tied the school record in all-around (85.85). Landon's 16.4 is the 2nd highest rings score of all-time in NCAA men's gymnastics (since open ended scoring started in 2008).



The College opened the dual meet on floor as sophomore Neal Courter (14.9) and Funicello (14.65) placed first and second, respectively.

On pommel horse Jason Wang won the event title with a 14.55 while Potemski placed second with a season-high 14.45.

Funicello's winning score on rings (16.4) shattered the previous school standard of 15.95. Potemski also came up big in the event with a season-high 14.7 to place third.

Courter won the vault title (14.7) and Michael Deitz finished third with a career-best 14.5.

In the parallel bars event Funicello (14.35) and Potemski (14.25) led the way by placing second and third, respectively.

Courter claimed his second title of the afternoon on high bar with a career-high 14.7. Deitz also contributed by placing third with a 14.4.

In addition to Potemski, Jindra (81.35) and sophomore Keaton Ackerman (79.75) also competed as all-arounders and placed third and fourth, respectively.

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TOP TEAM SCORES THIS WEEK:

Stanford	443.65	Air Force	423.80
Penn State	440.20	Army	423.75
Air Force	439.70	Navy	413.65
Michigan	437.50	Temple	408.80
Iowa	431.60	Ill-Chicago	407.65
Minnesota	431.50	Arizona State	401.05
Ohio State	429.50	Springfield	400.30
California	429.20		
William/Mary	425.40		
Nebraska	424.75		

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY (2-28-14)

Sophomore Jesse Glenn captured the all-around (87.70) and was first in two events and shared medalist honors in another as the Army gymnastics team romped to a 423.75-408.8 win over ECAC defending champions Temple Friday evening at Gross Sports Center.

The Black Knights beat the Owls for the first time since 2005.

Glenn claimed wins on pommel horse (14.6) and high bar (15.0), along with sharing first-place honors with junior Alex Ganz on parallel bars as both scored a 14.15. Glenn was second on still rings (14.9) and vault (14.9).

Kip Webber was a double winner on still rings (15.05) and vault (15.15), along with tying with freshman Joe Pritts for runner-up honors on floor exercise (14.65).

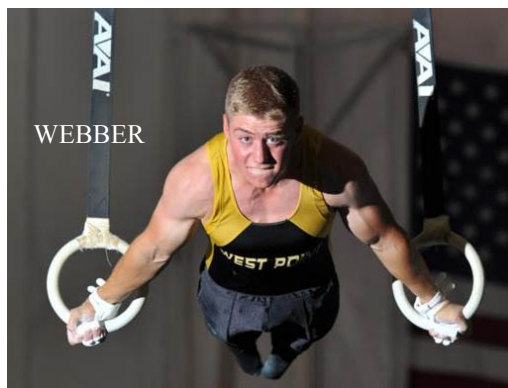
Freshman Sam Kusnitz was the high scorer in floor exercise with a personal-best 15.05. He was also runner-up on high bar (14.3) and third on vault (14.7).

Freshman Jacob Davies was third on parallel bars recording a personal-best 13.85.

U. S. MILITARY ACADEMY 3-2-14

Senior Kip Webber was a triple winner, scoring season-highs in floor exercise, still rings and vault, leading Army to a 419.5-400.3 win over Springfield on Senior Day at Gross Sports Center.

Webber posted a season-best 15.25 in floor exercise that tied his career-high followed by a winning effort of 15.1 on still rings that equaled his career high, along with a season-best 15.45 on vault that shattered his previous high of 15.15 recorded in Friday's win over Temple.



Also joining Webber in the winners' circle were Connor Venrick setting a career high 14.65 on pommel horse, Chris Short, who

equaled his season-best 14.1 on parallel bars, and freshman Leo Genders who sparked Army to the event title on high bar with a 13.85.

Sam Kusnitz, runner-up in all four events he competed, finished behind Webber on floor exercise (15.15) and vault (14.65), setting a season best in the former. He set a career high on parallel bars (13.9) tying with Alex Ganz, and shared second on high bar (13.8) with Michael York.

Posting thirds were freshman Joe Pritts on floor exercise (14.2), sophomore Jesse Glenn on pommel horse (14.15) and junior Jeremy Cahill on vault (14.6). (This was Glenn's only event, being rested from his usual all around chores.)

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Navy finished its 2014 head-to-head series with William & Mary on Sunday with a 425.4 to 413.65 setback on the road at Kaplan Arena.

Mitchell Larios led Navy on Sunday with a first-place finish in the parallel bars (14.40) courtesy of a career-high score and a runner-up finish in the vault (14.65). Larios completed his strong overall performance with a fourth-place finish in the floor exercise with a 14.0 score.

Thomas Goodell and Chris Junghans backed up Larios with strong individual performances of their own. Thomas Goodell finished second on the rings with a career-high score of 14.9.

Similar to Goodell, Junghans earned a second-place finish of his own. The senior matched his career-high with a 14.5 score on the high bar. Though he finished in third in the floor exercise, Junghans set a career-high with a 14.35-point performance.

Sophomore Eric Morrison rounded out Navy's leading scorers as he was the Midshipmen's top performer on the pommel horse with a third-place score of 14.4.

In the all-around competition, Junghans registered an 84.00. He finished second to William & Mary's Daniel Potemski, who posted a final score of 85.85.

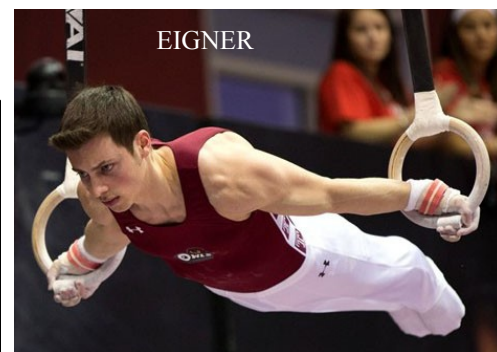
TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Temple was defeated by Army 423.75-408.80 in a dual meet on Friday night.

The meet started on floor led by Brendan Williams (14.25) and Blaise Cosenza (14.3).

Temple then moved to the pommel horse where Mike Bittner got the top score for Temple with a 14.15. Evan Eigner then led Temple in the event he specializes in, the rings, with a score of 14.55.

The fourth event for Temple was vault, where Casey Polizzotto tied his season high of



14.35, which was set in the previous meet at home two weeks ago.

Jakob Welsh and Jon Rydzefski were the only two Owls who performed on all six events for all-around. Welsh finished with a score of 81.95 while Rydzefski scored 80.95.

UNIV. OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO(2-28-14)

The University of Illinois-Chicago faced Air Force in a dual-meet Friday at the Cadet Field House in Colorado Springs, Colo. The Flames fell to the Falcons 423.800-400.500.

Brett Valin tied for first on vault with with a score of 14.550.



Jason Gaides took second on floor with a final score of 14.450. Gaides was UIC's best score on high bar taking third with a score of 13.750, and achieved a fifth place finish on pommel horse with 13.900. Gaides was UIC's lone all-around competitor achieving a score of 83.450 to take second place.

Trent Jarrett's score of 14.250 on rings was good for a third place finish.

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UNIV. OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO(3-2-14)

The University of Illinois-Chicago rounded out their weekend with back-to-back meets against Air Force Academy. The Flames fell to the Falcons Sunday, 439.700-407.650.

“What a difference 48 hours makes,” stated head coach Charley Nelson. “Quite a different beat today. I am certainly happier today than with how things went Friday, but we still have a long way to go. The guys are starting to show their competitive streak and competitive ability that we need to see coming down the home stretch.”

Jason Gaides finished fifth on floor exercise with a 14.750 final. Gaides and Brett Valin just missed first on vault when their scores of 14.750 tied them for second. Gaides placed second in all-around competition with his score of 83.600.

Lukas Adamczyk’s score of 14.600 was good for third place on pommel horse. Trent Jarrett tied for fourth with Air Force’s Denis Aurelius on rings with their score of 14.300. Jacob Thurber was best for UIC on parallel bars with a 13.450, good for sixth place.



GAIDES

Joseph Hodges took sixth on high bar with a 13.850 final score. Hodges finished third in all-around competition (80.650).

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Springfield College was defeated by Army on Sunday afternoon by the score of 419.500 to 400.300. Jon Zirna was the top finisher in the all-around with a final total of 78.550.

On the floor exercise Tucker McClure had the Pride’s top score with a 13.950, while Ian Stratton was right behind him with a 13.900.

Zirna had a strong showing on the pommel horse with a 14.300,



ZIRNA

and Stratton totaled a 13.500 on the parallel bars.

Ryan Ponce had Springfield’s best finish on the rings with a 14.750, while Desmond Carr notched a 14.300 on the vault. Additionally, Andy Grabowski registered a 12.950 for Springfield on the high bar.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK
SAM MIKULAK: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN





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INTERNATIONAL COLLEGIATE CUP
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TEAM SCORES

1. Japan	447.50
2. Stanford	443.65
3. California	429.20
4. Canada	421.40
5. Finland	412.75
6. Norway	391.05

ALL AROUND

1. Akash Modi, Stanford	91.35
2. Shohei Fujiwara, Japan	91.30
3. Kevin Wolting, California	87.00
4. Robert Watson, Canada	85.40
5. Oskar Kirmes, Finland	85.25
6. Kyle Zemeir, California	85.00
7. Stian Skjaerahaug, Norway	84.90
8. Heikki Niva, Finland	82.10

FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Kevin Lytwyn, Canada	15.40
2. Akash Modi, Stanford	15.35
3. Jeff Langenstein, California	15.20
4. Kevin Wolting, California	15.15
4. Takuya Nagano, Japan	15.15
6. Hiroki Ishikawa, Japan	15.10
6. Rikii Hoshino, Japan	15.10
8. Robert Watson, Canada	15.05

POMMEL HORSE

1. Shohei Fujiwara, Japan	15.55
2. Chris Turner, Stanford	15.40
3. Kaiki Shibata, Japan	15.10
3. Akash Modi, Stanford	15.10
5. Zack Clay, Canada	15.05
6. Hiroki Ishikawa, Japan	14.80
7. Juho Kanerva, Finland	14.70
8. Ken Ikeda, Canada	14.65
8. Sean Senters, Stanford	14.65

RINGS

1. Yuto Murakami, Japan	15.95
2. Dennis Zaremski, Stanford	15.80
3. Takuya Nagano, Japan	15.75
4. Scott Morgan, Canada	15.50
5. Kevin Lytwyn, Canada	15.25
6. Markku Vahtila, Finland	15.15
7. Akash Modi, Stanford	15.10
8. Jeffrey Langenstein, Calif.	14.90

VAULT

1. Tomi Tuuha, Finland	15.25
1. Sean Senters, Stanford	15.25
3. Akash Modi, Stanford	15.10
3. Taylor Seaton, Stanford	15.10
3. Shohei Fujiwara, Japan	15.10
3. Takuya Nagano, Japan	15.10
7. Banri Iwatsuki, Japan	14.95
8. Kevin Lytwyn, Canada	14.90

PARALLEL BARS

1. Akash Modi, Stanford	15.80
2. Kaiki Shibata, Japan	15.60
3. Shohei Fujiwara, Japan	15.45
4. Yuto Murakami, Japan	15.15
4. Donothan Bailey, California	15.15
6. Brian Knott, Stanford	15.05
7. Jon Liu, California	15.10
8. Kyle Zemeir, California	15.00

HORIZONTAL BAR

1. Hiroki Ishikawa, Japan	15.50
2. Kaiki Shibata, Japan	15.30
3. Oskar Kimes, Finland	14.70
4. Takuya Nagano, Japan	14.55
4. Marcus Conradi, Norway	14.55
4. Takayuki Ohara, Japan	14.55
7. Shohei Fujiwara, Japan	14.45
8. Kevin Lytwyn, Canada	14.40