



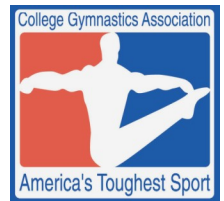
# COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

## Big Ten Conference Championships

Host: University of Nebraska

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### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan captured the 17th Big Ten title in program history -- and second straight -- with a team score of 448.200 on Friday (April 28) at Nebraska's Bob Devaney Sports Center.

The NCAA record setting team score was established without the services of the injured Adrian de los Angeles and without the full services of Stacey Ervin, who was injured during this competition.

Senior Sam Mikulak scored the highest all-around score in NCAA history with a 93.70 and also set the NCAA record on parallel bars with a 16.10 en route to the third Big Ten all-

around championship of his career. Mikulak also becomes the first Big Ten gymnast since Blaine Wilson (1994-96) to win three Big Ten all-around titles in his career.

On vault Tristian Perez-Rivera (Caguas, Puerto Rico/Notre Dame) scored a career-high 15.30 with a stuck Kasamatsu 3/2. Additionally, Mikulak scored a 15.25 in the anchor position.

Mikulak reclaimed his NCAA record on the parallel bar event that he previously marked at last season's Big Ten Championships with a 16.10. Jordan Gaarenstroom led off with a career-high 14.90, while graduate student Syque Caesar followed with a 15.40.

SAM MIKULAK: U. OF MICHIGAN  
2014 BIG TEN ALL AROUND  
CHAMPION



On high bar Mikulak tallied the highest score in the NCAA this season with a 16.00. Freshman Anthony Stefanelli and Gaarenstroom helped bridge the gap with matching 14.70s, while Perez-Rivera (14.90) and Mikulak (15.70) both excelled on the floor exercise as well.

Following the bye rotation, on pommels, UM was led by a 15.30 from Mikulak and a 15.00 from senior Matt Freeman.

The Wolverines sealed the championship with an electrifying still rings performance, as Colin Mahar led off with a career-high 15.30, while Freeman and Gaarenstroom marked identical 15.00s. Alex Bubnov then collected a career high of his own with a 15.50, while Mikulak closed out his record-setting night with a 15.35. In total, the Wolverines notched a 76.15, which is a season high for the team and is the top score in the country this season on the event.

In total, Wolverines will compete in 21 routines in Saturday's (March 29) individual finals: Caesar (vault, parallel bars, high bar), Mikulak (all six events), Paul Rizkalla Jr. (vault), Perez-Rivera (vault, floor), Konner Ackerman (vault), Jordan Gaarenstroom (parallel bars, still rings), Dylan Hunter (parallel bars, pommel horse), Colin Mahar (still rings), Bubnov (still rings), Nolan Novak (pommel horse) and Freeman (pommel horse).

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### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ohio State posted an overall team score of 441.050 to secure a second-place finish at the 2014 Big Ten Championships Friday night at the Bob Devaney Center at the University of Nebraska.

Freshman Sean Melton and sophomore Jake Martin represented the Buckeyes in all-around competition. Melton scored a career-high 89.75 to claim second place while Martin scored an 88.65 to finish third.

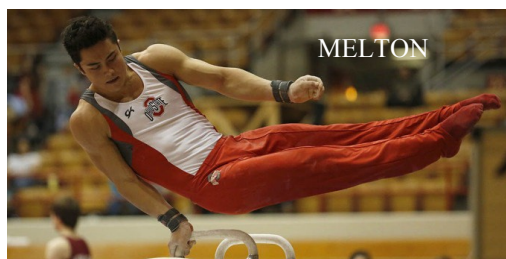
Seven Buckeyes qualified to compete in the individual event finals on Saturday. Martin qualified to compete on floor exercise, vault and high bar while Melton advanced to compete on pommel horse, parallel bars and high bar. In addition, junior Danny Steiner and redshirt junior Jeff Treleven qualified to compete on floor exercise, Michael New-



burger qualified to compete on pommel horse, freshman Jake Dastrup advanced to compete on parallel bars and sophomore Alex Johnson advanced to compete on high bar.

On floor exercise Martin led the team with a career-high 15.35 to place third overall. Behind Martin, Treleven scored a season-high 14.95 to place second on the team and eighth overall while Danny Steiner tallied a 14.90 to round out the top three Buckeye scorers with a ninth-place overall finish.

After a bye, the Buckeyes returned to action on pommel horse where Newburger paced the Scarlet and Gray with his 15.15 score and second-place overall finish. Newburger was followed by Melton, who tallied a 14.70 for ninth place overall.



Ohio State moved to rings where Melton tallied a 14.90 to lead the Buckeyes. Drew Moling scored a 14.85, Alex Nork earned a 14.750. The team failed to qualify anyone to the finals on rings.

Martin led the way for Ohio State on vault, scoring a 15.05 for an eighth-place overall finish.

On parallel bars Melton scored a 15.45 to finish second overall. Dastrup earned a 15.00 to place eighth overall.

Ohio State closed the competition on high bar. Martin earned a 15.45 to place second overall, while Melton scored a career-high 15.10 to place third and Johnson scored a 15.05 to finish fifth overall.

#### PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Led by a top score on the vault from junior Tristan Duverglas, Penn State opened their postseason run with a third-place finish at the 2014 Big Ten Championships in the Bob Devaney Center in Lincoln, Neb.

Duverglas led the squad tying for first on the vault, recording a 15.300 in the first ses-



sion. Ranked seventh nationally on the apparatus, Duverglas posted his third highest score of the season to for the top score. Reigning Big Ten individual champion Craig Hernandez finished third on the pommel horse, recording a 15.100.

Trevor Howard finished fifth overall in his sixth all-around performance of the season. He recorded a pair of top five finishes on the way to his second highest all-around score in 2014 (87.200). Howard highlighted the evening with a second-place finish on the rings, swinging to a score of 15.700 and a fifth-place finish on the vault (15.150). Howard turned in two more top-10 finishes with a six-place finish in the floor exercise (15.150) and a seventh-place finish on the parallel bars (15.100).

Nestor Rodriguez also posted a pair of top-10 finishes, coming in at fifth on the parallel bars (15.300) and eighth on the vault (15.050). Rodriguez's performance on the parallel bars matches a season-high effort.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The sixth-ranked Fighting Illini men's gymnastics team came away with a fourth-place finish at the 2014 Big Ten Championships on Friday night at Nebraska's Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Despite the disappointing finish, redshirt sophomore C.J. Maestas took home the still rings title with his third highest score of the season (15.900). Maestas finished fourth in the all-around, with a final score of 87.950.

Chad Mason led the Orange and Blue with a score of 14.950 on pommel horse for 6th place, closely followed by teammate Jacob Tilsley with a 14.650 in 11th.

On rings C.J. Maestas had a huge performance for the Illini, scoring 15.900 for the title. Joey Peters held the next highest Illini score with a season high of 15.200 to tie for 6<sup>th</sup>.

On vault, the Illini failed to qualify anyone for finals: Chandler Eggleston scoring a 14.850 to finish in 12th.

Jordan Valdez tied his career high and 4th highest school score with a 15.300 on the parallel bars to tie for the No. 5 spot.

Valdez led the team again on high bar, scoring 15.100 to tie for 3rd. He was followed closely by Eggleston (14.700), who came in 10th.

Maestas led the Illini with a



season high of 15.500 for the No. 2 slot on floor exercise. Eggleston was the next highest score for the Illini in 4<sup>th</sup> (15.300), and Joey Peters, in his first floor routine of the season, scored a 14.000.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The Minnesota Golden Gophers competed in the team finals and all-around competition at the 2014 Big Ten Men's Gymnastics Championships Friday night. Minnesota finished fifth in the team standings with 429.150 points.

Four Gophers advanced to Saturday's individual event finals. Junior Steve Jaciuk (parallel bars and high bar) advanced in two events, while Ellis Mannon will represent Minnesota on pommel horse, Jack Metcalf will compete on still rings and senior Zack Chase will compete on vault.

Mannon placed sixth in the all-around with a 85.700. Jaciuk scored Minnesota's highest score of the B1G meet on the final routine of the evening. The Gophers' captain scored a season-best 15.350 on parallel bars for fourth place.

The Gophers started off the B1G meet on high bar where they were led by Jaciuk (14.700) and Sam Wright (14.400). The second rotation saw Minnesota head to floor exercise. Chase led the way with a 14.900 to tie for ninth overall.

Mannon scored a 15.000 to lead the Gophers in a tie for fourth place on pommel horse, and Steffen Beck and John Scallon



each earned scores of 14.050.

Metcalf led the way on rings, tying his career best with a 15.200 to tie for sixth place. Paul Montague, Jr. also earned a career-high score at 14.900, and Chase picked up a 14.650.

On vault Chase led the Gophers, scoring a 15.250 to tie for third place. Mannon picked up a career-best 14.800 on vault as well.

Jaciuk scored the Gophers' highest score of the B1G meet on the final routine of the night on the parallel bars with a season-high 15.350. Montague (14.700) and Matt Frey (14.650) also posted solid scores.

#### UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Nebraska kicked off the 2014 Big Ten Championships Friday with the team and all-around finals. The first day of the two-day

championship at the Bob Devaney Sports Center. The Huskers finished out the night with a team score of 428.150, placing them in sixth of seven teams.

The Huskers started on a bye rotation and then moved pommel horse where Lottman led the team, earning a 14.65 for his routine. He was followed by all-arounder Wyatt Aycock (14.20) and Eric Schryver (14.10). Wyatt Aycock came in ninth in the all-around competition with a score of 84.350.

Grant Perdue started out the rings lineup, grabbing a personal best 14.20 for his routine. Rings specialists Donovan Arndt and Robbie Kocks continued the strong showing, earning scores of 14.80 and 15.20 respectively.



Nebraska finished out their first half on vault. Sophomore Sam Chamberlain jumped right into the meet, starting off the rotation with a 14.60. Schaaf grabbed a 14.70, while Aycock scored just higher with a 14.75. Perdue finished out the rotation, tying Aycock's score of 14.75.

Louis Klein earned a 14.70 on the parallel bars event. Epperson followed suit with a score of 14.30. Schryver followed, earning a 14.60 for his routine. Returning All-American Sam Chamberlain posted the best score for the Huskers, earning a 14.75 for his routine.

NU continued on to high bar for their fifth rotation. Klein posted a 14.00 for his routine, helping to re-energize the team.

The Huskers looked to finish with a bang. Freshman Travis Gollott started off floor strong, returning from injury with a score of 14.35. Ungar continued the momentum, grabbing a 14.70 for his routine. Aycock followed with a 14.40, then House with a 14.75. Former All-American on floor Grant Perdue rounded out the lineup, finishing the night strong with a 15.20.

## UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa finished a disappointing seventh with a score of 425.600 in the all-around and team competition at the 2014 Big Ten Championships.

Lance Alberhasky led the Hawkeyes on parallel bars with a score of 14.700 and tied for 12th in the event.

Landau continued his success on high bar, finishing eighth with a score of 14.800.

Matt McGrath posted a score of 15.050 and

finished seventh in the floor exercise event to lead the Hawkeyes.

Doug Sullivan led the Hawkeyes with a score of 14.800, tying for seventh in the pommel horse event.

On still rings Matt Loochtan and All-American Matt McGrath did not disappoint as they each recorded scores of 15.150 and 15.000, respectively. Boyle tallied a 14.850 to improve his all-around status.



In the all-around standings, Boyle finished eighth with a score of 85.600. Loochtan placed ninth and McGrath tied for 10th in the event.

The Hawkeyes concluded the meet on vault, one of their strongest events. Loochtan, McGrath and William Albert each tallied scores of 14.800.

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## BIG TEN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

### INDIVIDUAL EVENT RESULTS

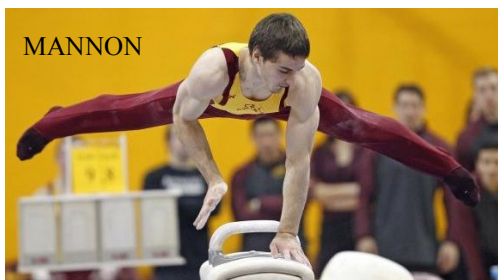
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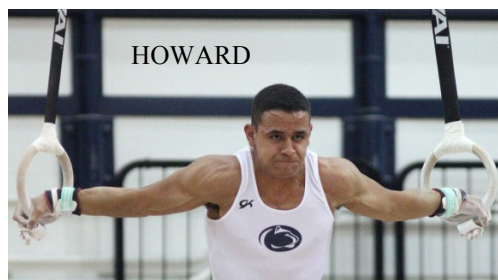
MIKULAK



EGGLESTON



MANNON



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#### ALL AROUND

1. Sam Mikulak, Michigan	93.700
2. Sean Melton, Ohio State	89.750
3. Jake Martin, Ohio State	88.650
4. C.J. Maestas, Illinois	87.950
5. Trevor Howard, Penn State	87.200
6. Ellis Mannon, Minnesota	85.700
7. Alexis Torres, Penn State	85.650
8. Jack Boyle, Iowa	85.600

#### FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Chandler Eggleston, Illinois	15.725
2. Tristian Perez-Rivera, Michigan	15.325
3. Sam Mikulak, Michigan	15.250
4. Matt McGrath, Iowa	15.100
5. Grant Perdue, Nebraska	15.050
6. Jeff Treleven, Ohio State	15.000
7. C.J. Maestas, Illinois	14.725
8. Jake Martin, Ohio State	14.700

#### POMMEL HORSE

1. Ellis Mannon, Minnesota	15.325
2. Craig Hernandez, Penn State	15.175
3. Chad Mason, Illinois	14.700
4. Sean Melton, Ohio State	14.600
5. Doug Sullivan, Iowa	14.575
6. Nick Hunter, Michigan	14.500
7. Matt Freeman, Michigan	14.175
8. Michael Newburger, Ohio State	14.125

#### RINGS

1. Trevor Howard, Penn State	15.825
2. C.J. Maestas, Illinois	15.625
3. Robbie Kocks, Nebraska	15.600
4. Alex Bubnov, Michigan	15.325
5T. Jack Metcalf, Minnesota	15.175
5T. Matt McGrath, Iowa	15.175
7. Jordan Gaarenstroom, Michigan	15.150
8. Colin Mahar, Michigan	15.050

#### VAULT

1. Jake Martin, Ohio State	15.300
2. Paul Rizkalla Jr., Michigan	15.225
3. Zack Chase, Minnesota	15.100
4. Sam Mikulak, Michigan	14.925
5. Trevor Howard, Penn State	14.875
6. Konner Ackerman, Michigan	14.675
7T. Syque Caesar, Michigan	14.650
7T. Tristian Perez-Rivera, Mich.	14.650

#### PARALLEL BARS

1. Sean Melton, Ohio State	15.600
2. Jordan Valdez, Illinois	15.400
3T. Syque Caesar, Michigan	15.200
3T. Sam Mikulak, Michigan	15.200
5. Steve Jaciuk, Minnesota	15.175
6. Nick Hunter, Michigan	15.050
7. Trevor Howard, Penn State	14.900
8. Nestor Rodriguez, Penn State	14.825

#### HORIZONTAL BAR

1. Sean Melton, Ohio State	15.375
2. Jordan Valdez, Illinois	15.325
3. Jake Martin, Ohio State	15.100
4. Mitchell Landau, Iowa	15.025
5. Alex Johnson, Ohio State	14.925
6. Syque Caesar, Michigan	14.750
7. Steve Jaciuk, Minnesota	14.700
8. Wasef Burbar, Penn State	14.575



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