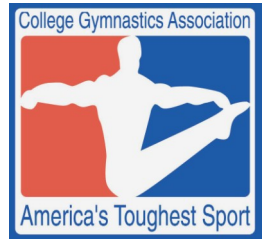




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**UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN**

The University of Michigan won each event and posted its best score of the campaign (353.400) to pick up a win at Arizona State (327.550) on Wednesday (March 2) in the Aspire Training Center.

With the team finally returning to a healthy force, using the Arizona sun and break from classes, the Wolverines posted a phenomenal 17 season-high scores en route to posting a season-high team score.

Of the numerous season-high scores, notable scores were posted by freshman Sam Mikulak scoring a first-place 16.60 on vault with his famous triple twisting vault; Syque



Caesar scoring a winning 15.45 on parallel bars with an upgraded routine; and Ben Baldus-Strauss scoring a career-high 15.90 on vault in his first competition of the season.

"If this was a home competition I would split the Newt Loken award between Syque Caesar and Sam Mikulak; they were outstanding today," said Golder. "I'm also very pleased with Michael Myler and Adam Hamers pommel horse; they showed their consistency on the event for the third competition in a row."

Mikulak also won the floor exercise (15.10), Hamers placed first on pommel horse (15.30), and Thomas Kelley claimed the still rings (14.60) crown and tied Ian Makowske for the high bar title with matching 15.35s.

Michigan's meet originally scheduled for this week in Ensenada, Mexico fell through so instead Michigan traveled to Phoenix, AZ.

**UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**

Third-ranked Illinois placed second in its first quad meet of the season Friday, tallying a score of 351.60 to finish behind No. 2 Stanford (357.80) and ahead of host No. 13 UIC (340.20) and No. 12 Air Force (338.00).

Daniel Ribeiro and Chad Wiest each collected individual event titles, as Ribeiro tied for first on pommel horse (14.80) and Wiest tied for first on vault, matching his career best with a score of 15.90.

"There's been highs and lows for us this season and right now, there's far more lows than highs," head coach Justin Spring said. "The consistency just isn't there. We only hit on all four routines on vault tonight. We're doing things well in practice, but it's not carrying over into the meets."

Several Illini posted career-high scores en route to top-five finishes, including Anthony Sacramento (2nd; 15.50) on rings, freshman Alex Varga on floor (2nd; 15.00) and vault (T-4th; 15.70), Austin Phillips (3rd; 14.70) and freshman Cameron Rogers (T-5th; 14.40) on parallel bars, and Wiest (5th; 14.50) and freshman Jordan Valdez (3rd; 14.90) on high bar.

Additional top-five finishes were recorded by Wiest on floor (3rd; 14.80), Yoshi Mori on pommel horse (4th; 14.60) and vault (T-4th; 15.70), and Mizoguchi on rings (5th; 14.90) and all-around (2nd; 86.30).

**PENN STATE UNIVERSITY**

Despite an overall uneven performance, No. 5 Penn State maintained its winning ways along with its unblemished 2011 record, totaling a 351.600 to defeat host No. 8 Minnesota (344.600) and No. 10 Iowa (333.800) in a tri-meet on Saturday evening at the Gophers' Sports Pavilion in Minneapolis.

Penn State claimed five of six events, both as a team and individually. Its team depth was on display, as five different Nittany Lions



captured titles. With the wins, Penn State has defeated every Big Ten team during the regular season following previous dual meet victories over heavyweights Michigan, Illinois, and Ohio State.

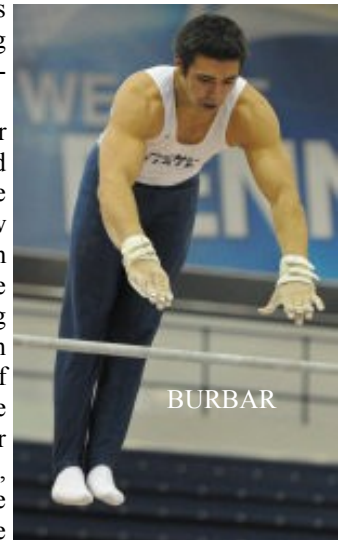
Sophomore Felix Aronovich the reigning CGA National Gymnast of the Week, competed in the all-around for the second consecutive week, winning it again unopposed with a score of 86.200. He secured the parallel bars title (14.600) and placed second in the high bar (14.800).

The remarkable season for sophomore Scott Rosenthal continued on Saturday, as he finished first in the still rings for the eighth time this season, scoring a 15.600 to take the title. Rosenthal spearheaded a top three sweep in the rings, with Miguel Pineda and Matt Chelberg placing second and third, respectively.

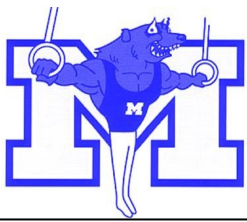
Chelberg also played a role in helping the Nittany Lions record a season high total in floor exercise, earning a career best score of 15.100 to secure first place. Redshirt freshman Francisco Vazquez finished second, just off Chelberg's pace, registering a 15.000.

The performance of the night for Penn State, however, was contributed by freshman Wasef Burbar. He won the high bar with a career best and team season high score of 15.100. Burbar's score also ranked third nationally this season among active competitors.

Parker Raque saved Penn State from a below average team score in the vault, winning the event with a score of 15.900. The last competitor in the line-up, Raque came through for the Lions with a strong effort.



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### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota had a solid final home meet of the season on Saturday, but ultimately came up just short in its efforts to win the meet.

The Gophers finished in second place out of the three teams with a score of 344.60. Penn State won the event with a score of 351.60 and Iowa finished in third place with a score of 333.80.

The Gophers came out of the gate strong with a 58.40 score on the floor exercise, and continued to put up high scores, including putting up a score of 61.70 on the vault. but through each rotation, continued to come up just behind Penn State throughout the night as the Nittany Lions also performed well throughout the meet.

The Gophers had several key performers in the meet. Freshman Zack Chase and Justin Morinishi each had career bests on the floor exercise with scores of 14.90.

The career high scores continued at the end of the meet as three Gophers gymnasts set personal bests. Josh Wokurka and Ali Aleiou each had a score of 14.50 on HB and Russell Dabritz had a best of 14.20. on HB.

Other highlight performances include Adam



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LaFleur and DJ Repp each scoring 15.70 on the vault and John Scallon putting up a 14.60 on PH.

### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ohio State placed first at a quad meet in Chicago Sunday afternoon after posting the best event total on floor exercise, pommel horse, rings and parallel bars with a 343.70 team total at the Physical Education Building on the campus of Illinois-Chicago. No. 12 Air Force took second with a 341.60, while No. 13 UIC scored a 339.00 for third and No. 11

Temple rounded out the meet with a 332.90 for fourth place.

On floor Philip Onorato and Jeff Treleaven claimed career-high scores of 15.00 to tie for first overall. Freshman Kris Done posted a



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season-best 14.70 along with Blaize Monks to tie for fifth, while Sean Regan earned a 14.40 mark on the event.

Ty Echard continued his success on pommel horse by claiming his fourth-consecutive event title. Echard performed a 14.80 for his fourth pommel horse victory in 2011. Mike Behles posted a career-high 14.10 for fourth place, while John Laing notched a 13.80 for sixth overall.

On rings Behles led the way with a season-high 15.20 followed by Onorato with a 15.10 and Regan with a 14.80. The top score for Behles marks his first event win of the season.

Moving on to vault, Treleaven and Behles finished tied for second overall with 15.70 scores. Done, a native of Auckland, New Zealand claimed a season-high 15.60, which tied for sixth on vault.

On parallel bars freshman Misha Koudinov, a native of Auckland, New Zealand, had the OSU high score with a season-best 14.60 for second overall - his second-consecutive Top 3 finish on the event. Behles and Done tied fifth overall with 13.90 performances.

Done highlighted the high bar event for the Buckeyes with a meet-high 14.90 - also a season high for the OSU rookie.

In the all-around competition, Done had his best performance of the season, tallying an 85.60 for third overall.

### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa fell to tough competition on the road, facing No. 4 Penn State and No. 8 Minnesota in a triangular at Minneapolis. The No. 9 Hawkeyes finished in third place with a score of 333.80. The undefeated Nittany Lions won with a 351.60, while the Golden Gophers finished runners up with a 344.60.

Iowa couldn't quite keep up the pace coming off their best performance of the season, hampered by an injury to Mike Jiang. Jiang was sidelined due to a concussion.

After setting the school record on floor exercise last week, Matt McGrath led Iowa in four of the six events.

McGrath's best finish came on floor exercise again, as he placed tied for third. McGrath had another solid routine, and scored a 14.90. Ben Ketelsen also placed in the top-ten for Iowa, as he scored a 14.20 to finish ninth.

Ketelsen also finished strong for Iowa on pommel horse, scoring a 13.60 to finish tied in fourth place after coming back from an injury last week.

A 14.60 score on rings from McGrath led the Hawkeyes on the event, as the score put McGrath in fourth. Broderick Shemansky and Angelo Bronzino also scored a 13.80 on the event.

McGrath provided yet another top-five finish for Iowa, this time on vault. McGrath scored a 15.50 on the event. Ketelsen finished with a score of 15.20.

The usual suspects came away with the top finishes for Iowa on parallel bars, as McGrath scored a 13.90 (7th) and Ketelsen finished with a 13.70 (10th).

Shemansky continued to provide Iowa with solid routines on horizontal bar, as he tallied a score of 14.20 to finish in 7th. Javier Balboa wasn't far behind with a 14.10, and Ketelsen scored a 14.00.



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### National Best team scores the past week.

Oklahoma	360.85
Stanford	359.00
California	357.75
Michigan	353.40
Illinois	351.60
Penn State	351.60
Nebraska	347.60
Minnesota	344.60
Ohio State	343.70
Illinois-Chicago	340.20
Air Force	341.60
William/Mary	337.60
Springfield	335.10
Iowa	333.80
Temple	332.90
Army	331.80
Navy	330.30