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NATIONAL SCORES THIS PAST

WEEK

Penn State	352.00
Illinois	349.80
Stanford	348.40
Oklahoma	347.70
Minnesota	345.40
Temple	342.30
Michigan	339.10
California	339.00
Air Force	337.70
Nebraska	332.60
Iowa	332.10
Army	326.20
Ill-Chicago	325.20
Navy	324.00
Springfield	322.20
Arizona State	318.90
William/Mary	316.50
Washington	251.20
Brockport	247.30
James Madison	175.00

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

No. 4 Penn State extended its title-winning streak at the West Point Open to 14 straight, compiling a season-high team score of 352.000 to outdistance the field on Friday evening at host Army's Christl Arena in West Point, N.Y.

The Nittany Lions continued their dominance of east region foes, besting Temple (342.300), Army (326.200), Navy (324.000), and Springfield College (322.200) in addition to club teams Arizona State (318.900) and Brockport (247.300) to claim the 2012 crown at the 21st annual West Point Open.

Penn State won all six events as a team, setting or equaling season highs in four, and five different Nittany Lions secured at least a share of an event title. Penn State also established a program record in the pommel horse, scoring a 59.300 as a team, easily surpassing the previous high of 58.200 set in March of 2008.

The Nittany Lions also advanced three competitors to the individual finals in each event, the maximum number allowed under West



RAQUE

Point Open rules.

Junior Parker Raque spearheaded Penn State's title-winning showing, claiming the all-around with a career-high score of 85.500. The two-time All-American placed first in the floor exercise (15.300) and third in the still rings (15.100) and vault (15.000).

Scott Rosenthal continued his assault on the Penn State record book on Friday night, exceeding the 16.000 plateau in the still rings for the second time in three meets this season with a score of 16.100. The junior now owns the program's top two scores in the event, after shattering the PSU benchmark in week one with a score of 16.300.

Junior Tony Beck continued his impressive start to the 2012 season with a strong outing in the team finals. His title-winning score of 15.300 in the pommel horse is the highest earned by a Nittany Lion since Casey Sandy posted a 15.350 on April 4, 2008. Beck also tied for third in the parallel bars (14.400).

A pair of Penn State freshmen also contributed title-winning performances. Tristan Duverglas captured the vault with a season team high score of 15.100 while Matthew Felleman took first in the parallel bars (14.600). Felleman also placed third in the floor exercise (14.700) and fourth (tie) (14.100) in the high bar.

A third rookie, Craig Hernandez, played a part in the team's record-setting pommel horse effort, finishing in a tie for fourth with a score of 14.800.

Senior team captain Miguel Pineda earned top five finishes in three events, including a second place showing in the still rings (15.700). Junior Felix Aronovich also claimed a runner-up spot, placing second in the high bar (14.200).

See the ECAC Report for results of the West Point Open Event finals.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The second-ranked Fighting Illini men's gymnastics team took down No. 1 Oklahoma (347.700) and No. 7 Michigan (339.100) Saturday night at Huff Hall with an overall team score of 349.800.

Redshirt senior Paul Ruggeri captured titles on vault and high bar, passing head coach Justin Spring (59) on the all-time titles list with 60 career wins to rank fifth in school history.

The Illini really came through on the final event, High Bar, with the help of a large and very vocal audience.

Ruggeri captured his fourth and fifth titles of the season, taking his second-straight crown on vault (15.100) and third-straight victory on high bar with a season-high 16.000 in the final performance of the night. Ruggeri just edged freshman C.J. Maestas and junior

Austin Phillips to help the Illini sweep the top three spots on high bar in the evening's final rotation.

Meanwhile, Maestas finished in the top four on three events, highlighted by a clutch performance on high bar, earning a sea-



RUGGERI

son-high 15.600 to finish second on the apparatus and help clinch the Orange and Blue victory. The Illini newcomer also finished second on pommel horse (14.700) and fourth on vault (14.700).

Phillips also rose to the occasion, capturing second on parallel bars (14.800) and third on high bar (15.000), while classmate Yoshi Mori led the Illini on floor with a third-place score of 15.000, matching his career high. Senior Tyler Mizoguchi also aided the Orange and Blue, finishing fourth on both floor (14.800) and rings (14.700), while newcomer Mike Wilner took second on rings (15.200).

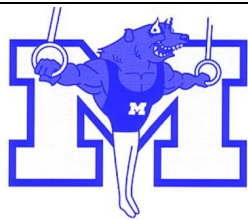
As a team, the Illini finished first on two events, including vault (58.900) and high bar, where they captured a season-high 61.400. The win marks only the sixth time the Illini have defeated the Sooners in school history and is their first victory over the Sooners with Spring at the helm.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Minnesota had a solid performance on the road Saturday against the Air Force Academy.

The Gophers scored their highest point total of the season so far. They beat Air Force by a final score of 345.4-337.7.

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The team not only improved on their overall score, but increased their hit percentage as well. On five of the six events, Minnesota had the top-scoring gymnast.

They started the meet on the pommel horse, an event they performed poorly on last week. But they were able to rebound as freshman Ellis Mannon led the team with a 14.5. Mannon won the event. Teammate John Scallon came in second.

Josh Wokurka won the floor exercise with a 14.7. Wokurka was also part of a three-way tie for first on the high bar along with freshman Steve Jaciuk.

For the second consecutive week Zack Chase was the champion on vault, scoring a 14.7. Adam Kern came in second with a 14.6.

Senior Russell Dabritz had another solid competition and hit all four of his events. Dabritz finished first on the parallel bars with a 15.1 and second on the still rings with a 14.8.



The team was also excited to see Harris Coleman return to the lineup after recovering from a series of injuries. Coleman hit his routines on both floor and pommel horse.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

No. 7-ranked University of Michigan earned a team score of 339.100 to come in third against the top two teams in the country in No. 2 Illinois (349.800) and No. 1 Oklahoma (347.700) on Saturday (Jan. 28) at Illinois' Huff Hall.

The Wolverines were led by sophomore Sam Mikulak, who took the pommel horse title with a 15.00, the second title in the event in his career. The Wolverines also earned a season-high score on pommel horse (55.80) and on high bar (56.00).

U-M got the night started on pommel horse, and was led by Mikulak's 15.00, while sophomore Matt Freeman was Michigan's second-best finisher with a 14.00 that took third on the night.

Rotation two saw the Maize and Blue take

to rings, where sophomore Jordan Gaarenstroom and sophomore Alex Bubnov notched 14.10s to aid in U-M scoring a 55.90 on the event. Unfortunately, Syque Caesar suffered a torn biceps muscle in the rings event and the early indication was that he would be lost for the season.

In the third rotation, Michigan took to the floor exercise, scoring a 57.80. A pair of freshman led the way in Ervin and de los Angeles, who each tallied 14.70s to tie for fifth in the meet. Sebastian was also solid in his routine with a 14.60.



In the vault event Rohan Sebastian and freshman Stacey Ervin scored 14.70s to find themselves in a three-way tie for fourth as the Wolverines scored a 57.70. Ervin's effort was good enough for a career high in his third competition in his first season as a Wolverine.

Parallel bars resulted in U-M tallying a 55.90 as freshman Adrian de los Angeles led the Michigan effort with a career-best 14.70 for a third-place finish. Ervin followed with a 14.60 to take fourth.

On high bar, de los Angeles earned a career high with a 14.20 to place third in the meet, while sophomore Michael Myler scored a career high of 14.00 to aid in Michigan taking a 56.00.

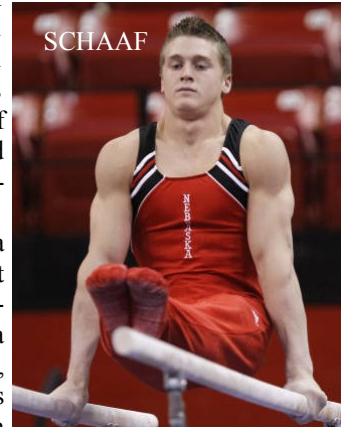
A trio of Wolverines will be in action at the Winter Cup in Las Vegas, Nev., as Ervin, Mikulak and de los Angeles will make the trip west to compete at the world-class meet, as the annual USA Gymnastics event determines the field for the 2012 Visa Championships later this year.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Nebraska posted a team score of 332.600 to finish third at the Stanford Open on Saturday night. Stanford finished in first (348.400), while California took second place (339.000) and Washington finished in fourth (251.200).

Freshman Grant Perdue led the Huskers on the night, cracking the top three of both floor exercise and vault. Perdue posted a 14.80 on floor exercise before adding a 14.70 on vault.

Additionally, Andreas Hofer tacked on a fourth-place finish in the all-around competition with a mark of 81.50. C.J. Schaaf and Eric Schryver finished fourth and fifth in parallel bars with marks of 14.20 and 14.10, respectively.



NU had a strong night on floor exercise, posting a mark of 57.40, three points higher than

their season average. Perdue led the way for the Huskers, assisted by Hofer's score of 14.50 and freshman Hayden Henriouille's 14.10 mark. Wyatt Aycock also contributed a score of 14.00 for the Huskers.

The Huskers also had a strong showing on high bar, led by Schryver's mark of 14.00. Freshman Connor Stillwell added a 13.90 and Will Eastman posted a 13.80 to help NU reach its team mark of 55.20 on the event.

Nebraska fell behind slightly on pommel horse and vault, normally two of the team's strongest events. The Big Red posted a team score of 53.80 on horse, slightly lower than its season average of 55.225. Hofer's mark of 13.80 led the Huskers on horse. NU added a mark of 56.10 on vault, paced by Perdue's third-place score as well as freshman Gabriel Jolley's mark of 14.20.

See the MPSF report for results of the Stanford Open.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa earned its first victory of the 2012 season with a triumph over Illinois-Chicago in the UIC Physical Education Building Saturday night. The No. 14 Hawkeyes topped the Flames 332.100-325.200.

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Junior Javier Balboa topped the field in all-around, scoring a season-high 84.800. Balboa placed within the top-four on all six events and broke his own school record on parallel bars with a 15.000. Balboa placed first on parallel bars, second on pommel horse (13.900) and tied for second on vault (14.600). He also placed fourth on floor exercise (13.600) and tied for fourth on high bar (13.700).

Junior Anton Gryshayev had two first place finishes for

the Hawkeyes, topping the field on pommel horse and rings.

Gryshayev set a new individual team best with a 14.200 on pommel horse and scored a 14.100 on rings.

Junior Broderick

Shemansky added a first place finish on high bar, scoring a 14.200.

The Hawkeyes started the meet on pommel horse, where Gryshayev and Balboa's scores fueled the team. Freshman Mitchell Landau (13.300) and senior Adam Wilson (13.200) came in fifth and sixth, respectively.

Freshman Devin Clarke paced Iowa on floor exercise, scoring a 14.000 to place third. Iowa's other counting scores came from Balboa, Shemansky (13.500) and sophomore Samuel Wright (13.500).

Freshman Brandon Field placed second on vault to lead the Hawkeyes on the event. Field scored a 14.600. Balboa, Clarke (14.300) and Landau (14.200) also paced Iowa on vault.

Iowa had three of the top four score on rings from Gryshayev, sophomore Angelo Bronzino (14.000) and Balboa. Shemansky added a 13.800 on the event.

Iowa had the top five scores on high bar thanks to the efforts of Shemansky, Wright (14.000), Bronzino (13.800), Landau (13.700) and Balboa.

The Hawkeyes finished the meet on parallel bars with Balboa's record-breaking routine. Landau (13.200), sophomore Jack McClay (12.900) and Shemansky (12.600) also paced Iowa on the event.

The team was without the services of injured Matt McGrath.

