

Gymnasts of the Week – March 15-21, 2010

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Big Ten Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Kylee Botterman, Michigan - Jr., New Lenox, Ill./Lincoln-Way Central

Botterman was named Big Ten Gymnast of the Week for the second time this season after winning the all-around competition in the Wolverines dual against Alabama in Tuscaloosa over the weekend. The junior's all-around score of 39.550 was tops among a field of eight All-Americans, and she finished in the top three in three events. She finished first on vault with a 9.950, was third on balance beam with a 9.900 and was third on uneven bars with a 9.875. Botterman finished the regular season with three vault titles and seven all-around crowns this season.

Freshman of the Week

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

Musser wins her third Big Ten Freshman of the Week award of the season after winning two event titles and finishing second in the all-around in Penn State's dual against Nebraska over the weekend. The freshman won the vault and uneven bars competitions, scoring a 9.950 on the vault and a 9.900 on her bars routine. With a third-place score of 9.850 on floor and a 9.250 effort on the balance beam, Musser finished second in the all-around with a score of 38.950.

Big 12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Maria Scaffidi, Nebraska, Jr., Hartland, Wis.

Scaffidi claimed her fourth all-around title this season with a mark of 39.275, as she helped the Huskers win at No. 15 Penn State (196.200-195.575). The junior also posted a season-high 9.85 on bars, while scoring 9.825 on beam and 9.850 on floor.

Specialist of the Week

Natasha Kelley, Oklahoma, Fr., Katy, Texas

Kelley notched a score of 9.875 or better in the three events she competed in, leading the Sooners (14-0) to a 197.475-196.100 win at No. 6 Arkansas. The freshman scored a career-high 9.900 on beam. She also scored a 9.900 on vault and a 9.875 on bars. She placed third on all three apparatuses.

East Atlantic Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Christin Nguyen – North Carolina

North Carolina senior Christine Nguyen recorded a 39.575, the fourth-highest all-time Carolina all-around score, in her final home meet against Rutgers. Nguyen also set a personal best on floor (9.950). On Tuesday in a tri-meet at Maryland, Nguyen tied for first on beam with a 9.800 and won floor (9.925) en route to winning the all-around with a 39.125.

Specialist of the Week

Brooke Barr – North Carolina State

NC State sophomore Brooke Barr set a new career-high with a 9.925 on floor, taking second place at a dual meet with William & Mary. She also tied for first on vault with a 9.80 mark and scored a 9.675 on beam.

Rookie of the Week

Ally Krikorian – Maryland

Maryland freshman Ally Krikorian shared the vault (9.90) and floor (9.850) titles in a quad meet on March 20 that included Auburn. Also, in a tri-meet on March 16, she scored a 9.90 on vault (1st-T) and a 9.70 on floor.

Eastern College Athletic Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Teenie Beck - William & Mary - Junior, Jacksonville, Fla.

Beck is peaking at the right moment for the Tribe. This past weekend, she posted two more great all-around scores and put herself in the Tribe record books once again. At the senior meet against Temple on Sunday, Beck not only had a career high all-around (38.9) - but that score put her in the record books for fifth all time best all-around score for W&M. Beck posted season highs on floor and vault, posting a 9.8 on both events. She was the top scorer for the Tribe on these events as well. She also posted the Tribe's best score on beam, tying with a fellow teammate, with a 9.6. Beck also swung aggressively and cleanly on the bars to take second only to her teammate with an impressive 9.7. She also had a great meet at NC State last Friday. She notched a 9.75 on vault and a 9.725 on bars. She hit a clean floor routine for a 9.5, and despite her slight miss on beam - she still took top honors for the Tribe and posted a 38.225 all-around score. Beck has consistently been one of the top scorers on multiple events this season for the Green and Gold. Week after week, the junior transfer is inching her way closer to that AA school record as well as setting her own personal bests.

Co-Rookies of the Week

Emily Lutfey-Brown University - Freshman, Los Angeles, Calif.

Lutfey had the best meet of her career this weekend at Towson. She earned four career highs including the all-around, vault, beam and floor. She placed second in the all-around in a tense tri-meet with Towson and Southern Connecticut. Her solid efforts led Brown to its season high in the team total.

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

Bonincontri won the all-around in her first meet as an all-around competitor this season. She was added to the vault lineup as a last minute addition. She was first on bars, second on beam, and third on floor in the meet at Cornell.

Specialist of the Week

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

Schweitzer finished first on bars and beam in both meets last week. She took first place on bars (9.75) and beam (9.80) in Tigers' narrow loss at George Washington. Schweitzer also took first place on bars (9.775) and beam (9.875) in final home appearance at the Towson Center on Saturday night. She also led the Tigers to a double win over Brown and Southern Connecticut in her final home appearance. Schweitzer earned a career high 9.875 score on balance beam as Tigers finished regular season with a 20-4 record. She has won seven bars titles and four beam titles this season.

Coach's Choice

Talis Trevino - Yale University - Sophomore, Marietta, Georgia

Trevino badly dislocated her elbow last year and could not compete until the last meet of season. This past year she broke her ankle and just came back to compete during the season on a limited basis. She landed a career high of a 9.75 on floor exercise in a very difficult competition. She has been through a really tough two years and has handled it beautifully.

Mid American Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Katie Simon, Central Michigan, Sr., Bristol, Wis./Wetosha

Katie Simon had the finest performance of her illustrious career in the regular season finale at Bowling Green on Sunday. Simon posted the sixth-highest all-around score in CMU history with a career-best 39.475, by far the highest score in the MAC this season. She scored 9.800 or better in all four events, including 9.900 or higher twice. Simon won uneven bars with a career-best 9.925 (the seventh best in CMU history), floor with a season-best 9.900, beam with a 9.850 and took fifth on vault with a 9.800. The effort was the fourth time this season that the senior has scored over 39 in all-around this season. It raised her regional qualifying score to 39.110, the second best in the conference.

Specialist of the Week

Rachel Guida, Kent State, Fr., Cumberland, R.I./Cumberland

Freshman Rachel Guida has been the picture of consistency for the Golden Flashes in her first season, and Sunday against Western Michigan was no different. She turned in her best vault of her career with a 9.800, extending her streak of four-straight meets with a 9.750 or better. She also turned in a career-high 9.800 on bars, the fourth time she has done that this season. For her consistency this season, only two other gymnasts in the MAC have a higher season average on bars.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

Katie Yamamura – UC Davis

UC Davis freshman Katie Yamamura (Palo Alto, CA) repeats this honor, and wins it for the fourth time this year, as the Aggies competed against No. 8 Stanford last Sunday. She finished second all-around (39.075), becoming the first Aggie to break the 39-point barrier more than once. Yamamura also tied a career-high to place third on beam (9.775) and led UCD on vault and floor with a pair of 9.825's.

Pac-10 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Carly Janiga – Stanford

Janiga, a senior from Paradise Valley, Ariz., led the Cardinal to its 11th-straight win by defeating UC Davis, 196.6-194.575. Janiga earned three victories, including a career-best 9.95 on vault, a 9.925 on beam and 39.575 in the all-around. Her score in the all-around was her second-highest score this season. The six-time All-American and defending Pac-10 all-around champion has competed in every dual-meet this year and has 17 victories across all apparatuses.

Special Performance of the Week

Mandi Rodriguez – Oregon State

Rodriguez, a native of Baldwin Park, Calif., was impressive on senior night as she recorded a personal-best 9.95 on vault to capture the win as the seventh-ranked Beavers defeated No. 18 Kentucky, 196.65-195.275. The senior also captured the individual title on with a 9.925 as OSU improved to 13-3.

Southeastern Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Ashley Priess - Alabama - Sophomore • 5-3 • Wheaton, Ill.

Priess led Alabama to its highest score of the season and the highest in the nation this past weekend in the win over No. 10 Michigan by tying her career-best marks on the balance beam (9.95) and uneven bars (9.925), winning both events in the process. Her balance beam score helped lead UA to its high

Freshman of the Week

Marissa King – Florida - 5-1 • London, England

All-around win was the 2008 Great Britain Olympian's second consecutive as a Gator. The total of 39.575 sets her collegiate best and is the second-highest ever by a Gator freshman...She used a collegiate-best 9.90 to take her first collegiate balance beam win. King set her collegiate-best marks for uneven bars (9.90) and beam (9.90) Friday and equaled her collegiate-bests for vault (9.90) and floor exercise (9.875). In the last four meets, King has set or upped all of her collegiate-best marks a total of 12 times, including raising her all-around best three times... Won five of her six event titles in the last four meets...She is ranked No. 19 in the nation in all-around with a regional qualifying average (39.275).

Western Athletic Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Elise Wheeler – Southern Utah

Wheeler, a senior from San Diego, Calif. (Madison HS) set a new school record in the all-around with a 39.575 while also setting a new school record on bars with a 9.925. The performance helped the Thunderbirds to a season-best score of 196.350 and a victory over Cal State Fullerton.

Specialist of the Week

Cayla Boyce – Sacramento State

Boyce, a sophomore from Lewisville, Idaho (Rigby HS) led Sacramento State to its second best beam score in school history and its highest team total of the season. The sophomore recorded a career-high 9.900 on beam to earn her fifth win on the event this season. Boyce now has an RQS of 9.810 on beam and is one of only three WAC gymnasts to have a mark over 9.8 this season.
