

Gymnasts of the Week – March 15-21, 2010

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Big Ten Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Mel Anton Santander, Michigan - Sr., Southborough, Mass./Algonquin Regional

Santander wins the first Big Ten Gymnast of the Week award of his career after leading the Wolverines to a win against Ohio State over the weekend. The senior finished first in the all-around and had four top-four finishes during the meet, including a win in the parallel bars (15.35). He was second on the high bar (15.25), finished third on the vault (15.95) and recorded a fourth-place showing on the pommel horse (15.40). Santander's scores of 14.55 on still rings and 14.15 on floor exercise gave him an all-around mark of 90.650, which set a new Michigan record.

Freshman of the Week

Nick Grant, Penn State - Butler, Pa./Knoch

Grant wins his third Big Ten Freshman of the Week honor of the season. The Nittany Lion newcomer recorded a 16.050 score on vault, the highest score by any Penn State gymnast since All-American Casey Sandy scored a 16.100 at the NCAA Championships in 2008. The score helped Penn State to its highest team vault score of the season, while Grant's scores added to the Nittany Lions' 354.450 team total, their highest of the season.

Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Rookie of the Week

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

Nash Mills – Air Force

Air Force junior Nash Mills (Coto De Caza, CA) recorded a career-high and top finish on the still rings (14.8), along with a winning high bar (14.15) and all-around (84.45), as the Falcons scored 340.950 in Tucson, AZ last Friday. Mills added a third-place vault (15.4) and fifth-place pommel horse (13.3).