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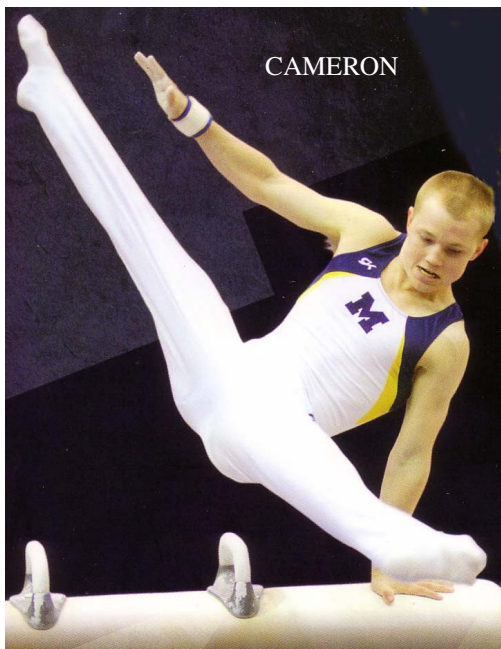
WEEKLY REPORT
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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan (352.90) finished fourth out of seven teams at the Pacific Coast Classic on Saturday night (Feb. 21), finishing ahead of No. 6 Illinois (349.75), No. 14 Air Force (324.50) and No. 5 Minnesota (344.00), and behind event champion Japan University All-Stars (359), No. 3 Stanford (356.40) and No. 2 California (355.10), at the Oakland Convention Center.

Chris Cameron claimed his second career AA title with a personal-best 89.75 six-event total. Cameron finished second on PB's and fourth on PH and SR en route to obtaining the competition's top spot.



On high bar Joe Catrambone and Thomas Kelley registered 14.90 on the apparatus -- a season high for Catrambone -- to tie for fifth overall.

In the second rotation, freshman Syque Caesar and Cameron set new career bests with 14.85 and 15.25, respectively, on FX, pushing U-M to a 116.85 total. The Wolverines' 59.90 was the squad's highest result on floor during the 2009 campaign.

The Wolverines earned a 57.65 team score on PH. Cameron garnered Michigan's highest-rated performance, attaining a 14.95 to rank fourth overall.

On SR, Michigan earned 60.40 with Cameron leading the Maize and Blue in the event, marking another career high on the night with a 15.25 for fourth. All six U-M gymnasts scored 14.30 or higher, including a 14.90 by

Phillip Goldberg.

David Chan recorded a U-M season-best mark on V, tallying 15.75 on the event he earned All-America honors on during his freshman season. As a unit, Michigan amassed a 62.05 to establish its highest team score of the season and increase its total to 295.20.

Closing out the contest, the Wolverines compiled a 57.70 on the PB's to set the team's final overall mark at 352.90 and finish the competition in fourth. Cameron placed second with a career-high 15.35 on parallel bars, posting the Wolverines' highest individual score on the event this season. Ralph Rosso also registered a career-best 14.65.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

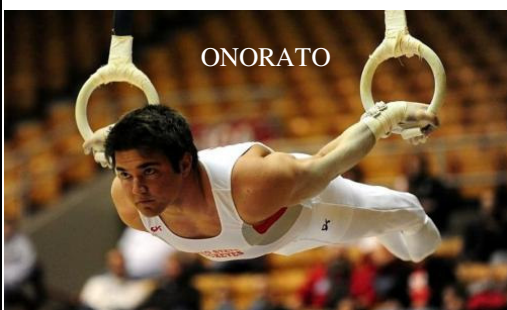
Ohio State had a gymnast claim first on each of the six events en route to a season-high tally of 350.80 to secure victory over UIC (333.05) Saturday night in St. John Arena.

An audience of 707 saw Jake Bateman FX) and Pejman Ebrahimi (V), Brandon Wynn (SR) and freshmen Ty Echard (PH) and Philip Onorato (SR, HB, (AA) record meet-best scores. Competing in just his third meet as a Buckeye, Onorato, a native of Plano, Texas, captured the AA win, scoring a career-best 85.85. Wynn placed second in the AA with an 84.50.

"I thought they did well," Miles Avery, Ohio State head coach, said. "We still need to finish better but overall, there were a lot of bright spots tonight. The freshman class did great and I'm pleased with the way they came out tonight."

For the night, the Buckeyes won all six events and swept the Top 3 finishes on FX, SR,V and PB's.

Ohio State started the night on FX where Bateman scored a season-high 15.10 to finish first and was followed by Justin Myers in second (14.80) and Onorato in third (14.60).



Echard led the Buckeyes on PH, setting a

career high with a 15.300. Bateman rounded out the Top 3 on PH with a season-best 13.95.

On SR, Wynn and Onorato tallied a pair of 15.35s to tie for first while Shachar Tal just barely trailed in third with a 15.25. Bateman added a 15.15 for fourth.

In the fourth rotation, Ebrahimi showed why he won the 2007 NCAA vault title, receiving a career-high 16.05 on the apparatus. There was no drop off for the Buckeyes as the team swept the Top 6 places on vault. Freshman standout Onorato added a 15.85 (2nd), Wynn contributed a 15.75 (3rd), Bateman tallied a 15.70 (4th), freshman Mike Behles turned in a 15.6 (5th) and Myers rounded out the scoring with a 15.55.

Myers secured first with a 14.15 on PB's with two Buckeye rookies following in scoring with Onorato taking second (14.05) and Behles rounding out the Top 3 with a 14.00.

On the final event of the evening Onorato concluded his AA campaign with a first-place tally of 14.20, finishing just ahead of UIC's Andrew Strover's 14.15. Bateman posted a 14.05 and junior captain Tai Lee a 14.00 to finish in third and fourth (tied), respectively.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

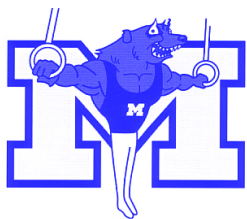
Illinois finished fifth out of seven teams in the highly competitive field at the 2009 Pacific Coast Classic at the Oakland Convention Center on Saturday night. The Japan All-Star team took first, followed by No. 3 Stanford, No. 2 California and No. 4 Michigan in second through fourth places, respectively. In the loaded field, Luke Stannard tied for first on pommel horse with a career-high 15.20 to take the event title.

Freshmen Tyler Mizoguchi and Austin Phillips posted all-around scores of 84.75 and 84.10, to finish fifth and sixth in the all-around for the Illini.

"Overall, we had a slow start on vault and rings, but the guys stepped it up in the final four events," head coach Yoshi Hayasaki said. "The freshmen performed very well once again and we relied on them this evening. As a team, we missed Paul Ruggeri in the very competitive field with the top teams in the nation. However, the young guys stepped up and our experienced guys of Stannard and Brian Liscovitz came through for us in the end."

Individually, the Illini posted 12 top-15 finishes on the night. In addition to his pom-

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mel horse title, Stannard posted a season-high score of 14.80 on floor for 14th place.

Roger Pasek also had an impressive night taking fourth on floor with a season high 15.35, fifth on vault (15.80) and tying for 11th on pommel horse with a 14.50.

On pommel horse, the Illini charted five top-15 finishes with Stannard tying for first fol-



STANNARD

lowed by, Daniel Ribeiro taking sixth with a 14.70 and three Illini tying for 11th place with a 14.50.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota struggled to its second-lowest team score of the season Saturday at the Pacific Coast Classic in Oakland, Calif. The Gophers finished sixth in the seven-team meet.

Despite the team finish, the Gophers turned in some solid scores along the way. Minnesota had its best night of the season on the SR as three Gophers turned in season-high individual marks.

Following closely with the overall results, the Gophers finished sixth in the field in five of the six events. Minnesota was the fifth-ranked team at the Pacific Coast Classic on the still rings, turning in its best score of the season at 57.300. Along with its top season score on the SR, Minnesota had its second-best score of 2009 on the PH and the FX.

Three individuals put up team season-best scores on those three events, as well. Aaron Fortunato's 15.15 on the FX is the best score posted by a Gopher in the event this season, topping his previous high mark of 15.00. PH specialist Kit Beikmann became the first Minnesota gymnast to break the 15-point barrier on the horse this season. He tallied a 15.05 at the Pacific Coast Classic. On the SR, Russell

BEIKMANN



Dabritz's score of 14.75 was the Gophers' best score of the season.

A team of Japanese collegiate all-stars won the meet with a score of 359.45. Stanford, which entered the meet ranked No. 3 in the nation, was the top collegiate team with a final tally of 356.40. No. 2-ranked Cal finished third, while No. 4 Michigan and No. 6 Illinois also finished just in front of Minnesota. The Gophers finished ahead of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Minnesota had a rough time on the V, PB's and HB. All three of those events are usually strong for the Gophers. But on Saturday, the Gophers' V and PB's scores were the second-lowest of the season. Minnesota's HB score was its lowest of the season.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa fell to No. 1 Oklahoma 354.25 to 336.00 in Norman, OK Saturday. Iowa put up a good fight against the top ranked Sooners on their home turf, grabbing two new individual team records for 2009.

Jonathan Buese placed first in the all-around competition with an 84.05, and earned



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one of the records for Iowa on high bar (14.50) placing second and tied for fifth on parallel bars with a 14.05.

Geoff Reins placed third on both floor exercise (15.10) and vault (15.95), tying the season record on vault again. Ben Ketelsen placed fourth on pommel horse with a final score of 14.05, while Reid Urbain grabbed a fifth place finish on rings with a 14.35.

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