

# Gymnasts of the Week – Feb. 8-14, 2010

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## Big Ten Conference

### Gymnast of the Week

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

Personett wins her 13th career Big Ten Gymnast of the Week award after leading Penn State in its win against in-state rival Pittsburgh over the weekend. The senior had four first-place finishes and a second-place showing as the Nittany Lions totaled 196.450 team points. Personett was tops in the all-around with a career-best mark of 39.600, which included her second 10.0 on vault this season, a 9.900 in floor exercise and a 9.875 on balance beam. She finished in a tie for second on the uneven bars with a 9.825 and claimed her fourth all-around title of the season.

### Freshman of the Week

#### **Sharaya Musser, Penn State - Colorado Springs, Colo./Pine Creek**

Musser wins her first Big Ten Freshman of the Week honor after claiming her first career individual event title in Penn State's victory against Pittsburgh over the weekend. The freshman finished tied for first on the balance beam, matching teammate Brandi Personett's score of 9.875, for top honors. Musser also scored two second-place finishes, including a personal-best 9.925 effort on vault and a 9.825 on the parallel bars.

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## Big 12 Conference

### Gymnast of the Week

#### **Michelle Browning, Iowa State, So., Houston, Texas**

Browning captured her second award of the season, winning the all-around crown with a career-high score of 39.275 against Oklahoma. The sophomore helped the Cyclones to their highest score (196.225) this season. She also set a season-best on beam (9.850), while tying her season-highs on vault (9.825) and bars (9.800).

### Specialist of the Week

#### **Kristin Smith, Oklahoma, Sr., Oklahoma City, Okla.**

Smith landed a pair of titles on beam with a mark of 9.900 and on floor with a 9.925. Her beam score tied with two other Sooners (Hollie Vise and Megan Ferguson) for first place. The senior's performance helped lead OU to their highest team score (197.250) since 2004, defeating Iowa State.

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## East Atlantic Gymnastics League

### Co-Gymnasts of the Week

#### **Amy Bieski – West Virginia**

Bieski paced the squad and finished first overall with 39.25 points; the season-best score was her third 39.0-plus mark of the season, and career 10th. The Nanticoke, Pa., native also won the floor exercise with a season-best 9.875 points and tied teammate Nicole Roach for first place on bars with a career-high 9.825. Additionally, she finished third on beam and set a career-mark with 9.8 points, and tied for fourth place on vault with a 9.75 score. Bieski is currently ranked 40th nationally on floor with a 9.817 average.

### **Chelsea Steinberg – New Hampshire**

Steinberg took first place overall in the all-around with the best four-event total by any EAGL gymnast this season, a career-best 39.350. Her score was also the third-highest mark of the season in the Northeast Region. Steinberg placed first on vault with a score of 9.85 to tie her personal best, fifth on bars with a personal best 9.75, second on beam (9.85) and second on floor with a personal-best 9.9.

### **Specialist of the Week**

#### **Shelly Purkat – West Virginia**

Purkat's first honor of the season follows her first-place, 9.825 beam showing. The Edina, Minn., native also finished third on floor with 9.825 points. Both scores are season-best marks.

### **Rookie of the Week**

#### **Faye Meaden – West Virginia**

Meaden was recognized for the second-consecutive week after scoring a career-best 9.775 points on bars, the meet's second-best score, and tying for third place. The Fairfax, Va., native also opened the Mountaineers' floor rotation with a 10th-place 9.7 showing.

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## **Eastern College Athletic Conference**

### **Gymnast of the Week**

#### **Kacy Catanzaro - Towson - Sophomore, Belleville, N.J.**

Catanzaro led the Tigers (8-2) to a third place finish at the Cornell Big Red Invitational. She won the second all-around title of her career with a 38.475 score. Catanzaro also helped the Tigers with a fourth place finish on beam (9.725). She also took third place on vault (9.600) and took second place on bars (9.60).

### **Rookie of the Week**

#### **Julia Meyer – Brown - Freshman, Granite City, Ill.**

Julia had an incredible weekend, earning personal bests on both bars and beam, the only events she competes. She was Brown's top scorer on both events this weekend and showed great maturity and poise.

### **Specialist of the Week**

#### **Avis Hixon - Towson - Sophomore, Leesburg, Va.**

Hixon helped the Tigers finish third at Cornell's Big Red Invitational Meet. She competed on vault and floor, finishing fourth on vault with a 9.55 score and tying for first place on floor with Lorraine Galow of Bridgeport as each earned a 9.775 score.

### **Coach's Choice**

#### **Katie Goddard – Brown - Sophomore, Kings Park, N.Y.**

Goddard is an extremely determined student-athlete. Prior to the UNH meet, Goddard injured her leg, and it was uncertain if she would be able to compete. However, she pulled through for the team in a big way, even though she competed on an event for the first time in her career.

Goddard had never competed on vault for Brown, but learned a 9.9 valued vault this season so she could contribute on an event where the team lacks depth. She earned one of Brown's top scores with a 9.575. In addition, she continued to be solid on floor, winning the event outright.

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## Mid American Conference

### Gymnast of the Week

#### **Erin Grigg, Eastern Michigan, Sr., North Bay, Ontario/Widdifield**

Senior Erin Grigg finished in the top three in every event against Western Michigan, Feb. 13, leading the Eagles to their first Mid-American Conference win of the season. Grigg finished first overall in the floor exercise after carding a 9.750, as she posted the top all-around score of the competition (38.450) to help pace EMU

### Specialist of the Week

#### **Jessica Suder, Central Michigan, Sr., Pittsburgh, Pa./Seneca Valley**

In her third meet of the season, senior Jessica Suder put together a tremendous routine on balance beam to win the event against defending Mid-American Conference champion Kent State. Suder posted a season-best 9.800, over a tenth of a point higher than her previous season high. The senior's score is currently tied for the fifth-best in the MAC and was the highest posted by any league gymnast last week.

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## Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

### Gymnast of the Week

#### **Kendall McCann – UC Davis**

McCann (Belmont, CA) won individual titles with career-highs on the all-around (38.700) and balance beam (9.80), leading the Aggies to an MPSF dual win over Alaska-Anchorage. McCann also hit a career-mark on floor (9.775) and a third-place uneven bars routine (9.675).

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## Pac-10 Conference

### Gymnast of the Week

#### **Vanessa Zamarripa – UCLA**

Zamarripa, a sophomore from O'Fallon, Ill., won the all-around (39.55), beam (9.9) and floor (9.9), and was second on bars (9.95), but the fifth-ranked Bruins fell to No. 8 Stanford, 195.625-195.975.. Zamarripa's score on bars tied a career-high and her performance on the floor tied a season-high. Zamarripa currently ranks first in the nation on the bars (9.925), second in the all-around (39.475) and fourth on the beam (9.871).

### Specialist of the Week

#### **Anna Li – UCLA**

Li, a native of Aurora, Ill., was just shy of perfection on the bars, tying a career-high 9.975. Li's score helped the Bruins record a team score of 49.55 on bars, the highest score in the nation to date and the ninth-highest score on the apparatus in UCLA history. For the season, the senior has won the bars event five times in six meets, scoring 9.925 or better in each of those five meets.

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## **Southeastern Conference**

### **Gymnast of the Week**

**Geralen Stack-Eaton – Alabama - Sophomore • 5-3 • Horsham, Penn.**

Stack-Eaton had a career night against No. 6 ranked Florida, tying her career-high score on all four apparatus and posting a career-best 39.625 to win the all-around. She scored a 9.925 on the vault, a 9.875 on the uneven bars, 9.9 on the balance beam and a 9.925 on the floor exercise. For the meet she finished either first or second on all four apparatus and in the all-around, leading the Tide to the second highest score in the nation this season, a 197.425.

### **Freshman of the Week**

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

Worley won her second-straight all-around title with a 39.375 in Georgia's win over then-No. 3 Arkansas on Friday. She finished above the Razorbacks Jaime Pisani and Casey Jo Magee, who entered the meet ranked ninth and 10th, respectively, in the all-around. Worley finished in the top-three in three events including second on beam (9.875), tied for second on floor (9.900) and third on bars with a season-high 9.850. Worley is now ranked third nationally with a 39.438 all-around average.

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## **Western Athletic Conference**

### **Gymnast of the Week**

**Hannah Redmon – Boise State**

Redmon, a junior from Sparks, Nevada (Reed HS) won her first all-around title of the season with a score of 39.225 at a tri-meet against Sacramento State and Seattle this past week. The all-around title marks the sixth of her career, good for No. 8 on the Boise State all-time career all-around wins chart. Redmon tied her career-best of 9.925 to claim the individual floor title. She also won the bars title with a season-best 9.850.

### **Specialist of the Week**

**Jasmine Lipka – Sacramento State**

Lipka, a junior from Anchorage, Alaska (South Anchorage HS) scored a career-best 9.900 on floor to help Sacramento State to a team season high in the event. The junior's previous high was 9.750. Lipka also tied for first place on beam in the meet.

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## **Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference**

### **Specialist**

**Anna Gleason, Freshman (Shoreview, Minn./Roseville), of Winona State University**

Gleason set career highs in three events - floor exercise (9.600), uneven bars (9.250) and balance beam (9.450) in a 185.250-182.500 victory over UW-Whitewater on Feb. 12. She won the floor exercise and was second on both the bars and beam. The 185.250 was the highest score Winona State has posted in nearly two years.

### **All-Around**

**Molly Weber, Junior (El Prado, N.M./Taos), of Hamline University**

Competing in a dual meet against Gustavus Adolphus College (Minn.) on Feb. 12, Weber finished first in the all-around with a mark of 36.450. Her performance also included first-place finishes in the uneven bars (8.675), balance beam (9.250) and floor exercise (9.425), while placing second in the vault (9.100). The Pipers lost the dual by a score of 172.850-170.325.