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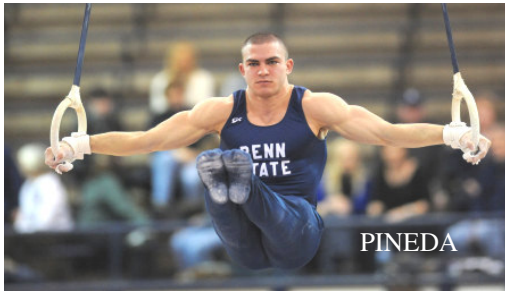
# WEST POINT OPEN

### PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

The sixth-ranked Penn State men's gymnastics team reigned again as champions of the West Point Open, compiling a score of 349.850 to capture its 12th consecutive title on Friday night at host Army's Christl Arena in West Point, N.Y.

The Nittany Lions continued their dominance of east region teams, topping Temple (338.700), Springfield College (329.00), Army (321.850), and Navy (317.75) in addition to club teams Brockport (263.800) and M.I.T. (243.350) to gain the 2010 West Point Open crown. Penn State won four events as a team and six different Nittany Lions secured at least a share of an event title.

A year after winning his first career all-around at the West Point Open, Miguel Pineda shined again, leading a Nittany Lion



PINEDA

top-three sweep in the still rings. The sophomore won the event with a score of 15.000 while freshman Scott Rosenthal and redshirt sophomore Colin Hill placed second and third, respectively.

Penn State dominated in the floor exercise as well, finishing 1-2-3 in the event. Senior Nick Virbitsky and freshman Nick Grant tied for the top spot with a score of 15.100 while senior Noam Shaham placed third (14.950). Shaham also claimed one of Penn State's five title wins, taking first in the vault, earning a 15.850.

Freshman Felix Aronovich the reigning Big Ten Gymnast of the Week, built on his impressive start to his collegiate career, winning a second consecutive pommel horse title with a score of 14.800. Another freshman, Tony Beck took second (14.750).

Redshirt freshman Philip Harris competing for just the second time as a Nittany Lion, won his first career event, capturing the parallel bars title with a score of 14.450.

Freshman Matt Chelberg (81.900) and junior Matt Albrecht (81.750) competed in the all

-around, placing seventh and eighth, respectively. Chelberg's top event was the high bar (2nd, 14.100) while Albrecht's best showing was a third place finish in the parallel bars (14.250).

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### TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

The Temple men's gymnastics team opened 2010 with an impressive second place finish at the West Point Open. The Owls, scoring a team total of 338.700, finished only behind sixth-ranked Penn State.

Leading the way was senior Patrick McLaughlin and sophomore Chris Mooney, taking first and second in the all-around in Friday night's team action.

Among the individual finalists on Saturday, McLaughlin again led the way with the meet's top all-around score (67.050), also placing fourth on parallel bars with a score of 13.700.



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Junior Blake Collins posted two third place finishes Saturday evening, scoring a 13.700 on rings and the same on high bar. Mooney was a finalist in two events for the Owls, placing fifth on pommel horse (13.250) and rings (13.450).

Also faring well for Temple was senior Scott Bloomfield on vault (7th, 14.300), junior Jeff Zach on vault (8th, 14.100), and senior Tyler Croteau on floor (13.700).

In their freshman debuts, Allan Malone took fifth on floor (13.850), while Alex Tighe took ninth on high bar (12.300).

### SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

The Springfield College Pride opened up their season at the West Point Open facing host Army, Navy, Penn State, Temple, MIT and Brockport. The well rested Pride set their

eyes on placing top three in the team final, which would be the first time in school history.

The Pride started off strong on the high bar with hits coming from freshman Alex McCabe, Senior Josh Spencer, Sophomore Ty Evans and Junior Josh Fox. Springfield tal-



EVANS

lied up 53.15 on the apparatus, which is slightly lower than the prides season average of last year. Fox and Evans both scored a 13.75 earning them a spot in the event finals.

Springfield College moved to the floor exercise. Springfield was lead by freshmen Jimmy Pezzino. Pezzino scored a 14.6. Josh Fox had a really good day on the floor, earning a 14.25. The Pride scored a 56.3 which was .05 tenths away from Temple who came in 2nd as a team on the FX.

The Pride struggled on the Pommel Horse counting only two hit routines. Having such a low hit percentage could really damper the teams spirit, but Sophomore Joe Gianino hit his routine boosting the Pride's spirit. Gianino scored a personal best 13.5, earning himself a spot in finals.

Springfield moved onto the Rings. The pride have big shoes to fill with the loss of Matt Bolognese. The pride put up four solid scores to earn a 53.65. Ty Evans lead the way scoring a 13.75 followed by Mike Licari with a 13.5. Evans 13.75 was enough to qualify for finals.

On the Vault, the pride has improved a lot. The Pride did not score over a 60, but showed a lot of promise with the vaults they were doing. The pride was lead by Mike Li-

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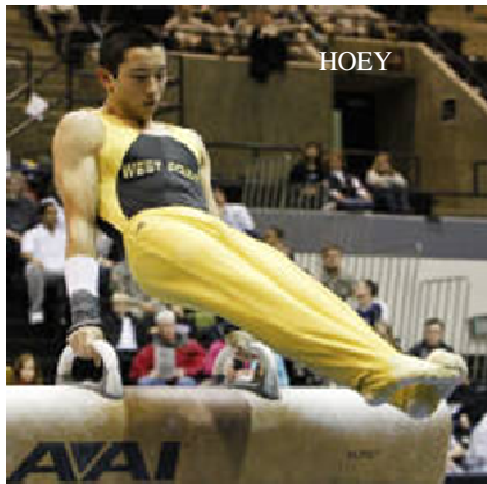
cari, who had the best tsukahara full in the meet, earning a 15.0. The 15.0 earned a spot in finals, where he was to face a handfull of double full twisting vaults and even a tsuk double back. The pride are throwing 2 double full twisting vaults, a full and a half twisting vault, and three full twisting vaults.

The pride went to their last event with a lot of momentum. Junior Tim Monaco made his career debut on the parallel bars scoring a respectable 13.05. Senior co-captain Kyle Bartgis paved the way for the pride scoring a 14.3 earning him 2nd place in the whole meet. Bartgis performed his routine flawlessly only getting deducted 3 tenths. Evans scored well scoring a 14.05. Both Bartgis and Evans made it to the event finals.

Evans and Fox competed in the all-around, and held their own. Evans scored an 82.85 earning himself third place, Fox was closely behind scoring an 81.95 placing 6th. As a team the pride scored a 329 giving them third place. The third place finish was the prides first time ever placing as a team in the WPO. A 329 was the prides season average last season, and they are looking to improve on that.

### U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Freshman Garrek Hojan-Clark and sophomore Jon Hoey advanced to Saturday's individual finals on pommel horse as host Army



finished fourth at the 19th annual West Point Gymnastics Open Friday evening at Christl Arena. The Black Knights turned in a season-high 321.85 points, which was 7.5 points higher then their score in last week's debut against Penn State.

Hojan-Clark, took fourth on PH with a score of 14.35. Hojan-Clark's mark bettered last year's individual team high of 14.2.

Hoey's career-high 13.95 showing on the horse earned him sixth place as two Black Knights were among the eight qualifiers for Saturday's individual finals.

Ty Smith competed as an all-arounder (77.85) where he was joined by freshmen Ikaika Jakub (79.30) and Webber (79.2) as the Army trio placed 13th, 10th and 11th, respectively.

In addition to finishing 11th on floor exercise, Webber turned in Army's fourth plebe showing on pommel horse with a 13.2. Sophomore Chase Brown, competing in his first West Point Open after being injured last year, placed 16th on floor exercise with a 13.65 routine along with sharing 15th place on parallel bars (13.5) with Jakub.

Also listed among the top 18 were senior Justin Sappington, who tied for 18th on high bar (12.95); freshman Jared Breeden, 17th on floor exercise (13.6) and vault (14.8); Hoy on high bar (13.0/17th) along with plebe Greg Fearnley on pommel horse (13.05/16th).

The Black Knights turned in season highs on pommel horse (54.8), the second highest score posted among the seven-team field, along with still rings (51.55) and high bar (51.0). Army's pommel horse score bettered last year's season best of 53.25.

### U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

The Navy gymnastics team accumulated 320.5 points in its season-opening performance to finish fifth at the West Point Open on Friday evening in Christl Arena.

Navy's Dylan Parrott placed fifth with his all-around score of 82.05 points among the six events. Parrott led all gymnasts on the high bar with a 14.15-point routine, 0.05-point ahead of Penn State's Matt Chelberg.



The Navy junior also landed in fourth place on the parallel bars with a solid 14.2-point showing. He also led the Mids in scoring on the floor exercise and still rings with scores of 13.85 and 13.75 points, respectively.

Fellow all-around gymnast Andres Faulk finished fourth with an aggregate score of 82.35 points among the six events. Faulk's best performance came on the vault, where he earned 15.3 points from the judges for seventh place. He also led the Midshipmen on the pommel horse with a 12.8-point showing and recorded the team's second-best score on the floor exercise (13.5 points), still rings (13.55 points), parallel bars (13.55 points) and high bar (13.65 points).

In his first-collegiate meet, Austin Falik placed 12th on the vault with a 14.95-point routine. Brian Quinn tied Faulk for 20th on the floor exercise with a score of 13.5 points, which was preceded by his 18th-place mark of 13.45 on the still rings. Aaron Ingram landed 15th on the parallel bars with a 13.5-point effort.



# WEST POINT OPEN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

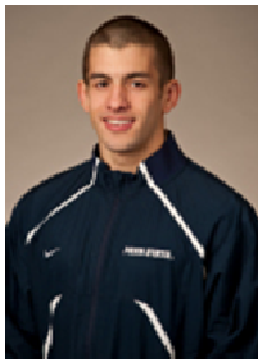
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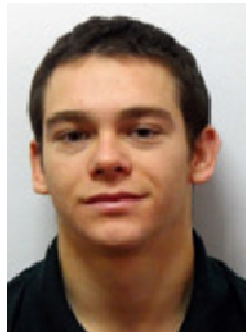
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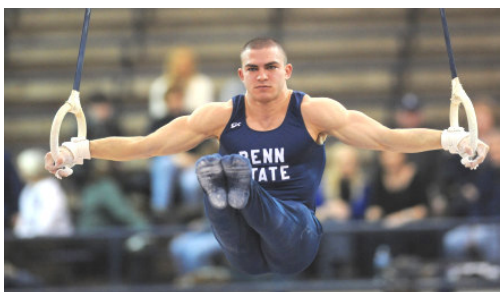
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## TEAM SCORES

1. Penn State	349.85
2. Temple	338.70
3. Springfield	329.00
4. Army	321.85
5. Navy	320.50
6. Brockport	263.80
7. MIT	243.35

## ALL AROUND

1. Patrick McLaughlin, Temple	85.95
2. Chris Mooney, Temple	83.90
3. Ty Evans, Springfld	82.85
4. Andrew Faulk, Navy	82.35
5. Dylan Parrott, Navy	82.05
6. Josh Fox, Springfld	81.95
7. Matt Chelberg, Penn St.	81.90
8. Matt Albrecht, Penn St.	81.75

## FLOOR EXERCISE

1T Nick Verbitsky, Penn St.	15.10
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3. Noam Shaham, Penn St.	14.95
4. Matt Albrecht, Penn St.	14.70
5. Jimmy Pezzino, Spfld	14.60
6. Matt Greenfield, Penn St.	14.50
7. Patrick McLaughlin, Tem	14.30
8. Josh Fox, Spfld	14.25

## POMMEL HORSE

1. Felix Aronovich, Penn St.	14.80
2. Tony Beck, Penn St.	14.75
3. Pat McLaughlin, Tem	14.50
4. Garrek Hojan-Clark, Army	14.35
5. Mackenzie Dow, Penn St.	14.15
6. Jon Hoey, Army	13.95
7. Miguel Pineda, Penn St.	13.90
8. Logan Wyman, Penn St.	13.65

## STILL RINGS

1. Miguel Pineda, Penn St.	15.00
2. Scott Rosenthal, Penn St.	14.90
3. Colin Hill, Penn St.	14.55
4. Blake Collins, Tem	14.45
4. Felix Aronovich, Penn St.	14.45
6. Chris Mooney, Tem	14.40
7. Noam Shaham, Penn St.	14.30
8. Matt Chelberg, Penn St.	14.00
8. Parker Raque, Penn St.	14.00

## VAULT

1. Noam Shaham, Penn St.	15.85
2. Scott Bloomfield, Tem	15.75
3. Chris Mooney, Tem	15.70
4. Nick Grant, Penn St.	15.60
4. Mackenzie Dow, Penn St.	15.60
4. Pat McLaughlin, Tem	15.60
7. Jeff Zack, Tem	15.30
7. Andrew Faulk, Navy	15.30

## PARALLEL BARS

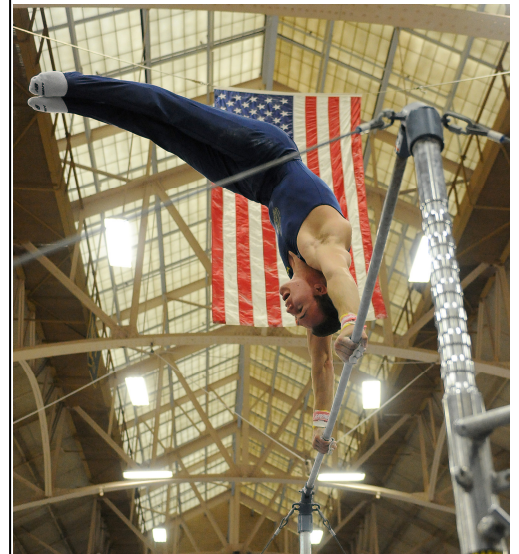
1. Philip Harris, Penn St.	14.45
2. Kyle Bartgis, Spfld	14.30
3. Matt Albrecht, Penn St.	14.25
4. Dylan Parrott, Navy	14.20
4. Felix Aronovich, Penn St.	14.20
6. Mackenzie Dow, Penn St.	14.10
7. Ty Evans, Spfld	14.05
8. Noam Shaham, Penn St.	14.00
8. Miguel Pineda, Penn St.	14.00



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## HORIZONTAL BAR

1. Dylan Parrott, Navy	14.15
2. Matt Chelberg, Penn St.	14.10
3. Mackenzie Dow, Penn St.	14.05
4. Alex Tighe, Tem	14.00
4. Matt Greenfield, Penn St.	14.00
6. Pat McLaughlin, Tem	13.85
7. Blake Collins, Tem	13.80
8. Ty Evans, Spfld	13.75
8. Josh Fox, Spfld	13.75