



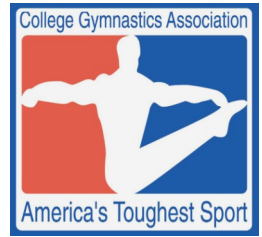
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BIG TEN & ECAC CONFERENCE

Men's Weekly Reports

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BIG TEN CONFERENCE

TOP TEAM SCORES THIS SEASON

Penn St.	444.70	Nebraska	420.15
Oklahoma	441.55	Army	416.15
Stanford	437.55	Navy	412.45
Michigan	436.35	Springfield	410.45
Illinois	434.40	Temple	407.45
Ohio State	431.30	Wm/Mary	406.25
Iowa	428.60	Ill-Chicago	397.60
California	427.90	Arizona St.	395.10
Air Force	427.15	Washington	386.70
Minnesota	425.10	S. Cal.United	377.10

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

No. 4 Penn State captured all six team events and four individual titles enroute to a 444.700-436.350 win over No. 5 Michigan in front of 2,385 fans inside Rec Hall Saturday.

After winning his first-career floor exercise title last week, Thad Lawson tied for second along with Dominic DiFulvio with their scores of 15.200. Matthew Felleman also finished in the top-five for the Nittany Lions in the floor exercise with his mark of 14.850.

Craig Hernandez captured the pommel horse title with his school-record score of 15.950. Also in the pommel horse, Colin Coates and Leroy Clarke, Jr., tied for fifth with their scores of 14.900.

Penn State captured the top four spots in the rings with Trevor Howard victorious with his score of 15.350. Alexis Torres posted a mark of 15.200 to claim the runner-up spot. Tristan Duverglas and Clarke, Jr., finished third (14.750) and fourth (14.500).

Duverglas finished second in the vault with his score of 15.250 and Torres placed third with his mark of 15.050.

Torres recorded his first parallel bars title of the season Saturday with his career-best score of 15.700. Felleman and Howard posted



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scores of 15.450 and 15.300 to finish third and fourth, respectively.

Penn State continued its momentum into the final event, the high bar, and captured the top three spots. Felleman won the event with a mark of 15.100 followed by Howard (14.450) and Rodriguez (14.400).

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

No. 5-ranked University of Michigan scored a season-high team score of 436.350 and set new season-best marks on five events, but the No. 4-ranked Penn State Nittany Lions (444.700) defeated the Wolverines Saturday (Jan. 24) at Rec Hall.

Stacey Ervin secured a pair of event titles on the night, winning floor exercise (15.40) as well as vault (15.45), while freshman Dmitri Belanovski took the all-around title with a 81.80.

The Wolverines began the meet on pommels and scored a 74.20. U-M had a trio of competitors take the No. 2 through No. 4 spots in Nolan Novak (15.40), Dylan James (15.30) and Nick Hunter (15.25).

Moving to floor in the second rotation, U-M tallied a 74.10 and was led by Ervin's event title. Additionally, Hub Humphrey took fourth with a 15.05.

Moving to rotation three, vault, the Wolverines scored a pristine 74.75, with Ervin marking a 15.45. Two Wolverines, Michael Strathern and Tristian Perez-Rivera each marked 15.00s.

On rings in the fourth rotation, the Wolverines struggled a bit allowing the Nittany Lions to begin to pull away. Paul Rizkalla Jr. secured a 14.45 to lead the Wolverine effort as U-M trailed by nearly five points.

U-M closed out the meet with a 70.30 on high bar and a 72.50 on parallel bars in the defeat. Hunter had the top overall Wolverine mark in the final two rotations, as he scored a 15.55 on parallel bars to take second on the event. PSU countered with a huge 75.95 on parallel bars in the fifth rotation to extend its lead.



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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Illinois took down Ohio State by a 434.400-431.300 decision in Columbus, Ohio, Saturday evening. Despite a slow start on the pommel horse the Illini fought their way back to start the season 7-0 for the first time since the 2011 campaign.

Matt Foster led the Orange and Blue on pommel horse with a 14.600 and finished third in the event. Logan Bradley followed with a 14.500 for fourth and Brandon Ngai turned in his best score yet, a 14.400, to finish in the fifth spot.

Bobby Baker took the floor title for the Illini with a 15.400 mark, the best score of the season thus far. Taylor Smith finished second in the event with a score of 14.650, a career-high. Joey Peters finished fourth in the event with a 14.300 reading.

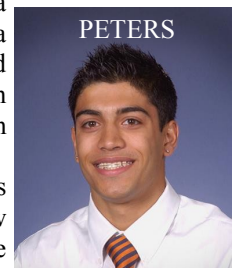
Without C.J. Maestas, the team registered a combined mark of 75.650 on rings. Mike Wilner led the pack with a 15.900. Peters claimed the third spot on rings with a 15.350, while Baker registered a score of 15.200. Max Mayr finished sixth (14.800), Tom Gibbs (14.400) took seventh and Dennis Minton (14.350) eighth.

Gibbs led Illinois on the vault with a second place finish after carding a 15.150, the team's best vault mark on the 2015 season. Baker tied for fourth in the event with a 14.650 reading, while Peters turned in a 14.550.

Peters came away with his first parallel bars title of the season after sporting a 14.750. Jordan Valdez finished a close second with a 14.700 mark. Foster and Maestas tied for eighth with a score of 13.750 on the evening.

On high bar Maestas and Valdez also set new team-best marks on the season with scores of 15.550 and 15.100 for first and fourth respectively. Bradley and Gibbs finished tied for sixth with a mark of 14.450, a career-best for both individuals. Mayr recorded a 14.300 to round out Illinois' score.

Peters took home his second all-around title of the season with a combined score of 86.500. Gibbs adjusted his career-best mark to 83.800 taking second in the all-around.



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OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

6th ranked Ohio State dropped a 434.400-



431.300 decision to No. 3 Illinois Saturday afternoon in front of a crowd of 1,942 at St. John Arena.

The Buckeyes performed well as a team, even without the services of Jake Martin and Jake Dastrup. Additionally Sean Melton saw limited action for the Scarlet and Gray, competing in only two events.

Larry Mayer and Alex Nork delivered individual titles for the Buckeyes on vault and pommel horse, respectively. Mayer's mark of 15.250 ranks second in the nation so far this season, while Nork's winning total of 14.900 on pommel is a career best.



OSU was led on floor by a third-place score of 14.550 from Danny Steiner. Andrew Teal was fifth with a score of 14.250, while Melton and freshman Meyer Williams tied for sixth (14.100).

The pommels featured Nork's first-place finish and a runner-up performance by Melton (14.750).

On rings, Ohio State placed two athletes in the Top 5 – Drew Moling (second, 15.400) and freshman Cody Teaney (14.900).

Mayer was the individual winner on vault, with freshman Alexander Wilson placing third (14.900) and Teal tying for fourth with a score of 14.650.

On parallel bars three OSU athletes finished in the Top 5. Andrew Rickly was third with a score of 14.450, Nork fourth (14.400) and Moling fifth (14.200).

The Scarlet and Gray staged a valiant comeback in the final rotation thanks to its NCAA-leading team performance of 74.100 on high bar. Nork and Moling earned a second-place tie with scores of 15.250, a personal best for Moling. In addition, Rickly placed fifth with a mark of 15.000.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa defeated UIC, 428.600 to 398.600, inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Saturday night.

The Hawkeyes began the night on floor.

Jack Boyle won the event with a 14.750 effort, Cyrus Dobre-Mofid placed second with a 14.550, and Brandon Field finished third with a score of 14.500.

Doug Sullivan won the pommel horse event with an effort of 14.950, followed by runner-up freshman Elijah Parsells, who scored a career best 14.050.

Boyle led the Hawkeyes on rings, clinching the event title with a score of 15.400. Matt Loochtan followed in third place with a 14.800 effort.

Freshman Dylan Ellsworth led the team on the vault event, placing second with a career high 14.800. William Albert followed with a 14.700 for third place. Field and Dobre-Mofid both posted scores of 14.500, tying for fourth.

Iowa dominated the fifth rotation, earning the top three spots on parallel bars. Loochtan won the event with a 14.600, followed by Boyle (14.400) and Dobre-Mofid (14.250) who finished second and third, respectively.

Alberhasky placed first on horizontal bar (14.400), Dobre-Mofid finished runner-up (14.200), and freshman Austin Hodges and Del Vecchio-Orozco tied for third with 14.100 scores.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

No.11 University of Minnesota defeated Air Force with an overall score of 425.100 to 407.150.

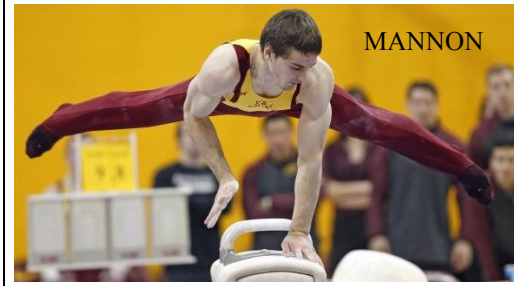
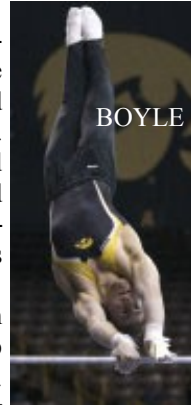
Freshman Jack Kramer came in second on the FX event with an individual mark of 14.75. Sean Bauer notched the next highest score for the Gophers with a 14.65, placing him in fourth.

Though the team missed the claim on the event, Paul Montague, Jr., earned the highest individual score of both teams with a 14.45 on the pommel horse.

Still rings was a key event for the Maroon and Gold with the top five scorers all hailing from the home team. With the second highest score of the night, Steve Jaciuk notched an impressive 15.05.

The vault also echoed as an event with the top overall score being awarded to the Falcons, but was led by a Gopher gymnast with the highest individual score. Bauer claimed that top spot with a score of 14.70.

To close out the night, Minnesota earned the top-six high scores on the horizontal bar with Ellis Mannon leading the pack with a score of



13.80. On the PB's, Jaciuk, Montague and Mannon took the top three spots with scores on 14.75, 14.70 and 14.50, respectively.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

No. 8 Nebraska placed fourth at the Stanford quadrangular with a 418.050.

Sam Chamberlain earned a career-high 15.20 on parallel bars to place third in the event. Freshman Kyle King led the vault lineup once again with a 14.95, while fellow freshman Daniel Leal solidified a personal-best 14.20 on rings.

In the vault event freshman King's 14.95 led the team. Travis Gollott grabbed a career best score of 14.90 and Chamberlain added a 14.45. Grant Perdue tallied a 14.70 in his season debut, but suffered a season-ending knee injury during his landing.

Chamberlain led the parallel bar group with his 15.20, but was closely followed by Leal and Chris Stephenson's pair of 14.05 marks.

The team struggled a bit on the high bar led by Louis Klein's 14.15 mark. Leal followed up with a solid 13.50.

Gollott shined on his floor routine, grabbing a career-best 14.85. Stephenson and Leal added a 14.60 and 14.40 respectively.

On pommel horse Ethan Lottman earned a season-high 14.40 to lead the way. Last week's pommel horse leader Andrew House put up a 13.40.

Epperson's 14.60 set the pace on the rings event, while Leal posted his career-high of 14.20. Klein and freshman Magsam added matching 13.90 marks.



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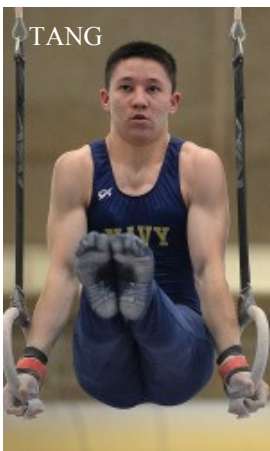
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UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Before a standing room only crowd at Macdonough Hall on Saturday afternoon, Navy secured the team title at the 2015 Navy Open. Navy finished in first place with a score of 412.45, two points ahead of Springfield College. Temple University and William & Mary rounded out the teams at the competition with scores of 407.45 and 406.25, respectively.

Three top-five finishes in the floor exercise helped give Navy an outstanding start to the meet. Jonny Tang led the way with a career-high 14.9 effort that ranked him second overall in the competition. He was followed by Eric Viscardi and Mitchell Larios, who recorded scores of 14.8 and 14.5, respectively.

Navy secured its first event win during the next rotation when Eric Morrison earned a 0.25-point victory in pommel horse action with a final score of 14.7.



In the rings portion of the meet, the senior duo of Viscardi and Thomas Goodell led the charge with two top-six results. Viscardi was nudged out of first place by Temple's Jon Rydzefski, who won the event by the slimmest of margins, 13.95 to 13.90.

Larios was the top vaulter and he was followed in quick succession by Viscardi in third place at 14.5, Tang in fifth at 14.15 and David Frick (Jr., St. Johns, Fla.) in seventh at 14.0.

In the parallel bars, Larios was the highest finishing Mid with a second-place score of 14.15. Viscardi ranked seventh overall at 13.6.

In the high bar, Tang, Beeman and Andrew Potts all recorded scores within 0.15 points of each other. Tang finished in fourth place with a score of 14.15 before Beeman and Potts tied for fifth with identical scores of 14.0.

Tang won the all-around competition with a score of 82.95.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Led by Jon Zirna's school record on the parallel bars, Springfield College placed second at the Navy Open on Saturday afternoon after recording a team score of 410.450.

Springfield improved its team score by more than five points compared to the mark it produced at the West Point Open last weekend.

Zirna put forth another outstanding showing for the Pride as he recorded a winning score 14.65 on the parallel bars, besting the previous school record of 14.55 that was set by Ty

Evans in 2010. The junior finished second in the all-around with a 82.70 as was also the runner-up on the pommel horse with a 14.45.



Tucker McClure and Ian Stratton earned the top two scores for the Pride in the floor exercise as they posted a 14.2 and 14.1 respectively. Stratton also was the second top scorer for the Pride on the rings with a score of 13.05, while McClure paced Springfield on the vault with a 14.00.

Chris Graff led Springfield's scoring on the rings with a 13.85 while Brian Cogan led the scoring on the high bars with a 13.85. Cogan was followed by Andy Grabowski who received a 13.8.

WILLIAM AND MARY

No. 14 William and Mary placed fourth at the Navy Open on Saturday afternoon.

Navy claimed the team title with a 412.45 and were followed by No. 16 Springfield (410.45), No. 17 Temple (407.45) and W&M (406.25).

Neal Courter highlighted the Tribe's individual performances, as he won the floor and high bar titles. His score of 15.3 on floor matched the school record he already shared with Dave Locke, while he posted a career-best 14.85 on high bar, which ranks second in school history. He also placed second on vault with a 14.6.



W&M registered the meet's top score on high bar (69.7). While Courter's winning mark led the College in the event, Michael Deitz placed second with a 14.4.

The Tribe also received impressive efforts

from Keaton Ackerman, who finished third in all-around (79.9), and Rob Meyer, who placed second on parallel bars (14.15).

Led by Courter's winning score on floor, Deitz (14.25) and Simon Casey (14.05) were the squad's second and third-best scorers, respectively, in the event.

Peter Ten Eyck registered the Tribe's top score on pommel horse with a 14.05.

Freshman Jeremiah McReynolds (13.75) led the College on rings. On vault the team was paced by Courter's second-place effort and Deitz's 14.15.

In addition to Meyer's second-place showing on parallel bars, Ten Eyck registered a 13.85.

ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

The University of Illinois-Chicago took on Iowa on the road Saturday evening. The Flames finished the night with a combined total of 398.600 points and fell to Iowa (428.600).

UIC started the night competing on the floor exercise with Jason Gaides earning a score of 14.150. Gaides also led the Flames in scoring on pommel horse and high-bar with scores of 13.850 and 13.900, respectively. Gaides' score of 84.100 in all-around competition was good for a first-place finish.

"The highlight for UIC was Jason Gaides," said Nelson. "After a couple of rough outings, Gaides tore through the all-around for a season best score. He definitely looked like a potential Nissen-Emery finalist tonight."

Brett Valin competed in the all-around and recorded a score of 79.600. Valin had UIC's best score on rings (14.350) and the top score of all competitors on vault with a 14.900. Trent Jarrett competed on parallel bars and tallied a competitive score of 13.600.



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NAVY OPEN

PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

ALL AROUND

1. Jonny Tang, Navy 82.95
2. Jon Zirna, Springfield 82.70
3. Keaton Ackerman, W/Mary 79.90
4. Ian Stratton, Springfield 78.20
5. Aria Sabbagh, W/Mary 77.20

FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Neal Courter, W/Mary 15.30
2. Jonny Tang, Navy 14.90
3. Eric Viscardi, Navy 14.80
4. Jakob Welsh, Temple 14.75
5. Michael Larios, Navy 14.50
6. Michael Dietz, W/Mary 14.25
7. Blaise Cosenza, Temple 14.25
7. Tucker McClure, Springfield 14.25

POMMEL HORSE

1. Eric Morrison, Navy 14.70
2. Jon Zirna, Springfield 14.45
3. Michael Bittner, Temple 14.25
4. Pat Ryther, Springfield 14.10
5. Peter Ten Eyck, W/Mary 14.05
6. Keaton Ackerman, W/Mary 13.95
7. Rob Meyer, W/Mary 13.80
7. Brian Cogan, Springfield 13.80

RINGS

1. Jon Rydzefski, Temple 13.95
2. Eric Viscardi, Navy 13.90
2. Antone Wright, Temple 13.90
4. Chris Graff, Springfield 13.85
5. Jeremiah McReynolds, W/M 13.75
6. Thomas Goodell, Navy 13.60
7. Jon Zirna, Springfield 13.50

VAULT

1. Mitchell Larios, Navy 14.90
2. Neal Courter, W/Mary 14.60
3. Eric Viscardi, Navy 14.50
4. Casey Polizzotto, Temple 14.25
5. Jonny Tang, Navy 14.15
5. Michael Dietz, W/Mary 14.15
7. David Frick, Navy 14.00

PARALLEL BARS

1. Jon Zirna, Springfield 14.65
2. Mitchell Larios, Navy 14.15
2. Rob Meyer, W/Mary 14.15
4. Peter Ten Eyck, W/Mary 13.85
5. Derek Taranto, Springfield 13.65
5. Blaise Cosenza, Temple 13.65
7. Eric Viscardi, Navy 13.60

HORIZONTAL BAR

1. Neal Courter, W/Mary 14.85
2. Michel Dietz, W/Mary 14.40
3. Blaise Cosenza, Temple 14.20
4. Jonny Tang, Navy 14.15
5. Noah Beeman, Navy 14.00
5. Andrew Potts, Navy 14.00
7. Brian Cogan, Springfield 13.85

