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U.S AIR FORCE ACADEMY WINS 2ND CONSECUTIVE USAG COLLEGIATE NATIONALS, BUT RECEIVE SCARE FROM SURPRISING WILLIAM AND MARY.



U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

The ninth-ranked Air Force men's gymnastics team claimed its second consecutive USAG national title on Friday, March 25, at the 2011 USA Gymnastics Collegiate National Championships in Springfield, Mass. The Falcons collected a combined score of 345.70 to win the meet, highlighted by the highest overall meet scores on five of the six events.

The 345.70 bettered the five-team field that included William and Mary (344.60), Springfield (335.10), Army (334.50) and Navy (332.60). Arizona State won the club team title with a score of 329.80.

One individual title was decided Friday and freshman Colton Wulf placed second in the all-around with combined score of 85.60. Wulf's score was just 0.10 off of the event winner.

Contributing to the Falcons' program record on the parallel bars was Nash Mills' Academy



MILLS

record score of 15.20. Mills broke his own standard of 14.90 to easily win the preliminary on the parallel bars. All four scoring finishers on that event surpassed the 14.00 mark, including Mills, Matt Thorne (14.20) and career-high marks from freshman Mac Ritchie (14.20) and Dan Klimkowski (14.10).

The Falcons opened the night on the still rings, where Mills tied for the meet lead with a score of 15.00. Devin Menefee collected the second-highest score of the night, posting a season-best 14.90. Klimkowski also finished within the top 10, tying for eighth with a score of 14.30.

Air Force claimed four of the top eight scores on the vault, including Tory Brown's runner-up score of 15.80. Freshman Ben Zaiser scored a 15.30 to finish fifth, while Wulf and Mills tied for eighth with matching marks of 15.20. Brown also paced the Falcons on the high bar, finishing fourth with a score of 14.10. James Okamoto and Wulf recorded the fifth-highest totals at 14.00, while Mills placed 10th with a 13.90.

Wulf and Brown paced the Falcons on the floor exercise. Wulf was the runner-up with a 14.90, while Brown tied for 10th with a score of 14.20. In the Falcons' final event of the night, the pommel horse, Okamoto posted Air Force's best finish with a 14.00 to tie for sixth.

The Falcons qualified seven gymnasts into Saturday's event finals, as only the top two

gymnasts from each school to finish within the preliminary top 10 of each event advance.

Three Falcons earned qualification to multiple events. Mills advanced to the finals on the still rings and parallel bars, while Wulf qualified on the floor exercise and high bar. Brown qualified on the vault and high bar, while being named an alternate on the floor exercise. In addition, Okamoto qualified on the pommel horse, while Menefee advanced on the still rings. Zaiser qualified to his first vault championship, while Thorne advanced on the parallel bars.

THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM/MARY

The College of William and Mary's 13th -ranked men's gymnastics squad produced a team-season best score of 344.6 in finishing second at the USA Gymnastics Collegiate Championships, hosted by Springfield College on Saturday afternoon.

The 10th -ranked United States Air Force Academy claimed the championship in the eight-team field with a score of 345.7. Springfield rounded out the top three, with a score of 335.1.

Andy Hunter was a work horse on the afternoon at the USAGs, as he finished among the top eight overall performers on four different events (floor, pommel, parallel bar, high bar) and advanced to the individual finals on each.



HUNTER

(See page 3 for individual event finals results.)

Standout freshman Landon Funicello was nearly as stalwart, as he will compete on three different event finals (rings, vault, parallel bar).

Vince Smurro (floor and high bar) and freshman Daniel Potemski (pommel) round out the Tribe's individual event finalists.

Potemski already has earned USA Gymnastics Collegiate All-American honors (top six), as he finished fifth overall in the all-around during this afternoon's team competition.

On the floor exercise, Smurro had the team's top mark (and fifth best overall in the session), as he scored a 14.5. Hunter was sixth, with his season-best effort of 14.4, while Funicello established his personal best with a mark of 14.2.

On the pommel, the entire unit was showcased, as the squad established a season-best score of 57.0. Potemski had the team's highest mark (14.5), which stood as a career best and placed him second overall at the event. Hunter was close on his heels, as he finished third overall with a mark of 14.3 (which was also his personal best). Stephen Deutsch (14.20) Futa Ikeda (14.00) and Jonathan Prohov (13.60) also all turned in personal bests.

The rings event saw three different Tribe athletes break into the team's all-time top 10, as Funicello muscled his way to the event's top effort (15.0). Additionally, Max Sabert and Prohov each scored a 14.1, which ties them for the ninth-best performance in school history.

Funicello kept his remarkable afternoon going on the vault, as he sailed to a personal-best score of 15.8 to place second overall. The freshman phenom rounded out his efforts on the parallel bars, as he flowed to a team-best mark of 14.6 on the event, a score that places him second on the Tribe's all-time listing. Hunter (14.4) and Kris Yeager (14.1) also set PRs on the event.

Hunter and Smurro were the team's leaders on the high bar, as they placed sixth and eighth overall, with marks of 14.0 and 13.9, respectively.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Springfield College hosted the annual US-AG competition this past weekend with team competition on Friday night followed by individual finals on Saturday night. Both competitions went very well for the SC men as they placed 3rd as a team Friday and had 5 individuals qualify for event finals.

The team scores for Friday night were extremely close as expected with Air Force winning with a 345.7, W&M just behind them with a 344.6, SC with a 335.1, Army 334.6, and Navy 332.6. The pride as a team competed extremely well easily beating their season high. It started with a very strong parallel bar showing as they went 6 for 6 led by Ty Evan's

14.4 good for 5th place in the meet.

High bar was a bit of a struggle for SC but they responded exceptionally well moving into floor by making up any lost ground. Sophomore Jimmy Pezzino led the Pride on the floor by winning the competition with a 15.0. Other highlights on floor were senior co-captain Josh Fox's 14.0 score as this was his first floor set after returning from a broken neck earlier in the season.

Moving to pommels, sophomore Joe Carlson placed 8th with a 13.9, enough to have him qualify for event finals the next day. Rings was another solid event for the Pride as they went 6 for 6 led by freshman Ryan Ponce who placed 5th. Though Pezzino won vault with a 15.9 he was closely followed by teammates Ty Evans and Roger Moulton. The strong vault proved to be an event that put them just 6 tenths ahead of rival Army, enough to claim 3rd place.

The pride were very excited to have placed on the podium in their home gym and also happy for junior Ty Evans who captured the all around title by just 1 tenth Friday night.

Event finals proved to be another successful night for the athletes as well as the coaching staff. Coach Stephen Posner was voted USAG coach of the year before the competition was underway.

Of the 5 SC men who qualified for event finals, all 5 of them were able to place within the top 6 and attain All-American status.

Report submitted by Tim Monaco.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Garrek Hojan-Clark qualified to the event finals in first place on pommel horse and Kip Webber qualified in two events as five Army gymnasts advanced to the individual finals in all six events following a fourth-place finish in the team competition Friday evening at the USA Gymnastics Men's National Collegiate Championships hosted by Springfield College.

The Black Knights recorded their second highest score of the season, a 334.50 in placing fourth after being nipped by Springfield for third-place honors. Navy, who defeated Army in the Star match, trailed the Black Knights with a 332.60 in placing fifth. Air Force successfully defended its title with a

345.70 followed by William & Mary.

Hojan-Clark captured his fifth straight meet on pommel horse, beating the field with a



14.80, while Webber was among the top eight to advance to Saturday's individual finals following seventh place finishes on vault (15.30) and high bar (14.00). He also took fourth in the all-around scoring. Chase Brown turned in Army's second highest finish following a third-place showing on floor exercise with a 14.60 in equaling his career-high.

Jared Breeden was fourth on still rings behind a career-high 14.60, nipping his former mark of 14.40 set at the All-Academy Championships in February, while classmate Nicholas Fettinger topped Army on parallel bars for the second straight meet with a 14.60, breaking the mark of 14.00 he set two weeks ago.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Navy posted a score of 332.6 and took fifth place at the USAG Collegiate Division Championships on Friday. Air Force won the title with a score of 345.7.

Andrew Faulk became a USAG All-American for the second consecutive year in the all-around as he led Navy's effort with a third-place finish and a score of 84.9. Faulk also earned All-America honors last season when he took fourth.

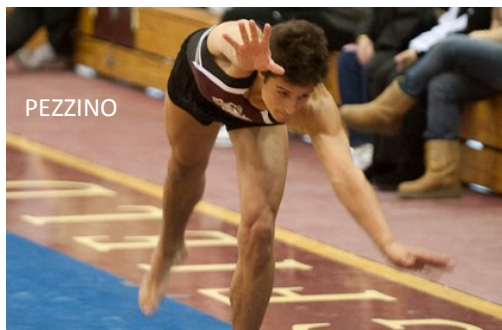
Faulk will move on to compete in the high bar finals as he registered a first-place score of 14.7 on Friday. He was also Navy's highest finisher in the pommel horse, as he tied for eighth place with a 13.9 and in the vault as he tied for fifth with a 15.3.



Dylan Parrott tied for third on the parallel bars with a 14.4 and will go for his fourth-career USAG All-America honor. Parrott previously earned USAG All-America honors in the all-around and high bar. Chris Junghans placed sixth in the all-around with a total of 81.1.

USAG COLLEGIATE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS INDIVIDUAL EVENT FINALS

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Varsity Team Scores

1. Air Force	345.70
2. William/Mary	344.60
3. Springfield	335.10
4. Army	334.50
5. Navy	332.60

Club Team Scores

1. Arizona State	329.80
2. Washington	305.30
3. Brockport	294.60
4. MIT	162.00
5. Portland C.C.	36.80

Varsity All Around

1. Ty Evans, Springfield	85.70
2. Colton Wulf, Air Force	85.60
3. Andrew Faulk, Navy	84.90
4. Kip Webber, Army	83.40
5. Daniel Potemski, William/Mary	82.90
6. Chris Junghans, Navy	81.60
7. Ikaika Jakub, Army	79.50

Club All Around

1. Lee Wilkerson, Arizona St.	82.20
2. Brett Lazarus, MIT	82.00
3. Charles Baysinger, Arizona St.	80.50
4. Sam Softich, Washington	80.20
5. Jake Shapiro, MIT	80.00
6. Alex Gaudaur, Arizona St.	79.60
7. Kerry Byrd, Brockport	77.40

Floor Exercise

1) Jimmy Pezzino, Springfield	15.05
T2) Dylan Parrot, Navy	14.60
T2) Colton Wulf, Air Force	14.60
4) Tory Brown, Air Force	14.30
5) Chase Brown, Army	14.15
T6) Riley Barclay, Arizona State	13.80
T6) Andy Hunter, William & Mary	13.80
8) Vince Smurro, William & Mary	13.65

Pommel Horse

1) James Okamoto, Air Force	14.25
2) Garek Hojan-Clark, Army	14.00
3) Andrew Faulk, Navy	13.45
4) Andy Hunter, William & Mary	13.40
5) Joe Carlson, Springfield	13.20
6) Daniel Potemski, William & Mary	12.55
7) Jon Hoey, Army	12.50
8) Brett Lazarus, MIT	11.60

Still Rings

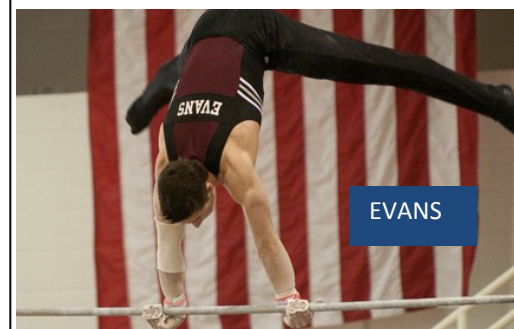
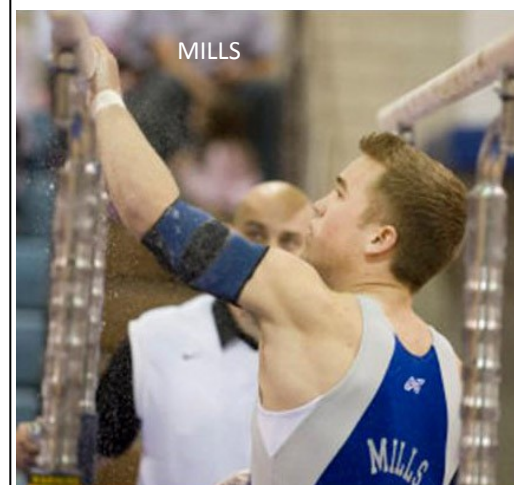
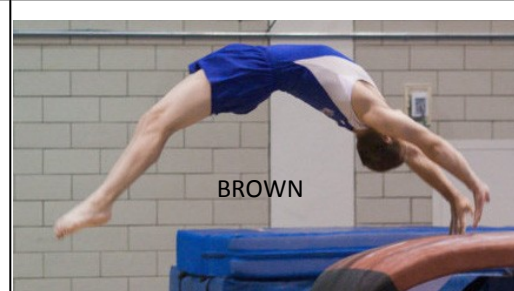
1) Nash Mills, Air Force	15.30
T2) Jake Shapiro, MIT	14.80
T2) Jared Breeden, Army	14.80
4) Ryan Ponce, Springfield	14.60
5) Steve Deutsch, William & Mary	14.30
6) Alex Gaudaur, Arizona State	14.15
7) Cody Payne, Arizona State	13.50
8) Devin Menefee, Air Force	12.45

Vault

1) Tory Brown, Air Force	15.70
T2) Andrew Faulk, Navy	15.65
T2) Daniel Potemski, William & Mary	15.65
4) Ty Evans, Springfield	15.60
5) Ben Zaiser, Air Force	15.50
6) Jimmy Pezzino, Springfield	15.20
7) Josh Bradley, Arizona State	14.30
8) Kip Webber, Army	12.60

Parallel Bars

1) Nash Mills, Air Force (14.600)
2) Ty Evans, Springfield (14.500)
3) Andrew Faulk, Navy (14.200)
4) Andy Hunter, William & Mary (14.150)
5) Dylan Parrot, Navy (14.000)
6) Matt Thorne, Air Force (13.900)



7) Alex Gaudaur, Arizona State (13.750)
8) Nick Fettinger, Army (13.650)

High Bar

1) Ty Evans, Springfield (14.350)
T2) Andrew Faulk, Navy (14.300)
T2) Colton Wulf, Air Force (14.300)
4) Tory Brown, Air Force (14.200)
5) Andy Hunter, William & Mary (13.850)
6) Garrett DeSantis, Springfield (13.400)
7) Vince Smurro, William & Mary (13.200)
8) Lee Wilkerson, Arizona State (13.100)