



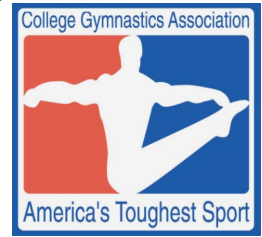
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Men's Weekly Reports

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BIG TEN CONFERENCE

TOP TEAM SCORES THIS WEEK

Oklahoma	440.85	Wm/Mary	403.40
California	438.30		
Illinois	435.20		
Iowa	428.45		
Ohio State	422.60		
Nebraska	421.75		
Minnesota	419.80		
Army	412.80		
Arizona State	408.60		
Navy	408.55		

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The University of Illinois dominated Minnesota from start to finish on route to a 435.200-419.700 victory on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Illinois collected six of the seven event titles on the afternoon. C.J. Maestas won both the floor and still rings titles, while freshman Bobby Baker locked down the vault title along with the all-around honors. Matt Foster



claimed the pommel horse title while Jordan Valdez won the parallel bars event.

C.J. Maestas put together a 15.250 performance to take the FX title. Foster finished second with a 14.700 mark followed by Baker (14.450) and Taylor Smith (14.350).

Foster led the pack on PH as he registered a 15.150 followed by Baker with a 14.700 mark and Brandon Ngai in third at 14.400. Logan Bradley scored a 14.150 for fifth followed by Maestas and Harry McLellan who finish sixth and seventh.

On the rings, Maestas submitted a 15.900 to tie the team's best individual mark set by Mike Wilner last weekend at Ohio State. Wilner took second with a 15.250 while Peters turned in a 15.100 to take third place. Baker

tied for fifth on the event with a 14.600 outing.

Baker tied his best mark on the vault with a score of 15.050 to take the title. Thomas Gibbs recorded a 15.000 for second place. Peters registered a 14.750 and Maestas a 14.600 for third and fourth place respectively. Valdez secured his second parallel bars title of the season with a 15.200 outing. Baker finished third with a 14.900 while Peters locked up the fourth spot with a score of 14.550.

Illinois entered the final event, high bar, with a 17.85-point lead over the Gophers and a chance to exceed a score of 440. The Illini fell short of the mark though and allowed Minnesota to claim their only event title of the evening. Baker finished third with a score of 14.400 to lead the Illini. Maestas checked in at fourth with a 14.300 while Valdez took home sixth place with a 13.950 mark.

In the all-around competition, Baker edged out Maestas by two-tenths of a point for the title. Baker notched an 88.100, a team-best on the season while Maestas turned in a score of 87.900. Maestas, however, appeared to have injured the back of his upper right leg during the meet. Baker dismounts with a triple back off the rings and the high bar.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa completed their first tri-meet of the season against Oklahoma and Ohio State inside Carver-Hawkeye Arena Sunday. Oklahoma (440.850) won the meet followed by Iowa (428.450) and Ohio State (422.600) finished third.

The Hawkeyes started on floor and were led by Jack Boyle who finished first for the Hawkeyes and seventh overall on the event with a 14.700 effort. Cyrus Dobre-Mofid placed



ninth overall with a 14.450.

In the second rotation, Iowa moved to pommel horse. Doug Sullivan finished runner-up on the event with an effort of 15.000. Del Vecchio Orozco placed ninth following a score of 13.900.

For the second straight week, Boyle led the Hawkeyes on rings with a runner-up finish (15.300). Matt Loochtan followed in fourth place with a score of 15.050, marking Iowa's best event of the day.

The Hawkeyes continued with another strong performance on vault. Freshman Dylan Ellsworth led the team on the event, finishing tied for fifth with a 14.600 effort. Cyrus Dobre-Mofid followed with a 14.550 tying him for seventh overall. Paterson set a new career high on the event with a 14.300 effort.

Iowa moved to parallel bars on the fifth rotation. Dobre-Mofid led the Hawkeyes with a score of 14.650, earning a fourth place finish. Ellsworth and Paterson set new career high scores with a 14.150 and 14.050, respectively, in the event.

The Hawkeyes kept their pace heading into the final event of the competition. Dobre-Mofid tied for third on high bar with a 14.650 effort, while sophomore Cory Paterson (14.400) finished ninth and Orozco set a new career high, scoring a 14.350.

OHIO STATE UNIVERISTY

The Ohio State University totaled a team score of 422.600 to finish third in a tri meet with Oklahoma and Iowa Sunday afternoon at Carver-Hawkeye Arena in Iowa City, Iowa. The top-ranked Sooners won all six events as a team on their way to a final score of 440.850. The host Hawkeyes finished with a team score of 428.450.

The Buckeyes' top team score of the day came on vault, where a second-place routine from freshman Alexander Wilson (14.750) helped the Scarlet and Gray tally a 72.550 aggregate total. Larry Mayer, ranked fourth nationally in the event, tied for fifth with a 14.600, while freshman Seth Delbridge was seventh with a personal-best 14.550.

Danny Steiner used a season-best 14.950 to take third overall on floor exercise, while senior Drew Moling led the way on rings with a 14.900, finishing sixth overall.

Alex Nork continued his impressive start to the season on pommel horse, placing third with a 14.800. Jake Martin made his season debut with a sixth-place score of 14.300, while freshman Cody Teaney turned in a per-



sonal-best 14.200 for seventh place. The team recorded a total of 70.000.

OSU faltered on high bar and parallel bars. Despite a third-place performance on high bar from Martin, the Buckeyes, leading the nation with a two-meet average score of 72.750, turned in a season-low 69.350. Nork led Ohio State on parallel bars with an eighth-place



score of 14.250.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The University of Nebraska earned its first victory of the season, overcoming Army at home 421.750-412.800.

Freshman Daniel Leal led the way for the Big Red, notching career bests on three events. Leal took home event titles on rings (14.20) and parallel bars (14.60), the first of his career.



In an unusual format, the Huskers began on floor simultaneously with Army as each team alternated between competitors. NU put up a big 71.650 on the event, paced by Kyle King's event-winning 14.60. Sophomore Coleman Tokar achieved a personal-best 14.50 for his performance, while classmate Austin Epperson followed closely with a 14.50.

On pommel horse Ethan Lottman picked up his first event title of the season, posting a season-best 14.85 for NU. Leal and Travis Gollott put up matching 14.20 marks, while King and Andrew House added a pair of 14.10s.

The meet switched back over to normal competition in the third rotation, with Army on vault as NU went to rings. On rings Leal led NU with a winning 14.20 performance. Freshman Alex Magsam put up a respectable 13.65 for his effort.

Sam Chamberlain set the tone on vault with his stuck landing, tying his career high of 14.75. Gollott continued the momentum with his 14.40 mark, as Klein chipped in a 13.85 in his season debut on vault.

On parallel bars Leal took home the crown with his career high 14.60 score. All-American Chamberlain followed closely behind with a 14.55, as Stephenson pitched in a 14.35 for the Big Red.

In the last rotation of the night, the Huskers finished out the meet on high bar paced by Stephenson's career-best 14.20 mark. Klein posted a solid 14.15, while Leal and Lottman notched a pair of 13.65s.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota dropped a road decision to the No. 4-ranked University of Illinois on Saturday evening. Illinois out-scored the Maroon and Gold, 435.200-419.80.

Freshmen Joel Gagnon and Jalon Stephens stepped up for the Maroon and Gold on floor exercise, tallying a 14.000 and 13.950 respectively. Gagnon earned a fourth place finish on the event followed by Stephens.

The rough start for the Gophers continued on pommel horse while junior Paul Montague Jr. produced the top score for Minnesota with a 14.350. Even National Champion Mannon suffered a fall on the event.

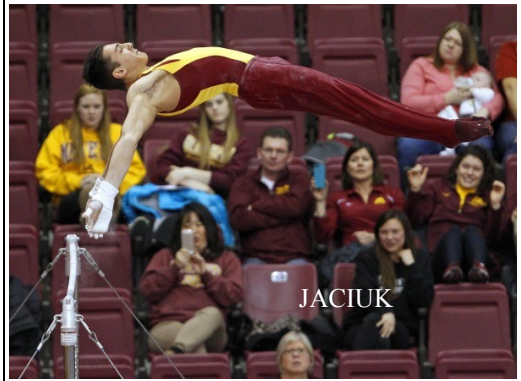
Minnesota found its footing in its third event of the evening, the still rings. Minnesota's seniors Jack Metcalf (14.650) and Steve Jaciuk (14.600) paced the Gophers. Every member who competed on the still rings earned a 14.000 or higher.

The Gophers continued to gain momentum with a strong showing on vault registering their second-highest event score of the meet. Senior Sean Bauer earned the Gophers' top score on vault with a 14.600 as he performed a solid Yurchenko double full followed by freshman Jack Kramer who scored a 14.450 as Gagnon and senior Ellis Mannon rounded out the top three scores for the Gophers' with a 14.300 each.

Mannon continued to perform well for the

Gophers producing a season-high 14.950 for the Maroon and Gold on parallel bars. His strong effort earned him a second-place finish on the event. Montague and Stephens contributed to the Gophers event score of 70.450. Jaciuk fell victim to a freak accident as his left arm buckled in the middle of his dismount and he crashed flat on his stomach on one bar possibly injuring his knee or foot.

A tenacious finish on high bar allowed the Gophers to top the Illini with a 71.300. The event marked the sole individual title as Jaciuk earned an event-high 14.900. Junior



Danny DiBenedetto also shined for the Maroon and Gold tallying a 14.450 to earn a second place finish on high bar.

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ARMY-Feb. 1

Army took part in its second of a two-meet weekend road trip on Sunday afternoon, traveling to service academy rival Air Force to take on the 11th-ranked Falcons. The Black Knights fell to Air Force by a score of 426.700-412.800 from the Cadet West Gym. Oddly enough Army scored exactly the same team score two meets in a row.

Jesse Glenn captured his third all-around title with a total score of 84.550. He was fol-



lowed by teammate and plebe Nathan Goff in second with a combined score of 81.300.

The Black Knights kicked things off on pommel horse, with Glenn leading the way with a score of 14.550 on route to a third place finish. He was the lone Black Knight to place in the top five on the apparatus. Also competing on pommel horse was Andre Hufnagel (14.250) and Connor Venrick (13.950).

Army moved to floor exercise for its second rotation and was again led by Glenn who posted a mark of 14.150 for a fifth place finish. He was followed by Cannon's score of 14.050.

Heading to the vault, Glenn set the pace for Army with a score of 14.300, tying for second place. He was followed by Kusnitz and Genders who each posted a score of 14.250 and tied with the Falcons' Josh Pyne and Tim Wang for fourth place.

Venrick earned the team's top mark on still rings with a score of 14.000, tying for fourth place. He was the only Black Knight to place on the event.

Glenn topped the Black Knights for the fourth time on the afternoon with a score of 14.450 on high bar to capture second place. He was followed by Goff's fourth place mark of 13.600 and Genders' fifth place score of 13.500.

The Black Knights wrapped up the afternoon on parallel bars with Goff setting the pace with a score of 13.800 for a fifth-place finish. Glenn followed closely behind with a score of 13.700.

ARMY-Jan. 30

Army competed in the first of two weekend dual meets on Friday evening, traveling to

ninth-ranked Nebraska, falling to the Huskers by a score of 421.750-412.800.

Jesse Glenn claimed the all-around title, posting a total score of 84.800. He was followed by teammate and plebe Nathan Goff who earned a score of 80.600 in just his second collegiate all-around competition.

The two teams alternated on floor to kick off the competition, with Leo Genders leading the way for the Black Knights with a second-place mark of 14.500. Glenn tied for third on the first apparatus, earning a score of 14.550.

The teams moved to pommel horse for rotation two, with Glenn posting Army's lone top-five finish. He claimed second with a season-best score of 14.300. He was followed by Connor Venrick (14.050) and Goff (14.000).

On vault the Black Knights were again led by Glenn who tied a career-best mark of 15.000 on route to a first place finish. Pritts tied for second with a score of 14.750 and was followed by Cannon in fourth with a score of 14.550.

Venrick led the way for Army on the still rings, earning a second place finish with a score of 13.750.

Moving to high bar, Genders posted top marks for Army with a season-best score of 14.350 on route to a first place finish. He was



followed by Glenn's fourth place finish (13.900).

The Black Knights wrapped up the evening on parallel bars, led by Glenn's fourth place finish (14.200). Short took sixth with a mark of 13.800.

NAVAL ACADEMY

Navy won its first dual meet of the season with a 408.55 to 403.40 outcome over ECAC foe William & Mary on Sunday.

"This was a great result because we were able to overcome all of our injuries," remarked head coach Dr. Sho Fukushima. "Before the meet I wasn't even sure how I was going to be able to fill out all of lineups. Our younger gymnasts did a really good job of stepping up. We never thought we would see some of these guys in pressure positions like this so soon, but they performed great and gained valuable experience. Still, we have some areas to clean up and need improvement before next weekend and after that, for the Star Meet in two weeks."

Jonny Tang, Thomas Goodell and Eric Viscardi were all event winners for Navy on Sunday. Tang finished first on the parallel bars on his way to the all-around competition win,



while Goodell was first on the rings and Viscardi was first on the floor exercise.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

William and Mary fell at Navy, 408.55 - 403.4, on Sunday afternoon.

Highlighting the Tribe's effort was a trio of gymnasts who claimed event titles, as Keaton Ackerman (pommel horse - 14.55), Neal Courter (vault - 14.95) and Michael Deitz (high bar - 14.4) all posted the top scores in an event.

Ackerman (79.05) and Aria Sabbagh (78.55) were the squad's top all-arounders and placed second and third, respectively. Sabbagh's score represented a career high.

On floor, the College was led by Deitz's 14.45, which placed second.

Ackerman's winning score of 14.55 on pommel horse led the Tribe in the event.



Simon Casey also came up big with a 13.9 to place second.

Sabbagh registered W&M's top mark on rings (13.5), while Rob Meyer and J.J. Jindra both recorded a 13.45.

W&M on vault was led by Courter's winning score of 14.95 and Deitz's 14.25, which was the third-best score in the event.

Meyer highlighted the Tribe's performances on parallel bars with a team-best 13.65.

W&M posted the top three scores on high bar, as Deitz (14.4), Courter (14.15) and Jindra (13.7) took the top three spots.