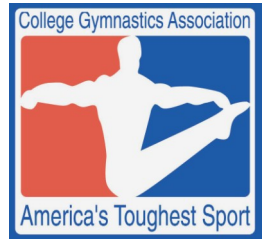




COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION BIG TEN CONFERENCE CGA WEEKLY REPORT

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The No. 6-ranked University of Michigan faced No. 2-ranked Oklahoma Sooners, and despite posting a season-high team score, the Wolverines fell, 357.750-355.400, inside Cliff Keen Arena.

Michigan began competition on the floor exercise with a shaky start but came through, hitting four solid routines. Rohan Sebastian an exceptional routine except for a large hop on his triple full dismount, scoring 14.65. Anchor on the event, freshman Sam Mikulak stuck his full-in dismount, posting the top score for Michigan, a 14.70, including a three tenth neutral deduction for rolling out of bounds on his tucked Thomas.



Moving to the second rotation on pommel horse, Michigan struggled to stay on the horse; with three missed routines, the team was forced to count a fall. The Maize and Blue's pommel horse stars, freshman Michael Myler and Adam Hamers showed their consistency again, posting the team's top scores with 14.55 and 15.40, respectively.

Michigan turned up the heat in the third rotation on rings with six-for-six hit routines. Mikulak posted a season-high 14.40, sticking his double-double dismount. Andrew Vance had the top score for the team, 15.05, also sticking his dismount. Drowning out an attempted cheer by OU fans, the Wolverines ended the rotation starting a "Go Blue" cheer with the largest home crowd of the season.

Continuing the momentum into the fourth rotation on vault, Michigan again rocked six routines. Tomas Kelley stuck an impeccably clean 1.5 twisting vault for a 15.35, while Steve Crabtree with another stuck vault, scoring a career-best 15.70. Despite two solid events, Oklahoma widened its lead to 3.40 points after an even four rotations.

The fifth rotation saw Michigan moving to

the parallel bars. Rising to the occasion against one of the top teams in the nation, the Wolverines posted their highest event total of the season, 59.40, including career-high scores from Crabtree (14.35), Mikulak (14.70), and Syque Caesar (15.65). Caesar's 15.65 marks the highest score posted on p-bars in the NCAA for the 2011 season.

With the competition very much in reach, the Wolverines moved to the final rotation on high bar. After a rocky start with two missed routines, the team regrouped for the must-hit final four sets. An electrifying crowd supported third-up Mikulak, who nailed an up-graded routine with a stuck laid out double-double dismount to score a career-high 14.90. Ian Makouske followed up with another hit routine and stuck dismount to score a 15.15. Kelley finished out the rotation tying his season high (15.35) with yet another stuck dismount to help U-M post a season-high event score on high bar (59.25).



OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ohio State posted a season-high 350.35 to finish first in a tri-meet Saturday night against No. 4 Illinois (346.35) and No. 7 Nebraska (334.55) at St. John Arena. The Buckeyes won four events, including season-highs on rings, vault and parallel bars.

Brandon Wynn won his fourth-consecutive rings event this season with a 15.50. Also leading the Buckeyes were two freshmen as Jeff Treleven won vault with a season-high 16.40 and Kris Done claimed the high bar title with a season-high 15.25.

On FX Ohio State was led by Philip Onorato, who notched a 14.800 for second overall.



Treleven claimed a 14.70 for third, while Regan set a career-high on the event with a 14.65 for fourth overall. Freshman Blaize

Monks scored a 14.30 for seventh.

Next on pommel horse, Ty Echard continued his strong season on the event as he placed second overall with 15.05 mark. John Laing finished third overall - his second highest finish in 2011 - with a season-high 14.50, while Mike Behles notched a 13.45 for fifth place.

Wynn, the 2010 NCAA champion on rings, won the event with a 15.50. Onorato finished third with a career-high 14.90, while Regan performed a 14.75 routine on rings for fourth.

On vault, Treleven anchored the Buckeye rotation with a huge vault that scored a career-high 16.40 for first overall. Done notched a career-high 15.65 for third overall, while Behles posted a 15.55 for fourth.

On parallel bars, freshman Misha Koudinov guided the Buckeyes to a season-high 56.95 after scoring a season-high 14.35 for fourth place. Wynn followed the OSU rookie with a 14.35 for fifth place.

Headed into the final event of the evening, high bar, Done posted a team season-high 15.25 for first overall as he stuck his landing in the final routine of the evening.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota came away with its highest score of the season Friday night in Brockport N.Y.

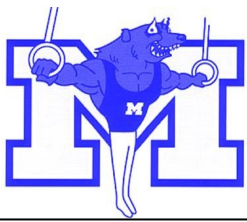
The Gophers scored 347.4 while the Air Force Academy scored 341.1 and the hosting Brockport club team scored 299.5.

"It was a really good meet," Minnesota head coach Mike Burns said. "We started out a little slow, but we came back and had several great events down the stretch."

While the Gophers are celebrating a season-high score, the Brockport team comes away feeling good knowing they had a strong showing and its 299.5 score was a team record.



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Minnesota had several strong scores throughout the meet, many of which were provided by Ross Cameratta who continues to be an all-around force for the Gophers. However, the highlight of the meet came when Zack Chase and DJ Repp finished out Minnesota's scoring of the evening by putting up 16.1 and 16.2, respectively, on the vault.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Fourth-ranked Illinois finished in second place with a team score of 346.35 at a tri-meet Saturday night in Columbus, Ohio. Host No. 9 Ohio State took first with a score of 350.35, while No. 7 Nebraska rounded out the group in third with a final score of 334.55.

According to head coach Justin Spring, "The way our season works, only two meets count - Big Tens and NAAs. Mentally, we've shifted the way we approach these regular-season meets, but it's a huge deal to have our captains Daniel Ribeiro and Chad Wiest bringing great energy and hitting on routines when we need them to."

Ribeiro and Wiest led the way for the Illini once again, as Ribeiro earned his fifth event title of the year on pommel horse (15.30) and Wiest captured a first-place finish on floor (14.95), his third of the year on the event and fifth overall. Wiest also paced the Orange and Blue on vault with a second-place finish (15.85), in addition to placing fifth on high bar (14.30).

Anthony Sacramento and freshman Jordan Valdez added a trio of second-place finishes on the day, as Sacramento claimed the runner-up spot on rings (15.25) and Valdez captured second on parallel bars (14.60) and high bar, tying his career-best score of 14.90.



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In addition to top-five finishes, several Illini also recorded career-high scores, including Kyle Moe on rings (5th; 14.75), freshman Cameron Rogers on parallel bars (3rd; 14.45), and on high bar, Austin Phillips (3rd; 14.85) and Tyler Mizoguchi (4th; 14.60). Rounding out Illini in the top five were freshman Chad Mason on pommel horse (4th; 13.85) and C.J. Padera (5th; 14.60).

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Despite being forced to compete with a lineup depleted by sickness, Penn State pulled out a 342.50-340.55 victory over the Puerto Rico National Team in a meet held in San Juan on Friday evening. The Nittany Lions depart the

Caribbean island nation with their undefeated 2011 record intact, as they head into the final week of the regular season.

Even though it scored below their season average in four events, Penn State, as a team, won three events - still rings, parallel bars, and high bar. Warren Yang, Miguel Pineda and Felix Aronovich captured at least a share of an individual event title to lead the Lions.

Yang and Aronovich tied for first in the parallel bars for the second time in three weeks, scoring a 14.50. Pineda took the spot in the still rings with a 15.00, garnering his third title in the event this season.

Freshman Wasef Burbar was stellar on the high bar for the second consecutive week, topping his personal best score that he set last week by earning a team season best 15.15. Burbar's score ranks him fourth in the Penn State record book (since FIG scoring was implemented in 2008).

Freshman Preston Gall led Penn State on the pommel horse, tying his season best score (14.60) to place second.

Returning to compete in his native country, freshman Nestor Rodriguez contributed stand-out performances in the parallel bars and high bar, placing third in each event with career high scores.

Matt Albrecht anchored the Penn State lineup in five of six events, earning top five finishes in the floor exercise, vault, and high bar.

The Nittany Lions were competing in their first international dual since 2005 when they hosted a team of Japanese College all-stars in Rec Hall.

Top scores for Puerto Rico were: Alexis Torres 14.65-FX; Luis Rivera 15.15-PH; Torres-14.35-SR; Torres-15.85-V; Emanuel Gomez-15.15-PB and Angel Ramos-15.20-HB.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa came up short against third-ranked California on Saturday night, as the Hawkeyes were tripped up 353.35-337.95 in Berkeley.

Matt McGrath continued to provide a steady hand for the Hawkeyes, finishing with two

second place finishes. Ben Ketelsen and Mike Jiang also provided solid routines on pommel horse to earn silver.

McGrath posted a 14.65 on floor exercise to place second. McGrath is ranked No. 8 nationally on the event. John Haines scored a 13.95 to place fifth.

Ketelsen and Jiang each posted stellar scores on pommel horse as they tied for second with a 14.90 on the event.

The score etched a new team season best, as the previous top score was a 14.80 from Broderick Shemansky against Nebraska.

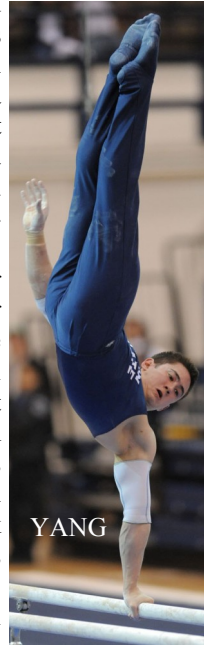
Javier Balboa led Iowa on rings with a 13.75 to place fourth on the event. McGrath tied for fifth (13.60).

McGrath earned a runner up finish once again, this time on vault with a 16.10. The score provided a team season best on the event. Jiang tallied another strong routine, securing a score of 15.25 to place sixth.

Ketelsen scored a 15.20, and sophomore Todd Becker wasn't far behind with a season best score of 15.10.

Freshman Lance Alberhasky paced Iowa on parallel bars, tying for fourth place with a 14.15. Shemansky (13.75) and Balboa (13.70) also paced Iowa on the event.

Shemansky led Iowa on horizontal bars, placing fifth with a 14.15. Ketelsen earned a sixth place finish as well with a 14.10.



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National Best team scores the past week.

Oklahoma	357.75
Michigan	355.40
California	353.35
Ohio State	350.35
Minnesota	347.40
Illinois	346.35
Air Force	343.30
Penn State	342.50
William/Mary	338.80
Temple	337.10
Iowa	336.90
Army	335.40
Nebraska	334.55
Springfield	330.00
Arizona State	329.70
Washington	310.60
Brockport	299.50