



COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION  
 NCAA MEN'S GYMNASTICS  
 PREVIEW 2009

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY 2008-09

As usual, attempting to forecast a winner in the annual NCAA National Championship race is not quite an exact science.

This fervent observer is very tempted to pick the Univ. of Michigan as the favorite to win the 2009 NCAA National Team Title. This is due entirely to the fact that they finished a strong 6th in 2008 and lost virtually no one from their line-up while at the same time all of the other top 6 finishers lost significant personal.

I am also tempted to declare a tie between Oklahoma and Stanford. However, when all things are taken into consideration it seems that Stanford has to be given the nod, with Oklahoma again their closest competition, and with Michigan 3rd.

**1. STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

Stanford does suffer the significant loss of USAG National AA Champion David Sender, but otherwise they retain a great deal of scor-

ing power.

Also lost for '09 will be Eli Alcaraz, Dylan Carney 6th HB-NCAA, and Chris Harper 7th PH-MPSF

In 2008 Stanford scored 361.30 vs. Mich. without Sender or Nakamori and scored 357.60 earlier vs. Neb. without the two. This simply means they have a lot of depth.

Returning will be: Josh Dixon 3rd FX, 8th V, and 2nd HB-MPSF, 7th FX-V and 3rd HB-NCAA; Greg Ter-Zakhariants 5th FX-MPSF, 4th FX, 8th PH-NCAA; Bryant Hadden 2nd SR, 3rd PB, 7th HB-MPSF; Alex Buscaglia 8th FX, 4th HB-MPSF, 8th HB-NCAA, Tim Gentry 3rd SR-MPSF (great potential); and Sho Nakamori 3rd AA and PH-NCAA and potential Nissen-Emery nominee.

Freshmen: John Martin (FL), Gabriel Alvarado (FL), Cameron Foreman (IA), and Jordan Nolff (NJ).

Summary: Possibly even better in 2009 than they were in 2008.



NAKAMORI

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| PRE-SEASON COACHES POLL | 10. Nebraska                     |
| 1. Stanford             | 11. Temple                       |
| 2. Oklahoma             | 12. ILL-Chicago                  |
| 3. Ohio State           | 13. Air Force                    |
| 4. Illinois             | 14. William/Mary                 |
| 5. Penn State           | 15. Navy                         |
| 6. Michigan             | 16. (Tie) Army, Springfield, MIT |
| 7. California           |                                  |
| 8. Minnesota            |                                  |
| 9. Iowa                 |                                  |

**2. UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

Any team that suffers the loss of two individuals the likes of Jonathan Horton and Taqiy Abdullah-Simmons, is going to be hard pressed to replace that scoring power.

OU has shown in the past, however, that they are a team that can recover from such losses without missing a beat.

To prove this point the Sooners return some heavy fire-power: Steven Legendre-not only a great potential in the AA but a proven champion in individual events such as 2nd FX, 3rd



LEGENDRE

V, 7th PB-MPSF, 1st FX and V, 8th HB-NCAA; Reed Pitts 6th-FX, 7th-V-MPSF, 8th FX-NCAA; Russell Czeschin 7th-FX, 4th V-MPSF, 5th FX-NCAA; Jacob Messina 4th-PH, 8th SR-MPSF (still recovering from torn ACL in 2007); Cory English 7th-PH-MPSF;

Nissen-Emery favorite:  
 Casey Sandy: Penn State





Chris Brooks 2nd V, 6th PB, 6th HB-MPSF; 4th PB, 4th-HB-NCAA, Jason Laughton 2nd PH-MPSF, 7th PH-NCAA; and Kyle McNamara 8th-PB-MPSF. Brooks and Messina are most likely Nissen-Emery nominees.

Add to this the great potential of young Ian Jackson and OU not only has high scoring capability individually, they also have depth.

Freshmen: Chad Crumley (IL), David Finning (OK), Ben Meyer (TX), Troy Nitzky (PA), and Patrick Piscitelli (NC).

Summary: will be a factor in all meets until the last man up-as usual. Coach Williams very conservatively states that "we will have a pretty good team, should make NCAA Finals."

### 3. UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

After finishing 6th at the 2008 Nationals and after graduating only two gymnasts from that squad, the Wolverines could well be the team of the year in 2009.

Losing only Daniel Rais and Arren Yoshimura, the Big Blue returns some fine young talent: Thomas Kelley-Big Ten Freshman of the year and Big Ten FX Champion (plus 5th



KELLEY

AA), 6th NCAA-HB; Chris Cameron (unlimited potential); Jamie Thompson-7th Big Ten-FX; Mel Santander-4th Big Ten PH, 9th NCAA-V; David Chan-4th Big Ten-V, 5th NCAA-PH; Paul Woodward- 7th Big Ten -PB; Phillip Goldberg-5th NCAA-SR (potential Nissen-Emery); and Joe Catrambone-a quality gymnast who did not have a good post-season in 2008. Plus four red-shirt sophomores; a huge squad of 24 in total.

Freshmen: Syque Caesar (FL) and Douglass Johnson (CA).

Summary: Definite threat to win Big Ten (which Michigan will host), and will contend for 1st at Nationals; may settle for 3rd.

### 4. PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

With the return of Casey Sandy-Big Ten and NCAA All Around Champ and All

American in five events, PSU will be a serious factor in any meet. Sandy is a strong candidate for the Nissen-Emery Award



SANDY

Unfortunately, PSU is yet another team that has suffered huge losses. Derek Helsby-4th-AA, 7th PH, 6th PB-Big Ten; Vladi Klurman, Santiago Lopez 4th-PB-Big Ten, 10th FX-NCAA. Tommy Ramos 1st SR, 6th HB-Big Ten, 3rd-SR-NCAA, and Brad Spicer.

On the other hand when one considers the return of Sandy plus Allen Harris-4th FX-Big Ten, Jason Chu-8th PH-Big Ten, Noam Shahan-5th SR, 4th V, 4th HB-Big Ten, and Josh Borromeo-6th SR-Big Ten, it is obvious PSU still has some people that can score. But do they have the depth to challenge for first at Nationals? Probably not!

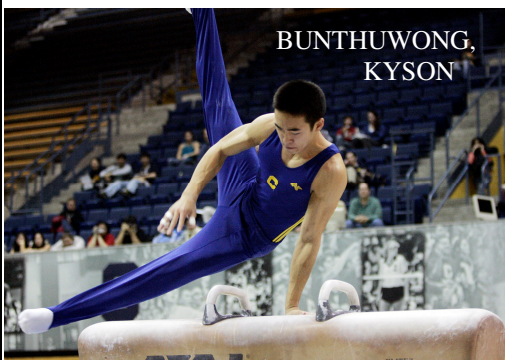
Freshmen: Not available.

Summary: probably will not win Big Ten or Nationals, but this could change depending on incoming freshmen.

### 5. UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The Golden Bears also suffered significant graduation losses in the persons of Tim McNeill 5th-AA, 1st-PH, 1st-PB, 8th-SR-MPSF, 1st-PH, 1st-PB,5th-AA-NCAA; Tyler Block 3rd PB-MPSF, 9th SR-NCAA; Kyle Litow, Colin Christ 2nd-PB-MPSF, 8th-PB-NCAA, Sean Bryan and Aaron May.

On the other hand they return some very



BUNTHUWONG, KYSON

potent scoring power in the brothers Bunthuwong, Kyson 3rd-PH, 1st-HB-MPSF, 10th-PB-NCAA (high Nissen-Emery potential), and Kyle. They also return Bryan Del Castillo, a youngster with great potential, as well as Kyle Brady 6th-SR-MPSF, 9th-PB-NCAA (in law school) and Evan Roth 5th-V-MPSF.

The question here, as in the past, although they should make it to the Super Six, does Cal have the depth to challenge for a national title and it does not appear so.

Freshmen: Nic Blair (NC), Daniel Culpepper (AL), Glen Ishino (CA), Jacob Jizrawi (CA), James Kerry (CA), Raion Sabo (NV), and Michael Salipante (MA).

Summary: Lack of depth will keep Cal from winning MPSF or Nationals. Coach Weiner, however, reports that "I honestly think the team championship is up for grabs. I feel the Golden Bears will challenge for the top spot."

### 6. OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

For the past several years this observer has suggested that OSU would finally put it all together at Nationals and realize their potential. This has yet to happen.

Maybe this will be the year with the return of Jake Bateman-2nd Big Ten-AA, 6th-AA-



BATEMAN

NCAA (Nissen-Emery prospect). However, this team's potential may rest on the strong arms of Tai Lee (10th-AA-NCAA), a dynamic talent, but a diamond in the rough.

OSU loses the talented D.J. Bucher (oft injured, but always determined) 2nd-PB-Big Ten, Tony Duong, David Ortiz 6th-V-Big Ten; and Jimmy Wickham 5th-FX, 2nd V-Big Ten, 2nd-FX, 3rd V-NCAA.

Returning for OSU, in addition to Bateman and Lee, will be: Brandon Wynn 6th-AA, 5th HB-Big Ten; Andy Saurber 5th-PH-Big Ten, Shachar Tal 8th-SR-Big Ten, and Eddie Hay 2007 Big Ten champ on FX.

Freshmen: Impressive group: Mike Behles (IL), Alexy Bilozertchev (OH), Ty Echard, (OH), Brandt Gomez (TN), Elliott Hardy (TX), Philip Onorato (TX), Matt Rayl (IN), and Steven Spencer (CA-RFR).

Summary: Depends on Tai Lee; team might be overrated here, but frosh could help.

## 7. UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The Huskers appear to be ready to return to some of their previous glory, at least on a smaller scale. Look for them to challenge for a spot in the Super Six.

With virtually the entire team returning (only loss being Stephen Tetrault-4th MPSF-PH), the team will be even stronger than last season. Leading the team will be T.J. Schmidt-3rd PB-MPSF and a strong PH man



SCHMIDT

(Nissen-Emery prospect). Also helping out will be John Robinson-4th MPSF-AA and Anthony Ingrelli-4th SR-MPSF.

Freshmen: Chris Damian (Neb), David Jacobs, and Michael Killeen.

Summary: Could squeeze into the top Six at Nationals.

## 8. UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota is looking forward to hosting the NCAA Nationals for only the 2nd time in the history of the school and the first time with Mike Burns as host coach.

The Gophers also lose significant personnel in: Mitchell Mays (who should have been NCAA Vault champ but just missed -after winning the Big Ten title), Matt Altomari, Kyle True, Steven Vuong, and Sergei Dmitriev-8th Big Ten PB.

Returning for Minnesota will be: Aaron Fortunato-7th Big Ten AA, Kit Beikmann-2nd Big Ten-PH, and Cole Storer-3rd Big Ten



BEIKMANN

HB (potential Nissen-Emery finalist).

Freshmen: Ross Cameratta (OH), Russell Dabritz (MA), Adam LaFleur (MN), Michael Morse (NY), and D.J. Repp (NM).

Heaver is the son of 2-time NCAA Rings Champion Keith, and LaFleur is the son of former Nissen-Emery winner Tim.

Summary: Depth will be a big problem for the Gophers and will probably keep them out of the Super Six. Coach Burns, however, is much more optimistic. "We can finish in the top 3 at the Big Ten's this year if we get everyone healthy. Regarding Nationals, I believe we can make it to day 2 at NCAA's and finish in the top 5."

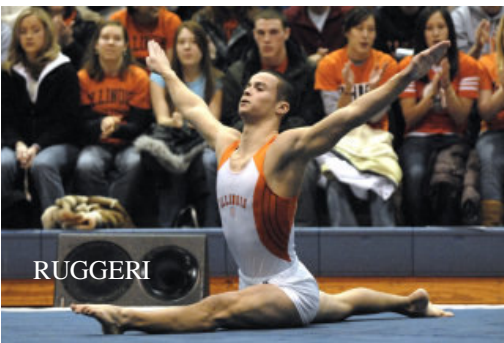
## 9. UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Although several teams have lost significant personnel it has been centered around only a few individuals. Illinois, on the other hand, not only loses outstanding individuals they lose about one-half of their team in numbers also.

Coach Hayasaki has announced that he will retire after the '09 season-perhaps he should have retired after the Illini's very successful '08 season.

Gone are Wes Haagensen-Big Ten AA Champ in 2007, 1st -HB, 3rd FX-2008 Big Ten; Tyler Yamauchi 2nd-SR, 3rd PB Big Ten; Michael Boyer; Ross Bradley-5th HB-NCAA; Chris Silcox; and Jon Drollinger-4th SR-Big Ten and 7th SR-NCAA.

The Illini do return some outstanding individuals such as Paul Ruggeri-8th-FX, 2nd-HB



RUGGERI

-Big Ten, 5th-FX/V, 1st HB-NCAA, who has the potential to be Big Ten and NCAA All Around champion, and Daniel Ribeiro-1st-PH-Big Ten, 6th-PH-NCAA, who will likely be Big Ten and NCAA champ on the PH. They also return Tyler Williamson-7th SR-Big Ten; Brian Liscovitz 7th-PB-NCAA; and Roger Pasek-8th Big Ten Vault. Unfortunately, the talent drops off dramatically after these names.

Freshmen: Tyler Mizoguchi (TX), C.J. Padera (IL), Austin Phillips (NJ), Maxwell Portocarrero (NY), Devin Regan (IL), and Anthony Sacramento (IL).

Summary: Losses are too severe for Illinois to be a factor in 2009.

## 10. UNIV. OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

Although not a threat to win the NCAA Nationals or even to finish in the top six, UIC will be expected to win the ECAC Team title and advance to the Big Show. This team also has the potential to top some Big Ten teams.

In 2008 UIC finished only one-half point out of first at the ECAC and return their entire team: Anthony May-2nd AA & SR-ECAC;



MAY

Dave Mohr-2nd PH-ECAC; Neal Thompson-3rd AA, 1st PB-ECAC (Rookie of the Year-ECAC); Nikolai Korepanov 5th-SR-ECAC; and Andrew Stover-5th AA, 8th-HB-ECAC. 11th-AA-NCAA

Freshmen: Andrew Arnold, IL (RSFR), Mike Behun (IL), Alex Bymaster (CA), Aaron Eyster (IL), Eric Heine (Miss-RSFR), Dan Hutton (IL), Keith Lage (IL), and Chris Mattes (IL).

Summary: if they stay healthy could be a surprise team in 2009. Coach Johnson boldly states "we will be stronger in 2009."

## 11. UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

In spite of a great coaching staff the Hawkeyes never seem to have enough depth to challenge for the big team titles.

This will almost certainly be the story for them again in the 2009 season.

To add to this problem Iowa loses some serious personnel in Jacob Becker, Tom Buese, and Curtis Kleffman 8th-AA, 6th PH-Big Ten, 12th-AA-NCAA, and Dusty Cranmer.. Iowa did not have anyone place in the top ten at Nationals in 2008.

Returning for Iowa will be: senior Geoff Reins 6th-FX, 3rd V-Big Ten (potential Nissen-Emery) and Jonathan Buese-a promising youngster, plus 7 others. Coach Dunn believes his team could move up to 9th Nationally.

Freshmen: Zack Cazabon (MO), Blaine Klaczak (IL), T a y l o r



REINS

McClendon (GA), Ed-win Plys (IL), Tayler Scharman (UT), Jacob Swafford (TN), and Adam Wilson (WI).

Summary: Just not enough firepower to get out of the Big Ten basement.

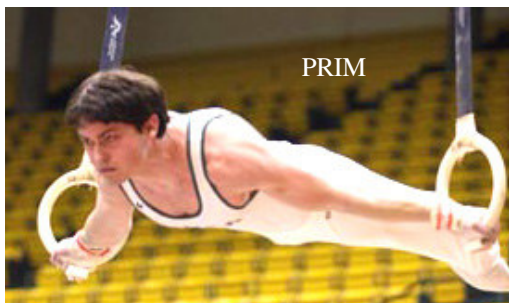
## 12. WILLIAM AND MARY

The Tribe will challenge anyone at any time because of outstanding coaching and an outstanding training program. Each year this team shows superior improvement between the beginning of the season and the end.

W&M also has significant losses in: Devin DeBacker, Andrew Hunt 3rd-PB, 1st-HB-ECAC, 1st-HB-USAG; Aaron Ingram 3rd-PH, 6th-PB-ECAC, 5th-PH/PB-USAG; David Locke 3rd-FX/V-ECAC, 1st-FX, 2nd V, 8th-HB-USAG.

In spite of these losses the team does appear to have a fairly strong group returning and somehow they usually end up just as strong as the year before, or stronger.

Returning are: Josh Fried 4th-FX-ECAC; Sloan Crawford 5th-FX-ECAC; Derek Gygax 7th-PH, 3rd-AA-USAG; James Prim 3rd PH,



1st SR-ECAC, 4th-PH, 2nd SR, 4th-PB-USAG (Nissen-Emerly?); Alex Egerter 7th-V-ECAC, 6th-V-USAG; and Chris Valeska.

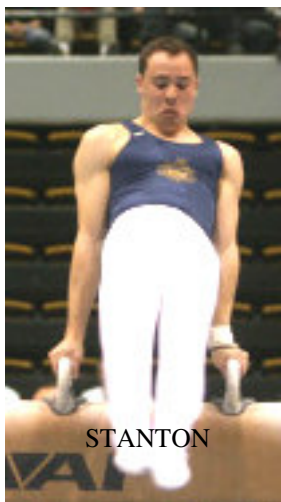
Freshmen: Stephen Duetsch (IL), Dan Melzar (MA), and Jonathan Prohov (IL).

Summary: Severe losses might make them a bit weaker than in 2008.

## 13. U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Navy had an incredible 2008 season that surprised everyone including (I think) the Navy coaches and gymnasts, when they won the USAG National Team Title.

From that championship team Navy loses Jon-Michael Chombeau; Brandon Cook 5th-FX-USAG; David Ferris; Ty Fritz; Rich Mehimann, Isaac Olson 2nd-HB-USAG; and Christopher Tam 5th AA/SR-USAG, 6th -SR, 3rd HB, 7th AA-ECAC.



Although these

losses are significant much of their scoring power will return: Dylan Parrott 6th-AA, 2nd PB/HB-ECAC, 2nd AA/FX, 3rd PB-USAG; Adam Stanton 1st-PH, 6th SR, 8th-PB-ECAC, 1st-PH, 4th SR, 2nd PB-USAG; Joseph Atzenbeck 6th-PH, 5th-HB-ECAC, 2nd-PH, 3rd HB-USAG; Grant Waldron 5th-V-ECAC, 5th-V-USAG.

Freshmen: Andrew Faulk (TX), Aaron Ingram (WA), Brandon Tinkham (TX, and Eric Min.

Summary: Possibly stronger than in 2008.

## 14. TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

After Temple lost John Vogtman just prior to the 2008 ECAC Championships most people probably counted them out but they rose to the occasion and captured that team title anyway. Coach Turoff reports that he hopes to finish in the top 3 at the ECAC in 2009, and he thinks Temple can make the top 12 Nationally.

Leading that 2008 charge were Luke Vexler, Pat McLaughlin and Sterling Kramer, with Vexler 1st-AA/FX, 4th-SR/V/HB-ECAC and Kramer 4th-PB, 6th-HB-ECAC, in the senior class. Also lost from that team will be Nat Naisby, Greg Monaco, John Jeffries, Alex Gorski 7th-FX-ECAC, and Andrew Corp.

Returning, with a question mark due to his injury in 2008, will be John Vogtman 3rd-AA, 1st-V, 2nd SR, 2nd PH-2007 ECAC and potential Nissen-Emerly nominee; Pat McLaughlin 3rd-AA, 1st FX, 2nd V, 7th PB-



ECAC; Scott Bloomfield 1st-V-ECAC.

Temple always has a huge squad and will work with 24 individuals this season.

Freshmen: Taylor Brana (Israel), Evan Burke (NY), Asa Croasmun (OH), Matt Martin (NH), and Chris Mooney (MD).

Summary: Not as strong as last season.

## 15. U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The loss of Greg Stine will greatly affect AF. The loss of his scoring power will be irreplaceable and as a result this will probably be a rebuilding year for AF.

This observer was surprised that Greg was not a 2008 Nissen-Emerly finalist.

In addition to the loss of Stine, the Falcons lose: Brian Boardman, Kevin Murphy, and

Tyler Sickles 5th-HB-USAG (none of these three placed in the top 8 at the MPSF).

Returning will be: Brannan Wolford 6th-AA-MPSF, 6th AA-USAG; Jacob Schonig 4th-



SR-MPSF, 1st SR-USAG; William Eastman-7th-FX-USAG; Kip Druecke 8th-PH-USAG; and Josiah Loeser 7th-PB-USAG.

Freshmen: Jacob Houder (TX), Harrison Means (TX) Kyle Mefford (CA), Devin Menefee (TX), Travis Myers (CO), and Jel Utmor (OH).

Summary: will be a down year unless the freshmen come through strongly.

## 16. U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Army coaches are counting on an excellent group of freshmen to make them more competitive this season. This may be asking too much of newcomers.

After being unable to finish last season due to disciplinary actions against the team, the road back will be even more difficult. If anyone can turn the team around, however, it will be coaches Van Everen and Giglio.

Losses include: Mike Assenmacher, Tim Burns, and Tyler Ho.

Returning: Jonathan Grey, Neil Henderson,



Justin Sappington, Ty Smith, Nolan Melson, Tim Tieng, and Kelson Lumpkin.

Freshmen: Jonathan Hoey-CA; Brandon Long-NC, Chase Brown-LA; and Zachary Linton-TN.

Summary: In spite of an excellent group of freshmen Army is expected to struggle this coming season, but may be more serious contenders next year in the ECAC.

## 17. SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Springfield simply is a Div. III school competing against Div. I schools for the most part

and this is an impossible task.

After coming off a season that saw SC defeat Army the first time in 26 years the Pride is looking forward to 2009.

Losses are: Matt Davis and John Ferreira. Returning are All Americans Andy Kelly, Matt Tocchio, Keith Stumpf, and Josh Fox 5th-FX-ECAC, plus Matt Bolognese 3rd-SR-ECAC. SC also had 5 gymnasts compete at the 2008 Div. I Nationals.

This report submitted by Tocchio, Graham and Kelly.

Freshmen: Ian Crider (TN), Ty Evans (CA), Joe Gianino (MA), Stephen Graham (TX), Tyler Robertson (CA), Ian Smith (NH), and Kelvin Soares (CT).

Summary: will make their presence felt in any meet, but obstacles too much to overcome.



BOLOGNESE

**18. MASSACHUSETTS INST. OF TECH.**

It is greatly to the credit of the Athletic Dept. at MIT to be willing to continue to support this program in spite of the overwhelming odds against it having any success in terms of wins and losses.

The team has lost Josh Coblenz- a good AA man, and Matt Heine.

MIT does not list any incoming freshmen and this is never a good omen.

Boris Raisin is a quality gymnast and was

8th - PH-ECAC but other than this MIT tends to have to work with very inexperienced material.

After saying that, the team does have a solid group of sophomores returning. These include: Jesse



RAISIN

Johnson, Garrett Hemann, Michael McCanna, Stanislav Nikolov, Brian Ross, Jake Shapiro, and Jacob Sharpe.

Summary: in this David-Goliath battle Goliath will win.

**CLUB TEAM REPORTS**

**ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**

The ASU Men's Gymnastics team ended last year with a National Championship and are looking forward to another great year.

The ASU Men's Gymnastics Team is preparing to host two large gymnastics meets this season. The first is the annual Sun Devil Classic, held February 27-March 1, 2009. The second meet is the Region 1 Boys Championships, held April 2-5 2009. Gymnasts from Hawaii, California, Nevada and Arizona will compete in order to qualify for Nationals. ASU is expecting between 500-600 competitors at each of these events.

Losses include Anthony Naddour (2nd-AA, 3rd PH-USAG Nationals). Returning will be Charles Baysinger (3rd-AA-USAG), Dillon Saunders (4th-AA-USAG), Josh Bradley (6th-AA, 3rd V-USAG), and Brandon Dibold.

Freshmen: Brock Leinberger (AZ), Steven Lewis (AZ), Alex Gauder (CA), Jacob Ryder (AZ), Riley Barclay (AZ), Jordan Jensen (AZ), and Ryan Wisner (IL).

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS**

Texas Coach Joel Hennig reports that, "The 2008-09 gymnastics season looks to be a strong one for The University of Texas. With only one senior graduating last year, we continue to have a solid roster."

The roster includes: Seniors: Ryan Huffer, Dale Taylor, Austin McGookey, Wes Holzapfel, Light Townsend; Juniors: Austin Copeland, Jeramy Dupree, Jonathan Walker; Sophomores: Andrew Hutcheson, Guru



BAYSINGER



TAYLOR

Khalsa (PHD) and Freshmen: Chris Muenz (TX).

**Calendar of major Collegiate events:**

Nov. 24/25	Blue & Gold	Navy
Dec. 5	Intrasquad	Minnesota
Dec. 6	Silver & Blue	Air Force
Dec. 5	Mixed Pairs	Illinois
Dec. 13	Maize and Blue	U. Mich
Dec. 6	Black & Gold	Iowa
Dec. 7	Intrasquad	W&M
Dec. 9	Mixed Pairs	IL-Chi.
Dec. ??	Intrasquad	Nebraska
Dec. 19	Scarlet/Gray	Ohio State
Dec. 19	Maroon/Gold	U. Minn
Jan. 10	Rocky Mountain Open	Air Force
Jan. 17	Windy City Inv.	ILL-Chi
Jan. 16/17	West Point Open	Army
Jan. 24	Navy Open	Navy
Jan. 24	Stanford Open	Stanford
Feb. 6-7	Winter Cup	Las Vegas
Feb. 8	Virginia State Open	W&M
Feb. 14	All Academy Championships	Portland, Or
Feb. 21	Pacific Coast Classic	Oakland, CA
Feb. 28	Southwest Cup	Arizona St.
Mar. 21	New England Championships	Springfield
Mar. 27-28	USAG Collegiate Nationals	W & M
Ap. 3-4	Big Ten Championships	U. Mich
Ap. 4	MPSF Championships	Oklahoma
Ap. 3-4	EIGL Championships	Army
Ap. 16-18	NCAA Nationals	U. Minn.

**TOP RETURNEES  
BASED ON FINISH AT THE 2008 NATIONALS**

<b>All Around</b>	Phillip Goldberg, Mich
Casey Sandy, Penn St.	Casey Sandy, Penn St.
Sho Nakamori, Stan	Sho Nakamori, Stan
Jake Bateman, Ohio St.	Shachar Tal, Ohio St.
Kyson Bunthuwong, Cal	Jacob Messina, Okla
Tai Lee, Ohio St.	<b>Vault</b>
Andrew Stover, UIC	Steven Legendre, Okla
<b>Floor Exercise</b>	Paul Ruggeri, Ill
Steven Legendre, Okla	Casey Sandy, Penn St.
Casey Sandy, Penn St.	Josh Dixon, Stan
G. Ter-Zakharants, Stan	Mel Santander, Mich
Russ Czeschin, Okla	Cole Storer, Minn
Paul Ruggeri, Ill	<b>Parallel Bars</b>
Josh Dixon, Stan	Casey Sandy, Penn St
Reed Pitts, Okla	Chris Brooks, Okla
<b>Pommel Horse</b>	Sho Nakamori, Stan
Casey Sandy, Penn St.	Brian Liscovitz, Ill
Sho Nakamori, Stan	Kyson Bunthuwong, Cal
Kyle Oi, Stan	<b>Horizontal Bar</b>
David Chan, Mich	Paul Ruggeri, Illinois
Dan Ribeiro, Ill	Cole Storer, Minn
Jason Laughton, Okla	Josh Dixon, Stan
Kit Beikmann, Minn	Chris Brooks, Okla
Andy Sauber, Ohio St.	Thomas Kelley, Mich.
<b>Rings</b>	Steven Legendre, Okla
Bryant Hadden, Stan	Alex Buscaglia, Stan

**POTENTIAL NISSEN-EMERY  
CANDIDATES**

- Jake Bateman-Ohio State
- Kit Beikmann-Minnesota
- Kyson Bunthuwong-California
- Phil Goldberg-Michigan
- Anthony May-Illinois-Chicago
- Jacob Messina/ Chris Brooks-Oklahoma
- Sho Nakamori-Stanford
- James Prim-William & Mary
- Geoff Reins-Iowa
- Casey Sandy, Penn State
- T.J. Schmidt-Nebraska
- John Vogtman-Temple