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PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Penn State added another strong performance to its impressive series of showings in 2011, winning all six events and recording a season high team total for the sixth time in seven meets en route to a 353.500-342.500 victory over Ohio State on Saturday afternoon at Rec Hall. The dual meet win on Senior Day was PSU's third of the season over a Big Ten opponent and kept the Nittany Lions' undefeated on the year.

The conference competition will be broadcast by the Big Ten Network on a tape delay basis, with the airing set for Sat., March 5 at 3 p.m

Penn State won five of six events individually and, as a team, set a season high in the still rings for the seventh consecutive week (60.70) and just missed establishing a season best in the parallel bars, falling .2 shy (58.40). Redshirt junior Warren Yang shined in the Nittany Lions' final home performance of the season, capturing at least a share of titles in the floor exercise (15.20), parallel bars (15.00), and high bar (14.40).



YANG

Scott Rosenthal tied teammate Miguel Pineda for the top spot in the still rings, posting a 15.50 to secure at least a share of his seventh title in the event this year. For Pineda, the score tied a career high. The duo's head-to-head battle with Ohio State's Brandon Wynn, the nation's No. 1 rings performer, never materialized though, as the 2010 NCAA champion was scratched from the line-up after suffering an injury while competing in the vault.

Felix Aronovich won the all-around unopposed, compiling a career high total score of 86.50. He shared the parallel bars title with Yang and placed third in the high bar (14.20).

Parker Raque (15.00) and Matt Chelberg (14.50) helped Penn State claim a top three sweep in the floor exercise, finishing second and third, respectively. Chelberg also placed third in the vault (15.50), tying two Ohio State competitors.

Redshirt freshman Francisco Vazquez continued to make important contributions, sharing first place in the vault (15.80) and tying fellow Nittany Lion Adrian Evans for second in the pommel horse (14.70). For his standout performance, the reigning Big Ten Freshman of the Week was honored with the meet's Gene Wettstone Award.

Senior team captain Matt Albrecht competed in four events in his final appearance at Rec Hall, highlighted by a career high score of 14.40 in the pommel horse. He was honored in a special Senior Day ceremony following the Penn State victory.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan (346.200) came up short in a home dual meet on Saturday (Feb. 26) against Stanford (351.250) inside Cliff Keen Arena.

Michigan started the competition on the floor exercise with the first three competitors hitting strong routines. Second up freshman Kevin Fraser scored a season high while third up Thomas Kelley led the wolverines with a 14.80. The tide took a turn for the worse with three competitors struggling with minor errors.

Heading into the second rotation on pommel horse, the determined wolverines brushed off the rough closing on FX and put together an outstanding horse rotation. Showing his continued progression and improvement, surprise standout freshman Michael Myler posted a season high for the second weekend in a row scoring a 14.35. The highlight of the rotation came with returning PH All-American Adam Hamers posting and unbelievable 15.40, besting his previous career high by four tenths! With both teams having competed FX and PH, the Wolverines narrowly led Stanford by five-and-a-half tenths.

Continuing in Olympic order for the third rotation on still rings Michigan blasted through the event with six hit routines and a season high event score by over a point (58.85). Kelley led the wolverines with a sea-

son high 15.20 while Andrew Vance was not



KELLEY

far behind posting a 14.90 with his near-perfect strength positions.

The fourth rotation saw the Wolverines moving to vault and for the second time of the night posting an event season high (62.10). Freshman Sam Mikulak energized the Blue with his incredible 2.5 twisting vault to lead the team with a 15.85. After four rotations Stanford led Michigan by 2.35.

With the competition still in reach going into the unpredictable final two rotations, Michigan started off the fifth rotation strong on the parallel bars. However, suffering under the pressure, the closing athletes of the event missed their routines. Stanford, not immune to the pressure, had three competitors miss release moves making the competition all-or-nothing in the final rotation.

In the longer-than-normal break between the events due to a score inquiry, the Wolverines regrouped in a team huddle to prepare for the important final rotation. Relieving from the huddle the team began to rally the fans in an electrifying Go (team) BLUE (fans) cheer. Feeling the energy from the fans Mikulak started the final rotation on high bar with a season high 14.65. Unable to follow Mikulak's lead the wolverines fizzled at the end.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota came away victorious on Sunday afternoon after squaring off against the University of Illinois-Chicago.

The 345.8-339.2 win made it 13-consecutive times that the No. 8 Gophers have beaten or finished ahead of the No. 13 Flames.

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The 345.8 score narrowly beat out the Gophers score from a week ago at home, making it the highest team score the team has achieved this season.

The improved scores show the progression the Gophers were hoping to see, and being able to accomplish it on the road also shows improvement as the season begins to move into its later stages.

The Gophers had numerous solid performances, with champions in five of the six events. Josh Wokurka competed in a couple events for the first time to fill in for injured Gophers, and had good scores across the board. Zack Chase continued to put up big numbers Minnesota as well, as he and DJ Repp each scored a 16.0 on the vault.

"Josh Wokurka did a very nice job for us and Zack Chase had a great day," Burns said.

"It was also great to see Jesse Moravec compete for the first time as a Gopher. Overall, as a team I feel like we're moving in the right direction."

Leading scorers for the Gophers were: Wokurka in FX-1st at 14.70, Zack Chase in FX 1st (tie) 14.70 and Adam LeFleur-FX-4th at 14.40. On SR Chase 1st at 14.50, Wokurka 4th at 14.30; In vault-Chase 1st (tie) 16.00 with D.J. Repp at 16.00; On PB Russell Dabritz 1st with 14.60; and on HB Wokurka 1st at 14.20.



of 13.50.

Moving onto floor, freshman Jeff Treleven posted a 14.50, tying for fifth overall. Right behind him was Blaize Monks who scored a 14.40.

Next on vault Treleven again notched the top score for the Buckeyes with a 15.80, tying for first overall. Philip Onorato and Joel Uptmor both set a season high, tying for third with both scoring 15.50.

In the fourth rotation on rings Onorato held the Buckeyes' best score with a season-high 15.20, placing third overall. Sean Regan tied his season high with a 14.50, while Mike Behles set a season high as well with a 13.80.

On high bar, the Buckeyes were guided by Done, who tied for first overall on the event with a 14.40. Uptmor set a season-high 13.20 to tie for fifth overall.

Finishing the meet on parallel bars Koudinov set a season high of 14.50 for third place, while Done performed a season-high 14.30. Regan was not far behind with season high of 14.00.

National Best team scores this past week.

Penn State	353.50
Stanford	351.25
Michigan	346.20
Minnesota	345.80
Nebraska	342.90*
Ohio State	342.50
Illinois-Chicago	339.20
Temple	338.20
Springfield	333.50
William/Mary	332.90
Navy	329.20

*last reported score.

ILLINOIS AND IOWA WERE IDLE THIS PAST WEEK !

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The tenth-ranked Ohio State men's gymnastics team fell to fourth-ranked Penn State with a score of 353.50-342.50 Saturday afternoon.

The meet vs. the Nittany Lions was televised by the Big Ten Network on tape-delay basis and will be aired at 3 p.m. March 5.

On Pommel Horse Ty Echard set the bar for the team, winning the event with a score of 15.40. Freshman Misha Koudinov and John Laing followed with the score of 14.40. Both were season highs. Redshirt freshman Michael Newburger tied his career-high with a score