

## Gymnasts of the Week – Jan. 11-17, 2010

### Big Ten Conference

#### Gymnast of the Week

**Allison Buckley, Illinois**

**Jr., Schaumburg, Ill./Conant**

Buckley finished first in the all-around at last weekend's Nebraska triangular as the Illini finished second in the team standings. The junior finished each event with a score of 9.750 or better and won the balance beam with a 9.850, her 30th career event title. She was the highest Illinois finisher in two other events, placing second on vault (9.900) and third in the floor exercise (9.775). She finished ninth on the uneven bars (9.750) and earns the second Gymnast of the Week award of her career.

#### Freshman of the Week

**Shanthi Teike, Michigan State**

**Columbus, Ind./Columbus North**

Teike ended Saturday's tri-meet against Iowa and Illinois-Chicago as the top freshman finisher in the all-around, where she placed third overall, helping the Spartans to a first-place team finish with 194.425 points. The freshman finished the day with two top-three finishes, including a second-place effort in the floor exercise (9.800) and a third-place showing on vault (9,800). She placed seventh on the balance beam (9.700) and 11th on the uneven bars (9.500) as she wins her first weekly conference award.

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### Big 12 Conference

#### Gymnast of the Week

**Sarah Shire, Missouri, Sr., Columbia, Mo.**

Shire placed second in the all-around competition (39.400), helping Missouri to a 195.625 win over No. 14 Kentucky, No. 16 LSU and Arizona State at the Lady Luck Invitational in Las Vegas. She tied for titles on the bars (9.950) and beam (9.900). Her score on the bars marked a career high and tied the Missouri record for highest all-time score on the event.

#### Specialist of the Week

**Erin Davis, Nebraska, Jr., Round Rock, Texas**

Davis posted a perfect 10.0 on the vault, the first of her career. She is the first Husker to receive a perfect score on the event since 2007. Davis is tied nationally at No. 1 on the vault. Her mark led Nebraska to a 195.200 victory against No. 20 Minnesota (193.375) and No. 23 Illinois (192.775). In addition, she also posted a 9.75 on the floor.

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### East Atlantic Gymnastics League

#### Gymnast of the Week

**Abigail Adams – Maryland**

Adams led the Terps with her all-around score of 39.225. She led off on vault with a 9.900 (No. 6 in the Southeast region) and then scored a 9.750 on the uneven bars, as well as on the balance beam. In the floor exercise, Adams earned a 9.825, which ties her for No. 13 in the region and puts her at No. 7 in the all-around.

### **Rookie of the Week**

#### **Ally Krikorian – Maryland**

Krikorian earned her Rookie of the Week honor for her score of 9.950 on the vault. Her mark was the highest of the meet and tied the highest individual vault score in school history. It is the highest vault score in the region so far this season and puts her at No. 3 in the region for vault average. She is also ranked No. 17 nationally in the event and leads the EAGL.

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## **Eastern College Athletic Conference**

### **Gymnast of the Week**

#### **Kaitly Watson, Temple University - Sophomore, Newark Valley, N.Y.**

Watson got off to a good start for the Owls this past weekend at the Lindsay Ferris Invitational at George Washington. She took 4<sup>th</sup> on vault, 6<sup>th</sup> on bars, and 4<sup>th</sup> in the all-around only to be beaten by the University of North Carolina.

### **Rookie of the Week**

#### **Lindsay Andsager, Yale University - Freshman, Napierville, Ill.**

Andsager had a strong performance in her first NCAA competition. She placed 7th in uneven bars with a score of 9.675 in a very strong competition with the University of New Hampshire, Ball State University and Utah State University.

### **Specialist of the Week**

#### **Emily Santoro, Cornell - Junior, Freehold, N.J.**

Santoro had a great start to the season competing at Maryland on Friday, and at the Lindsay Ferris Invitational at George Washington University on Sunday. She had the highest score for Cornell on vault both nights, and placed in both meets on that event. Her scores on both events helped lead Cornell to its best start in 7 years, with victories over William & Mary, Bridgeport, Pennsylvania and Temple.

### **Coach's Choice**

#### **Monica Shoji, Yale University - Sophomore, Boston, Mass.**

Shoji has faced several injuries that could have deterred many gymnasts. She first tore her Achilles, and then later tore her labrum in her shoulder and underwent surgery. Shoji deferred a year from Yale in order to recover from surgery, and then spent her freshman year focusing on rehabbing her injuries. She began trying some skills on beam and this year competed for the first time in 4 years. Although she is not able to compete in the skills she had before injuries, her persistence and dedication to the sport and her teammates enabled her to compete on balance beam at her first collegiate competition.

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## **Mid American Conference**

### **Gymnast of the Week**

#### **Kristine Garbarino, Western Michigan, Jr., Latham, N.Y. /Shaker**

Kristine Garbarino continues to come into her own as an all-arounder, once again posting the highest all-around score in the MAC for the second-straight week. Totaling a 38.925, she won the AA title against Northern Illinois Sunday. The score is the highest posted by a competitor from the MAC in 2010 and ranks Garbarino in the top 50 nationally. The next highest score recorded from the conference is a 38.575. In addition to winning the all-around against the Huskies, Garbarino placed first in three out of four events, adding a top three finish. She went over 9.700 in all four events, winning the bars outright with a 9.725 and tied for first with a 9.700 on the vault and a

9.750 on the beam. She tallied a 9.750 on the floor to place third. Her scores set Western Michigan team season highs on vault, bars and beam. The 9.700 on vault tied a career high.

#### **Specialist of the Week**

##### **Natalie Sutter, Northern Illinois, Fr., Barberton, Ohio/Coventry**

Natalie Sutter recorded the best scores of her young collegiate career by scoring a pair of 9.700s Sunday in NIU's comeback victory over Western Michigan. Sutter tied senior teammate Natalie Blum with a 9.700 to claim a share of the vault title at the meet, and added a 9.700 on floor to take fourth as the Huskies overcame a 1.25 deficit after two rotations.

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## **Mountain Pacific Sports Federation**

#### **Gymnast of the Week**

##### **Tanya Ho – UC Davis**

Tanya Ho (Elk Grove, CA) placed second in a pair of events, on her way to the All-Around Title (38.675) in a dual meet win over Seattle Pacific. Ho took second on bars (9.625) and balance beam (9.70) while hitting a 4-for-4 meet. Her beam score was her highest since her sophomore year.

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## **Pac-10 Conference**

#### **Gymnast of the Week**

##### **Carly Janiga – Stanford**

Janiga, a senior from Paradise Valley, Ariz., captured the all-around with a 39.325 as the 12th-ranked Cardinal defeated ARIZONA, 196.025-194.675, to win its 2010 home opener. Janiga, a six-time All-American and defending Pac-10 all-around champion, added a floor exercise victory, scoring a 9.875. She also averaged a meet-high 9.83 for her four events. Against the Wildcats, Janiga finished second on the vault with a score of 9.85 and second on the uneven bars, scoring 9.85. She has won the all-around in each of the first two meets of the season.

#### **Specialist of the Week**

##### **Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs – UCLA**

Hopfner-Hibbs, of Toronto, Ontario, scored a 9.9 on the floor exercise to take top honors as the top-ranked Bruins defeated then-No. 19 WASHINGTON, 196.125-194.875. With a solid performance on the floor, the reigning Pac-10 Freshman of the Year helped UCLA record its second-straight 196+ score of the season. Hopfner-Hibbs is tied for first in the nation on floor with an average of 9.912.

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## **Southeastern Conference**

#### **Gymnast of the Week**

##### **Ricki Lebegern - Alabama**

##### **Senior • 5-0 • Annandale, Va.**

Senior Ricki Lebegern led Alabama to a decisive victory over defending NCAA Champion Georgia, winning the all-around with a 39.35. Lebegern led off Alabama's lineup on three of four events, making her win all the more impressive.

She also finished second on the balance beam and third on the floor exercise.

### **Freshman of the Week**

**Ashanée Dickerson - Florida**

**5-5 • Jacksonville, Fla.**

Freshman Ashanée Dickerson is two-for-two in all-around wins in 2010, upping her collegiate-best to 39.475 to take the title in Florida's Jan. 15 dual meet win versus then No. 7 Arkansas...Dickerson also claimed at least a share of two other event titles Friday...she used UF's season-best mark in any event, 9.925, to claim her second consecutive vault title...Dickerson used UF's season-best floor mark of 9.90 to share that event title. Dickerson is ranked No. 2 in the nation in the all-around for season average (39.412) and season-high total (39.475)...she is the first Gator freshman to take the title in their first two all-around performances since former All-American Corey Hartung in 2006...Dickerson leads UF with five event titles through two competitions.

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## **Western Athletic Conference**

### **Gymnast of the Week**

**Hannah Redmon – Boise State**

Redmon, a junior from Sparks, Nevada (Reed HS) captured two individual event titles and finished just .50 out of first place for the all-around as Boise State won the Flips Invitational Triangular meet in Reno. Redmon recorded two 9.90 scores on vault and floor, winning both events. She also placed fifth on bars (9.725), ninth on beam (9.40) and second in the all-around with a score of 38.925 in her first all-around competition since 2008.

### **Specialist of the Week**

**Melissa Johnson – Southern Utah**

Johnson, a senior from St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles East HS) scored the highest mark for Southern Utah with a 9.875 on vault at a dual meet against Brigham Young. Johnson's score on the event secured her the individual title on the apparatus. Johnson's score helped the Thunderbirds to a 194.100-193.050 victory over the Cougars.

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## **Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference**

### **Specialist**

**Annie Mix, Freshman (Olive Branch, Miss./SBEC), of UW-Whitewater**

Mix won the uneven bars with a score of 9.500 in a dual meet against UW-La Crosse on Jan. 16. This marked the second straight week that she posted a 9.5 or higher in the event.

### **All-Around**

**Justine Weyer, Senior (Colgate/Germantown), of UW-Whitewater**

Weyer won the all-around with a mark of 37.10 in a dual meet against UW-La Crosse on Jan. 16. She finished third in the floor exercise, fourth on the vault, fifth on the balance beam and sixth on the uneven bars.