

Gymnasts of the Week – Feb. 5-7, 2010

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Big Ten Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Brandi Personett, Penn State - Sr., Katy, Texas/Cinco Rancho

Personett wins her 12th career Big Ten Gymnast of the Week award after leading 17th-ranked Penn State to a 196.425-196.275 victory over No. 23 Illinois on Saturday night. The senior posted an all-around score of 39.600, which tied her career-best, earning top honors. She also finished first on the balance beam (9.950) and in floor exercise (9.925), having won the event at all five meets this season. Personett added a second-place effort on vault (9.850) and a third-place showing on the uneven bars (9.875) to lead the Nittany Lions to victory.

Freshman of the Week

Natalie Beilstein, Michigan - Butler, Pa./Knoch

Beilstein wins her third consecutive Big Ten Freshman of the Week honor after helping the No. 15 Wolverines to a 196.400 team score and a first-place finish at the West Virginia triangular over the weekend. The freshman posted a 9.900 on vault for a first-place effort, and recorded second-place finishes on the balance beam (9.850) and in floor exercise (9.825). Beilstein has won three vault titles in five meets, and her Friday scores on vault and beam were career-best marks.

Big 12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

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

Shire grabbed her third award of the season after winning her third all-around title this year, scoring a 39.275 in the Tigers' victory against New Hampshire (195.125-192.975). The senior also landed first place finishes on the vault (9.825), floor (9.900) and tied for the beam title (9.800). It marked the 14th career all-around win for Shire, who currently ranks 21st in the country.

Specialist of the Week

Megan Ferguson, Oklahoma, So., Olathe, Kan.

Ferguson captured the beam title (9.925), while setting a career high in the event as well as on floor (9.900). The sophomore is currently tied for first nationally on beam. She also posted a 9.750 on bars, helping Oklahoma (196.825) win against Nebraska and Texas Women's University. With Ferguson's efforts, the Sooners earned the program's first No. 1 national ranking.

East Atlantic Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Alicia Talucci – Pittsburgh

Talucci (Coatesville, Pa./Coatesville) scored a 39.200 in the all-around competition for her fourth consecutive all-around win of the season. In addition to hitting all four routines, Talucci's floor score of 9.850 marked a career high for the accomplished gymnast. On the floor, Talucci finished first and captured third on the balance beam with a 9.825.

Specialist of the Week

Taylor Seaman – North Carolina State

Seaman won floor against No. 3 Florida on Friday at Reynolds Coliseum. Seaman's winning score of 9.9 was her season-high on floor. The senior from Greensburg, Pa. also posted a 9.775 on bars and a 9.700 on beam. Seaman currently leads EAGL on bars, is third on floor, fifth on beam and fourth in the all-around.

Co-Rookies of the Week

Meaghan Biros – Pittsburgh

Biros (Chicago, Ill./Mother McAuley) earned her first Rookie of the Week honors after an outstanding performance on three events. Biros was held out of the all-around competition due to illness during the week, but recorded a career-high score on the uneven bars at 9.775, and finished fourth on the vault with a 9.800. Her final score of the night came in a 9.675 on the beam.

Faye Meaden – West Virginia

Meaden's recognition follows a tremendous showing in the Mountaineers' split of a home tri-meet on Feb. 5. The two-event specialist paced WVU on the bars with a career-best 9.75 and tied classmate Alysha Pretzello for sixth place. She also scored 9.675 on floor and finished 10th overall.

Eastern College Athletic Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Teenie Beck - William & Mary - Junior, Jacksonville, Fla.

For the first time this year Teenie Beck joined the W&M lineup and proved herself as one of the Tribe. The junior transfer started off the night a little shaky on beam, but finished strong, posting a 9.075. Beck then moved on to the floor exercise, where she posted W&M's top score of the evening, a 9.55. Beck, then hit a stellar vault, tying for 10th on the evening with a 9.7. She closed out her night with a solid 9.65 on bars. Beck posted the top score for W&M on three of the four events (vault, bars, and floor exercise). She also was the top all-around for the Tribe, notching a 37.975 in her first meet as a member of the green & gold.

Rookie of the Week

Tara Feld – Yale - Freshman, Buffalo Grove, Ill.

Feld had another outstanding competition, winning the uneven bars with a career best of 9.70. She finished second on vault with a score of 9.750. She also had a second place in the all-around with a career high of 38.10. Feld's scores have been significant in the success of the Yale team this year.

Specialist of the Week

Alexandra Uscatu - Temple - Sophomore, Montclair, N.J.

The Temple home meet was the debut for the sophomore, who came back after hernia surgery to help the vault team earn their highest this year - 47.825 and the overall win.

Mid American Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Brittney Emmons, Ball State, So., Pace, Fla./Tate

Brittney Emmons won the all-around, the vault and the floor in Ball State's meet at Illinois State...Emmons helped the Cardinals to a season high team score of 193.925, which was the

21st best team score in school history...Emmons tallied a career high 39.300 in the all-around...She won the vault with a 9.875, which tied her career high...She also posted a career high 9.750 on beam and a career best 9.800 on bars.

Specialist of the Week

Kristin Teubner, Central Michigan, So., Denver, Colo./Grandview

Kristin Teubner had a breakout performance to lead Central Michigan to a first-place finish at the highly prestigious State of Michigan Classic on Sunday. The field included No. 21 Michigan State. Teubner won both the vault and floor exercise with identical scores of 9.875. The vault score tied a season-high which is tied for the best mark in the conference while her floor score is tied for second in the MAC. Her effort helped the Chippewas capture their first State of Michigan Classic title since 1999 and defeat the 21st-ranked Spartans.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

Jenna Dudley – Air Force

Dudley (Lynden, WA) had two outstanding MPSF dual meets last week, recording a top-five performance on nearly every event over the two outings. As the last gymnast against Alaska, she turned in a top score of 9.725 on floor to clinch a narrow win for the Falcons. Against UCD, Dudley posted a career-high to win another floor title (9.775), while nailing 2010-bests on beam and all-around. She was also second all-around (38.425) and third on vault (9.55).

Pac-10 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Ashley Morgan – Stanford

Morgan, a freshman from Danville, Calif., earned her first-collegiate victories, including her debut all-around (39.45), to lead No. 8 Stanford to victory over No. 24 Washington, Sacramento State and San Jose State. Morgan won the vault (9.875) and balance beam (9.875), and was second on the floor (9.90). Her score in the all-around propelled her to the third highest average this season in the NCAA.

Specialist of the Week

Becky Colvin – Oregon State

Colvin, a native of Eugene, Ore., helped the Beavers remain unbeaten (8-0) on the season as they defeated California, 196.375-190.1. Colvin set a career high and won the individual vault title with a 9.925. She ranks in a tie for ninth nationally in the vault with an average score of 9.875.

Southeastern Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Susan Jackson- LSU - Senior • 5-0 • Spring, Texas

Tied the LSU school record for consecutive all-around titles to open a season with five ... Led LSU to the team's first victory over a No. 1 ranked team since 2002 when the Tigers beat Utah ... Anchored all four events and produced a career-high all-around total with a 39.725... Won the

vault title with her third 9.95 score of the season ... Captured the bars title with a season-high tying 9.925 ... Won the floor title and capped the Tigers' win with her season-best 9.95 in the final performance of the night ... Finished second on beam with a 9.9.

Freshman of the Week

Shayla Worley – Georgia - 5-2 • Orlando, Fla.

Shayla Worley posted career-highs on vault (9.775), bars (9.850), beam (9.925), floor (9.950) and the all-around (39.500) in leading Georgia to a season-high 197.200 in the win over Kentucky on Friday. Worley was initially scheduled to compete in just three events, but was a last-minute addition to the vault lineup. With her 39.500, she became the first Gym Dog to win the all-around title this season. It was the first time she has competed in the all-around. Worley's 9.950 on floor tied for the highest score by any SEC gymnast on the event this season.

Western Athletic Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Elise Wheeler - Southern Utah

Wheeler, a senior from San Diego, Calif. (Madison HS) led Southern Utah to a season-high 195.275 win over Kent State by claiming individual titles in every event and scoring season highs on vault (9.875), beam (9.850), floor (9.900) and in the all-around (39.425). Wheeler's all-around total is the second-highest in school history, one-tenth short of her own school record of 39.525.

Specialist of the Week

Hannah Redmon – Boise State

Redmon, a junior from Sparks, Nevada (Reed HS) tied her season best mark on vault with a 9.900, winning her 11th career vault title against Cal State Fullerton on Sunday. Redmon also won the floor title and tied a season best 9.900, marking her 11th career floor victory. She also won the bars title with a 9.850.

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Specialist

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

Against UW-Stout on Feb. 6, Weyer helped the Warhawks to their third win of the season and highest team score of the year with 185.775. She won the balance beam with a personal record and second-highest score in school history at 9.7. Weyer also won the uneven bars with a 9.575 and helped UW-Whitewater break the team school in the event.

All-Around

Danielle Schulzetenberg, Freshman (Maple Grove, Minn.), of UW-Eau Claire

Schulzetenberg won the all-around competition at the 29th Annual Gershon/McLellan Invitational at UW-La Crosse on Feb. 5. She scored a career-best 35.775 as the Blugolds took second place out of three teams. Schulzetenberg tied for first on the balance beam (9.425), tied for second in the floor exercise (9.325), took ninth on the uneven bars (8.200) and 11th on the vault (8.825).