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TOP TEAM SCORES THIS WEEK

Oklahoma	452.35	Army	423.15
Ohio State	447.40	Michigan	416.05
Illinois	442.30	Arizona State	413.70
Minnesota	438.35	Springfield	410.00
Nebraska	437.30	William/Mary	408.80
Stanford	435.80	Navy	406.60
California	434.05	Temple	380.75
Air Force	433.45	Ill-Chicago	372.45
Penn State	430.45		
Iowa	426.40		

MPSF CONFERENCE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

The top-ranked University of Oklahoma sent its seniors out in style on Saturday night, besting No. 2 Stanford 452.350-435.800 in front of 800 fans inside the McCasland Field House. Oklahoma's team score is the third highest in NCAA history, and the Sooners are the only team to ever top the 450-point mark, having also done so three times last year.

Kanji Oyama and Allan Bower led the way for Oklahoma, both topping the 90-point mark in the all-around to post career highs of 91.100 and 90.400, respectively. Oyama's score is the highest in the country so far this season.



Oklahoma claimed five event titles in addition to the all-around crown. Yul Moldauer and Hunter Justus tied for the event title on floor with a pair of 15.500s, Bower won pommel horse (15.250) and parallel bars (15.850), Oyama took rings with a 15.600 and Josh Yee claimed high bar with a career-best 15.250.

OU opened the meet on floor, with a team total of 76.550. Justus and Moldauer each posted meet-highs of 15.500. Oyama turned in a 15.250 and Van Wicklen and Bower both scored 15.150.

On pommel horse Yee posted a 14.800. He was followed by a career-best 14.900 from freshman Genki Suzuki. Sergey Resnick scored a 15.100 in the three-spot and Bower anchored with a meet-high 15.250.

The Sooners moved to rings scoring 76.400. Oyama paced the Sooners with a meet-high 15.600 to set a career high. Reese Rickett opened the frame with a 15.350. Justus turned in a 15.350.

Vault posed the biggest challenge for OU as Oyama led the team with a 15.000, but was the only Sooner to top the 15-point mark. Bower scored 14.850 in the anchor position for OU and freshman Levi Anderson added a 14.750.

Led by a pair of career highs from Oyama (15.300) and Bower (15.850), Oklahoma posted a season-high 76.350 on parallel bars.. Moldauer, turned in a 15.500 in the anchor position, and Justus who led off with a 14.950.

High bar was the icing on the cake for the Sooners. OU posted a 74.650, just one tenth off its season high to secure the win and push past the 450-point mark. Yee's career-high 15.250 led the Sooners, who also got high marks from Oyama (15.100) and Van Wicklen (15.050).

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

The third highest score in NCAA history was too much for the Cardinal to surmount as it fell 452.350 to 435.800 to the reigning NCAA Champions Oklahoma on Saturday night.

The Cardinal showcased some highlights on the night with Gabe Flores taking the individual title in a career-best 15.250 vault. Ryan Sheppard tied his career-best with a 14.750.

Jacob Barrus also posted a career-best in parallel bars with a 13.650, while two Cardinal added career bests in pommel horse as Ryan Sheppard put up a 14.900 and Drew Willoughby tied his career best with a 15.150 as well as besting his season average of 15.017.

Brian Knott stepped up in high bar for a career-best 15.200 while Jordan DeClerk tied another career-best in rings with a 15.050, improving on his season average of 14.833.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The California Golden Bears (434.05) finished second at the Air Force Academy (433.35). Kevin Wolting, who was named a Nissen-Emery finalist earlier in the week, set a season-best in the all-around competition, posting a score of 87.850, placing third overall, highlighted by his 15.550 on floor exercise. Illinois placed first with 442.30.

Wolting led the way for the Bears on floor exercise with his 15.550, which claimed him the event title. Freshman Mi-

chael Rauchwerger posted a 14.300, while Kyle Zemeir and Yordan Aleksandrov each tallied 14.600's, and Nicholas Del Junco had a hit routine with a 14.800.

The Bears set a new season-best on pommel horse paced by Takahiro Kawada, who garnered a score of 15.300. Kawada tied for third on the apparatus. Zemeir again was fantastic on the apparatus, posting a 14.500. Kevin Tran returned to action with a 14.050 on pommel.

On still rings Wolting led the way with a 14.800. Additionally, Zemeir had a 14.600, while Aleksandrov posted a 14.500, Mikey Diliberto scored a 14.400 and freshman Bailey Chang set a new career-best with a 14.350.

On vault Rauchwerger was just shy of his career-best with a 14.800. Kevin Ko posted a 14.600, while freshman Nathaniel Ramil and Zemeir each scored 14.500 and Wolting posted a 14.400.

Diliberto had a 14.150, on parallel bars, while Aleksandrov posted a 14.400 and Wolting had a 14.500. Pacing the team on the apparatus was Zemeir, who had a 14.850.

Aleksandrov's 15.050 surpassed his previous season-best of 14.800, on high bar, and was just short of his career-best (15.150). Wolting also hit with a 14.850, while Ramil earned a score of 14.300.

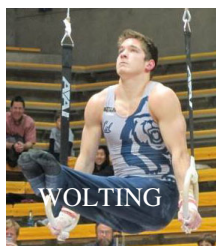
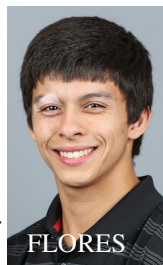
AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Backed by the nation's highest individual high bar score, an Academy record on the still rings and two first-place finishes, Air Force registered the second-highest team score in program history (433.450) during its final home meet of the 2016 season on Saturday, March 6.

With a career-best score of 15.750, Chase Cannon easily won high bar – bettering the field by more than a half-point. In addition to breaking his own Academy record on that event, Cannon tallied the highest high bar score in the nation so far this season.



Tim Wang used a career-best score of 15.600 to win the still rings. Denis Aurelius, competing in his final meet at the Cadet West Gym, scored a season-best 15.350 to finish third, while Fletcher Branton placed fourth with a season-high score of 14.900.



Wang tallied a 15.500 to finish second on the pommel horse.

On the floor exercise Aaron Nubine finished third with a 14.900 and Aurelius took fourth with a season-high mark of 14.850.

On the vault Christian Kalustian (15.000, third), while Jonathan Fornoff was the Falcons' top finisher on the parallel bars (season-best 14.550, fourth). Freshman Lukas Texeira also accounted for a finish within the top half of the field, as he finished sixth on the high bar with a score of 14.350.

BIG TEN CONFERENCE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Third-ranked Ohio State used a school-record team score of 447.400 to defeat No. 6 Iowa and No. 8 Nebraska at the annual Arnold Challenge at the Celeste Center Saturday afternoon.

The Buckeyes set a school record on parallel bars with a 75.150 team total and also posted season-best scores on high bar (74.500) and floor exercise (73.650). The team all-around total of 447.400 ranks third in the NCAA this season behind No. 1 Oklahoma (448.350) and No. 2 Stanford (447.700).

Individually, the Buckeyes were once again led by Alec Yoder (freshman) and Sean Melton. Yoder was victorious on pommel horse (15.850) and tied for first place on two events, joining Melton as high bar co-champion (15.150) and fellow freshman Tristan Burke as a winner on rings (15.200). Melton added a first-place finish on parallel bars with a season-best score of 15.900.

Yoder – Yoder scored 15 or higher on all three of his winning

events, including collegiate-best scores of 15.850 on pommel horse and 15.150 on high bar. The 15.850 on

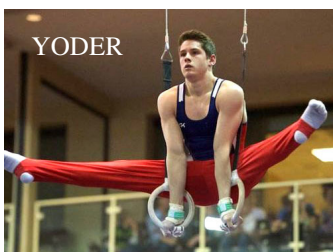
pommel horse is tops in the nation this season and ranks third in the OSU record book, while the 15.150 on high bar ranks in the Top 10 in the NCAA this season.

Melton's winning parallel bars score of 15.900 ranks No. 3 in the NCAA in 2016 and is just shy of his school-record total of 16.050 from 2014. He set a season-best total of 15.150 on high bar to earn a first-place tie with Yoder and turned in a runner-up and personal-best score of 15.350 on pommel horse - both marks rank in the Top 10 nationally this season.

Burke tied for first on rings with a career-best 15.200 and was the top Buckeye on vault, tying for second place with a 15.200.

Jake Dastrup - was a runner-up on parallel bars with a personal-best 15.400, a Top-10 score nationally and the fourth-best performance in school history.

Emeric Quade - was the top Buckeye on floor exercise, turning in a personal-best routine that earned a 15.400.



UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The University of Illinois had a record day on the Air Force Academy base, racking up a school-record team score of 442.300 en route to victories over Air Force and California. The Orange and Blue's stellar effort was headlined by a team mark of 76.150 on the pommel horse, the best mark across the NCAA this season and the second-best score ever recorded in the NCAA.

Opening the afternoon on the still rings Alex Diab led the effort with an Illinois season-high 15.450 for a second place finish.



Dennis Minton posted the next best mark for the Orange and Blue, scoring a 14.850 to tie for fifth in the competition. Additionally, Bobby Baker added a 14.800.

Leading the Illini on floor was again Diab, who posted a 15.400. The mark was enough for second place on the day. Baker added a 14.800 for the second-best Illinois score as an all-arounder to tie for fifth. Matt Foster contributed a 14.700, a season-best.

The Illinois pommel horse crew had a record-breaking day, posting the best team score the NCAA has seen this season with a 76.150, the second-best score recorded in NCAA history and a school record. Leading the pack was Brandon Ngai, who secured his sixth-career title in his sixth-consecutive meet with a score of 15.550. Foster finished with a third place score of 15.300 while Baker added a 15.250 and Logan Bradley contributed a 15.200 for fifth and sixth place, respectively.

Next on the high bar Diab led the efforts with a career-best 15.150 for a second place finish. Max Mayr added a 14.650 on the event to finish fifth on the event.

On vault Baker won his first title of the day with a career high of 15.300. Eggleston was just behind in second place with a 15.050. Diab added a 14.900 for a fourth place finish.

Baker captured the parallel bars event crown with a score of 15.050. Taking home second place was Mayr, who turned in a reading of 14.900, a career high.

Baker secured his third title of the afternoon with an all-around reading of 89.450, one of the top scores in the nation this season. Diab finished a close second with a career-high 88.400.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota earned a victory on Senior Night against UIC and the UMN Club Team with a score of 438.350, the second highest score in program history.

The three upperclassmen, Paul Montague, Jr., Danny DiBenedetto and Zach Liebler all earned the Louis J. Cook award, given the gymnast(s) that performed exceptionally well throughout the meet.

Montague, Liebler and freshman Justin Karstadt each claimed a pair of individual titles, as the Gophers swept the top three scores in all six events.

Montague earned his first career All-Around title with a 85.150.

Minnesota started the day on Still Rings, where Montague earned first place with a 14.900. Karstadt came in second,



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14.500 and Mitchell Soukup made his season debut, placing third with a 14.450.

The Gophers moved to Floor for the second rotation, where they put up record-breaking numbers. Liebler posted a 16.150, the highest score on Floor this season and a new program record. Joel Gagnon placed second, scoring a 15.400 followed by Alex Wittenberg and Jack Kramer, who each scored 15.200. Minnesota totaled 76.650, a new program record.

On Pommel Horse Karstadt claimed first with a career high 15.300, followed by Montague and Tristan Duran, who scored 14.800 and 14.650, respectively.

Montague claimed his second event title of the day on High Bar with a 15.000. Duran placed second with a 14.800 followed by Danny DiBenedetto with a 14.600.

On Vault, Liebler earned his second event title with a 15.450. Wittenberg placed second with a 15.000 followed by freshman Michael Harris with a 14.550.

Karstadt won his second event title with a 15.000, on Parallel Bars, followed by Montague who scored 14.900. Duran and Ryan Bergman tied for third with a 14.650.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The University of Nebraska put on a stellar performance at the Arnold Classic on Saturday in a second-place finish against the Ohio State and Iowa. The Huskers ended with a team total of 437.300, breaking the program record of 434.300 that was set earlier this season.

The Huskers started the night on rings where Brenon Sommers broke his personal-best score with 14.50. Joshua Everitt added support with 14.30, while Ryan Irick earned 14.20. Alex Magsam and Austin Epperson followed closely behind with scores of 14.10 and 14.15, respectively. Anton Stephenson, competing in the all-around competition, scored 14.40 - a new personal best.

The team rotated to vault where Antonio Castro (14.60), Stephenson (15.25) and Kyle King (15.20) all set new personal-high scores on the event. Magsam pitched in a 14.25, while All-American Sam Chamberlain added

14.90. Stephenson took home the event title.

On parallel bars, Chamberlain and Stephenson led the team with scores of 15.25 and 14.90, respectively. Epperson (14.50) and Jordan King (14.40) each posted personal-best scores, while Daniel Leal earned a 13.55.

Nebraska competed on high bar next led by J. King's personal-best score of 14.70 and Stephenson's 14.35. Castro added support with a 14.30, while Leal and Lottman posted scores of 14.05 and 13.75, respectively.

NU moved to floor where Stephenson led the way with a career-high 15.70, earning him first place overall on the event. Epperson and



Connor Adamsick both added scores of at least 15.00. Epperson ended with a 15.10, while Adamsick tied his personal-best score of 15.00. K. King, pitched in 14.70, while Andrew Zymball earned 14.40.

Nebraska ended the day on pommel horse where the team set the school record with a total of 73.15 on the event. All-American Ethan Lottman led the effort with a 15.25. Ryan Irick and Antonio Castro each set career-high scores of 14.50 and 15.10, respectively. Jordan King earned a 14.00 for his routine, while Anton Stephenson added 14.30.

A. Stephenson took home the all-around title with a personal-best and program-record score of 88.90.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa couldn't keep up with Ohio State and Nebraska as the two set school records for overall team scores in the season's second five-up, five-count meet. Ohio State (447.400) the meet, followed by Nebraska (437.600), and Iowa (426.950).

The Hawkeyes began on floor exercise, where Matt Loochtan placed fourth overall with a 15.050 to lead Iowa. Jack Boyle recorded a 14.750 to tie for seventh place, while Mark Springett placed 12th with a 14.150 effort.



On pommel horse Doug Sullivan placed fourth overall, posting a 15.250 to get back on track after two meets without a score above 15.000. Emmanuel Monroy scored a 14.750,

setting a season-high and placing seventh in the event. Austin Hodges tied for 12th with a score of 14.000.

Loochtan was responsible for the Hawkeyes' first top three finish of the afternoon on rings, placing third with a score of 15.100. Boyle finished close behind, scoring a 14.850 to tie for fifth place. Springett placed 10th with a score of 14.350.

In the fourth rotation, Andrew Botto held the top spot for Iowa on vault. He recorded a 14.700, to place eighth overall. Loochtan scored a 14.550 for 10th, followed by Springett in 11th place with a 14.450.

Boyle led the way for Iowa on parallel bars, setting a career-high with a score of 15.000 for fourth place, while Loochtan finished seventh with a career-high matching score of 14.850. Cyrus Dobre-Mofid finished 12th with a 14.100 effort.

The Hawkeyes ended the day on high bar, where Boyle grabbed Iowa's second top-three finish of the evening with a third place result (14.900). Loochtan tied for seventh with a score of 14.650, and freshman Rogelio Vazquez set a career-high with a 14.100 to finish 11th.

Boyle and Loochtan competed together in the all-around for the third-straight meet. Loochtan placed second overall, with a score of 86.300. Boyle posted an 85.850 for third.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan marked a team score of 416.050 and captured team and individual event titles on five events en route to defeating the Puerto Rican National team and the Temple Owls Saturday (March 5) at Calle Julio Perez Irizarry.

On floor freshman Matthew Beck posted a second-place 14.25.

On still rings UM was led by a 1-2 finish from freshman Anthony McCallum (14.55), while Colin Mahar took second with the same score due to the lower difficulty level.



In the vault event the Wolverines swept the top four spots. The contingent was led by freshman Emyre Cole with a 15.15 and followed by Anthony Stefanelli (15.15), Michael Strathern (15.05) and Dmitri Belanovski (14.70).

McCallum's second event title came on parallel bars with a 14.15, while Cole took second with a 13.90. Belanovski closed out the night and led U-M with a 14.55.

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Penn State notched a 430.450-413.700 victory over Arizona State Friday, Mar. 4 at the Wells Fargo Arena.

Participating in just his second meet of the 2016 season, Quest Hayden captured the pommel horse title with a career-best 14.450, while Christian McSwain placed third overall with a 14.350. Leroy Clarke, Jr. notched a fourth-place finish.

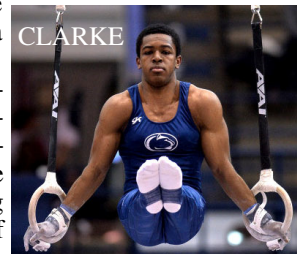
Moving to the floor Alexis Torres finished a close second with a 14.950. McSwain notched his second third place finish on the night with a 14.650 for PSU.

On the vault Joshua Smith posted a career-high 15.100 for a second-place finish. Trevor Howard placed third overall on the vault with a 15.00, while Wyatt Tyndall placed fourth with a career-best 14.950.

Clarke led the Nittany Lions on the still rings with his fourth title of the season, scoring a meet-high 15.000, while Greg Tamargo rounded out the top three with a career-best 14.300.

Freshman Michael Burns continued to be a leader for PSU on the high bar, notching his second title of the season with a 14.850, while Clarke followed behind with a 14.800. Finishing third in the event was junior Franz Card scoring a 14.200.

On the parallel bars PSU was led by a first-place finish from Clarke. The win marked the second of the night for the team captain as he scored a 15.050 in the win. Torres placed second with a 15.00 and Burns nabbed the third-place finish with a 14.700. Rounding out the top five were Card and Smith, who scored matching 14.500s.



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ECAC CONFERENCE U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Jesse Glenn won vault, high bar and all-around with Sam Kusnitz and Ryan Wilson posting career marks capturing floor exercise and still rings, respectively, as the trio led the Army West Point past host Springfield, 423.15-410.00, at Blake Arena Sunday.

Kusnitz won the opening event, floor exercise, behind a career high 15.35 that shattered his former mark of 15.15 set two years ago against the Pride. Wilson's winning mark of 14.6 on still rings bettered his previous score of 13.85.

Glenn, winning the all-around title for the third straight time, posted a season mark of 87.1. He claimed the title on vault, recording a 14.7, and won high bar behind a 14.95. Glenn was also second on floor exercise (15.15) and pommel horse (14.4).

Kusnitz posted his second career mark of the meet registering a 14.75 on high bar, in placing second. His 14.2 on vault earned him third-place honors.

Leo Genders was second on vault (14.4). Plebe Cole Casanova was third in the all-around scoring with an 84.0, after posting season highs on still rings (14.5) and parallel bars (14.15) in earning runner-up and third place honors, respectively. Casanova was also third on high bar with a 14.20 as Army swept the top three finishes.

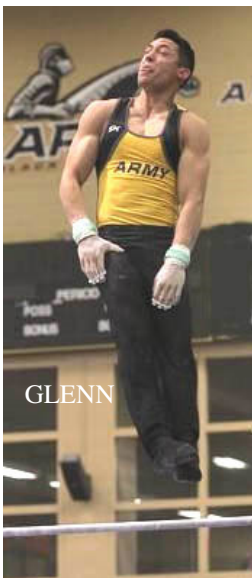
Army also claimed the top three places on vault following Joe Pritts' third-place finish after posting a 14.2. Nathan Goff was fourth on high bar (14.15) with plebe Andrew Hufnagel and Seth Cannon placing fourth (13.9) and fifth on pommel horse (13.8), respectively.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Navy dropped the back-end of its home-and-home series with William & Mary by a score of 408.8 to 406.6 on Sunday afternoon.

Mitchell Larios and Eric Poletti highlighted the Mids' individual performances on Sunday with event wins in the floor exercise and vault for Larios and on the rings Poletti.

Navy's vault score was led by a one-two finish courtesy of Larios and Andy Jones who recorded marks of 15.0 and 14.95. David Frick gave the Mids three of



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the top-four finishers as he completed his vault with a 14.35 score. Wyatt LaPointe and Noah Beeman rounded out Navy's high-scoring lineup with respective efforts of 14.05 and 14.0. All five Midshipmen gymnasts placed amongst the top-eight.

On the vault a first-place result of 14.8 bNavy, 408.8 - 406.6, at Kaplan Arena on Sunday afternoon.

A trio of Tribe gymnasts led the squad with individual event titles, as Griffin Antle (pommel horse, 14.5), Rob Meyer (parallel bars, 14.55) and junior Aria Sabbagh (high bar, 14.1) all recorded top scores.

On pommel horse, in addition to Antle's winning effort, freshman Jacopo Gliozzi placed second with a career-high 14.35. Keaton Ackerman also came up big with a season-best 14.2, while Meyer (13.9) and Simon Casey (13.4) rounded out the top group.

Other individual highlights included a second-place showing by Casey on floor (14.1) and a third-place effort by Juan Palma on vault (14.7).

UNIVERSITY OF ILL-CHICAGO

The UIC men's gymnastics team traveled to take on the Minnesota Gophers and the MSU club team Saturday. The Flames ultimately fell to the Gophers, 438.350-372.450, while placing ahead of the MSU club's 163.100.

Despite the second-place team finish, there were several notable individual finishes for the Flames. Alexander Dumstorf, Jacob Thurber, CJ Patton, Trent Jarrett and Steen Haugsted led UIC in their respective events.

The Flames began the evening on the pommel horse where Patton scored 13.400. Dumstorf and Thurber and tied for a team best

on floor exercise with a total of 14.300. Jarrett's score of 13.850 was good for fifth on rings, as Thurber came away with a 13.900 on vault.

Haugsted notched a team high score of 12.600 on the high bar. The squad then wrapped up the evening on parallel bars where Dumstorf and Jarrett led the Flames with their score of 13.600.

"Though we definitely missed Keith Kohn, I'm looking forward to plugging him back into the lineup next week and see the team closer to full strength," said Coach Nelson.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Led by a season-best rings rotation, Springfield College bolstered a season-high team score of 410.000 in a meet against Army (423.150) on Sunday afternoon in Blake Arena.

Jon Zirna had a dominant day for Springfield, as he posted a career-best all-around score of 84.600, finishing behind Jesse Glenn from Army, who produced a score of 87.100. Zirna had season-best performances in the



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floor exercise, pommel horse, vault, high bar and a career-best score of 13.950 on the rings. The Pride also received an impressive performance from Chris Graff who recorded career-high scores in the rings, vault and parallel bars.

Starting on the floor exercise, Zirna posted a 14.350 to take fourth overall, while Nick Jama recorded a career-high score of 14.300 on his routine to take fifth.

On the pommel horse, Zirna took first overall with a score of 15.200, just shy of his



school record mark of 15.250, while Graff finished in third with a score of 14.000.

On the rings, Graff took third overall with a career mark of 14.400, while classmate Joshua Dieker followed suit with a season-best 14.300 to take fourth. Ryan Kearns also had a career-best score of 13.400, along with Zirna's 13.950, helping Springfield to their season best 68.60 on the event.

Competing for the first time on vault, Graff notched a 13.400, while on the parallel bars, sophomore Mike Grimaldi produced a career-high 14.400 to win the event, while Zirna followed with a 14.300 to finish the rotation.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM/MARY

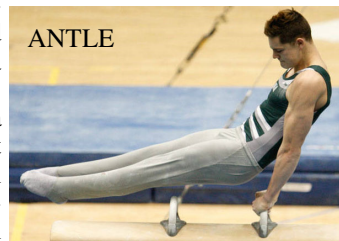
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Highlighting W&M's victory was an outstanding performance on high pommel horse where it posted a season-high 70.35. En route to earning the impressive mark, W&M had five of the top six scorers in the event. In addition to Antle's winning effort, freshman Jacopo Gliozzi placed second with a career-high 14.35 - a mark that ranks 10th in school history. Keaton Ackerman

also came up big with a season-best 14.2, while Meyer (13.9) and Simon Casey (13.4) rounded out the top group.

Other individual highlights included a second-place showing by Casey on floor (14.1) and a third-place effort by Juan Palma on vault (14.7). In addition to setting a career high, Palma's score ranks fourth in school history.



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