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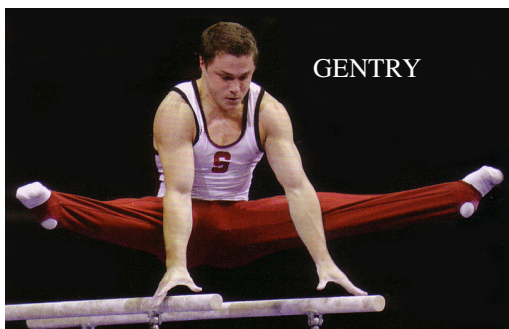
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### STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Stanford made a statement to the rest of the country on Saturday night, defeating top-ranked Michigan, 361.40-352.15. The score for Stanford was the top score achieved in the NCAA this season (topping Oklahoma set earlier in the day). The Wolverines had achieved the No. 1 ranking by averaging better scores so far this season, but the Cardinal showed they are rounding into form and plan to defend its national title from a year ago.



The Cardinal jumped out to a big lead early with the two teams competing in the floor exercise and on pommel horse. Stanford put up several scores of 15+ on the floor, led by Eddie Penev with a 15.45. Alex Buscaglia and Abhinav Ramani weren't far off both scoring 15.2. Overall, the Cardinal scored 60.95 on the floor, over a point better than Michigan.

The pommel horse proved to be the apparatus that really separated the teams, however. The Cardinal scored 58.40, easily it's best of the season and almost two points better than Michigan. John Martin nailed a difficult routine for a score of 15.4, which is the second-highest score on pommel horse in the nation this year. Eric Hergenrader (14.5) and Ryan Lieberman (14.35) also scored well for Stanford.

On rings, the Cardinal continued to show why it is the top-ranked team in the country on that apparatus. The Cardinal scored 60.6, its best of the season and the best in the nation so far this year. Tim Gentry equaled his nation leading and season best with a score of 15.7 to lead the Cardinal. Freshman James Fosco also showed off his immense strength with a score of 15.05, his best of the year.

Stanford continued to expand its lead on the vault, posting a score of 64.25, the best in the nation so far this year. Gentry nailed his handspring front double for a score of 16.3, which was his career-best and is the best in the nation so far this year. His perfect landing

drew loud cheers from the audience and the usually stoic Gentry even managed a smile. Penev also impressed on vault, finishing just behind Gentry with a score of 16.25.

Nicholas Noone led Stanford on the parallel bars with a score of 15.35. It was a season best for Noone, while the Cardinal matched its season best on the apparatus with a score of 58.6. Lieberman also performed well in the event with a score of 14.55.

Stanford finished off the resounding victory with a score of 58.6 on the horizontal bar. Buscaglia led the Cardinal men with a score of 15.4. It was his season best and among the top scores in the nation this year.

### UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma men's gymnastics team defeated Minnesota and the Texas All Star Team in Saturday's "Cleveland Elementary Night" in front of 817 fans at the McCasland Field House.

OU posted the highest score in the NCAA this season (359.450) en route to its victory over Minnesota (344.850) and the Texas All Star Team (310.650).

"This was a great night to put up a big score in front of a great crowd," said OU head coach Mark Williams. "It is always nice to go out and perform well in front of the fans and kids from Cleveland."

Leading the Sooners was Steven Legendre, claiming his first all-around title of the season with a score of 89.500. The U. S. National Team member also took home individual event titles on floor (16.100) and parallel bars (14.900).



Oklahoma senior Corey English was honored before the meet on "Senior Night" and posted a 14.700 in his pommel horse victory.

The Sooners swept all six team event titles for the third time this season with wins on floor (63.000), pommel horse (57.400), rings (59.400), vault (63.500), parallel bars (58.250) and high bar (57.900).

Freshman Jacob Dalton posted a 16.150 in his event title on vault, unveiling a Kasamatsu double full, while Ian Jackson claimed his second title this season on rings with a score of 15.150.

### AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Backed by five first-place finishes, one Academy record and nine career-best finishes, Air Force defeated Arizona State with a season-high team score of 335.900-333.60 in Tempe, Ariz., late Friday (Feb. 26) night.

Junior Nash Mills paced the Falcons with three first-place scores and an Academy record-matching performance on the parallel bars.



As a squad, the Falcons posted season-high marks on the floor exercise (56.100), pommel horse (52.700), still rings (58.200) and parallel bars (55.000). This team score bested the previous season-high by over three points.

Mills matched the program standard on the parallel bars, winning the event with a score of 14.900. In fact, Mills' score was one whole point better than the rest of the field. He also used a season-best performance to tie for first on the high bar (13.800), while claiming the outright all-around title with a personal-best 86.300.

Finishing within the top four of every event, Mills recorded personal-best scores on the pommel horse (13.550, third) and still rings (14.800, second).

Devin Menefee picked up a pair of event titles on the still rings (14.850, season-best) and vault (15.800, season-best). He also tal-

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lied a career-best mark of 13.850 on the floor exercise.

Air Force claimed a pair of top-three finishes from freshman Travis Langham, as he placed third on both the floor exercise (14.100) and vault (15.150). He also upped his career-best still rings score to 14.000 during the night.

Joel Uptmor placed third on the high bar with a season-best 13.650, while finishing fifth on the floor with a season-high tally of 14.000. Dan Klimkowski picked up a pair of top-five marks, including a career-best, third-place score of 14.550. Klimkowski also added a fifth-place, season-best score of 13.300 on the parallel bars.

Garrett Canter placed third on the parallel bars (13.400), while freshman James Okamoto used a 13.300 pommel horse score to tie for fifth on that event.

**TEXAS CLUB ALL STARS**

Your reporter is guessing a lot here with the understanding that the Texas All-Stars team is made up of individuals from the Univ. of Texas, Texas Tech, Houston State, and Texas State.

The leading scorers for the All-Stars were:  
AA: (5) Neil Henderson-77.30, (6) Eli Richardson-77.15, (7) Bryce Cashell-76.55.

FX: (13) Cashell-13.45, (14) Henderson-13.30, (15) Jonathan Walker-12.90.

PH: (13) Richardson-12.70, (15) Henderson-12.05, (16) Light Townsend-11.90.

SR: (13) Richardson-13.90, (15) Henderson-13.25, (16) Cashell-12.60.

V: (13) Walker-14.45, (15) Henderson-14.15, (16) Richardson-14.10.

PB: (13) Townsend-12.80, (13) Henderson-12.80, (15) Walker-11.75, (15) Richardson-11.75.

HB: (13) Richardson-12.90, (14) Townsend-12.85, (15) Cashell-11.90.

**NATIONAL TEAM SCORES FOR THE PAST WEEK:**

STANFORD	361.40
OKLAHOMA	359.45
OHIO STATE	353.60
MICHIGAN	352.15
ILLINOIS	351.30
PENN STATE	347.10
MINNESOTA	344.85
ILL-CHICAGO	337.20
AIR FORCE	335.90
SPRINGFIELD	335.20
ARIZONA STATE	333.60
ARMY	331.85
TEXAS ALL-STAR	310.65



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