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National Best team scores the past week.

Oklahoma	366.40
Illinois	359.10
Penn State	356.75
Nebraska	354.50
Michigan	353.35
Iowa	351.80
Minnesota	348.60
Air Force	347.50
Illinois-Chicago	341.30
William/Mary	340.60
Temple	340.20
Ohio State	336.90
Navy	329.60
Washington	238.70

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Fourth-ranked Illinois posted a season-high score of 359.10 to take second Saturday night behind host No. 2 Oklahoma (366.40) and ahead of No. 5 Penn State (356.75) in their final road meet of the regular season. Daniel Ribeiro (pommel horse) and Tyler Mizoguchi (parallel bars) each claimed individual event titles, while several Illini added career and season highs on the night.

"We finally competed like we knew we can tonight," head coach Justin Spring said. "It was by no means perfect, but I think we're in a fantastic place heading into Big Tens in a couple weeks."

Ribeiro recorded a season-high mark of 15.95 on pommel horse, just shy of his career best 16.00, to claim his sixth title of the year and third straight on the event, while Mizoguchi recorded a career-high score on four of six events and the all-around.

In addition to a first-place finish on parallel bars (15.50), Mizoguchi also took second on vault (16.25) and all-around (90.80), tied for fourth on high bar (14.80) and finished sixth on floor (15.30). The all-around mark is a



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new school record under the FIG open ended code of points established in 2008. He also tallied a season-high score of 15.05 to tie for seventh on rings with teammate Anthony Sac-

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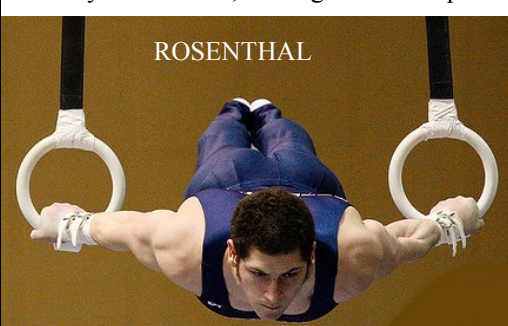
A trio of Illini added third-place finishes for the Illini, including Chad Wiest on floor (15.80), Yoshi Mori on pommel horse with a season-high score of 14.85 and Austin Phillips on high bar with a career-best score of 15.10. Wiest also tied his career high on vault (15.90) for the fourth time this season, while freshman Alx Varga recorded career highs on floor (15.25) and vault (15.85).

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Despite competing shorthanded for the second consecutive week, No. 5 Penn State finished the regular season strong, recording its highest score of the year, a 356.75, in a tri-meet versus host No. 2 Oklahoma (366.40) and No. 4 Illinois (359.10) on Saturday evening in Norman.

The Nittany Lions overcame a bout of sickness that has hampered the squad for the past two weeks and the absence of Warren Yang, who was competing north of the border in the Canadian National Championships.

Scott Rosenthal added another chapter to his storybook season, scoring a 15.75 to place



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first in the still rings for the ninth time in 2011. Also leading the Lions was freshman Wasef Burbar who continued his late season surge, tying the nation's top gymnast, OU's Steven Legendre, for the title in the high bar with a team and season high score of 15.35.

Migue Pineda was also a key to Penn State's stellar rings total, placing third with a career high-tying score of 15.50. Redshirt freshman Nihir Kothari was also a factor, finishing sixth with a career best mark of 15.10.

Redshirt freshman Francisco Vazquez rebounded strong after an illness-shortened showing last week in his native country versus the Puerto Rico National Team, highlighting the Nittany Lions' efforts in the floor exercise, pommel horse, and vault. He set career high in two events, finishing tied for seventh in the floor (15.25) and third in horse (14.85).

Vazquez also tied his career best score in the vault (15.90).

Parker Raque tied Legendre, a former NCAA vault champion, for fifth in the event with a score of 15.95, his second highest mark of this season and his career.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The No. 6-ranked University of Michigan (353.350) crushed No. 7 Ohio State (336.900) by a 16-point margin on Senior Night (Saturday, March 19) inside Cliff Keen Arena.

As part of Senior Night, prior to the competition eight seniors were honored: Ben Baldus-Strauss, Chris Cameron, Devan Cote, Steve Crabtree, Adam Hamers, Thomas Kelley, Ian Makowske and Andrew Vance.

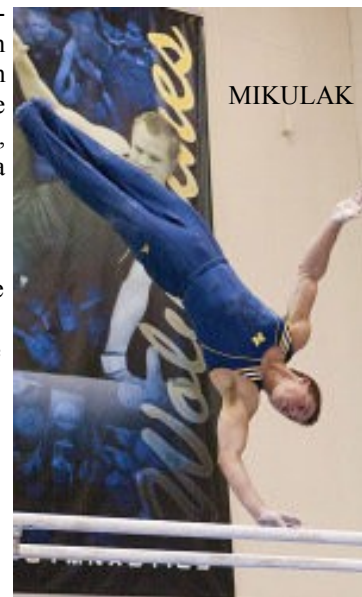
The Wolverines, starting in Olympic order on the floor exercise, came out strong. First up, freshman Kevin Fraser began the rotation with his second-highest score of the season, 14.60, flawlessly sticking his Arabian double pike first pass. Third up, freshman Sam Mikulak chalked up a season-high 15.30. With yet

another season-high score, Ian Makowske followed, putting up a 14.95.

The Wolverines moved to the pommel horse, where freshman, A.J. Schottstaedt posted yet another season-high score for the team, 14.10,

with his full-kehr skill. Third up, Chris Cameron displayed his remarkable flair circles, nailing his set to score a 14.95.

The third rotation on still rings saw Rohan Sebastian posting a career-high 14.75. Proving his national rank, last up, Thomas Kelley posted the top score for Michigan, 15.05.



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The team hit six-for-six vaults, with Mikulak, ranked eight nationally, posting the top score of 16.10.

Steve Crabtree posted a career-high 14.40 on parallel bars with a stuck double pike dismount. Next up, Mikulak tied his season high (14.90) that he set last weekend.

The final rotation for Michigan was high bar. After two solid leadoff competitors, third-up Makowske, with the highest Michigan start value on the event, posted a 14.95. The rotation finished off with Kelley hitting his routine to score a 14.85.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa finished the regular season with a bang Saturday night in Lincoln, breaking the school record for highest team score. The No. 11 Hawkeyes finished runner up in a triangular with No. 8 Nebraska (354.40) and No. 9 Minnesota (348.60), finishing with a 351.800 team score.

The mark for Iowa bested the record set in 2008 when the Hawkeyes finished with a 349.40 against Illinois and Nebraska.

The Hawkeyes also reached three individual school records on the day, two of which coming from Ben Ketelsen. Ketelsen scored a 14.90 on horizontal bar to place first he also tied the school record on pommel horse with a 14.90 giving him 2nd place in the meet.

Anton Gryshayev tied the school record on rings. Gryshayev scored a 15.20 to place second, and now holds the top four scores on the event in program history.

Matt McGrath finished with two first place finishes on the night, kicking things off with a 15.00 on floor exercise. Freshman Lance Alberhasky, John Haines, and Ketelsen each scored 14.20.

Mike Jiang hit a strong routine on pommel horse, placing third with a 14.80. Broderick Shemansky and Gryshayev also paced Iowa with each scoring a 13.70.

McGrath also paced Iowa on rings with a fourth place finish, scoring a 14.60.

McGrath was just one-tenth away from a school record on vault, scoring a 16.20 to finish first. Jiang placed third (15.70), while Ketelsen (15.50) and Alberhasky (15.40) also

helped the Black and Gold.

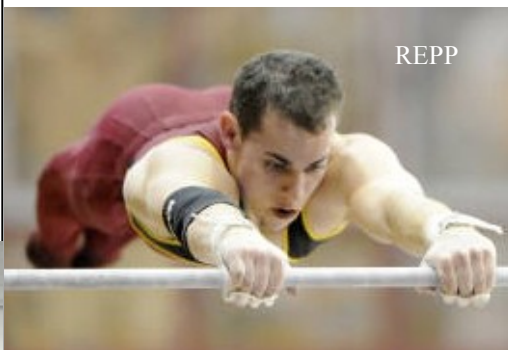
Javier Balboa was the team leader on parallel bars with a 6th place finish at 14.40.

Balboa was just one-tenth behind Ketelsen's school record mark on horizontal bar. Balboa scored a 14.80 to place second and gave Iowa a one-two punch in the event. Shemansky (14.50) and freshman Samuel Wright (14.50).

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University Minnesota scored nearly six points better than its season average Saturday night in Lincoln, Neb. But the Gophers' score of 348.60 wasn't enough to top the host Nebraska Cornhuskers or Iowa Hawkeyes. Nebraska tallied 354.50 and Iowa scored 351.80 to take first and second, respectively, in the tri-meet.

On the floor exercise, Minnesota was led by DJ Repp and Josh Workurka who each scored a 14.60. Michael Hillin led the Gophers on the



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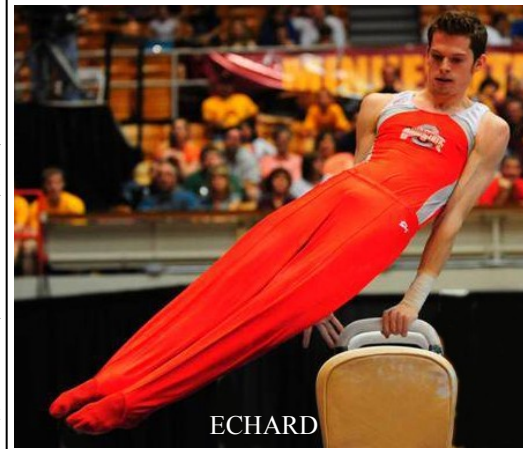
pommel horse with a score of 14.70. Travis Heaver led the way on the rings at 14.70. Matt Frey paced the Gophers on the vault with a 15.90 score. Minnesota's top scorer on the parallel bars was Russell Dabritz with a 14.80. Ross Cameratta led Minnesota on the high bar at 14.70.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

In the regular season finale, the seventh-ranked Ohio State fell to sixth-ranked Michigan, 353.35-336.90, Saturday night at the Cliff Keen Arena on the campus of University of Michigan.

"We definitely had a very off night and that's basically what it comes down to," interim co-head coach Blaine Wilson said. "I think we need to reevaluate some routines so that we have the best opportunity to be successful in the postseason in two weeks."

The Buckeyes started on pommel horse where Ty Echard posted a 15.20 to claim his seventh pommel horse title in 2011. John Laing was next with a 14.35 and placed third overall.



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Up next on floor exercise, leading the way was freshman Jeff Trekeaven, who placed third overall with a 14.70. Koudinov set a season-high with a 13.75, while Sean Regan tallied a 13.65.

Traveling to vault all six Buckeyes scored a 15.00 or higher. Behles set the pace earning second place mark with a 15.75 - a season-high for the third-year Buckeye. Freshman Kris Done was next with a 15.45 to earn the fifth-best score overall.

On rings Behles placed third and had a team-high 14.65. Regan was right behind him with a 14.50, earning fifth place. Following was Done with a season-high 14.20 to tie for seventh overall.

On the fifth rotation, Ohio State traveled to high bar with Done claiming the second event title on the night for the Buckeyes, leading the team a 15.00. Blaize Monks placed fourth overall after notching a score of 14.30. Joel Uptmor set a personal season-high on the event with a 13.70.

On parallel bars Done led the way for Ohio State once again with a 14.45 to earn third place. Behles and Koudinov rounded out the Top 3 for the Scarlet and Gray with 13.45 and 12.15 scores, respectively.

OSU was apparently once again without the services of Brandon Wynn.



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