



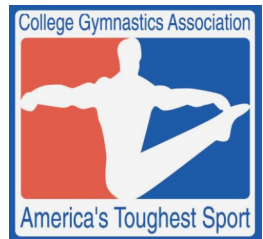
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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Competing at home for the first time this season, the No. 3 Illinois men's gymnastics team (8-0) gave its fans plenty to cheer about as it downed ninth-ranked Iowa (2-5), 354.90-339.40 Saturday afternoon at Huff Hall. The Illini claimed the top spot on all six events both as a team and individually, while also setting several new career highs en route to victory. The meet will air tape-delayed on the Big Ten Network Saturday, Feb. 5 at 2 p.m. CT.

"We started fantastic on floor, pommel horse, rings and vault," said head coach Justin Spring. "We struggled a little bit on the bars and certainly didn't do as well as we hoped to. We had some late changes in the lineup, so the team went through quite a bit today. I think we still put up a decent score though, so I have no major complaints. It's still early in the season."

Tyler Mizoguchi and Paul Ruggeri each took home two individual titles to lead the Illini. Mizoguchi posted career highs in the all-around (89.30) and parallel bars (15.30) to earn a first-place finish, while Ruggeri was



victorious on floor (15.60) and high bar (14.40-this in spite of having an unusually rough meet). Mizoguchi also tallied second-place finishes on pommel horse with teammate Yoshi Mori with a career-high score of 14.80 and high bar (14.00) and tied for third on floor (14.80).

Anthony Sacramento won his second straight rings title with a career-best score of 15.30, while Mori captured his first event title of the year with a tie for first on vault and matched his career high with a score of 15.90, and Daniel Ribeiro just missed his career best

on pommel horse with a score of 15.90 to round out the Illini event winners.

Redshirt sophomore Austin Phillips, who missed all of last season due to a knee injury, looked to be back in top form with a career-high score of 15.00 for a third-place finish on rings. Also finishing in the top three for the Illini was Chad Wiest on floor (2nd; 15.20) and freshman Jordan Valdez, who recorded a pair of third-place finishes on parallel bars (14.40) and high bar (13.90).

As a team, Illinois posted season highs on pommel horse (59.60) and rings (59.20). Your CGA reporter, Jerry Wright, was able to attend the meet and reports that the Illini enjoyed the presence of a huge crowd; Although the admission was free Jerry very roughly estimated the crowd at around 2000.

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

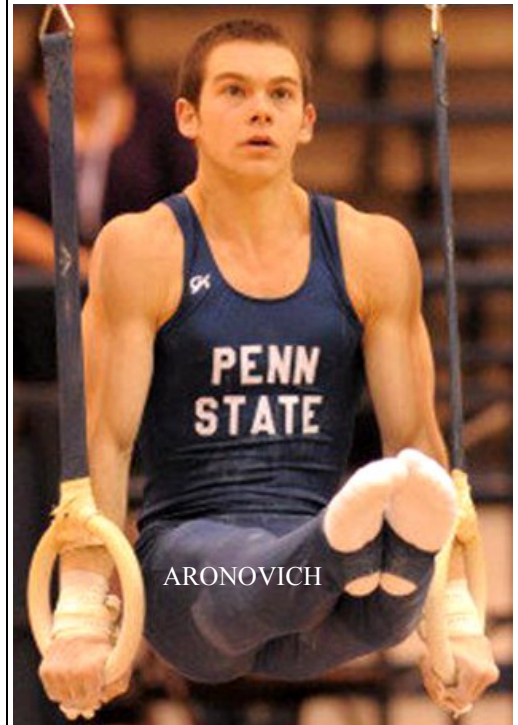
Penn State, aided by a program record score of 59.10 in the pommel horse, remained undefeated on the season with tri-meet victories over host No. 13 Temple (341.40) and No. 16 Army (259.50) on Sunday afternoon in Philadelphia. The Nittany Lions set a team season high for the third consecutive week, totaling a 351.80.

Penn State's four qualifying scores in the pommel horse, supplied by Felix Aronovich (15.10), Miguel Pineda (15.00), freshman Francisco Vazquez (14.60) and freshman Adrian Evans (14.40), either tied or established personal career bests en route to setting the highest team mark in the event since the NCAA switched to FIG scoring in 2008. Aronovich won the event while Pineda placed second.

The Nittany Lions also posted team season high scores in the still rings (60.30) and the parallel bars (58.60). Scott Rosenthal built on his outstanding start to the season, winning the rings with a career high score of 15.70. Pineda (15.30) and Parker Raque (15.00) gave Penn State a 1-2-3 sweep in the event. Aronovich captured the parallel bars for his second title of the day, scoring a career-high 15.40. Mackenzie Dow also recorded a career best in the event, a 14.70, to tie for second.

Matt Albrecht again stood out as PSU's top performer in the high bar, winning the event for the third time this season. Freshman Nestor Rodriguez, in his collegiate debut in the event, placed second.

Matt Chelberg secured his first ever vault title, winning the event by tying his career high score of 15.70. Albrecht placed second,



giving him two top three finishes for the competition.

Warren Yang highlighted an otherwise sub-par Penn State effort in the floor exercise, placing second with a score of 14.50. The Lions' team score of 55.90 was their lowest of the season.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota put on an impressive display as it traveled to Oklahoma on Saturday night. However, despite a multitude of solid performances, and even holding a lead midway through the meet, the No. 7 Gophers ultimately fell to the No. 4 Sooners 344.65-336.75.

"We started out the meet really well, and our guys continued to perform throughout the meet," Minnesota head coach Mike Burns said. "The scoring got tight down the stretch and Oklahoma came out on top but we're still feeling good about the way we performed tonight."

The Gophers came away from Oklahoma feelings excited about several athletes' routines. DJ Repp scored a 16.00 on the vault, while teammates Ali Aleiou and Adam LaFleur each scored a 15.40 on the event.

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Several Minnesota freshman also continue to show improvement as the season progresses. John Scallon scored a meet-high 14.40 on the pommel horse, and reigning Big Ten Freshman of the Week Zack Chase scored a team-high 14.35 on the rings.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa fell short in its first Big Ten competition, as The Fighting Illini held off the Hawkeyes 354.90-339.40 inside Huff Hall Saturday, handing Iowa a loss in its Big Ten opener.

The Hawkeyes' team score was just off pace from their Illinois-Chicago victory, where Iowa racked up 342.10 points, meanwhile Illinois finished with their second-highest team score of the season.

Anton Gryshayev led the Hawkeyes, breaking the school record on rings in back-to-back weeks. Gryshayev scored a 14.90 against Illinois-Chicago to top Reid Urbain's 2009 record mark. Gryshayev topped himself this time, scoring a 15.10 to place second on the event and grab the school's top two finishes on the event.



GRYSHAYEV

"It went a little rough, but we still put up a decent team score," said head coach JD Reive . "It wasn't quite what I was hoping for, and we see a chance to take some steps forward from this and really work on our consistency."

Matt McGrath led Iowa on floor exercise, scoring a career-best and team season-high score of 14.80 to place in a tie for third. John Haines (13.90), Lance Alberhasky (13.80), and Todd Becker (13.70) also paced Iowa.

Illinois took the advantage on pommel horse, as senior Mike Jiang was the only Hawkeyes to place in the top-five on the event. Jiang scored a 14.00 to place fifth.

Gryshayev's record mark helped the Hawkeyes come away with a team score of 57.60 on rings, with junior Javier Balboa (14.40) and McGrath (14.30) placing fifth and sixth.

Iowa scored a 62.90 on vault as a team, marking one of two events where the Black and Gold stayed even with Illinois, who also scored a 62.90. Ben Ketelsen and McGrath turned in strong runs on vault, scoring a 15.90 to tie for first place. The 15.90 from Ketelsen and McGrath helped set a team season-high.

Jiang earned another top-five finish for Iowa on parallel bars, scoring a 14.30 to place fourth. McClay (13.90), Alberhasky (13.80), and Balboa (13.70) finished fifth, sixth, and seventh to help Iowa earn a 55.70 team score on the event.

The Fighting Illini held a strong advantage on horizontal bar, holding Iowa out of the top four places. Freshman Sam Wright placed fifth with a 13.60 to lead Iowa on the event. McClay also scored a 13.10 to finish sixth.

Balboa was the only Hawkeye to compete as an all-rounder, placing third with a 79.80 score. The score set a team season-high mark as well.

National Team Scores past week.

Illinois	354.90
Penn State	351.80
Oklahoma	344.65
Nebraska	343.00
Temple	341.40
Iowa	339.40
Minnesota	336.75
Air Force	334.40
Army	330.90
Springfield	327.50
Texas All Stars	293.40