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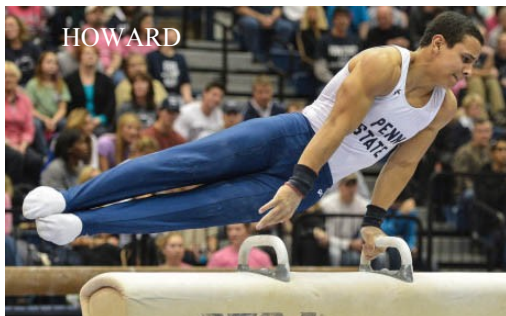
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TOP TEAM SCORES THIS WEEK

Penn St.	443.60	Army	413.00
Illinois	440.15	Navy	410.20
Michigan	433.90	Arizona State	405.30
Stanford	432.65	Springfield	404.95
Ohio St.	431.40	Ill-Chicago	402.60
Minnesota	429.90	Washington	394.65
Air Force	427.75		
Iowa	424.50		
Nebraska	422.05		
California	421.30		

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

No. 3 Penn State won five team events and six individual titles en route to a 443.600-431.400 win over No. 7 Ohio State Friday night inside Rec Hall. Trevor Howard led the Nittany Lions, as he won the still rings, the parallel bars and the all-around event.



HOWARD

Penn State opened the competition with a school record score of 75.800 in the floor exercise event. The Nittany Lions claimed the top five spots in the floor exercise event as Christian McSwain tallied a first-place finish with his score of 15.550. Trevor Howard and Thad Lawson finished second and third, respectively, with their scores of 15.300 and 15.100.

On the pommel horse, Craig Hernandez claimed his third title of the season with his score of 15.300. Also in the pommel horse, Colin Coates finished third with his mark of 14.650 and Leroy Clarke, Jr. took fifth with a score of 14.300.

The Nittany Lions continued their momentum into the still rings as Howard won his first event of the evening with his score of

15.650. Penn State also finished 3-4-5 in the still rings event. Tristan Duverglas claimed third with his score of 15.400, followed by Alexis Torres (15.350) and Clarke, Jr. (14.950).

In the vault competition, Ohio State claimed the top two spots, but Penn State finished tied for second through seventh. Freshman Quest Hayden tallied a score of 14.900 to tie for second and Duverglas and Howard tied for fourth with their score of 14.850.

Howard and Torres tied for first-place in the parallel bars with their score of 15.400. Also in the parallel bars, Clarke, Jr., posted a score of 15.100 to finish fourth and DiFulvio finished fifth with his score of 15.100.

Matthew Felleman ended the day strong for the Nittany Lions as he was the final competitor on the high bar and took home the high bar event with his score of 15.450. Howard finished the day with a score of 14.200 in the high bar to give him a score of 88.100 in the all-around competition.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Illinois posted a school record team score of 440.150 to defeat Iowa (424.500) and move to 9-0 on the season.

Matt Foster got the Orange and Blue started with a 15.050 to take the floor title. Bobby Baker took second with a 14.850 mark, while C.J. Maestas and Joey Peters notched scores of 14.550 and 14.500 for fourth and fifth places respectively. Fred Hartville made his season debut on the event and posted a 14.150.

Next, on pommel horse, Logan Bradley locked down the second spot with a 14.700 performance followed by Foster who posted a 14.500. Brandon Ngai (14.400), Baker (14.200) and Harry McLellan (13.800) finished sixth through eighth respectively.

On rings, Illinois posted a team-score of 75.000, led by Maestas who turned in a 15.800 performance. Baker finished second with a 15.000 tying with Mike Wilner. Peters (14.800) and Dennis Minton (14.400) finished sixth and seventh in the event.

Peters took the vault event title with a score of 14.850. Hartville and Maestas posted scores of 14.650 and 14.600 to claim the third and fourth spots on the vault.

Illinois turned in a school record team score of 74.450 on the parallel bars. Baker clinched the title with a 15.300 outing, which marks his debut in the record book. His score ties him for the fifth best parallel bars score

posted by an Illini. Maestas (15.100), Jordan Valdez (15.100) and Tom Gibbs (14.550) secured the next three spots in the event.

Valdez claimed the high bar title with a 15.600 performance. Maestas turned in a 15.200 as Max Mayr (14.600) and Baker (14.400) claimed spots two through four.

Maestas claimed the all-around title with an 88.650 outing followed by Baker in second



MAESTAS

with a score of 87.950 and Peters in third at 85.200.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

No. 5-ranked University of Michigan unveiled its 2014 NCAA championships banner and then went on to defeat the No. 2-ranked Stanford Cardinal, 433.900-432.650, Saturday (Feb. 7) in front of 1,241 fans inside Cliff Keen Arena.

The Wolverines set new season highs on floor, rings and high bar, while Stacey Ervin led U-M on two events and won his lone title on the night with a 15.80 on floor. Mean-



ERVIN

while, Anthony Stefanelli tied for first on vault.

In the first rotation, Michigan began the night on floor and was led by Ervin with a 15.80 for the event title. He was followed by Stefanelli, who secured a career-best 14.95 to take third on the event.



On pommel horse in the second rotation, Michigan was led by Nolan Novak, who scored a 14.50. Nick Hunter then scored a 14.45.

On still rings, in rotation three, Colin Mahar scored 14.60 to lead the way, U-M then moved to vault, where Ervin once again led the Wolverines on an event with a 15.15, while Paul Rizkalla Jr. followed with a 14.85. After increasing their lead in the fourth, the Wolverines moved to parallel bars in the fifth rotation, and U-M began to pull away with a 71.55, where Ervin paced U-M with a 15.05.

The Maize and Blue closed out the victory and the night on high bar with a 14.85 from freshman Dmitri Belanovski, who took second in the all-around with a career-best 85.05 behind Stanford's Akash Modi (89.85).

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

No. 7 Ohio State suffered a 443.600-431.400 loss to No. 3 Penn State Friday night at Rec Hall in University Park, Pa.

Freshman Alexander Wilson was the Buckeyes' lone event winner, taking first on vault with a 15.050. Wilson, also tied for sixth on floor with a personal-best score of 14.500 and placed seventh on parallel bars with a 14.750.

On pommel horse, Jake Martin earned runner-up honors with a mark of 14.850, while freshman Cody Teaney placed fourth overall with a 14.400 score.

Emeric Quade and Wilson tied for sixth on floor at 14.500.

Larry Mayer tied for second behind Wilson with a 14.900 vault.

Drew Moling's 15.500 placed him in second on rings. Alex Johnson added a 14.650 to finish sixth and Teaney tied for seventh with a score of 14.550.

On high bar Alex Nork was runner-up with a score of 14.950, while Donald Yeager and Andrew Rickly tied for third (14.300).

On parallel bars Moling contributed a third-place total of 15.150 and Johnson an eighth-place score of 14.600 to go along with Wilson's previously mentioned seventh-place effort.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

No. 10 University of Minnesota defeated No. 9 University of Nebraska Cornhuskers and the No. 14 University of Illinois-Chicago Flames at the Sports Pavilion on Saturday night. The Gophers defeated the Cornhuskers and Flames with an overall score of 429.900. Nebraska took second on the night (422.050),

followed by the UIC (402.600).

To open the night, the Maroon and Gold took to the floor exercise and scored a team total of 71.80. Freshman Alex Wittenberg came in third on the event overall with an individual mark of 14.55. Fellow freshman Joel Gagnon tallied the second highest Minnesota score with a 14.30.

Ellis Mannon earned second place on the pommel horse event tallying a 14.40.

On the vault Sean Bauer placed third on the event with an individual mark of 14.50. In his Golden Gopher debut, freshman Shashank Yallamraju tallied a 13.800.

On the parallel bar, Jaciuk claimed the event title with a score of 14.90. Earning the



JACIUK

third and fourth top scores were Montague with a 14.40 and Daniel DiBenedetto, who tallied a 14.30.

Still rings proved to be a key event, as the Gophers earned the top three individual scores en route to the highest team score on the apparatus. Jack Metcalf earned the top score after earning a 14.85. Jaciuk and Paul Montague, Jr. came in second and third place with scores of 14.75 and 14.70, respectively.

The final rotation of the night, the high bar, saw Gopher gymnasts occupy second through sixth place with Gagnon claiming the highest score for the team with a 14.90. Despite a fall in the middle of his routine, Jaciuk was able to continue and earned a 14.10, rounding out the Gopher placements.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa traveled to Champaign, Illinois, Saturday to square off against the No. 4-ranked Illinois in a dual meet. The Hawkeyes fell to the Illini 440.150 - 424.500.

Iowa began the meet on pommel horse. Doug Sullivan led the Hawkeyes, tallying a score of 14.850 and clinching the team's only event title. Del Vecchio Orozco finished



SULLIVAN

fourth for the Hawkeyes (14.500) and freshman Austin Hodges had a bounce back routine after struggling last week, scoring a career high 14.450.

In the second rotation, Iowa moved to floor exercise. Cyrus Dobre-Mofid finished third on the event with a 14.750 effort. Matt Loochtan finished in sixth place after tallying a 14.400, while Brandon Field followed in seventh with a score of 14.250.

Field led the Hawkeyes on vault in the third rotation, scoring a 14.700 and second place on the event. Dobre-Mofid and Andrew Botto scored a 14.400 tying them for fifth place.

The Hawkeyes moved to rings next. Boyle led the team for a third straight week, posting a 14.900 and placing fourth in the event. Loochtan followed behind finishing fifth (14.850).

Iowa then moved to high bar. Dobre-Mofid led the Hawkeyes with a 14.250 effort and a fourth place finish. Alberhasky placed sixth with a score of 14.100.

Iowa moved to parallel bars for the final rotation. Freshman Dylan Ellsworth set a new career high, scoring a 14.450 on his way to a fifth place finish to lead the Hawkeyes. Boyle placed seventh, posting a 14.250.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

No. 9 Nebraska powered to a season high team score on the road against No. 10 Minnesota and No. 14 University of Illinois-Chicago. Minnesota grabbed the win with a season-high 429.000. Nebraska grabbed second with its season-best 422.050, while UIC finished third with a 402.600.

Freshman Kyle King dominated on floor, winning the event with a huge 15.30. Austin Epperson also added a big 15.00. Ethan Lottman took home the pommel horse crown with a 15.10 routine. Louis Klein won the high bar event with a season-high 14.95.

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The team was led by Lottman's huge 15.10 on pommel horse. Ryan Irick powered to a season-high 13.55.

On rings NU was paced by Austin Epperson's 14.50 mark. Coleman Tokar put up a new personal best for the third straight meet, earning a 13.85. Freshman Alex Magsam added a respectable 14.10 on his routine.

The Huskers next moved to floor as King paved the way with a huge career-high 15.30 mark, followed by Epperson's personal-best 15.00. Gollott earned a 14.50 as Stephenson pitched in a 14.30.

Freshman Daniel Leal set the tone with his career-best 14.75 routine on parallel bars. King followed adding a 13.85. Stephenson and Klein posted matching 13.80s for the Big Red.

Epperson and Tokar led the high bar event with a duo of 14.00s. Stephenson followed closely behind with a 13.95.

Gollott and Chamberlain set the pace on vault with a pair of 14.70 marks. Klein posted his third season-best of the night with a 14.45, as King tallied a 14.20 to boost the effort.



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ARMY

Competing at the All-Academy Championships against service academy rivals Air Force and Navy, the Army men's gymnastics team claimed second place. Army posted a team score of 413.000 on the afternoon. Air Force claimed first for the fifth consecutive year with a score of 427.750 and Navy rounded out the trio with a score of 410.200.

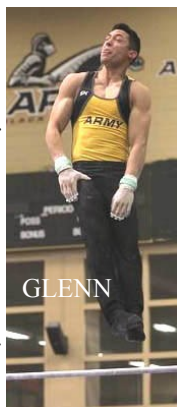
Jesse Glenn finished second in the all-around competition, posting a score of 83.850.

The Black Knights posted a team victory on the high bar, avoiding an Air Force team sweep. On the high bar event, Glenn took first overall with a mark of 14.650 and was followed by Leo Genders in second with a mark of 14.300 and Nathan Goff in third with a career-best score of 14.250.

On floor exercise, the Black Knights were led by a third place finish from Sam Kunitz with a score of 14.750. Glenn placed seventh on the apparatus with a mark of 14.550 and Genders took eighth with a score of 14.500.

Chris Short led the way for Army on pommel horse with an eighth place score of 13.900. The mark tied his career high set against Springfield in 2014.

On still rings, Glenn posted a season-best



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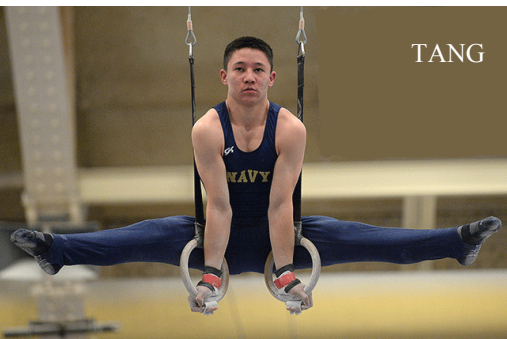
score of 13.900 to tie for seventh place.

Joe Pritts earning seventh on vault with a score of 14.450 and Glenn taking ninth with a score of 14.350.

Short posted a score of 13.700 to tie for sixth place on parallel bars.

NAVY

Navy finished in third place in Saturday's All-Academy Championship in Houston, Texas. Jonny Tang won the all-around competition with a final total of 84.1 points.



TANG

Tang led the Mids' effort in floor exercise at the meet as his 14.8 score was second. Mitchell Larios notched a 14.45 result.

In pommel horse action, Eric Morrison and Tang finished in fourth and sixth overall. Morrison had a score of 14.65, while Tang followed with a 14.45.

On rings Thomas Goodell finished second overall with 14.3 points. Joshua Steves and Eric Viscardi ranked fifth and sixth overall with 14.05 and 13.95 scores, respectively.

Larios was Navy's top vaulter with a 14.7 performance, good for second place. Other high scorers on the vault for Navy included Viscardi, David Frick and Tang, who registered results of 14.55, 14.25 and 14.2, respectively.

In parallel bar action, Vadim Ivanov had a team-high score of 13.85. Ivanov's score ranked him fifth overall.

Tang's career-best all-around performance came to a close on Saturday with a career-high score of 14.2 on the high bar. His fourth place routine was followed by Goodell, who came in seventh with a 13.6 score.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Another impressive performance from Jon Zirna helped pace the Springfield College to a first-place finish at the New England Invitational Championships at Blake Arena on Sunday evening.

Springfield, who registered 404.950 points, outlasted teams from MIT, SUNY Brockport, University of Vermont and Temple Univ.

Zirna placed second in the all-around after he posted a score of 82.350, while teammate Ian Stratton landed in the fourth spot with a 77.00 performance. The junior capped his second-place performance with a top slot on the parallel bars with a 14.500.



ZIRNA

Andy Grabowski led the way for the Pride with his floor routine as he posted a 14.400 in the runner-up slot, while teammate Joshua Dieker finished with a score of 13.700.

Springfield had an outstanding showing on the pommel horse, as the team posted an overall score of 71.45. Chris Graff led the way for the Pride with a 14.700, while Pat Ryther followed suit with a 14.500. Tucker McClure and Brian Cogan rounded out the top four for both the Springfield squad and the overall event. Graff also placed first on the rings with a 13.650.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

Illinois-Chicago took on the Minnesota Gophers and Nebraska Cornhuskers Saturday evening at the Sports Pavilion in Minneapolis. The Flames finished with a season best 402.60, falling short to Minnesota (429.90) and Nebraska (422.05).

Jason Gaides accumulated a total of 82.95 points in the all-around competition and finished in first place. On pommel horse, Gaides led his teammates with a score of 14.10, securing third-place in the event. He recorded a score of 14.40 on rings, which was good for sixth-place.

Brett Valin competed in all-around competition tallying an 80.75, which was good for second-place. Valin also competed on vault, recording a score of 14.45 and tied for fifth-place. He also led UIC in scoring on parallel bars with a score of 14.10.

Alex Dumstorf led the team on parallel bars with a score of 13.60.



GAIDES