



# COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION NCAA MEN'S GYMNASTICS FINALS 2015

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## TEAM FINALS:

1. Oklahoma	447.05
2. Stanford	440.45
3. Penn State	439.50
4. Michigan	437.65
5. California	432.10
6. Iowa	427.45

## OKLAHOMA WINS ITS 9TH NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DOMINATING FASHION



UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

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The time for nine was Friday night in Oklahoma. A perfect 26-0 season came to a perfect finish as Oklahoma won its ninth NCAA Championship. A raucous OU crowd watched the Sooners soar to a 447.050 victory and hoist the coveted championship trophy at the end of the night.

Stanford was crowned national runner-up (440.45), and Penn State finished in third (439.50). This was the largest margin of victory at the championships since UCLA topped Penn State 287.30-281.25 in 1984.

OU men's gymnastics' nine titles are the most for any sports program in Oklahoma history. In addition, head coach Mark Williams has won six national titles since 2000, the most in NCAA men's gymnastics.

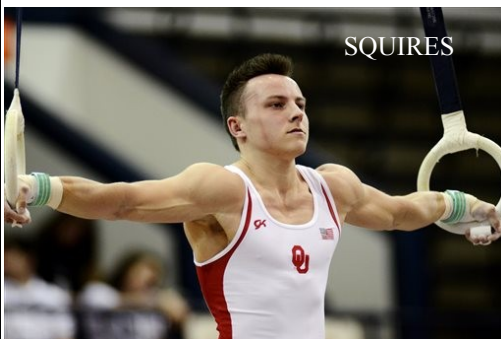
It was truly a night of highlight-reel performances from start to finish for the Sooners. A crowning moment came when two-time defending national champion Michael Squires topped his previous career-best of 16.300 on the rings with a massive 16.450 to tie the NCAA record on the event.

The Sooners made their statement early, setting the tone on floor with Allan Bower and Todd Dowdy earning a pair of 15.000s in the first two routines of the night. The duo was backed by three more scores of 15-plus from Alec Robin (15.400), Kanji Oyama (15.400) and Colin Van Wicklen (15.450) to hit a stellar 76.250 on the event.

After a slow start on pommel horse threatened to hamper the Sooners, OU battled back

for a meet-high 72.650 on the event. Michael Reid's mark of 15.200 in the anchor position led both Oklahoma and the meet, while Bower added a huge 15.050.

Sitting in second place after two rotations, OU came out swinging on the rings for a program-record performance. Oyama (15.100), Thao Hoang (15.100) and Hunter Justus (15.450) set the pace with outstanding routines before Squires' record-tying 16.450 helped boost Oklahoma to a 76.800 on the apparatus.



SQUIRES

A massive stuck vault by Josh Yee earned a 15.000 and helped the Sooners to a strong start in the fourth rotation. Van Wicklen followed immediately with a 15.100 and Dowdy tacked on a big 15.150 as the rotation continued, building momentum throughout the lineup. Oyama then put the exclamation mark on the event with a meet-best 15.350 to help close out with a 75.000.

Oklahoma headed into parallel bars and Sergey Resnick opened with an excellent

15.100. Akers then hit a huge 15.050. Danny Berardini capped off the event with a quality 14.900.

Oklahoma entered the final rotation of the night holding nearly a 3-point advantage in the top spot and looking for a solid effort on high bar to secure the title. The Sooners more than delivered. In the lead-off position, Robin performed a solid routine to earn a 14.800 and was quickly followed by strong efforts from Van Wicklen (14.300) and Rubin (14.500).

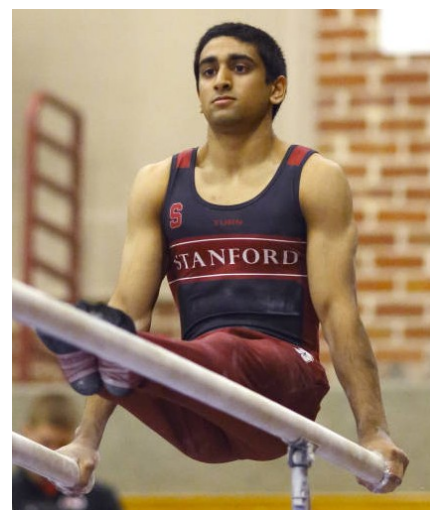
On the high bar Berardini and Clement brought the arena to a fever pitch with huge routines and big stuck landings. Berardini hit a powerful 15.000 effort, Clement sealed the victory with a 14.750 and Oklahoma soared to a huge win.

### STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Stanford scored 440.450 to finish second Friday at the NCAA Championships Finals, earning its ninth top-three finish in the past 10 years. Stanford's second-place finish is its highest since it won the 2011 NCAA Championship.

Sophomore Akash Modi tallied a season-high 90.450 to claim first place in the all-around. Modi added a first-place finish on parallel bars (15.750), tied for second on floor with a career-best 15.600 and tied for third on

### 2015 NCAA ALL AROUND CHAMPION AKASH MODI: STANFORD



high bar with a season-high 15.050. He contributed a seventh-place result on pommel horse with a 14.850.

Including Modi's four top-10 finishes, five Stanford gymnasts qualified for nine lineup spots – and two alternate positions – in Saturday's NCAA Individual Event Finals with top -10 results on the night.

Stanford opened on vault, notching the meet's second-highest score of 74.200. Senters led the squad with a 15.350, followed by Seaton (15.000) and Ryan Sheppard (14.850).

The Cardinal exploded for a season-best and meet-high 75.750 on parallel bars, paced by Modi (15.750) and Knott (15.500). Neff (14.900), Dennis Zaremski (14.850) and Jordan DeClerk (14.750).

The momentum continued on high bar as Modi and Neff tied for third with scores of 15.050, followed by Knott with a 14.650.

Modi (15.600) and Senters (15.300) fueled the Cardinal on floor to earn a 74.100 with Seaton (14.550) and Michael Levy (14.500).

The Cardinal was undone on pommel horse where it registered its lowest score of the season of 68.550. Modi and Knott helped ensure a strong finish in the event with scores of 14.850 and 14.900 in the fourth and fifth positions, respectively.

DeClerk got Stanford going on rings with a 14.600 and was matched by Modi later in the lineup. Brandon Beckhardt earned a 14.950 in the second position. Levy and Zaremski produced clutch scores of 15.250 and 15.150 to boost the Cardinal back into second place and secure the runner-up result.

## PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Penn State finished third at the 2015 NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championships Friday night on the campus of the University of Oklahoma.

Individually, Trevor Howard and Matthew Felleman tallied All-America finishes in the all-around. In his first all-around competition of the 2015 season, Howard finished fourth (88.500), while Felleman claimed seventh (88.200).



The Nittany Lions began the night firing on all cylinders on rings as Felleman got things started with a career-best score of 15.050, then Leroy Clarke, Jr. followed up with a 15.100, Tristan Duverglas hit a career-best score of 15.600. Alexis Torres also posted a score of 15.600. Howard tallied a career-best

score of 16.250 to give the Nittany Lions an event score of 77.600. Penn State's score of 77.600 is the top mark in school history and the No. 1 score this year in the NCAA. Howard finished second, while Duverglas and Torres tied for fourth and advanced to the individual finals.

On the vault, freshman Thad Lawson recorded his second-best score of the year (14.950) to tie for 11th overall. Felleman tied his season-best score of 14.800 and Howard tallied a score of 14.850.

On the parallel bars Clarke, Jr. and Howard both posted scores of 15.250 to tie for third. Felleman recorded a score of 14.450

On the high bar, Felleman led the Nittany Lions with his sixth-place finish as he tallied a score of 14.950. Howard added to his all-around total with a mark of 14.550 and freshman Quest Hayden posted a score of 14.300.

The Nittany Lions' forte, the floor exercise was next as Christian McSwain started the event with a 15.200, followed by back-to-back 15.000s from Felleman and Dominic DiFulvio.

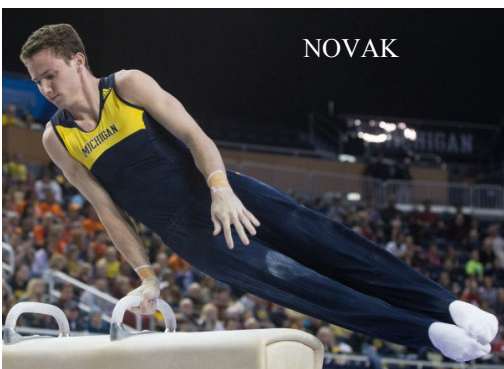
Lawson tied his career-high, and the No. 4 score all-time at Penn State, (15.700) to take the top spot on the night on floor exercise. Howard closed out the floor exercise for Penn State with a 15.200.

On the pommel horse Clarke, Jr. (14.000) and Felleman (13.950) posted the top two scores for Penn State.

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan qualified four gymnasts for Saturday's (April 11) individual event finals, but faltered in its effort to defend its NCAA crown, with a 437.650 team score to take fourth at the 2015 NCAA Team Finals Friday (April 10).

Four Wolverines in Stacey Ervin (floor), Adrian de los Angeles (pommel horse), Nolan Novak (pommel horse) and freshman



Dmitri Belanovski (high bar) will each partake in event finals Saturday at 7 p.m. CDT after placing in the top 10 on their respective events.

Michigan began the night on pommel horse, following the same rotation schedule that brought the Wolverines their last two NCAA championships. U-M qualified two

athletes in de los Angeles, who scored a 15.00 and Nolan Novak, who anchored with a 14.95.

U-M came up big on still rings as Hub Humphrey came up big in his final NCAA Championships with a 15.10 while Colin Mahar anchored with a 15.05.

On the vault Anthony Stefanelli began with a 14.85 with a small hop on his Yurchenko two and a half, while Paul Rizkalla Jr. nearly stuck his Kasamatsu with one-and-a-half twist for a 14.95.

On parallel bars, U-M was led by a 14.70 from de los Angeles. On high bar U-M was led by a 14.85 from freshman Dmitri Belanovski that was good for a 14.85 and advanced him into individual event finals.

On the final rotation of the season, on floor exercise, Stacey Ervin qualified sixth with a 15.50 to lead a contingent of four Wolverines that broke the 15 plateau, while Paul Rizkalla Jr. was second amongst Wolverines with a 15.30.

## UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The California Golden Bears placed fifth on Friday night at the NCAA Championships with a total score of 432.100, their highest finish since 2012 saw them grab fourth. The Bears also saw two All-American performances in the all-around competition; Kevin Wolting (88.200 and a fifth place finish) and



Kyle Zemeir (87.700 and an eighth place finish).

The Bears began the competition the same way they did on Thursday; on parallel bars. Zemeir posted a team-high with his 15.050 routine, followed by Yordan Aleksandrov (14.800) and Kevin Ko (14.650). Patterson (14.200) and Wolting (14.150)

The Bears were led on high bar by Wolting, who earned a 14.800, Patterson posted a 14.500, Aleksandrov scored a 14.550 and Zemeir tallied a 14.650.

Despite a slow start to the floor exercise, the final three competitors for Cal exploded for huge back-to-back-to-back sets to keep the Bears in the mix. Wolting led the way with an eye-popping 15.600 routine, while Patterson

notched a 15.350 and Zemeir a 15.250.

Unfortunately for Cal, pommel horse continued to be a bit of a stumbling block. The team tallied a total of 67.750, and was led by Takahiro Kawada's 14.600. Additionally, Wolting was solid, posting a 14.450.

Mikey Diliberto opened the fifth rotation with a career-best 14.400 on still rings. Aleksandrov followed with a 14.100, while Paterson and Wolting each added a 14.200. Zemeir closed out the routine with a team-high score of 15.100.

The Bears concluded the meet on vault where they were paced by Wolting and Paterson, who posted scores of 15.100 and 15.000, respectively. All five Bears posted scores of 14.350 or higher.

### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa placed sixth in the team finals of the NCAA Championship on Friday night.

Iowa began on high bar with Jack Boyle leading the team, tying for ninth with a score of 14.850. Cory Paterson's 14.800 effort resulted in an 11th place result, while Cyrus Dobre-Mofid finished with a score of 14.500 for 22nd place.

On floor exercise Boyle led the team again, notching a 15.000 and placing 21st. Dobre-



Mofid tallied a 14.850 to finish 27th. Brandon Field and Lance Alberhasky both tied for 28th, with scores of 14.750.

Iowa fell behind the competition on pommel horse. Two freshman led the Hawkeyes on the event, as Austin Hodges (11th) and Elijah Parsells (18th) posted scores of a 14.600 and 14.250, respectively.

The team got back on track on rings. Boyle paved the way with a 15.100, finishing tied for 13th. Alberhasky tied for 22nd with a score of 14.900, while senior William Albert finished 25th with a 14.850 effort.

Andrew Botto led the team with a 22nd place finish on vault with a score of 14.700. Dobre-Mofid and Paterson both scored a 14.500 on their way to 27th place finishes.

In the final event on parallel bars Dobre-Mofid led the team with a 14.100, placing 28th.

### TEAMS NOT ADVANCING TO FINALS:

#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota narrowly missed qualifying for the NCAA Team Finals to be held on Friday as they placed fourth in the NCAA National Qualifier on Thursday afternoon. The Gophers finished two tenths of a point behind Big Ten foe, Penn State, who earned the final spot in the Team Finals. Stanford led the session with 435.85 followed by California with 433.70 and Penn State with 432.90 (Minnesota scored 432.70).

Nine Gophers will compete in Friday's session as the top three all-around competitors not on one of the qualifying teams, plus the top three individuals on each event not already qualified on a team or as an all-around competitor, advance to Friday's competition.

Senior all-arounder Ellis Mannon finished in a tie for fifth place with a score of 82.60 to advance to the all-around finals on Friday evening.

Steve Jaciuk (high bar and still rings) was the lone Gopher to qualifier for more than one event. Jack Metcalf (still rings), Paul Monta-



gue, Jr. (parallel bars), Danny DiBenedetto (high bar) and Zach Liebler (floor exercise) all advanced to the individual competition. Three standout freshman made their NCAA Debut on Thursday afternoon. Joel Gagnon (floor exercise), Yaroslav Pochinka (vault) and Jalon Stephens (high bar) will all represent the Maroon and Gold in Friday's competition.

Jack Kramer, Alex Wittenberg and Joel Gagnon all contributed high scores in floor exercise while Zach Liebler paced the Gophers with a 15.20 on the event. Sean Bauer added a 14.70.

Defending NCAA Pommel Horse champion, Ellis Mannon, tallied a 15.05 in that event. Paul Montague, Jr. posted a solid score of 14.80 while freshman Tristan Duran earned the third-highest Gopher score with a 14.10.

On still rings Jack Metcalf tallied a 15.250, his second-highest score of the season. Montague and redshirt freshman Mitchell Soukup rounded out the top three Minnesota scores, tallying 14.50 and 14.20, respectively.

Freshman Yaroslav Pochinka finished in a tie for third place overall on vault with his

15.10. Bauer tallied a 14.40 while freshmen Gagnon and Duran posted 14.30 and 14.20.

Jalon Stephens scored a 14.80 to lead the Gophers on parallel bars.

Three Gophers tallied 14.60s in their final rotation of the afternoon as DiBenedetto, Stephens and Jaciuk contributed solid performances for the Maroon and Gold on the high bar. Mannon and Montague contributed 14.00 and 14.05, respectively.

#### UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

For the first time since 2002, Illinois failed to advance to the NCAA Team Finals. The Fighting Illini were forced to face a multitude of tough breaks in the evening session, but none was bigger than losing junior Fred Hartville to a season-ending lower leg injury during warm ups. With a team score of 432.450, Illinois finished fourth in the session behind Oklahoma (450.750), Michigan (437.000) and Iowa (435.050). Finishing in the other two spots were Ohio State (427.900) and Army (408.500).

On the vault Bobby Baker led the way for the Illini with a 15.050. Joey Peters posted a mark of 14.650, while C.J. Maestas scored a 14.550.

Next, on parallel bars, Maestas led the Illinois squad with a 14.800 on the event to finish with a share of fourth in the session. Baker



finished in a tie for seventh with a score of 14.650. Valdez turned in a 14.350 on the event.

On high bar, Valdez led the way with a 15.200 to take the event title in the evening session. Maestas went for a 14.950 for a share of fifth. Baker posted a 14.650, while Peters scored a 14.300.

Maestas finished fifth on floor with a mark of 15.200. Peters tied for 10th with a 14.950, a career-best.

Foster led the Illini on pommel horse with a 14.050, while Logan Bradley was right behind him with a 14.000, as well as Maestas.

Maestas took second in the session on rings as he posted a 15.900 for the second time this season. Peters placed sixth with a 15.250. Mike Wilner turned in a 14.700 followed by

Mayr's 14.350.

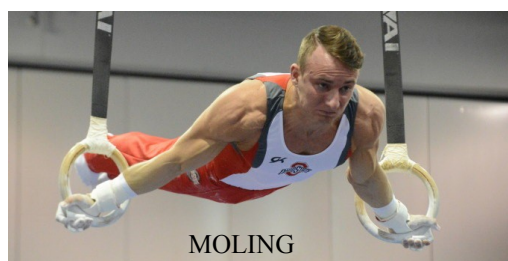
Maestas claimed the 12th all-around title of his career with a score of 89.400. Baker finished third in the all-around with a mark of 86.200.

Individuals moving on to Friday's All-Around finals and Event Final Preliminaries include: Maestas: All-Around, Baker: All-Around, Peters: Floor, Rings, Bradley: Pommel Horse, Foster: Pommel Horse, Wilner: Rings, and Valdez: Parallel Bars, High Bar.

## OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Ohio State placed fifth overall in the second session of the 2015 NCAA Qualifier Thursday night at the Lloyd Noble Center. The Buckeyes closed the meet with a team score of 427.900.

Drew Moling finished second in the all-around with a personal-best score of 86.850 to lead the Buckeyes.



Seven OSU athletes qualified for competition in the team final. Moling will compete in the all-around and will be joined by event qualifiers Alex Johnson, Alexander Wilson, Meyer Williams, Logan Melander, Seth Delbridge and Andrew Teal.

Moling led the way on rings with a 15.500, the third-best score of the day. Johnson qualified for team finals with a score of 14.700.

On vault Delbridge tied his personal best score and tied for ninth overall with a 14.800. Wilson and Teal tied for 12th with a 14.700. OSU incurred a one-point team deduction for the injury substitution of Quade for Larry Mayer.

Moling tied for fourth on parallel bars with a 14.800, while Johnson finished in a tie for seventh (14.650). Wilson's 13th-place score of 14.550 was also good for a spot in the team finals.

Johnson led the Buckeyes on high bar with a score of 14.950, tying for fifth place. Moling was 12th with a 14.800.

Quade and Williams helped Ohio State to its season-best floor score in the fifth rotation. Quade was sixth with a personal-best 15.150.

OSU closed on pommel horse with a 67.150. Melander qualified for team finals with a 14th-place tie and score of 14.000.

## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Nebraska finished fifth at the NCAA Championships afternoon preliminary session.

The Huskers opened on rings as Ryan Irick led the way with a 14.25. Robbie Kocks entered back in the lineup for only the third time this season, scoring a 14.20 for his effort.

NU next moved to vault where King set the tone with his two and a half twisting vault, notching a 14.65. Leal grabbed a 14.60. Gollott earned a 14.40, while Klein and Chamberlain added a pair of 14.30 marks.

On parallel bars Chamberlain set the tone with his 14.65. Leal returned to the lineup to tally a 14.00.

On high bar Klein led the way for the Big Red, scoring a huge 15.00. Epperson delivered a seamless performance to tally a 14.20, while Leal and Stephenson followed suit with a 14.10 and 14.00 respectively.

On floor Stephenson's huge 15.30 routine led the team. House delivered a clean performance and picked up a 14.65, followed by a 14.60 from Gollott. King fought through some tough landings to tally a 14.45.

Lottman led the team on pommel horse earning a big 15.10. House broke his career



best mark for the second time in two weeks, grabbing a 14.60.

Five Huskers will be represented across five events in the semifinals. Stephenson will compete on floor, Lottman on pommel horse, King on vault, Chamberlain on parallel bars and Klein on high bar. Gollott qualified to the all-around finals.

## U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Freshman Arinn Wade scored a 15.250 to take first on the pommel horse, as the Air Force Academy wrapped up competition at the NCAA National Qualifier. Wade bettered the 35-gymnast field to become the first Falcon to win at a National Qualifier.

Tim Wang finished fourth on pommel horse with a score of 14.900.

The Falcons claimed a top-five finish on the still rings from Denis Aurelius, with a score of 15.300 for 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Aaron Nubine paced a trio of Falcons to finishes within the top half of the field on the high bar, scoring a career-best 14.250 to take 13th. Nick Gaudlip scored a 14.200 to tie for 14th, while Cannon tied for 16th behind a score of



14.150. The Falcons also claimed a pair of top -17 finishes on the parallel bars, as senior Greg Chaput and freshman Jonathon Fornoff finished 13th (14.400) and 17th (14.100), respectively.

In addition to his fourth-place finish on the pommel horse, Wang was also the Falcons' top finisher on the vault and floor exercise. Competing in both events for the first time since early March, the sophomore tied for 16th on the vault (14.450) and 22nd on the floor exercise (14.600).

## U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Jesse Glenn's fifth-place finish on high bar highlighted Army's appearance in the 2015 NCAA Men's Gymnastics National Championships. Army finished sixth in the second session of the preliminary round, earning a team score of 408.500.

Glenn earned a score of 14.950 on high bar, earning a chance to compete for the title. He was the only Army gymnast to advance.



Nathan Goff posted an impressive all-around performance in his first NCAA Championships, taking fifth with a score of 81.800.

Army kicked the evening off on pommel horse and was led by Connor Venrick who tied for 26th with a score of 13.350.

Moving to still rings, Venrick again led the way for Army, taking 23rd with a career-best score of 14.300. He was followed by Glenn's 25th-place score of 14.000.

On vault Glenn led the way with a mark of 14.600 to tie for 15th. Cannon took 23rd with a score of 14.300, while Sam Kusnitz placed 29th with a mark of 14.050.

Plebe Nicholas McAfee earned a career-best score of 14.050 on parallel bars.

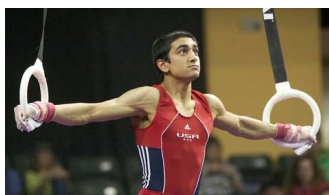
Led by Glenn's qualifying mark on high bar Leo Genders placed 14th with a score of 14.600.

The Black Knights wrapped up the evening on floor exercise as Glenn again led the way with a mark of 14.550, tying for 20th place. Kusnitz (14.200) and Goff (14.150) placed 28th and 29th, respectively.

# 2015 NCAA National Championships Individual Event Finals

## ALL AROUND

1. Akash Modi, Stanford	90.450
2. C.J. Maestas, Illinois	88.650
3. Bobby Baker, Illinois	88.550
4. Trevor Howard, Penn St.	88.500
5. Kevin Wolting, California	88.300
6. Allan Bower, Oklahoma	88.250
7. Matthew Felleman, Penn St	88.200
8. Kyle Zemeir, California	87.700
9. Adrian de los Angeles, Michigan	87.650



Akash Modi



C.J. Maestas



Bobby Baker

## FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Thad Lawson, Penn State	15.725
2. Colin Van Wicklen, Oklahoma	15.600
3T. Zach Liebler, Minnesota	15.575
3T. Stacey Ervin, Michigan	15.575
5. C.J. Maestas, Illinois	15.550
6T. Kevin Wolting, California	15.375
6T. Joel Gagnon, Minnesota	15.375
8T. Kanji Oyama, Oklahoma	15.350
8T. Akash Modi, Stanford	15.350



Thad Lawson



Colin Van Wicklen



Zach Liebler



Stacey Ervin

## POMMEL HORSE

1. Michael Reid, Oklahoma	15.500
2. Nolan Novak, Michigan	14.775
3. Akash Modi, Stanford	14.750
4. Allan Bower, Oklahoma	14.475
5. Ethan Lottman, Nebraska	14.450
6. Logan Bradley, Illinois	13.950
7. Ellis Mannon, Minnesota	13.825
8. Brian Knott, Stanford	13.675
9. Adrian de los Angeles, Michigan	13.425



Michael Reid



Nolan Novak



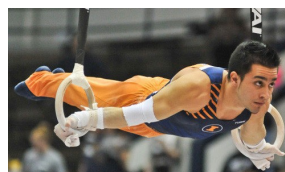
Akash Modi

## RINGS

1. Michael Squires, Oklahoma	16.400
2. C.J. Maestas, Illinois	15.975
3. Alexis Torres, Penn State	15.750
4T. Drew Moling, Ohio State	15.600
4T. Tristan Duverglas, Penn State	15.600
6. Jack Metcalf, Minnesota	15.575
7. Mike Wilner, Illinois	15.500
8. Hunter Justus, Oklahoma	15.275
9. Michael Levy, Stanford	15.125



Michael Squires



C.J. Maestas



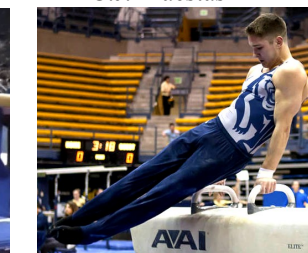
Alexis Torres

## VAULT

1. Sean Senters, Stanford	15.475
2. Kevin Wolting, California	15.075
3. Kanji Oyama, Oklahoma	15.025
4. Taylor Seaton, Stanford	15.000
5. Josh Yee, Oklahoma	14.900
6. Ryan Patterson, California	14.850
7. Colin Van Wicklen, Oklahoma	14.775
8. Todd Dowdy, Oklahoma	14.450
9. Yaroslav Pochinka, Minnesota	13.875



Sean Senters



Kevin Wolting



Kanji Oyama

## PARALLEL BARS

1. Brian Knott, Stanford	15.200
2. Akash Modi, Stanford	15.100
3. Sergey Resnick, Oklahoma	15.075
4. Danny Berardini, Oklahoma	15.000
5. Dylan Akers, Oklahoma	14.925
6. Leroy Clarke, Jr., Penn State	14.725
7. Kyle Zemeir, California	14.575
8. Bobby Baker, Illinois	14.550
9. Dennis Zaremski, Stanford	14.350



Brian Knott



Akash Modi



Sergey Resnick

## HORIZONTAL BAR

1. C.J. Maestas, Illinois	15.125
2. Akash Modi, Stanford	15.100
3T. Steve Jaciuk, Minnesota	15.025
3T. Dmitri Belanovski, Michigan	15.025
5. Matthew Felleman, Penn State	14.900
6. Jack Boyle, Iowa	14.850
7. Robert Neff, Stanford	14.625
8. Alex Johnson, Ohio State	14.550
9. Jesse Glenn, Army	14.075



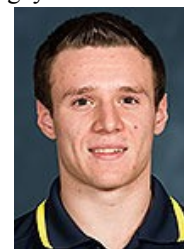
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