



PAC-10 NEWS

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TOP-RANKED UCLA LEADS FIVE PAC-10 TEAMS RANKED IN TOP 25

This Week:

Two top-20 duals take place this weekend, including a top-10 showdown on Sunday, January 24 when No. 1 UCLA (2-0) travels to No. 8 STANFORD (1-1). Before the Bruins take on the Cardinal, they take on San Jose State and CALIFORNIA (0-1) in Berkeley for a triple dual on Friday, January 22.

Other action this weekend includes No. 20 WASHINGTON (0-2) traveling to No.5 OREGON STATE. The Beavers look to continue their hot streak as they open the 2010 Conference slate. The annual Duel in the Desert for the State Farm Territorial Cup occurs this weekend as No. 24 ARIZONA (0-2) heads up Interstate-10 to in-state rival ARIZONA STATE (1-3).

By the Numbers:

Pac-10 teams return seven gymnasts that were named to the 2009 National Collegiate Women's Gymnastics All-Americans. First team All-Americans returning are Oregon State SR **Mandi Rodriguez**, Stanford JR **Carly Janiga**, and UCLA SO **Vanessa Zamarripa** and RS-JR **Brittani McCullough**. Returning second team All-Americans are Oregon State JR **Jen Kesler**, and UCLA JR **Nicole Tom** and SO **Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs**.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Friday, January 22

No. 1 UCLA/San Jose State at CALIFORNIA, 7:30 p.m. PT
No. 20 WASHINGTON at No. 5 OREGON STATE, 7 p.m. PT

Sunday, January 24

No. 24 ARIZONA at ARIZONA STATE, 2 p.m. MT
No. 1 UCLA at No. 8 STANFORD, 2 p.m. MT

All times are local to site

Rankings from GymInfo as of Jan. 18

GYMINFO PRESEASON TOP 25**COACHES POLL**

1. Georgia (13)	739
2. Utah (6)	718
3. Alabama (8)	680
4. Florida (2)	676
5. UCLA (2)	632
6. LSU	576
7. STANFORD	563
8. Arkansas	537
9. Oklahoma	516
10. OREGON STATE	503
11. Penn State	493
12. Michigan	421
13. Illinois	369
14. Auburn	365
15. Nebraska	365
16. Missouri	349
17. Denver	215
18. Ohio State	200
19. Boise State	194
20. ARIZONA	169
21. West Virginia	122
22. Minnesota	120
23. Iowa State	107
24. Michigan State	76
25. WASHINGTON	64

GYMINFO TOP 25 POLL*By season averages*

1. UCLA	196.362
2. Oklahoma	196.275
3. Alabama	195.962
4. Florida	195.925
5. OREGON STATE	195.875
6. Utah	195.712
7. Arkansas	195.662
8. STANFORD	195.537
9. Nebraska	195.450
10. Georgia	195.325
11. Auburn	195.262
12. Kentucky	195.187
13. Missouri	195.175
14. Denver	195.112
15. Michigan	194.875
16. LSU	194.862
17. Iowa State	194.325
18. Boise State	194.200
19. Michigan State	194.175
20. WASHINGTON	194.162
21. Southern Utah	194.100
22. Penn State	194.025
23. North Carolina State	193.825
24. ARIZONA	193.662
25. Illinois-Champaign	193.375

PAC-10 NOTES

ARIZONA: Early in the 2010 season, the strength of the Wildcats has been on the vault. Against then-No.12 Stanford, the Gymcats scored a team total of 49.075, led by SO **Deanna Graham's** score of 9.85. SR **Sarah Tomczyk** set a career-high on bars with a 9.875 against the Cardinal. SO **Talyn Curry** set a career-high on the vault with a 9.775 and FR **Aubree Cristello** scored a 9.825 on the bars, also a career-high.

ARIZONA STATE: The Sun Devils open their 2010 home slate by hosting in-state rival Arizona for the annual Duel in the Desert. JR **Mary Atkinson** leads the team in three events this season, including a career-high of 9.875 on bars, 9.875 on the floor and 9.825 on the vault. JR **Beate Jones**, last year's top all-around competitor for ASU, is out indefinitely with a Lisfranc injury that occurred during preseason.

CALIFORNIA: SR **Sophia Hocini** won the all-around with a score of 38.825, but the Golden Bears fell to Arizona State, 192.825-191.8. Paced by FR **Nicolette Lew**, Cal won the balance beam event with a score of 47.7. The best performance against the Sun Devils came on the floor exercise with a pair of 9.8, first by FR **Mariesah Pierce** and later by Hocini. The team finished with 48.45.

OREGON STATE: Against Ohio State, the Beavers swept the individual awards and SR **Mandi Rodriguez** won the all-around competition with a score of 39.35 as OSU defeated the Buckeyes, 196.125-193.05. SR **Laura-Ann Chong** scored a career-high 9.925 on bars. Chong ranks second in the NCAA on the bars with an average score of 9.925 and sixth on the balance beam with an average score of 9.875. FR **Makayla Stambaugh** is tied for fourth nationally on the floor exercise with an average score of 9.9.

STANFORD: For the second time in as many weeks, SR **Carly Janiga** won the all-around competition with a score of 39.325 against Arizona, earning her fourth-career Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week honor. Janiga, the defending Pac-10 all-around champion, has won the all-around competition in both meets this season. She also ranks fourth in the NCAA in the all-around with a score of 39.312.

UCLA: For the second-straight meet, the Bruins recorded a score of 196+. SO **Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs** earned her first-career Pac-10 Special Performance after scoring a 9.9 on the floor exercise against then-No. 19 Washington. The Bruins have individuals that rank near the top in the nation in every category, including Hopfner-Hibbs who leads the NCAA on the floor exercise (9.912), SR **Anna Li** leads the nation on the bars (9.937) and SO **Tauny Frattone** is the national leader on the vault (9.912). Hopfner-Hibbs ranks third in the all-around (39.412) and fourth on the balance beam (9.875).

WASHINGTON: Against No. 1 UCLA, the Huskies set a season-high score, but fell to the Bruins, 196.125-194.875. Washington set season bests on three of four events. SO **Hatsune Akaogi** tied for first in the all-around with a score of 39.175. She also set a career-high on the vault with a score of 9.8. Also setting a career-high on vault with a score of 9.8 was FR **Lauren Rogers**.

STANFORD'S JANIGA NAMED PAC-10 GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. -- STANFORD senior **Carly Janiga** merited Pac-10 Gymnast of the Week honors for Jan. 11-17, Commissioner Larry Scott announced today.

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.

This is the fourth-career weekly honor for Janiga and Stanford's 15th all-time Gymnast of the Week selection.

ALSO NOMINATED:

Gymnast of the Week: Deanna Graham, ARIZ; Mary Atkinson, ASU; Sophia Hocini, CAL; Mandi Rodriguez, OSU; Anna Li, UCLA; Hatsune Akaogi, WASH

2010 PAC-10 GYMAST OF THE WEEK:

Jan. 12 - **Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs, UCLA**
Jan. 19 - **Carly Janiga, STAN**

ARIZONA'S JONES EARNS PAC-10 SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. -- UCLA sophomore Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs merited Pac-10 Special Performance of the Week honors for Jan. 11-17, Commissioner Larry Scott announced today.

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.

This is the first-career Special Performance honor for Hopfner-Hibbs and UCLA's seventh all-time Special Performance selection.

ALSO NOMINATED:

Special Performance of the Week: Sarah Tomczyk, ARIZ; Mariesah Pierce, CAL; Laura-Ann Chong, OSU; Shelley Alexander, STAN; Samantha Walior, WASH

2010 PAC-10 SPECIAL PERFORMANCE OF THE WEEK:

Jan. 12 - **Britnie Jones, ARIZ**
Jan. 19 - **Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs, UCLA**

Season Bests (Top Ten)

Weekly rankings provided by Troester.com. Rankings by highest average.

Pac-10 Season Best Averages (Top Ten)**All-Around**

1.	39.375	Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs, UCLA
2.	39.312	Carly Janiga, STAN
3.	39.250	Anna Li, UCLA
4.	39.150	Makayla Stambaugh, OSU
5.	39.062	Mandi Rodriguez, OSU
	39.062	Hatsune Akaogi, WASH
7.	38.962	Shelley Alexander, STAN
8.	38.825	Sophia Hocini, CAL
9.	38.787	Deanna Graham, ARIZ
10.	38.725	Tauny Frattone, UCLA

Floor

1.	9.912	Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs, UCLA
2.	9.900	Makayla Stambaugh, OSU
3.	9.875	Brittani McCullough, UCLA
4.	9.862	Mandi Rodriguez, OSU
	9.862	Carly Janiga, STAN
6.	9.850	Vanessa Zamarripa, UCLA
7.	9.837	Samantha Wailor, WASH
	9.837	Ashley Morgan, STAN
9.	9.825	Deanna Graham, ARIZ
10.	9.812	Luara-Ann Chong, OSU

Beam

1.	9.875	Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs, UCLA
2.	9.875	Laura-Ann Chong, OSU
3.	9.850	Makayla Stambaugh, OSU
4.	9.837	Britnie Jones, ARIZ
5.	9.812	Anna Li, UCLA
6.	9.800	Alyssa Brown, STAN
	9.800	Leslie Mak, OSU
8.	9.775	Carly Janiga, STAN
	9.775	Vanessa Zamarripa, UCLA
10.	9.762	Mizuki Sato, UCLA

Bars

1.	9.937	Anna Li, UCLA
2.	9.925	Laura-Ann Chong, OSU
	9.925	Leslie Mak, OSU
4.	9.850	Lichelle Wong, UCLA
5.	9.837	Carly Janiga, STAN
6.	9.825	Mary Atkinson, ASU
	9.825	Jen Kesler, OSU
	9.825	Oliva Vivian, OSU
	9.825	Mandi Rodriguez, OSU
	9.825	Sarah Tomczyk, ARIZ

Vault

1.	9.912	Tauny Frattone, UCLA
	9.912	Vanessa Zamarripa, UCLA
3.	9.850	Shelley Alexander, STAN
	9.850	Mary Atkinson, ASU
	9.850	Ashley Morgan, STAN
6.	9.837	Becky Colvin, OSU
	9.837	Mandi Rodriguez, OSU
	9.837	Carly Janiga, STAN
	9.837	Deanna Graham, ARIZ
10.	9.825	Blair Ryland, STAN
	9.825	Whitney Watson, OSU

NCAA Season Best Averages (Top Ten)**All-Around**

1.	39.450	Susan Jackson, LSU
2.	39.412	Ashanee Dickerson, Florida
3.	39.375	Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs, UCLA
4.	39.312	Carly Janiga, STAN
5.	39.250	Jaime Pisani, Arkansas
6.	39.250	Anna Li, UCLA
7.	39.212	Mark Burke, Missouri
8.	39.200	Ashley Priess, Alabama
	39.200	Morgan Dennis, Alabama
10.	39.150	Makayla Stambaugh, OSU

Floor

1.	9.912	Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs, UCLA
	9.912	Courtney McCool, Georgia
	9.912	Annie DiLuzio, Utah
4.	9.900	Makayla Stambaugh, OSU
	9.900	Hannah Redmon, Boise State
	9.900	Brandi Personett, Penn State
7.	9.887	Maria Scaffidi, Nebraska
8.	9.875	Taylor Seaman, North Carolina State
9.	9.875	Susan Jackson, LSU
	9.875	Jaime Pisani, Arkansas

Beam

1.	9.900	Grace Taylor, Georgia
2.	9.887	Sarah Shire, Missouri
	9.887	Hollie Vise, Oklahoma
4.	9.875	Elyse Hopfner-Hibbs, UCLA
	9.875	Megan Ferguson, Oklahoma
6.	9.875	Luara-Ann Chong, OSU
	9.875	Ashley Priess, Alabama
8.	9.850	Nicole Curler, Michigan State
	9.850	Ashanee Dickerson, Florida
	9.850	Kyndal Robarts, Utah
	9.850	Makayla Stambaugh, OSU

Bars

1.	9.937	Anna Li, UCLA*
2.	9.925	Laura-Ann Chong, OSU
	9.925	Leslie Mak, OSU
4.	9.900	Kylee Botterman, Michigan
5.	9.887	Hollie Vise, Oklahoma
6.	9.875	Kassi Price, Alabama
7.	9.975	Mary Burke, Utah
	9.875	Susan Jackson, LSU
	9.875	Amy DeFilippo, Arkansas
10.	9.862	Allyson Sandusky, Auburn
	9.862	Jamie Deetscreek, Utah

Vault

1.	9.912	Tauny Frattone, UCLA
	9.912	Vanessa Zamarripa, UCLA
	9.912	Erin Davis, Nebraska
4.	9.900	Ashanee Dickerson, Florida
	9.900	Susan Jackson, LSU
	9.900	Hannah Redmon, Boise State
	9.900	Brandi Personett, Penn State
8.	9.887	Rochelle Robinson, Michigan State
	9.887	Morgan Dennis, Alabama
	9.887	Kyndal Robarts, Utah

2010 PACIFIC-10 WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS COMPOSITE SCHEDULE/RESULTS*(Times are local. Schedule subject to change.)***Friday, January 8***Salbasgeon Suites Invitational*

No. 10 OREGON STATE 195.625; No. 13 Illinois 192.85; Air Force 184.475; Alaska-Anchorage 183.475
 No. 15 Nebraska 195.7; No. 25 WASHINGTON 193.45

Saturday, January 9

No. 8 Arkansas 195.4; No. 20 ARIZONA 192.65
 No. 1 Georgia 195.15; No. 7 STANFORD 195.5
 No. 5 UCLA 196.6; No. 2 Utah 195.125

Friday, January 15*Lady Luck Invitational, 6 p.m.*

No. 15 Missouri 195.625; No. 14 Kentucky 195.525; No. 16 LSU 195.350; ARIZONA STATE 192.675
 No. 1 UCLA 196.125; No. 19 WASHINGTON 194.875

Saturday, January 16

No. 5 OREGON STATE 196.125; Ohio State 193.05

Sunday, January 17

No. 12 STANFORD 196.025; ARIZONA 194.675
 ARIZONA STATE 192.675; CALIFORNIA 191.8

Friday, January 22

UCLA/San Jose State at CALIFORNIA, 7:30 p.m.
 WASHINGTON at OREGON STATE, 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 24

ARIZONA at ARIZONA STATE, 2 p.m.
 UCLA at STANFORD, 2 p.m.

Friday, January 29

CALIFORNIA at ARIZONA, 7 p.m.
 STANFORD/Seattle Pacific at OREGON STATE, 7 p.m.

Sunday, January 31

ARIZONA STATE at UCLA, 2 p.m.

Friday, February 5

UCLA at ARIZONA, 7 p.m.
 Utah at ARIZONA STATE, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 7

OREGON STATE at CALIFORNIA, 2 p.m.
 WASHINGTON/San Jose State/Sacramento State/
 at STANFORD, 2 p.m.

Friday, February 12

ARIZONA at OREGON STATE, 7 p.m.

Saturday, February 13

ARIZONA STATE at WASHINGTON, 2 p.m.

Sunday, February 14

STANFORD at UCLA, 2 p.m.

Friday, February 19

ARIZONA at Alabama, 7 p.m.
 STANFORD at ARIZONA STATE, 7:30 p.m.
 CALIFORNIA at WASHINGTON, 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 21

OREGON STATE at UCLA, 2 p.m.

Friday, February 26

OREGON STATE at ARIZONA STATE, 7:30 p.m.
 UCLA at Cal State Fullerton, 7 p.m.
 Arkansas/Seattle Pacific at WASHINGTON, 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 28

ARIZONA/Denver/West Virginia at Nebraska, 2 p.m.
 CALIFORNIA/North Carolina/Eastern Michigan at
 STANFORD, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 5

WASHINGTON at ARIZONA, 7 p.m.
 Central Michigan at ARIZONA STATE, 7:30 p.m.
 CALIFORNIA/STANFORD at San Jose State, 7 p.m.
 OREGON STATE at LSU, 7 p.m.
 STANFORD at San Jose State, TBA

Saturday, March 6

UCLA at Georgia, 4 p.m.

Friday, March 12

Minnesota at ARIZONA, 7 p.m.
 ARIZONA STATE at BYU, TBA
 OREGON STATE/Penn State/Southern Utah
 at Utah, 7 p.m.
 WASHINGTON at Oklahoma, 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 14

CALIFORNIA/TWU at UC Davis, 2 p.m.
 Michigan State/Cal State Fullerton at UCLA, 2 p.m.

Friday, March 19

Kentucky at OREGON STATE, 7 p.m.
 WASHINGTON at Seattle Pacific, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 20

ARIZONA/CALIFORNIA/NC State at Denver, 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 21

STANFORD at UC Davis, 2 p.m.

Saturday, March 27

Pac-10 Championships, Tucson, Ariz. 3 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24

NCAA Event Finals