



COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION CGA Weekly Report

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UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Current and former members of the University of Oklahoma gymnastics team competed in the first preliminary round of the 2012 Winter Cup Challenge on Thursday in Las Vegas, Nev.

Oklahoma letterwinner Chris Brooks (2006-2009) led the first preliminary round with an all-around total of 89.200. Steven Legendre, a fellow Sooner letterwinner (2008-2011), was in third place with an 86.500.

The Winter Cup Challenge, an event put on by USA Gymnastics, helps determine the 15 gymnasts who will comprise the U.S. Men's Senior National Team through the 2012 Visa Championships in June.

The top 42 gymnasts from the afternoon and evening preliminary rounds advanced to the final competition, along with the top three gymnasts in each event. The final round was held Saturday night at 9:15 CT.

Brooks' performance included first-place finishes on parallel bars (16.000) and high bar (15.400).

Legendre, who completed his NCAA eligibility, is still enrolled in classes at OU and trains under Williams, planning to make a run for the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team.

Legendre's performance was highlighted by a 15.900 on floor exercise, the highest of the first preliminary group. Legendre also scored a 15.900 on vault to take third in the first prelim.

OU freshman Dylan Akers was the only current Sooner to compete in the all-around and finished in 12th place in the prelim group with an 80.850. The freshman finished in eighth with an 13.500 on high bar.

Due to his automatic qualification, 2011 Winter Cup Champion and OU junior Jake Dalton competed in just three events: rings, parallel bars and high bar. Dalton sits in the top 11 of each event, including third in rings (14.500) and fourth in parallel bars (14.900).

Current Sooners Troy Nitzky, Chris Stehl and Presten Ellsworth also competed in various events and await to see if they will advance to Saturday's finals.

Steven Legendre continued to make a name for himself in his pursuit of a spot on the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team by taking second place and claiming two event titles at the 2012 Winter Cup in Las Vegas on Saturday night.

Legendre totaled a two-day all-around score of 175.200, finishing behind John Orozco's 180.700.

An Oklahoma gymnast has finished in the top-two of the event for the past three straight years with OU letterwinner Chris Brooks (2006-2009) winning the all-around in 2010 and junior Jake Dalton claiming it in 2011.

Legendre, who competed for OU from 2008 to 2011, won the floor exercise title with a two-day score of 31.000 and the vault title with a 32.450.

The seven members of the 2011 World Championships Team, which includes Legendre, Brooks, Dalton and Jonathan Horton (2005-2008), automatically retain their spots on the national team.

Due to his automatic qualification, 2011 Winter Cup Champion Dalton did not compete in his two strongest events, floor exercise and vault, which he won NCAA and USA titles in last season.



Dalton competed in three events to show the USA Gymnastics Committee what he is capable of in other events. The junior finished fifth on rings (29.250) and 12th on parallel bars (28.550) and high bar (28.100).

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

A quintet of California gymnasts - three current and two former - concluded their qualifying round at the Winter Cup Challenge on Thursday. Current Golden Bears Donothan Bailey, Glen Ishino and Steven Lacombe along with former letterwinners Kyle Bunthuwong and Bryan del Castillo all competed Thursday. Del Castillo, Bailey, Ishino and Bunthuwong all advanced to Saturday's finals.

Bryan del Castillo finished fifth in the all-around with an 83.400. The former Bear's highest finish came on high bar, on which he tallied a 14.550. His next best outings were on vault (15.600) and on floor (14.350).

Donothan Bailey was right behind, just .050 behind, former teammate del Castillo in sixth in the all-round with an 83.350. On vault, Bailey scored 15.600 and a 14.650 on parallel bars. Pommel horse was Bailey's best event,

for he tallied a 14.350.

Kyle Bunthuwong was eighth in the all-around, earning an 82.900. His 15.500 on vault was his highest score of the evening though he performed excellently on pommel horse (13.200), parallel bars (14.300) and high bar (13.950).

Glen Ishino competed in three events in the qualifiers with an absolutely exceptional 15.650 on pommel horse. He also tallied a 14.400 on floor and a 13.350 on parallel bars. Steven Lacombe performed on rings and vault. He tallied a 13.600 on rings and a 14.700 on vault.

Glen Ishino earned himself a place on the U.S. senior national team on the final night of competition at the Winter Cup on Saturday night.

Also competing in the prestigious finals of the Winter Cup Challenge were former Golden Bears Kyle Bunthuwong and Bryan del Castillo along with current letter winner Donothan Bailey.

The men's program committee selected Ishino while other gymnasts landed spots based on all-around scores or team points.

Ishino won pommel horse with a two-night total of 31.450, finishing well ahead of second place's 30.650.



Former Golden Bear Kyle Bunthuwong finished 14th in the two-night all-around with 167.050 points. On high bar, Bunthuwong took 10th place with 28.400 points.

Donothan Bailey was 16th, notching a combined total of 165.550 points. On pommel horse, Bailey finished seventh with a two-night score of 28.250.

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STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Stanford University originally scheduled to have Cameron Foreman, Chris Turner, Ryan Lieberman (grad Student) and Alex Buscaglia (grad student) participate in the Winter Cup, but only Lieberman and Buscaglia ended up competing.

In the Prelims Lieberman placed 9th in the All Around (85.50), Alex Buscaglia placed 19th in the All Around (82.00) and Andrew Botto (not a Stanford student, but listed as representing Stanford) placed 42nd in the AA (76.65).

In the finals Lieberman was: 11th AA (169.45), 5th FX (28.40), 16th PH (27.10), 13th R (28.15), 24th V (30.05) 7th PB (28.80) and 19th HB (26.85). Buscaglia was: 27th AA (161.75), 5th FX (28.75), 38th PH (22.10), 15th R (27.90), 13th V 31.15), 31st PB (26.05) and 24th HB (25.80).

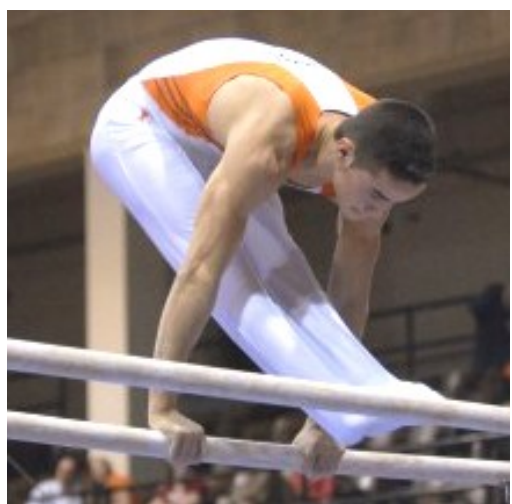
AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Air Force junior Tory Brown withdrew from the Winter Cup Challenge after hurting his ankle during a training session on Wednesday in Las Vegas, Nev.

Brown was making his third straight appearance at the prestigious national competition.

U.S.A.G. WINTER CUP INDIVIDUAL EVENT RESULTS

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ALL AROUND

1. John Orozco, USOTC	180.700
2. Steven Legendre, Oklahoma	175.200
3. Brandon Wynn, Ohio State	175.000
4. Danell Leyva, Universal	174.600
5. Christopher Brooks, Cyp. Acad.	174.550
6. David Sender, Illinois	173.550
7. Paul Ruggeri, Illinois	171.450
8. Jesse Silverstein, Gym Dev. Ctr.	170.900
9. Sho Nakamori, Champ Acad	170.650

FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Steven Legendre, Oklahoma	31.00
2. Danell Leyva, Universal	29.60
3. Paul Ruggeri, Illinois	29.25
4. John Orozco, USOTC	28.90
5. Alexander Buscaglia, Stanford	28.75
6T. Stacey Ervin, Michigan	28.50
6T. Sho Nakamori, Champ. Acad.	28.50
8. Ryan Lieberman, Stanford	28.40

POMMEL HORSE

1. Glen Ishino, Cal Berkeley	31.450
2. John Orozco, USOTC	30.650
3. Ty Echard, Ohio State	30.250
4. Randall Heflin, Cyp Acad	29.050
5. Ellis Mannon, Minnesota	28.850
6. Alexander Naddour, USA Youth	28.300
7. Donothan Bailey, Cal-Berkeley	28.250
8. Adrian De Los Angeles, Michigan	27.950

RINGS

1. Brandon Wynn, Ohio State	30.950
2. Christopher Maestas, Illinois	30.000
3. David Sender, Illinois	29.950
4. Chris Brooks, Cypress Acad.	29.650
5. Jacob Dalton, Oklahoma	29.350
6. Jesse Silverstein, Gym Dev Ctr II	29.250
7T. Samuel Mikulak Michigan	29.200
7T. John Orozco USOTC	29.200

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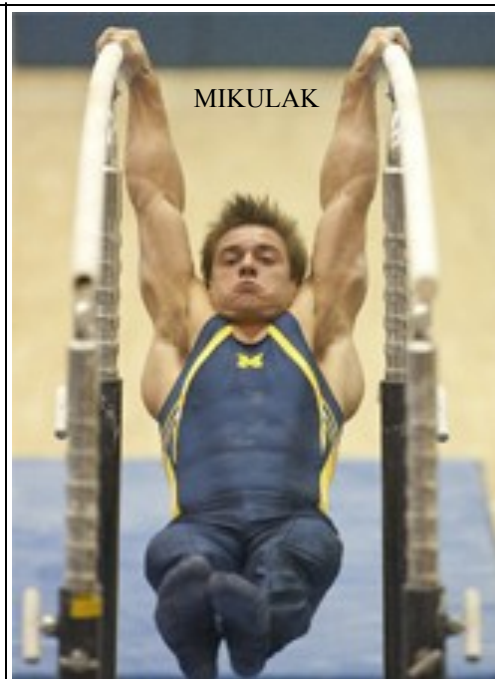
1. Steven Legendre, Oklahoma	32.450
2T. Chandler Eggleston, High Point	32.400
2T. David Sender, Illinois	32.400
4. Paul Ruggeri, Illinois	32.300
5. Adrian De Los Angeles, Michigan	31.850
6T. Christopher Brooks, Cypress Acad.	31.750
6T. Jesse Silverstein, Gym Dev Ctr II	31.750
8. Brandon Wynn, Ohio State	31.450

PARALLEL BARS

1. John Orozco, USOTC	30.650
2. Samuel Mikulak, Michigan	30.350
3. Brandon Wynn, Ohio State	29.700
4. Danell Leyva, Universal	29.250
5. Christopher Brooks, Cypress Acad.	29.000
6. Sho Nakamori, Champions Acad.	28.850
7. Ryan Lieberman, Stanford	28.800
8T. Maximilian Mayr, Universal	28.750
8T. David Sender, Illinois	28.750

HORIZONTAL BAR

1T. Danell Leyva Universal	30.300
1T. John Orozco USOTC	30.300
3. Christopher Brooks Cypress Acad.	29.850
4. Paul Ruggeri III Illinois	29.550



HORIZONTAL BAR (cont.)

5. Steven Legendre Oklahoma	28.950
6. David Sender Illinois	28.800
7. Samuel Mikulak Michigan	28.750
8. Brandon Wynn Ohio State	28.700