

Gymnasts of the Week – Jan. 18-24, 2010

Big Ten Conference

Co-Gymnasts of the Week

Thomas Kelley, Michigan

Jr., Libertyville, Ill./Libertyville

Kelley wins his first Big Ten Gymnast of the Week award after recording four top-five finishes in No. 3 Michigan's victory against No. 6 Penn State over the weekend. Kelley won two events - the still rings with a score of 15.200 and the high bar with a score of 14.700. He was third in the floor exercise with a 14.750, and was fifth on the parallel bars with a score of 14.200. The junior's mark on the still rings was his career-best as the Wolverines scored a 355.650-344.750 victory.

Aaron Fortunato, Minnesota

Sr., Bedford, Ohio

Fortunato wins his first Big Ten Gymnast of the Week award after recording three first-place finishes, including the all-around title, in No. 10 Minnesota's triangular victory against Washington and No. 16 Arizona State on Saturday. The senior won the all-around title with a score of 85.000 and scored event wins on high bar (15.050) and pommel horse (13.950). He finished third in the floor exercise (14.500), fourth on still rings (13.700), fifth on vault (15.100) and seventh on parallel bars (12.700).

Freshman of the Week

Felix Aronovich, Penn State

Kiryat Bialik, Israel

Aronovich was named Freshman of the Week for the second time this season following a trio of top-five finishes in No. 6 Penn State's weekend matchup against No. 3 Michigan. The freshman from Israel recorded season-high scores in three events Saturday, finishing first on the pommel horse with a score of 15.100, remaining undefeated in the event this season. He also tied for second on the parallel bars with a 14.550 and was fifth in the still rings by turning in a score of 14.600.

Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Andrew Faulk – Navy

Faulk led Navy and finished among the top-six overall gymnasts in each of the six disciplines to total 84.8 points in the all-around, 0.65-point ahead of second-place gymnast Ty Evans from Springfield. Faulk's cumulative score was 2.45 points higher than his showing at the West Point Open just a week before. The Navy sophomore, who is currently ranked 18th nationally in the all-around, registered a 14.35-point performance on the high bar to land in second place, 0.55-point off first-place performer Patrick McLaughlin from Temple. Faulk placed third on the still rings (14.2 points), fourth on the floor exercise (14.0 points), fourth on the pommel horse (13.35 points), fourth on the vault (15.4 points) and sixth on the parallel bars (13.5 points).

Rookie of the Week

Jimmy Pezzino-Springfield College

Pezzino captured 1st on floor exercise (14.50) and 2nd on vault (15.55) at the Navy Open as the Springfield Pride (331.60) gave Temple (332.50) some anxious moments in an exciting competition at McDonough Hall in Annapolis. In only his second competition for the Pride, Pezzino was coming off of a 4th place finish in floor exercise (14.05) at the 2010 West Point

Open. He is an Art major and received his early training at Stumpf's Gymnastics Center in New York.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

Jake Dalton – Oklahoma

Jake Dalton (Reno, NV) repeats as MPSF Gymnast of the Week after winning individual event titles on vault (16.00), floor (15.75), parallel bars (15.05) and still rings (15.00), on his way to his second straight All-Around Championship (89.6) to begin his collegiate career. The No. 4 Sooners won a dual meet at No. 8 Iowa, posting a 349.500.