

# Gymnasts of the Week – March 8-14, 2010

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## Big Ten Conference

### Gymnast of the Week

#### **Sarah Curtis, Michigan - Sr., Reno, Nev./Reno**

Curtis wins her sixth Big Ten Gymnast of the Week honor and first of the 2010 season. The senior was the all-around winner in Michigan's win against fourth-ranked and five-time defending national champion Georgia over the weekend. She finished in the top-three in three events, including a second-place finish on uneven bars (9.850), and third-place efforts on vault (9.875) and on the balance beam (9.850). Curtis also finished fourth on floor exercise (9.850) and won the all-around title for the third time this year and 10th time in her career.

### Freshman of the Week

#### **Natalie Beilstein, Michigan - Butler, Pa./Knoch**

Beilstein won her sixth Big Ten Freshman of the Week honor of the season after finishing first on the vault and second on the floor exercise in Michigan's win against Georgia over the weekend. The freshman recorded a career-high mark on the vault, finishing with a 9.950 to win the event for the fifth time this year. She then went on to finish second in floor exercise, earning a mark of 9.875.

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## Big 12 Conference

### Gymnast of the Week

#### **Hollie Vise, Oklahoma, Sr., Dallas, Texas**

In her first collegiate all-around competition, Vise claimed a first place finish with a mark of 39.600. The senior won titles on bars with a career-high score of 9.950 and also on beam with a 9.925. She now holds 16 individual event crowns for the season. Vise posted another career-high on vault (9.850) and scored a 9.875 on floor.

### Co-Specialists of the Week

#### **Erin Davis, Nebraska, Jr., Round Rock, Texas**

Davis notched a 9.925 on vault for the crown. She owns six victories in the event for this season. In addition, she scored a 9.800 on floor as Nebraska won against Iowa State (196.450-196.125). The junior ranks fourth in the nation on vault.

#### **Jackie Flanery, Oklahoma, Sr., Plattsburg, Mo.**

Flanery landed a first place finish on floor (9.950), marking her eighth title in 10 meets on the apparatus this season. She currently ranks first nationally on floor. On vault and bars, she posted a 9.800. Her performance helped OU defeat Washington, 196.900-195.800.

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## East Atlantic Gymnastics League

### Gymnast of the Week

#### **Amy Bieski – West Virginia**

West Virginia junior Amy Bieski finished first in the all-around with a total of 39.125 in WVU's win at North Carolina. The Nanticoke, Pa., native tied for first on vault with a 9.825 and second on

bars with a 9.75. She also finished third on floor with a 9.85 mark, the meet's second-best score, and tied for fourth place on beam with a 9.70.

### **Co-Specialists of the Week**

#### **Julie Sauchuk – New Hampshire**

New Hampshire senior Julie Sauchuk tied for first place on floor with a mark of 9.85 against NC State. Also, she recorded a personal best of 9.75 on beam for second place overall.

#### **Michele Brenner - Maryland**

Maryland senior Michele Brenner earned a season high on floor and won the event with a 9.875 in a quad meet at Penn. She also notched a 9.725 on beam to tie for third.

### **Rookie of the Week**

#### **Ally Krikorian - Maryland**

Maryland freshman Ally Krikorian won the vault competition (9.90) and tied for second on floor (9.80) in a quad meet at Penn. It was her second 9.90 or higher on vault this season and career-high on floor.

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## **Eastern College Athletic Conference**

### **Gymnast of the Week**

#### **Brigitte Kivisto-Yale University - Senior, Boca Raton, Fla.**

Kivisto broke her bars career high with a high of 9.80 and her all around of 39.075. Brigitte was a leader once again and not only set her career highs but helped the Yale team to the highest score of 191.00 in over two years.

### **Rookie of the Week**

#### **Kirsten Strausbaugh, University of Pennsylvania - Freshman, Virginia Beach, Va.**

For the first time this season, Strausbaugh won the All-Around in a quad meet against Maryland, Temple and Southern Connecticut State. This was a career and season best in the All-Around. She also tied for sixth on vault, tied for third on bars, tied for seventh on beam, and had the second highest score for the team on floor.

### **Specialist of the Week**

#### **Jackie Schweitzer-Towson University - Senior, Hicksville, N.Y.**

Schweitzer led the Tigers to a first place finish at the Rutgers Quad Meet. She finished second on bars with a season high score of 9.825. Schweitzer also took second place on beam with a 9.800 score as the Tigers posted their second highest team score of season.

### **Coach's Choice**

#### **Dana Bonincontri-University of Pennsylvania - Freshman, Bellevue, Wash.**

Bonincontri has been a consistent high scorer for Penn since she has returned from injuries. For the fourth meet in a row she had the highest score for the team on at least one of the events she competed. This meet, she scored the team high on every event she competed in. She tied her career high on bars and scored her career high on floor.

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## **Mid American Conference**

### **Gymnast of the Week**

### **Specialist of the Week**

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## **Mountain Pacific Sports Federation**

### **Gymnast of the Week**

#### **Katie Yamamura – UC Davis**

UC Davis freshman Katie Yamamura (Palo Alto, CA) wins this award for the third time by virtue of a remarkable all-around meet in wins over California and TWU. Her career-high 139.100 all-around was the third highest in Aggie history, nailing a pair of career-high 9.85 titles on vault and floor along the way. Yamamura hit a 9.75 beam and 9.65 uneven bars routine to help UCD earn its second-best team score ever.

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## **Pac-10 Conference**

### **Gymnast of the Week**

#### **Vanessa Zamarripa – UCLA**

Zamarripa, a sophomore from O'Fallon, Ill., scored a career-high 39.7 in the all-around to lead the third-ranked Bruins (196.525) to wins over Michigan State (195.95) and Cal State Fullerton (193.875). Zamarripa earned individual titles on bars (9.95), which tied a personal best, and beam (9.925). She has a team-high 21 individual victories on the season and has scored a 9.9 or better on 26 of her 37 routines across all apparatuses.

### **Specialist of the Week**

#### **Sarah Tomczyk – Arizona**

Tomczyk led the 19th-ranked Wildcats to their third-straight victory, defeating No. 24 Minnesota, 196.175-193.7. In her last regular season home meet, the Naperville, Ill., native recorded a career-high 9.95 on floor to earn the individual victory. The team score of 196.175 was the highest team score for the Wildcats to date this season.

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## **Southeastern Conference**

### **Gymnast of the Week**

#### **Casey Jo Magee – Arkansas - Senior • 5-4 • Eugene, Ore.**

She tied the school record of 9.95 on floor and had a 9.90 or better on three of four events in the win over Pittsburgh. She won floor, won beam with a 9.90, won bars with a 9.90 and tied for the vault title with a 9.875. She also won the all-around, for five individual titles on the night, with a 39.625. Her all-around total matches her own score for second-best in school history.

### **Co-Freshmen of the Week**

#### **Ericka Garcia – LSU - Freshman • 5-1 • Mexico City, Mexico**

Helped LSU record the nation's high score of the week and the team's first 197-plus score of the season ... Recorded her fourth score of 9.80 or higher on vault ... Had the best meet of her

career with three scores at 9.80 or higher, including 9.825's on bars and beam ... The 9.825 on beam was her career high.

**Christa Tanella – Georgia - Freshman • 5-4 • Allen, Texas**

Christa Tanella won her first career event title with a 9.850 on the balance beam in Georgias win over NC State on Sunday. Tanella competed on bars for the first time in her career Friday at Michigan and scored a 9.800. She followed that with another 9.800 Sunday against the Wolfpack.

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## Western Athletic Conference

**Gymnast of the Week**

**Elise Wheeler – Southern Utah**

Wheeler, a senior from San Diego, Calif. (Madison HS) scored team-best marks on every event as the Thunderbirds recorded a victory over Penn State. Wheeler finished second in the all-around with a 39.500, marking the second-highest individual score in school history. Wheeler recorded three 9.900's and a 9.800, finishing in the top seven in each event. The performance propelled SUU to a season-high 196.025.

**Specialist of the Week**

**Thomasina Wallace – San Jose State**

Wallace, a sophomore from Pomona, Calif. (Diamond Ranch HS) scored a career-high 9.900 on beam to win the event in a dual meet against Utah State. The mark also ties the San Jose State school individual record on the apparatus. Wallace also won the title on bars with a 9.900 and placed second on vault with a 9.800. She also won the all-around title with a 39.325. Wallace has now scored a 9.900 or better on all four events in under two years.

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