



# COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION ECAC, BIG TEN & MPSF CONFERENCE

## Men's Weekly Reports

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### TOP TEAM SCORES THIS WEEK

Stanford	436.65
Illinois	432.50
Penn State	424.45
California	423.90
Army	403.40
Arizona State	400.00
Ill-Chicago	374.25
SoCal United	299.10

### ECAC CONFERENCE

#### ARMY

The 12th-ranked Army West Point opened the season on Saturday against fourth-ranked Penn State, falling to the Nittany Lions by a score of 424.450-403.400 from Recreation Hall in State College, Pa.

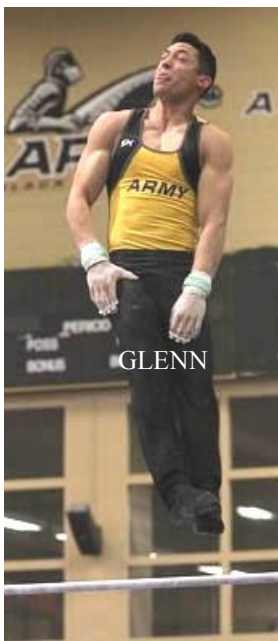
On the afternoon, Army posted eight top-five finishes, led by senior Jesse Glenn, who captured the high bar title, in addition to claiming four addition top-five finishes. Glenn posted a score of 14.900 to earn first on high bar. The first place finish was the first for an Army individual over Penn State since Garrek Hojan-Clark earned the top spot on pommel horse in 2014.

Army earned the victory over the Nittany Lions on high bar, finishing with a mark of 70.200, the seventh best in program history. Leo Genders placed third with a career-best mark of 14.650, while Nathan Goff earned fourth with a score of 14.300.

The Black Knights started the meet off on pommel horse, where Glenn posted a third place finish with a score 14.100. Cannon finished seventh with a score of 13.500.

Moving to floor exercise led by Glenn's fifth place score of 14.200. Casanova placed seventh with a mark of 14.000.

On vault. Ryan Wilson paced the Black Knights with a career-best score of 14.500 to



GLENN

place fourth. Glenn followed with a score of 14.400, tying for fifth.

On still rings the Black Knights were unable to crack the top five. Goff earned the team's top mark of 12.800.

Glenn's score of 13.900 on parallel bars was good enough for a third place.

Glenn placed second in the all-around with a score of 83.400, followed by Casanova in third (79.200). Penn State's Trevor Howard placed first with a mark of 85.550.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

Illinois-Chicago started its season with a few highlights, but not enough to best the Fighting Illini. The Flames finished competition Saturday evening falling short with a total score of 374.250 to Illinois' 432.500 at Huff Hall.

"The competition went as expected," said head coach Charley Nelson, "and I expected it to look a bit rough. In just the last three days, injuries forced us to scratch 16 of 30 potential routines, so the lineup and score from tonight will improve as early as next week's Windy City."

UIC began on the pommel horse where junior Christopher Patton recorded a team best with a 14.000. On the floor exercise, junior Jacob Thurber posted a score of 14.000 while shortly after junior Alexander Dumstorf tallied a 14.05 on the vault and a 13.00 on the parallel bars.

Recording a team best on the still rings was junior Trent Jarrett, who scored a 13.90. In his Flames debut, freshman Steen Haugsted served as an anchor and posted a 12.90 on the high bar.



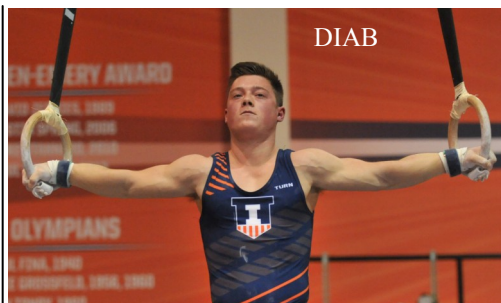
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### BIG TEN CONFERENCE

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Illinois opened the 2016 season with its best score to start a season in program history as the Illini routed UIC by a score of 432.500-374.250. The Orange and Blue saw 19 new career highs set in the afternoon's victory.

Freshman Alex Diab made his Illini debut and won the FX event with a score of 15.200. Chandler Eggleston posted a 15.000, good for second place, in his first routine back after redshirting the 2015 season due to a knee injury.



DIAB

Three Fighting Illini scored 15.150 or better, which was the team's best individual mark in the PH event across all of last season. Bradley (15.350), Brandon Ngai (15.300) and Bobby Baker (15.150) finished in first through third respectively. Foster (14.650) and Tom Gibbs (14.300) rounded out the top five. As a unit, Illinois scored a 74.750 on pommel horse, a new Illinois program record.

Baker claimed the meet's title on still rings, marking his first crown on the event as an Illini. Illinois again owned the top spots, thanks to the efforts of Baker (14.350), Gibbs (14.200) and Dennis Minton (14.200).

Eggleston took home the seventh vault title of his career, posting a 15.200 to finish first. Baker turned in a 14.950 to earn runner-up honors and Diab grabbed a third place finish with a mark of 14.450.

Next, on parallel bars, Baker claimed the top spot with a 14.600 outing. Mayr claimed second place, scoring a 14.150, while Foster and Eggleston shared third place with a mark of 14.000.

With a team score of 73.100 on high bar, the Orange and Blue posted the fourth-best score on the event in the modern-scoring era. Individually, Baker claimed his third title of the night and has now won a crown in all seven categories as an Illini. Baker posted a 15.200 to claim the title over Eggleston, who closed out the meet with a 15.100 (career high).

In addition to his floor title, Diab added an all-around crown with a final tally of 83.250.

#### PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

No. 4 Penn State University notched a 424.450-403.400 victory over Army at Rec Hall Sat., Jan. 9.

Seniors Alexis Torres and Trevor Howard paced the Nittany Lions on the floor exercise, with Torres earning a 15.200 to capture the title and Howard nabbing a 14.800. Juniors Dominic DiFulvio and Christian McSwain rounded out the top four spots with scores of 14.500 and 14.250, respectively.

Moving to the pommel horse, Penn State



again captured the top two spots with Leroy Clarke, Jr. and Torres sharing the event title with matching scores of 14.400.

The Blue and White dominated on the still rings taking the top six spots in the event with three athletes earning stick bonus points. Howard won his first of two events on the still rings notching a 15.250, while Clarke, Jr. placed second with a 14.800 and Benjamin Cooperman finished third with a 14.100.

Army had two deductions on the vault which allowed the Blue and White to nab the top three spots. Howard earned his second -straight event of the day with a 15.000, while Tyndall and Torres tied for second with 14.600s.

Heading into the final two rotations of the day, Clarke nabbed the fifth-straight title of the day for Penn State with a 14.600 on the parallel bars and Howard placed second with a 14.100.

Army used a 14.900 performance from Glenn to capture the high bar title.

Howard earned the all-around title with a score of 85.550, while Glenn placed second for Army with an 83.400 and Cole Casanova finished third with 79.200.

## **MPSF CONFERENCE** **STANFORD UNIVERSITY**

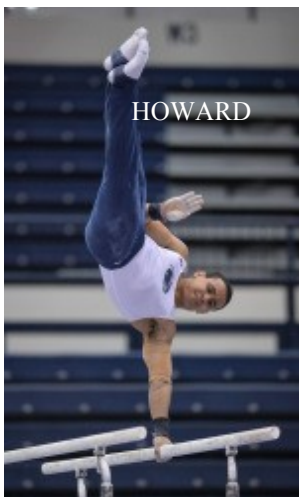
No. 3 Stanford opened its 2016 season on fire as they took a 436.650-423.900 victory over No. 7 California Monday night in Maples Pavilion.

Akash Modi won the all-around on the night with a score of 89.00

Stanford exploded out of the gate on floor, with Modi collecting a 15.700 score with Taylor Seaton posting a 14.550, which Ryan Sheppard tied as well.

On pommel horse Drew Willoughby put together a career best 14.900 as Akash Modi followed closely behind with a 14.850.

The Cardinal kept on pace on rings where Josiah Eng in his collegiate debut, posted a 14.700 score. Taylor Seaton was close behind with a 14.650. Dennis Zaremski led the team for the Cardinal in the event, with a 15.300 score.



HOWARD

Seaton led the way on vault with a best of 15.400 to lead both teams, Grant Breckenridge landed a 14.900 score, with Akash Modi following up with a 14.800 score.

The Cardinal hit a bit of a lull entering into parallel bars, but Akash Modi stepped up to claim the title with a 15.050 performance, while defending NCAA Champion Brian Knott added a 14.550 score to the tally.

Taylor Seaton claimed another individual title in the high bar with a 14.750 score to close out the meet.

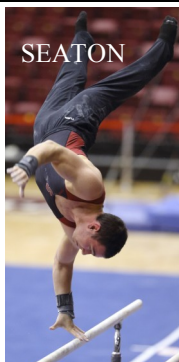
## **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**

The California Golden Bears opened the season with a team score of 423.900, falling to Stanford, who posted a team total of 436.650 on Monday night at Maples Pavilion on the campus of Stanford University. Cal was paced by seniors Kyle Zemeir (86.750) and Kevin Wolting (86.250) in the all-around competition.

The Bears had some struggles in the early going, on PH, but seniors Kevin Tran and Kevin Wolting closed the apparatus extremely strongly for the Bears; posting scores of 14.300 and 14.900, respectively.

In FX Kyle Zemeir tallied a new career-best 15.300. Wolting followed suit with a strong anchoring routine of his own, earning a score of 15.100. Freshman Aaron Mah made his collegiate debut with a very good effort of his own, posting a score of 14.250.

The Bears were led on vault by Zemeir's score of 14.850. Freshmen Michael



SEATON



ZEMEIR

Rauchwerger and Mah showed extremely well in their event debuts; posting scores of 14.850 and 14.450, respectively.

Freshman Bailey Chang made quite the impression for the Bears on still rings as the newcomer posted a 14.000. Cal also saw strong sets from sophomore Gagik Gharibyan (14.200) and Zemeir (14.400).

Mah continued his great evening, showing the poise and confidence of a more experienced gymnast and earning a score of 14.200

on high bar. Senior Kevin Ko led the way for the Bears with a score of 14.300 and Gharibyan also showed well, continuing his quality evening with a 14.150.

In the final rotation of the night, on PB's the Bears were paced by Zemeir's eye-popping 15.000 routine. Wolting added a score of 14.300, while Ko scored a 14.250 for the Bears.

## **CLUB REPORTS:** **ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Arizona State topped SoCal United by a score of 400.00-299.10. Since this was a season opening high score for ASU, Coach Barclay felt that the team was off to a good start, especially with some key guys unable to compete.

In the All Around Thomas Hanson placed 1st with 79.80 and Nikita Latman placed 2nd with 78.50. In FX Hanson was 1st with 14.25, Daniel Bronnenberg was 2nd with 14.10 and Zach Mottett was 3rd with 14.00.

In PH Mollett was 1st with 14.00, Austin Kane was 2nd with 13.35 and Piercen Davis was 3rd with 12.55. On Rings Landon Fisher placed 1st with 13.70, Hanson was 4th with 13.40.

On Vault Bronnenberg was 1st with a very good 15.30, Hanson was 2nd with 14.10 and Logan Linde placed 4th at 13.85. In the PB event Latman was 2nd at 13.95, Mollett was 3rd at 13.75 and Andre Petteter was 4th at 13.35. On HB Hanson placed 1st with a strong 14.20, Latman was 3rd with 12.90 and Connor Lyons was 4th with 12.85.



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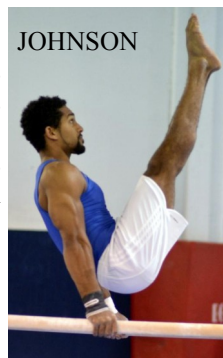
## **SOCAL UNITED**

SCU appeared to have competed against Arizona State very short handed. They did not have 6 entries in any event and only had 4 on PH and 3 on PB's.

In the All Around Douglas Johnson placed 3rd with 76.35. In FX Bryan De Los Santos was 5th with 13.70 and Johnson was 6th with 13.30. On PH Nick Horner was 5th with 11.65 and Matt Fukumoto was 8th with 9.95.

On Rings Johnson was 2nd at 13.55, De Los Santos as 3rd at 13.45. In the vault event De Los Santos was 3rd with 13.90 and Johnson was 4th at 13.85.

In the PB event Johnson placed 1st with 14.40



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and Horner was 7th at 12.25. In the HB event Johnson was 2nd a 13.05 and Cameron Rea was 8th at 9.75.

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