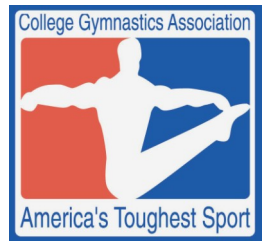




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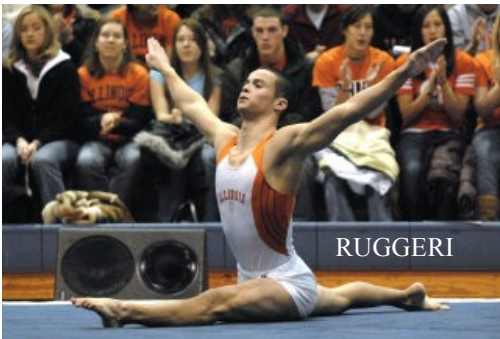
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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The top-ranked Illini men's gymnastics team (7-0) was dominant once again, tallying an overall score of 351.50 to down host No. 7 Minnesota (344.10) and No. 9 Nebraska (333.10) Saturday night at the Sports Pavilion in Minneapolis.

Paul Ruggeri led the way with three individual titles, including a first-place tie on floor (14.90) with Tyler Mizoguchi, while



Daniel Ribeiro claimed the top spot on pommel horse (15.30) and Anthony Sacramento tied for first on rings (15.00).

In addition to floor, Ruggeri also posted first-place finishes on parallel bars (14.50) and high bar (16.10) and placed second on vault (16.20). Mizoguchi, who was the lone Illini competing in the all-around, captured the top spot with a final AA score of 87.20.

Several Illini finished the night in the top five including junior C.J. Padera, who placed second on high bar (14.70) and tied for second on parallel bars with Mizoguchi (14.30), while Ribeiro took third on floor (14.70) and fifth on parallel bars (14.20), Mizoguchi finished in fourth on rings (14.40) and senior Chad Wiest was fourth on vault with a career-high tying score of 15.90. Two Illini freshmen also cracked the top five as Jordan Valdez tied for third on high bar (14.40) and Chad Mason tied for fourth on pommel horse (14.30).

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

On the strength of stellar performances in the still rings and vault, No. 5 Penn State knocked off defending national champion Michigan, 350.40-346.90, on Saturday evening.

Over 2,200 fans packed Rec Hall to witness the Nittany Lions post their highest score of the season in their Big Ten opener.

Standout efforts from Scott Rosenthal (15.40) and Miguel Pineda (15.30) helped Penn State win the still rings in dominating fashion (60.20-57.50) and gain the overall

lead, and, combined with a 1-2-3 sweep in the vault, proved to be the difference in the dual of conference rivals.

Mackenzie Dow provided the performance of the evening, nailing a double front vault, to earn a career and team season high score of 16.00 from the judges and place first in the event. Warren Yang (15.90) and Parker Raque (15.60) finished in second and third, respectively.

Penn State also won the floor exercise, getting a first place effort of 14.80 from Yang to lead the Nittany Lions. Yang also finished a team-best third in the high bar (14.60), earning Gene Wettstone Award honors for his overall impressive performance versus the Wolverines.

Felix Aronovich contributed two top three finishes for Penn State, placing second in the parallel bars (14.70) and tied for third with teammate freshman Adrian Evans in the pommel horse (14.10).

In addition to his second place in the still rings, Miguel Pineda recorded a 14.30 in the parallel bars to finish in third.

The sixth-ranked Wolverines were competing without 2010 NCAA all-around champion Chris Cameron.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan fell, 350.400-346.900, in its first dual meet of the season on Saturday (Jan 22) at Penn State in Recreation Hall. Thomas Kelley won the all-around in addition to the high bar, while Syque Caesar took home the bars crown and Adam Hamers placed first on the pommel horse.

On PH, with three freshmen starting off the rotation, the Wolverines answered the pressure with three hits from freshmen Alex Bubnov, Michael Myler and A.J. Schottstaedt. Catching the momentum from the freshmen,

the team followed up with two additional hit routines; 2009 All-American on pommel horse, Adam Hamers scored 14.70.

Moving to the floor exercise for the second rotation, the Wolverines struggled on the event for the second weekend in a row. Opposite to PH, the rotation opened with three missed routines. The last three routines salvaged the event from disaster with three mediocre sets. Freshman Sam Mikulak competed last and put up Michigan's top score with a 14.70.

Recuperating from the previous rotation, the Wolverines stood up six-for-six vaults. Steve Crabtree scored a career high with 15.40, while Mikulak, competing Michigan's most difficult 2.5 twisting vault, put up a 15.50.

On the fourth rotation, the rings, Kelley highlighted the event with a season-high 15.00. The Wolverines still lost ground on the



event, scoring a 57.50 compared to Penn State's 60.20. After four rotations, Michigan trailed Penn State, 233.60-236.40.

The fifth rotation narrowed the gap in score between the teams as Penn State struggled on the PB's. Michigan seniors Kelley and Ian Makowske led high bar, posting 15.10 and 14.90, respectively, with Kelly sticking his full twisting double layout dismount.

With the competition still within reach, the Wolverines moved to the final rotation, high bar. The first three competitors for Michigan struggled with their sets, but Myler reversed the tone with a solid routine and stuck dismount. Gathering support from the New Hampshire Wildcats, the women's gymnastics opponents to Penn State, the two teams cheered with fervor for the final two Wolverines.

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Caesar put together a nearly flawless routine to score a career-high 14.90. Despite Caesar's efforts, the Wolverines could not overcome the deficit and fell to the Nittany Lions.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota proved its place amongst the best teams in the country in its home opener on Saturday night at the Sports Pavilion.

The No. 7 Gophers finished with a final score of 344.10, handing them second place behind No. 1 Illinois who won the meet with a score of 351.50. No. 11 Nebraska finished in third place with a score of 333.10.

Yet after falling by only 7.40 points to Illinois on Saturday, the Gophers closed the point gap by 7.60 points in just one week.

Minnesota continued to nearly match the Illini score for score as the night went on.

The meet was so close down the stretch that the Gophers led the meet through four routines with a team score of 233.20, over Illinois' score of 228.90.

The Gophers had several highlight performances as there were 11 personal best scores on the night. Zack Chase had a meet-high score on the vault at 16.40. DJ Repp was right behind him with a score of 16.1 on the vault, a career high. Harris Coleman put on a career best with a score of 14.40 on the horizontal bar.



Other meet highlights for the Gophers included: Zack Chase 1st V (16.40), 3rd FX (14.50), 3rd SR (14.90); John Scallon 2nd PH (14.90), Russell Dabritz 7th PB (13.80), and Harris Coleman 3rd HB (14.40).

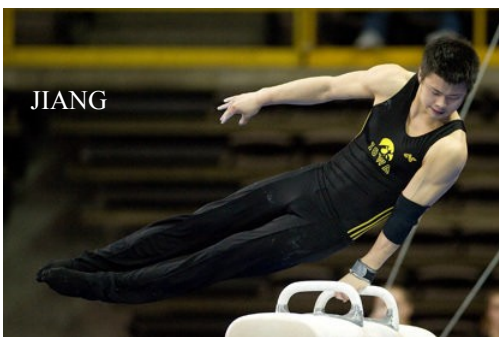
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa picked up its first victory of the season, with J.D. Reive also earning his first victory as a head coach, as Iowa rolled to a 342.00-329.30 victory against Illinois-Chicago Saturday night.

Iowa began the meet on floor exercise, where Matt McGrath came in first with a 14.50. Freshman Lance Alberhasky, who improved from his Windy City Invite scores on every single event by at least a .4 margin, came in third with a 13.90. Timm Krueger placed fourth (13.70).

With seniors Ben Ketelsen and Mike Jiang

providing a one-two punch. Ketelsen placed first with a 14.60, while Jiang, a returning All-American on pommel horse, finished runner-up with a 14.40. Anton Gryshayev also placed



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in the top five with a fifth place finish to help Iowa acquire a 55.50 team score.

Gryshayev also came away with a victory on rings, just one week after coming away with Iowa's top finish at the Windy City Invitational with a fifth-place finish on rings. Gryshayev topped the competition with a team season-best 14.90. Freshman Javier Balboa placed third (14.40), and McGrath placed fourth (13.80).

The Hawkeyes earned five of the top-six finishes on vault, topping the Flames 61.90-60.00 on the event. Balboa and Ketelsen tied to earn the first-place finish, with both gymnasts collecting a 15.60 score. Jiang and McGrath were close behind, coming in third (15.40) and fourth (15.30), respectively.

Iowa also kept Illinois-Chicago out of the top-four individual standings on parallel bars with Jiang placing first (14.40). Alberhasky finished runner-up (14.30), while Balboa and redshirt freshman Jack McClay placed third (14.00) and fourth (13.80).

In Iowa's final event of the night, Jiang collected victory number two, tying with Alberhasky atop the horizontal bar leaderboard. The tie for first was also Alberhasky's first top finish as a Hawkeye. Jiang and Alberhasky tallied a 14.10 score. Ketelsen finished in third (13.90) with his third top-five finish of the night, while Balboa came in fourth (13.70) with his fourth top-five finish of the night.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ohio State fell, 358.35-340.35, to Oklahoma Saturday night at the McCasland Field House in Norman, Okla.

Ohio State began the competition on pommel horse in the first rotation. Ty Echard, a 2009 All-American, led the Buckeyes with a 15.25, tying for first place with Oklahoma's Alex Naddour, the reigning NCAA champion

on pommel horse.

Next up on floor exercise Jeff Treleven, the Big Ten Freshman of the Week, placed fourth overall with a team-high 14.75, while Joel Uptmor notched a 14.25. Blaize Monks and Philip Onorato ha 14.200 and 14.10 scores, respectively.

In the third rotation Ohio State traveled to vault. After claiming the event title last weekend at the Windy City Invitational, Treleven once again led the Buckeyes with a 15.90 score, placing third overall. Onorato claimed a 15.45, while freshman Kris Done had a 15.20.

Next on rings, Brandon Wynn, the reigning NCAA champion, won the event with a season-high 16.10 score.



WYNN

On high bar, the Scarlet and Gray were led by Done, who scored a 14.85, which was second-best overall. Wynn notched a 14.65 score for fourth and Monks claimed a 14.20 for sixth.

The final event for the Buckeyes was parallel bars with Done earning a team-high 14.15 for third overall.

Making their Ohio State debuts were freshmen Matthew Barr and Brandan Jones vs. the Sooners. Barr competed on floor exercise and rings, while Jones saw action on pommel horse, floor exercise and high bar.

National Team Scores

past week			
		Ohio State	340.35
Stanford	364.40	Nebraska	333.10
California	358.80	Ill-Chicago	329.30
Oklahoma	358.35	Air Force	330.00
Illinois	351.50	Temple	327.30
Penn State	350.40	Navy	324.30
Michigan	346.90	William/Mary	316.10
Minnesota	344.10	Springfield	309.05
Iowa	342.30	Army	307.50