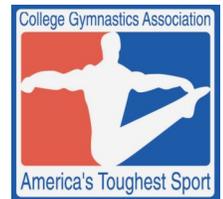




COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION Big Ten Conference Championships

Host: Penn State University
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PENN STATE UNIVERSITY
2015 BIG TEN CHAMPIONS
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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The University of Illinois turned in a team score of 436.100 to take the runner-up accolade at the Big Ten Championships.

Jordan Valdez led the Illini, in their first event the high bar, with a score of 15.150.



PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Penn State University won the 2015 Big Ten Championship in thrilling fashion Friday night in front of 1,060 fans inside Rec Hall. Penn State won its title with a team score of 436.700, edging out Illinois (436.100) and Michigan (434.750). Along with Penn State's third Big Ten title, senior Matthew Felleman won Penn State's third all-around title with his career-best score of 87.200.



Going into the final rotation, it was a close matchup between Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Penn State. Heading into the seventh and final rotation, Michigan led the competition with its score of 434.750. Michigan, though, would be done for the evening as they had a bye in the final rotation.

With six rotations in the books, Michigan held a 71.350 point lead over Illinois, a 71.550 point lead over Minnesota and a 72.850 point over Penn State.

Minnesota was the first team out of three to finish; in the end they tallied a score of 70.350 to finish with a score of 433.750, leaving the meet down to Illinois, Michigan and Penn State.

Due to an injury earlier in the meet to Alex-

is Torres, Christian McSwain found himself leading off for the Nittany Lions in the floor exercise. In his first event of the meet, McSwain posted a mark of 14.800. Dominic DiFulvio recorded a score of 14.750. **The Nittany Lions received a one point deduction for the injury substitution.** Chad Lawson then added a score of 15.250. Felleman scored 14.900. Trevor Howard then posted a score of 15.100.

On the parallel bars, Illinois recorded a team total of 72.700 and an overall score of 436.100. With Illinois' score in the books, Penn State claimed its third Big Ten title (2003, 08).

Two-time Big Ten pommel horse champion Craig Hernandez tallied the top score on the evening (15.200).

In the still rings Howard led all gymnasts with a career-best score of 16.100. Tristan Duverglas and Alexis Torres both posted scores of 15.100 to tie for fifth.

In the vault Lawson and Howard both posted scores of 15.050 to tie for fourth and they advanced to the individual finals Saturday night.

Torres was not able to complete his routine on PB's and freshman Quest Hayden made his Big Ten Championships debut. Howard tallied a score of 14.850. Hayden then took to the parallel bars and recorded a mark of 14.300.

With Torres done for the evening, Lawson took his spot on the high bar. Felleman posted the second-best score (15.100) and Clarke, Jr., recorded the fifth-best mark (14.750).

Felleman captured Penn State's third all-around title with his score of 87.200, edging out Illinois' Bobby Baker (87.100) and C.J. Maestas (87.050).

Joey Peters turned in a 14.600 to finish tied for sixth place.

Next, on floor, C.J. Maestas led Illinois with a 15.200 on the event to finish in a tie for fourth place. Bobby Baker finished with a reading of 14.750 to finish in a tie for 16th.

On pommel horse Matt Foster turned in the top score for the Orange and Blue with a 14.800 for third place. Baker tied for ninth at 14.450. Logan Bradley carded a 14.300 to share the 12th spot.

Mike Wilner was the top Illini scorer on rings with a 15.500 performance to finish second on the event. Peters finished ninth with a 14.900. Maestas narrowly missed the Event Finals as he shared 11th place with a 14.800 reading in his first competitive rings routine since the Winter Cup preliminaries.

Baker went for a 15.050 to share the fourth spot on vault, while Fred Hartville just made the cut as he tied for 10th place with a 14.800 reading. Maestas tied for 13th with a score of 14.750.

On parallel bars Valdez took third to lead the Illini with a 15.150. Maestas tied for fourth with a 15.050 reading. Max Mayr scored a 14.650 to finish 15th.

As the Fighting Illini finished on parallel bars, the hosts concluded on floor with a 74.800 to come from behind and take the team title by six-tenths of a point over Illinois.

Baker finished just one-tenth of a point shy of the top all-around score with an 87.100 mark to take second place. Maestas was right behind Baker with a reading of 87.050 to claim the third spot.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan finished third and qualified 11 routines from six gymnasts for the Big Ten Championships individual finals Saturday (March 28) night.

Stacey Ervin earned first team All-Big Ten honors for his fifth-place finish in the all-around competition (85.40).

On pommel horse Nolan Novak marked a fourth-place 14.65 and was followed closely by Nick Hunter in sixth (14.55)

Hub Humphrey led off on rings and scored a 14.70, while freshman Dmitri Belanovski marked a 14.75, capping off the event Colin Mahar stuck his dismount for a third-place 15.25,

Vault was highlighted by Michael Strathern's 15.15, which was second in the competition.

On parallel bars Mark Panhorst (14.50) and Belanovski (14.60) opened, Ervin turned a 14.85 in the fourth spot to tie for eighth. The event was closed out by Hunter's top p-bars score on the night (15.45).

In the fifth rotation on high bar, UM struggled a bit as Strathern opened with a 13.85 followed by Belanovski's 14.20, de los Angeles' 14.30 and a 14.50 from Ervin that tied for eighth

In floor exercise UM shined as Paul Rizkalla Jr. was awarded a 15.00, while Stefanelli also broke the 15-plateau with a 15.15 that was good for sixth. It was Ervin, however, that brought U-M back into contention with a massive 16.15, which was the highest score in the NCAA this season.



Ervin (floor, vault, parallel bars, high bar), Hunter (parallel bars, pommel horse), Novak (pommel horse), Mahar (still rings), Strathern (vault), Rizkalla (floor) and Stefanelli (floor) will represent U-M at individual finals.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team finished fourth at the 2015 Big Ten Championships on Friday evening. The

Golden Gophers combined for a team score of 433.750.

Eight Gophers advanced to Saturday's individual event finals. Steve Jaciuk (still rings and parallel bars) and Paul Montague, Jr. (pommel horse and parallel bars) are the two Gophers who will participate in two events on Saturday evening while Ellis Mannon will try to defend his Big Ten pommel horse title.



Sean Bauer (floor) and Jack Metcalf (still rings) will represent the Gophers in the final league championships of their careers. Freshman Joel Gagnon (floor), Jalon Stephens (parallel bars) and Yaroslav Pochinka (vault) will make their individual championship debut after successful rookie campaigns.

For the second year in a row, Mannon placed sixth in the all-around competition. He compiled a final score of 85.40.

On still rings Metcalf and Jaciuk earned scores of 15.05 and 14.95, respectively. Red-shirt freshman Mitchell Soukup and Bauer added 14.400's while Montague earned a 14.050.

Pochinka continued a stellar freshman campaign by placing third overall with a 15.100 on vault.

Jaciuk (15.350) earned a second-place on pb's while Stephens and Montague both scored a 14.950 to tie for sixth place.

Jaciuk led the Gophers on high bar scoring a 14.45 to finish in a tie for eleventh place. Danny DiBenedetto scored a 14.350 and Montague scored a 14.300 to round out the top three Gopher scores on the event.

Gagnon placed second on FX in his Big Ten Championships debut. The freshman scored a 15.350 to pace the Maroon and Gold on the event while Bauer tied for eighth place with by adding a 15.000.

Minnesota's final event would prove to be one of the most tasking of the evening as the squad posted its second-lowest score of the evening. Defending Big Ten champion Mannon contributed a 15.00 to land in second place. Montague added a 14.600 to qualify for the individual event finals with his fifth place finish.

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

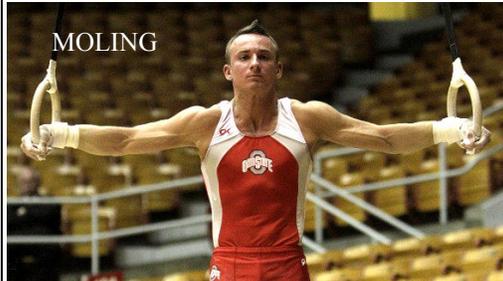
The Buckeyes placed 5th (429.35) as a team and qualified a total of seven athletes for event finals on Saturday night. Moling qualified on parallel bar and on high bar along with four other Buckeyes: Alex Johnson,

Alex Nork, freshman Seth Delbridge and Andrew Rickly. Freshman Alexander Wilson and Larry Mayer will compete in vault finals.

Andrew Teal led the way for OSU on FX with a 14.700.

Cody Teaney was the top finisher for the Scarlet and Gray on PH with a 13.700.

Moling's 14.800 was the top score for Ohio State on the rings.



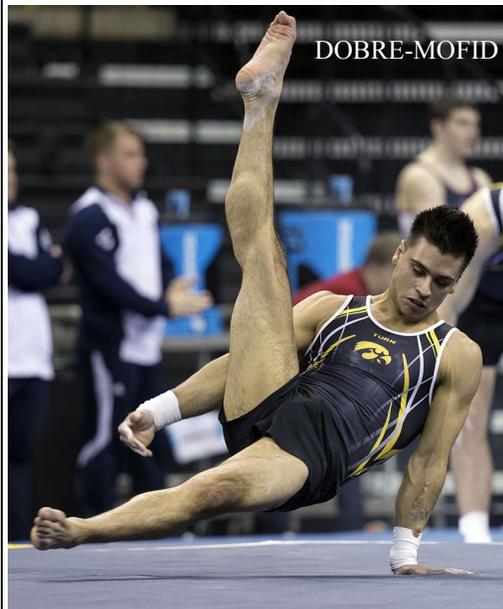
The Buckeyes gained huge momentum in the fifth rotation with their season-best performance on vault. Wilson tied for first overall with a 15.150, just shy of a personal best. Mayer was seventh with a 14.950, while Delbridge just missed qualifying for finals with a score of 14.800, tying for 10th.

Ohio State continued the momentum from vault on the sixth rotation, parallel bars. Moling tied for sixth, with a score of 14.550.

The Scarlet and Gray closed the meet with their team high score on high bar.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Five Hawkeyes -- Matt Loochtan, Jack Boyle, Austin Hodges, Doug Sullivan and Cyrus Dobre-Mofid -- advanced to individual event finals with strong performances for the



University of Iowa at the Big Ten Championship on Friday.

Loochtan and Boyle finished fourth (15.150) and 10th (14.850), respectively, on rings to qualify. Another duo in Hodges and Sullivan advanced to the finals on pommel

horse with eighth (14.500) and ninth place (14.450) results. Dobre-Mofid was the lone Hawkeye to advance on parallel bars, as he finished fourth (15.050).

As a team, Iowa posted a score of 427.600 and finished sixth.

Andrew Botto's 14.450 led all Hawkeyes on vault and placed him tied for 21st overall.

Dobre-Mofid qualified for individual finals on parallel bars after finishing tied for fourth with a 15.050, while Loochtan barely missed the cut for individual finals, placing tied for 10th with a 14.850.

The Hawkeyes fell behind on high bar. Cory Paterson tied for 11th with a 14.450, while Boyle followed behind him in 13th place, scoring a 14.400.

Dobre-Mofid led the team again, this time of floor exercise, recording a 14.850 and finishing in 13th place. Boyle (14.600) and Loochtan (14.550) ended in 22nd and 24th place, respectively.

Typically a difficult event for the Hawks, the team qualified two gymnasts for individual finals on pommel horse. Hodges (14.500) placed eighth and Sullivan (14.450) finished tied for ninth, both making the cut for day two.

The Hawkeyes saved their best event for last on rings. Loochtan qualified for finals following a 15.150 effort and finishing fourth. Boyle will join him as well, placing 10th with a 14.850. Will Albert (14.750) tied for 13th.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

The University of Nebraska team battled through some individual struggles to finish in seventh place at the 2015 Big Ten Championships with a team score of 420.100.

Freshman Kyle King put up big scores on floor (15.20) and vault (14.95) to pave his way to the finals in both events. Sam Chamberlain also earned spots in the finals on two events for vault and parallel bars, earning scores of 14.95 for and 14.90 respectively.

Andrew House notched a career best 14.55 score on pommel horse to punch his ticket to tomorrow's competition, while Travis Gollott squeezed in the top 10 on floor with a 14.95 to earn his spot.

Chamberlain led the way on parallel bars with his near-stuck dismount. Stephenson

followed up with a solid 14.40, while Gollott achieved a 13.90. King brushed his hands on the dismount to notch a 13.55.

Klein had a clean set on high bar and stuck landing, delivering a 14.30. Epperson put up a 14.05, while Stephenson tallied a 13.60.

NU was paced by King's huge 15.20 on floor. Gollott delivered a clean set to post a 14.95, followed by a respectable 14.80 from Stephenson. House put up a 14.60.

Nebraska traveled to pommel horse where House paved the way with his career high 14.55 score. Irick delivered a seamless performance to put up a 13.50.

Austin Epperson who posted a 14.40 on rings. Irick followed up with his 14.30, as Magsam was close behind with a 14.20 mark. Chamberlain notched a career high 14.15.

Chamberlain and King led the way for the Big Red, putting up identical 14.95 marks on vault. Klein and Adamsick under rotated their double full vaults, grabbing a 14.15 and 14.05 respectively.

In the all-around competition Gollott finished in seventh with an 82.700.

TOP TEAM SCORES THIS WEEK

Oklahoma	447.40
Stanford	437.15
Penn State	436.70
Illinois	436.10
Michigan	434.75
Minnesota	433.75
California	432.70
Ohio State	429.35
Iowa	427.60
Air Force	425.15
Army	422.05
Nebraska	420.10
Navy	415.30
William & Mary	410.90
Illinois-Chicago	409.35
Springfield	406.00
Temple	403.90



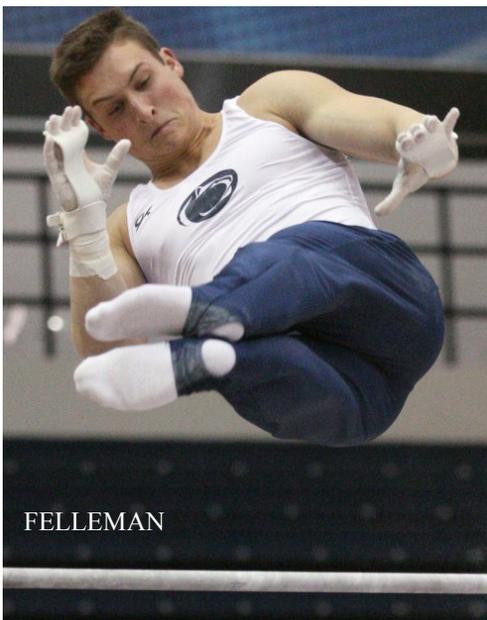


COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION

BIG TEN CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIVIDUAL EVENT RESULTS

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FELLEMAN

ALL AROUND

1. Matthew Felleman, Penn State Univ. 87.200
2. Bobby Baker, Univ. of Illinois 87.100
3. C.J. Maestas, Univ. of Illinois 87.050
4. Drew Moling, Ohio State Univ. 86.300
5. Stacey Ervin, Univ. of Michigan 85.450
6. Ellis Mannon, Univ. of Minnesota 85.400
7. Travis Gollott, Univ. of Nebraska 82.700

FLOOR EXERCISE

1. C.J. Maestas, Univ. of Illinois 15.400
2. Stacey Ervin, Univ. of Michigan 15.175
3. Anthony Stefanelli, Univ. of Mich. 15.125
4. Thad Lawson, Penn State Univ. 15.000
5. Trevor Howard, Penn State Univ. 14.675
6. Joel Gagnon, Univ. of Minnesota 14.425
7. Paul Rizkalla, Univ. of Michigan 14.100
8. Travis Gollott, Univ. of Nebraska 13.875

POMMEL HORSE

1. Ellis Mannon, Univ. of Minnesota 15.525
2. Matthew Foster, Univ. of Illinois 15.075
3. Douglas Sullivan, Univ. of Iowa 14.800
4. Nolan Novak, Univ. of Michigan 14.775
5. Craig Hernandez, Penn State Univ. 14.750
6. Nick Hunter, Univ. of Michigan 14.650
7. Austin Hodges, Univ. of Iowa 14.575
8. Andrew House, Univ. of Nebraska 14.425

RINGS

1. Trevor Howard, Penn State Univ. 15.750
2. Joey Peters, Univ. of Illinois 15.650
3. Mike Wilner, Univ. of Illinois 15.600
4. Tristan Duverglas, Penn State Univ. 15.375
5. Steve Jaciuk, Univ. of Minnesota 15.275
6. Jack Boyle, Univ. of Iowa 15.150
7. Matthew Loochtan, Univ. of Iowa 15.075
8. Jack Metcalf, Univ. of Minnesota 15.050

VAULT

1. Fred Hartville, Univ. of Illinois 15.275
2. Yaroslav Pochinka, Univ. of Minn. 15.250
- 3T. Trevor Howard, Penn State Univ. 15.100
- 3T. Kyle King, Univ. of Nebraska 15.100
- 3T. Bobby Baker, Univ. of Illinois 15.100
6. Alexander Wilson, Ohio State Univ. 15.000
7. Sam Chamberlain, Univ. of Neb. 14.950
8. Michael Strathern, Univ. of Mich. 14.825

PARALLEL BARS

- 1T. Jordan Valdez, Univ. of Illinois 15.375
- 1T. Nick Hunter, Univ. of Michigan 15.375
3. Steve Jaciuk, Univ. of Minnesota 15.325
4. Paul Montague, Univ. of Minnesota 14.975
5. Drew Moling, Ohio State Univ. 14.700
6. Cyrus Dobre-Mofid, Univ. of Iowa 14.575
7. Jalon Stephens, Univ. of Minnesota 14.225
8. Trevor Howard, Penn State Univ. 13.925

HORIZONTAL BAR

1. Alex Johnson, Ohio State Univ. 15.325
2. Matthew Felleman, Penn State Univ. 14.950
3. Andrew Rickly, Ohio State Univ. 14.725
4. Drew Moling, Ohio State Univ. 14.675
- 5T. Leroy Clarke, Jr., Penn State Univ. 14.450
- 5T. Seth Delbridge, Ohio State Univ. 14.450
7. Stacey Ervin, Univ. of Michigan 14.425
8. Alex Nork, Ohio State Univ. 14.400



HARTVILLE



VALDEZ



MAESTAS



MANNON



HOWARD



JOHNSON