



COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION BIG TEN CONFERENCE

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-Sunday

Illinois posted a new season-high team score and improved to 10-0 overall and 8-0 in the Big Ten after defeating No. 10 Iowa 357.500-346.600 Sunday afternoon at Carver Hawkeye Arena. Illinois won five of six team and individual events and set a new season-high score on vault (63.550).

Paul Ruggeri led the way with event titles on parallel bars (15.300) and high bar (16.100), on which he tied the career-high and school-best score he set earlier in the season. Additionally, his score on parallel bars ranks second in school history under the FIG Open Ended "Code of Points" introduced in 2008.

Luke Stannard won his second straight pommel horse title with a career-high score of 15.700, which ties for fifth in school history, while Tyler Mizoguchi won on rings (15.000) and the all-around (88.850) and tallied new



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career highs in both. Daniel Ribeiro rounded out the group with his second title of the season on vault (16.100), which ties for third in school history.

The Illini secured top-three finishes in nearly every event, as Tyler Williamson placed second on floor (14.950) and Ribeiro finished third with a season-high score of 14.900. He also finished in second place on pommel horse (14.600) and C.J. Padera followed in third place (14.300). In his season debut on vault, Andres Saavedra tied for second with Mizoguchi with a career-high score of 15.950 and also recorded a new season high on parallel bars (13.950). Padera and Mizoguchi tied for second place on parallel bars (14.950), with Padera tying his career high and Mizoguchi tying his season high on

the event.

Additionally, career highs also were set by Mizoguchi on high bar (14.100), Devin Regan on rings (14.200) and high bar (13.500) and freshman Yoshi Mori on parallel bars (14.500).

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Starting to peak at just the right time, Ohio State downed California, 351.800-346.00, Saturday afternoon in St. John Arena as six different Buckeyes recorded first-place finishes on five of the six events.

Justin Myers won floor with a career-best 15.35, Steven Spencer won pommel horse with a season-best 15.4, Brandon Wynn took rings with a 16.0, Mike Behles placed first with a 15.85 on vault while Tai Lee and Sean Regan tied for first on high bar with matching scores of 14.95.

Starting on floor Myers and Wynn led the way, scoring a 15.35 and 14.25, respectively. For Myers, his first-place 15.35 was a career best and the second time this season he has scored above a 15.0. Mike Behles also scored well for Ohio State, notching a 14.0 for sixth.

Ohio State took over the meet lead in the second rotation and never looked back. Thanks to two Top 3 finishes on the PH from Spencer and Matt Rayl, the Buckeyes tallied a 59.0, a 2010 event high mark, to outscore the Bears' 56.9. Spencer won the event with a season-high 15.4 while Rayl hit a personal-best 14.6. Classmate Ty Echard took fourth with a 14.55 and freshman John Laing had a 14.45 for fifth.

On rings, Wynn, the best in the NCAA on the event, took first for the fourth-consecutive time with a score of 16.0 while teammate Tai



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Lee had a career-best 15.6 for second. Ohio State won the rotation, 60.85-55.6, with Cal only competing four gymnasts. Behles added a 14.7 for fourth while junior Sean Regan had a 14.55 for fifth as the team scored an event season-high 60.85 on rings.

Behles won vault for Ohio State with a

15.85 and Myers added a 15.75 for second, marking the third rotation OSU had two Buckeyes in the Top 3 of the event standings on the day. Wynn helped the team score with 15.45 for fifth.

The Buckeyes scored a 57.45 on parallel bars behind a career-best 15.0 from Wynn. Still the Voorhees, N.J., native finished in third. Continuing to have a successful meet for OSU were Myers (14.4), Behles (14.05) and Regan (14.0).

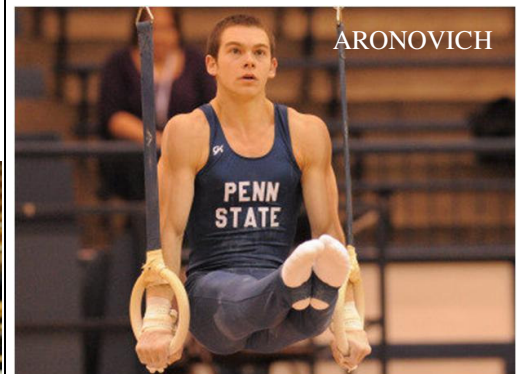
Regan and Lee shared co-honors with a pair of meet-high 14.95s on high bar, helping Ohio State to a 55.4 on the event and 351.800 final score. For Regan, the tally served as a career high.

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Fueled by a season high score of 350.150, Penn State gained its first win against a Big Ten opponent this season and snapped a two-meet losing skid by besting Minnesota (348.250) and No. 11 Temple (330.900) in a tri-meet at Rec Hall on Saturday evening.

As a team, Penn State won four events (floor exercise, pommel horse, still rings, and high bar), established a season high in the vault (62.900), and scored above its season average in all six events. Individually, four different Nittany Lions claimed at least a share of event titles.

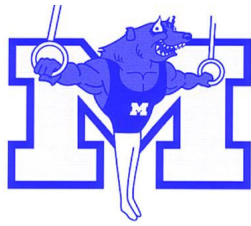
Freshman Felix Aronovich added yet another chapter to the story that is his terrific rookie season, tying Minnesota's Russell



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Dabritz for the parallel bars title with a 2010 team-best score of 14.850. He also placed second in the pommel horse (14.400) and still rings (14.750). For his standout performance, Aronovich was honored with the Gene Wettstone Award for the second time this

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season.

Nick Virbitsky continued his recent trend of impressive efforts, capturing his second floor exercise crown in the last three meets and third of the season. He also took second in the vault, tying a career best by earning a score of 15.900 from the judges.

Noam Shaham solidified the Penn State victory, claiming a share of the high bar by scoring a 14.500 in the final performance of the evening. He also contributed third place finishes in the still rings (14.650) and vault (15.800).

Freshman Scott Rosenthal fronted a 1-2-3 Penn State sweep in the still rings, winning his second title of the season in the event with a season high score of 15.100.

Other top three event performances were turned in by freshman Mackenzie Dow, who placed third in the pommel horse (14.100), and redshirt freshman Philip Harris, who finished in a tie for third in the parallel bars (14.600).

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota fought from behind all night Saturday at Penn State, as the Gophers took on the Nittany Lions and Temple. In the end, a valiant come-from-behind effort fell just short as Penn State took the victory with 350.150 points, just in front of Minnesota's total of 348.150. Temple brought up the rear with a score of 330.900.

In the first rotation. Penn State opened on the floor exercise and scored a 59.550, led by a 15.400 from Nick Virbitsky. Meanwhile, the Gophers were on the pommel horse. Harris Coleman ripped off a great routine on the horse, scoring a season-best and meet-best 15.100. But three of his teammates fell off the apparatus and Minnesota scored only 54.750.

Minnesota moved to the rings in the second rotation, while Penn State was on the horse. The Gophers tallied a season-best score of 57.750. Michael Hillin and Thomas O'Brien led the way, as each recorded a 14.500. Meanwhile, Penn State was struggling a bit on the horse.

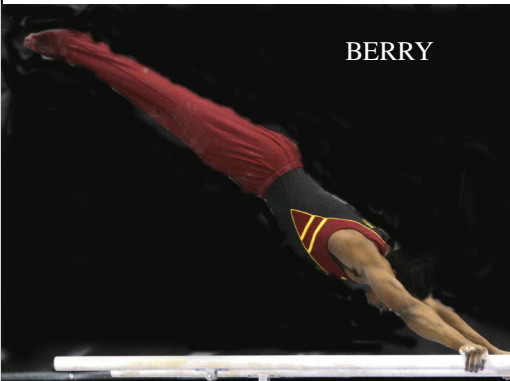
Colin McGuire scored the second-best floor routine of the season for Minnesota with a 15.250. Meanwhile, Adam Reichow also turned in a solid effort with a 15.000. By the end of the rotation, the Gophers had a tally of 59.250.

The fourth rotation saw Minnesota take to the parallel bars, where they scored a 58.100, which was far and away the best total of the

season. Russell Dabritz paced Minnesota on the p-bars with a 14.850, while Aaron Fortunato had a solid score of 14.600. Penn State was on the vault in the fourth rotation; with three scores of 15.600 or better, the Nittany Lions once again extended their lead.

Unfortunately, three Gophers came off the hi- bar. Minnesota scored just 55.250, easily its lowest output of the season. The Gophers faced an almost nine-point deficit heading into the sixth rotation.

Penn State obliged a little, as two Nittany Lions came off the bar. Penn State scored a 56.200 on the bar, compared to a 63.050 for Minnesota on the vault. Andre Berry was sensational on the vault, scoring a 16.100 and



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breaking the 16-point plateau for the second time this season.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa fell to Illinois at Carver Hawkeye Arena in its final home meet of the season. Head Coach Tom Dunn was honored for his 31 years as a Hawkeye after announcing in June 2010 he will step down as Iowa's head coach.

Four Iowa seniors; Jon Buese, Danny Kuklinski, Joel Snyder and Reid Urbain were also honored for their dedication to the program. The Hawkeyes scored a season-high 346.600 as a team but Illinois won with a



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357.500.

Freshman Broderick Shemansky tied the school record after placing second on rings (14.800). Fellow freshmen Matt McGrath and Anton Bryshayev tied for third (14.500) on rings, the team's 58.100 total on the event was the highest this season.

Urbain won floor exercise (15.100) tying the season high and Ben Ketelsen set a new season record on vault with a 15.900, placing fourth. Mike Jiang and Snyder tied for second on horizontal bar (14.400). The team's horizontal bar total (57.150) set a new school record.

NATIONAL TEAM SCORES FOR THE PAST WEEK

STANFORD	361.65
OKLAHOMA	360.30
ILLINOIS	357.50
OHIO STATE	351.80
PENN STATE	350.15
ILL-CHICAGO	348.60
MINNESOTA	348.15
NEBRASKA	347.50
IOWA	346.60
AIR FORCE	346.45
CALIFORNIA	346.00
SPRINGFIELD	335.90
WILLIAM/MARY	334.85
NAVY	332.10
TEMPLE	330.90
ARMY	325.00