



COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION BIG TEN CONFERENCE CGA Weekly Report

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PENN STATE UNIVESITY

Highlighted by a record-setting performance from junior Scott Rosenthal (Clearfield, Pa.), the No. 6 Penn State successfully opened the 2012 season with a 349.800-321.600 win over Army on Saturday night at Rec Hall.

Rosenthal, a local Central Pennsylvania product, put the NCAA still rings field on notice by breaking the Penn State FIG scoring-era program record in the event, posting a masterful 16.300. An All-American in the event in 2010, he surpassed the previous benchmark of 16.000, established by Tommy Ramos, a three-time still rings All-American, in 2008.

Despite competing without Felix Aronovich who had not yet returned from London after qualifying for the 2012 Olympics earlier this week, and All-American Miguel Pineda Penn State won convincingly, claiming all six events, both as a team and individually.

Junior Mackenzie Dow captured titles in two events, placing first in the vault (14.700) and parallel bars (14.900). In addition to Rosenthal and Dow, juniors Parker Raque (floor exercise) and Tony Beck and sophomore Wasef Burbar won events.

Raque, who equaled a career high in winning the floor exercise (15.400), contributed several other solid performances, securing at least a share of third place in three additional events (still rings, vault, and high bar). Beck, who won the pommel horse with a career-high score of 14.900, also placed second in the parallel bars (14.600). An All-American in the high bar as a freshman in 2011, Burbar picked up where he left off, claiming first with a score of 15.200.

Redshirt sophomore Nihir Kothari made a statement in the season opener, proving he will be a valuable member of Penn State's powerful still rings line-up in 2012. Lauded by head coach Randy Jepson for his offseason improvement, Kothari placed second in the rings, posting a score .7 higher than his previous career best (15.800).

In his Nittany Lion debut, freshman Mat-



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thew Felleman placed second in the high bar (14.400), third in the floor exercise (14.400), and fifth (tie) in the vault (14.200) and parallel bars (13.600).

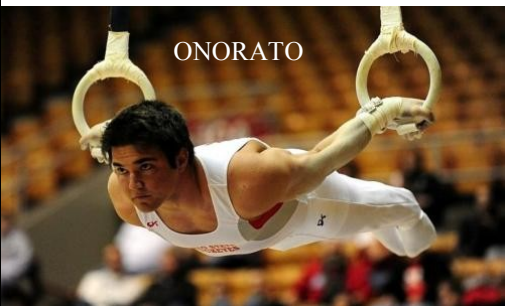
OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

No. 7 Ohio State claimed first place at the 2012 Windy City Invitational with a team score of 344.500 Saturday night at the UIC Physical Education Building in Chicago, Ill. With their performance, the Buckeyes post their first title at the Windy City Invitational since the 2006 campaign.

The seventh-ranked Buckeyes led a competition featuring six of the Top 12 teams in the nation. No. 2 Illinois (341.900) finished second followed by No. 3 Michigan (338.700), No. 8 Minnesota (338.100), No. 12 UIC (327.200), and No. 10 Iowa (316.800).

The Scarlet and Gray began on pommel horse and was led by two-time All-American Ty Echard, who notched a team-high 14.60 to help the Buckeyes claim a meet-best 56.90 on the event. Redshirt Sophomore Michael Newburger finished second with a career-high 14.40, while junior John Laing scored a 14.10.

Next on rings, senior Phillip Onorato led the squad with a 14.80 followed by freshman Drew Molina, who notched a 14.30 in his first



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collegiate meet.

Onorato continued the Buckeye momentum on vault when the Plano, Texas, native collected a team-high 15.10 for first overall on the event. Freshman Larry Mayer scored a 14.90 on his first collegiate vault to tie for second place overall. Ohio State led the field with a meet-high 58.60.

On parallel bars, a trio of freshmen led the Buckeyes to a 56.20 team score. Freshman Alex Nork led the pack with a 14.3 followed by Moling (14.10) and Danny Steiner (14.00).

On high bar, sophomore Kris Done notched a 14.60 to help the Scarlet and Gray score a 55.70 overall on the event. Junior captain

Blaize Monks collected a 14.1 in his first meet of 2012 on high bar.

On the final event of the evening, Steiner impressed judges to score a team-high 15.30 on floor exercise for second place overall. Freshman Misha Koudinov collected a career-high 15.10 to tie for fourth place in the competition.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The Illini opened the 2012 season with a runner-up finish at the Windy City Invitational Saturday night in Chicago.

Illinois, which is ranked second nationally, posted an overall team score of 341.900, finishing just behind No. 7 Ohio State (344.500). No. 3 Michigan finished third (338.700), followed by No. 8 Minnesota (338.100), No. 12 UIC (327.200) and No. 10 Iowa (316.800).

Newcomer C.J. Maestas led the way in his Illini debut, claiming the crown in the all-around (86.500) and tying for first on rings (15.400) with senior teammate Anthony Sacramento.

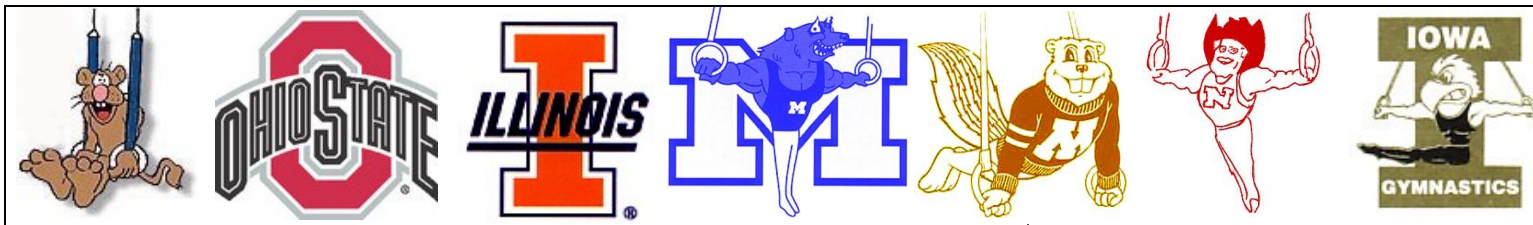
Maestas also took third on vault (14.900) and posted the fifth-highest score on parallel bars (14.400) along with junior Austin Phillips, who also placed fifth on high bar (14.000).



MAESTAS

Redshirt senior and seven-time All-American Paul Ruggeri had a solid night for the Orange and Blue as well, taking the title on high bar with a 15.400 in his first collegiate meet since sustaining a season-ending injury in 2011. The Manlius, N.Y., native added to his success with third-place finishes on parallel bars (14.800) and in the all-around (83.200).

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Junior Yoshi Mori contributed to the Illini cause as well, finishing second on vault (15.000), while senior C.J. Padera and sophomore Jordan Valdez captured third-place finishes on pommel horse (14.400) and high bar (14.100), respectively.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

No. 3-ranked University of Michigan began its 2012 regular season on Saturday (Jan. 14) in the program's yearly trip to the Windy City Invitational with a third-place finish in the annual event held at UIC's Physical Education Building.

Michigan placed a trio of all-around competitors, as sophomore Sam Mikulak won the floor exercise en route to earning a 85.00 for a



MIKULAK

second-place finish. Senior Syque Caesar won parallel bars and scored a 83.20 for a fourth-place finish, while freshman Adrian de los Angeles took sixth with 81.70 points.

The Wolverines got off to a rough start on high bar in the first rotation, totaling a team score of 51.400. Caesar led the charge with a 13.50, while de los Angeles notched a 13.30.

The second rotation sent Michigan to the floor exercise, where Mikulak executed his double twisting double back to earn a score of 15.60 to lead Michigan on floor and take the event title. He was followed by career highs from both Caesar (15.2) and junior Rohan Sebastian, who scored a 15.1.

On pommel horse, sophomore Matt Freeman led off with a team-high 13.20 in his first collegiate performance on the apparatus. He was followed by a pair of 13.20s in freshman Mark Panhorst and de los Angeles.

The Wolverines sat in fifth place with 164.2 points heading into the still ring competition, where Mikulak led the way with a 14.8, followed by a 14.6 career high from Freeman. Sophomore Alex Bubnov then matched Freeman's 14.6.

The Wolverines then moved to vault competition, where Mikulak notched a 14.8 to pace Michigan. Caesar scored a 14.5, and was fol-

lowed by de los Angeles' 14.3.

Caesar continued his solid night on parallel bars with a first-place 15.5, followed by Mikulak's second-place 14.9.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The Gophers placed fourth out of six teams at the Windy City Invitational. They finished with a total score of 338.1, only 0.6 behind the third place team.

Ohio State took home first place with a score of 344.5. Illinois finished second, followed by Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois-Chicago, and Iowa.

"The fourth place finish was disappointing for this group," head coach Mike Burns said.

The Gophers battled between second and third place throughout the majority of the meet, but small mistakes ending up costing the team.

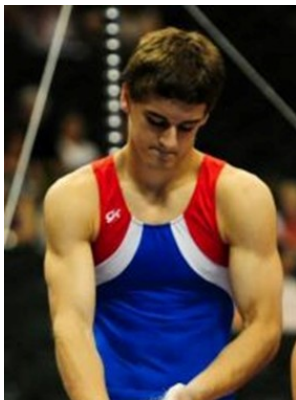
Minnesota opened the meet on the still rings. Russell Dabritz posted the team's highest score with a 14.5.

The Gophers scored the highest on the floor exercise with a 58.1. They were led by Kyle Banks who earned a score of 15.0 and finished the event in seventh.

Ross Cameratta and Russell Dabritz were solid on the parallel bars. They both scored 14.4 on the event and finished in a four-way tie for fifth place.

Junior Josh Wokurka finished on top for the Gophers on the high bar and in sixth place overall. Senior Adam LaFleur led the team on vault with a 14.3.

The team finished strong on the pommel horse. Freshman Ellis Mannon won the event with a 14.8. John Scallon finished in fifth.



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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

No. 9 Nebraska opened their 2012 campaign with a third-place finish at the Rocky Mountain Open on Saturday. Sophomore Eric Schryver tied for the parallel bar event title to lead the Huskers.

NU's team score of 331.300 trailed No. 1 Oklahoma (343.700), who captured their 13th-

straight Rocky Mountain Open title. No. 11 Air Force placed second (333.300), while NU finished ahead of Arizona State (314.100) and Washington (248.100). Several athletes from the U.S. Olympic Training Center competed as well, but their scores did not count for finishes.

"For the first meet of the year, we did well," Head Coach Chuck Chmelka said. "We were sharp, we were clean and we hit really well. Overall, I'm happy on how they did on the first five events."

The Huskers performed well throughout most of their rotation but struggled in their final event, floor exercise. NU's difficulties in the event would enable Air Force to slip ahead and narrowly take the second-place team finish.

"Our last event of the evening was floor and we missed four out of six routines, which cost us second place," Chmelka said.

Eric Schryver had a strong night on parallel bars, tying OU's Chris Stehl for the event title with a 14.500. Schryver also contributed a 14.200 on pommel horse, good for second place overall.



SCHRYVER

Junior Wyatt Baier also had a strong performance on vault, claiming second place with a score of 14.800. For the second consecutive year, Baier's vault score was the highest of any Husker performance at the Rocky Mountain Open.

Freshmen Grant Perdue, Gabriel Jolley and Hayden Henriouille made their collegiate debuts on Saturday night. Perdue had a solid evening for the Big Red, seeing action in both floor and vault while notching NU's second-highest vault score (14.400).

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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa opened the 2012 season Friday with the 42nd annual Windy City Invitational at the UIC Physical Education Building.

The tenth-ranked Hawkeyes scored a 316.800 to finish in sixth place in the competition that featured five teams ranked in the top-ten. Iowa finished with three individual top-five finishes.

Freshman Devin Clarke gave the Hawkeyes their top individual placing, scoring a 14.900 on vault to place tied for third. New rule changes this season deduct one point from all vault scores. The East Hartford, Conn., native competed on two events on the night in his first collegiate action.

Junior Anton Gryshayev paced the Hawkeyes on rings, scoring a 14.700 to place fifth. The Littleton, Colo., native holds the top-five scores on rings in program history.



Junior Javier Balboa scored a 14.500 on parallel bars to lead Iowa on the event with a fourth place finish. Balboa was named to the 2012 Big Ten Gymnast's to Watch List in the preseason. Balboa also provided the Hawkeyes with the team's top score on pommel horse with a 12.900.

Junior Broderick Shemansky paced the Hawkeyes on high bar with a 13.600. Shemansky finished tied for eighth on the event. Fellow junior Todd Becker provided also Iowa with the team's top score on floor exercise. Becker scored a 13.800.

NATIONAL BEST SCORES THIS SEASON

Penn State	349.80
Ohio State	344.50
Oklahoma	343.70
Illinois	341.90
California	340.90
Michigan	338.90
Minnesota	338.10
Stanford	334.80
Air Force	333.30
Nebraska	331.30
Ill-Chicago	327.20
Army	321.60
Iowa	316.80
Arizona State	314.10
Washington	248.10



WINDY CITY INVITATIONAL INDIVIDUAL EVENT RESULTS

University of Illinois-Chicago

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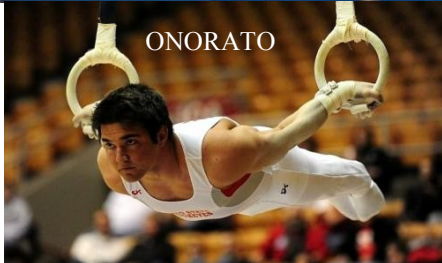
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ALL AROUND

1. C.J. Maestas, ILL	86.50
2. Sam Mikulak, Mich	85.00
3. Syque Caesar, Mich	83.20
3. Paul Ruggeri, ILL	83.20
5. Blaize Monks, OSU	82.90
6. Adrian de Los Angeles, Mich	81.70
7. D.J. Repp, Minn	80.80
8. Javier Balboa, Iowa	80.00

FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Sam Mikulak, Mich	15.60
2. Deniel Steiner, OSU	15.30
3. Syque Caesar, Mich	15.20
3. Dan Zerbel, UIC	15.20
5. Misha Koudinov, OSU	15.10
5. Rohan Sabastian, Mich	15.10
7. Adrian de los Angeles, Mich	15.00
7. Kyle Banks, Minn	15.00
7. C.J. Maestas, ILL	15.00

POMMEL HORSE

1. Ellis Mannon, Minn	14.80
2. Ty Echard, OSU	14.60
3. C.J. Padera, ILL	14.40
3. Michael Newburger, OSU	14.40
5. John Scallon, Minn	14.20
6. John Laing, OSU	14.10
7. Brandon Jones OSU	13.80
7. Austin Phillips, ILL	13.80
7. Lukasz Adamczyk, UIC	13.80

RINGS

1. C.J. Maestas, ILL	15.40
1. Anthony Sacramento, ILL	15.40
3. Sam Mikulak, Mich	14.80
3. Philip Onorato, OSU	14.80
5. Anton Gryshayev, Iowa	14.70
6. Alex Bubnov, Mich	14.60
6. Kyle Moe, ILL	14.60
6. Matt Freeman, Mich	14.60

VAULT

1. Philip Onorato, OSU	15.10
2. Yoshi Mori, ILL	15.00
3. C.J. Maestas, ILL	14.90
3. Larry Mayer, OSU	14.90
3. Devin Clarke, Iowa	14.90
6. Sam Mikulak, Mich	14.80
7. Syque Caesar, Mich	14.50

PARALLEL BARS

1. Syque Caesar, Mich	15.50
2. Sam Mikulak, Mich	14.90
3. Paul Ruggeri, ILL	14.80
4. Javier Balboa, Iowa	14.50
5. Austin Phillips, ILL	14.40
5. C.J. Maestas, ILL	14.40
5. Ross Cameratta, Minn	14.40
5. Russell Dabritz, Minn	1.40

HORIZONTAL BAR

1. Paul Ruggeri, ILL	15.40
2. Kris Done, OSU	14.60
3. Jordan Valdez, ILL	14.10
3. Blaize Monks, OSU	14.10



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RUGGERI



CAESAR

HORIZONTAL BAR -cont.

5. Austin Phillips, ILL	14.00
6. Josh Wokurka, Minn	13.90
7. Drew Moling, OSU	13.70
8. Broderick Shemansky, Iowa	13.60
8. Spencer Smith, Minn	13.60

Apologies in advance for any errors on this page. It is very time consuming and difficult to work off of 6 score sheets.