

Gymnasts of the Week – Jan. 5-11, 2015

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Big Ten Conference

Co-Gymnasts of the Week

Nicole Artz, Michigan

- Claimed the all-around title with a score of 39.450 in No. 8 Michigan's dual meet win over No. 7 Georgia • Placed first on both the floor (9.900) and beam (9.900)
- Recorded a score of 9.850 on the vault and 9.800 on the bars
- Tied career high marks on the vault and beam

Lindsay Mable, Minnesota

- Won the all-around with a score of 39.450 in No. 17 Minnesota's dual meet win over No. 25 Iowa State
- Placed first on the floor (9.900) and beam (9.875) and finished second on the bars (9.850) and vault (9.825)

Event Specialist of the Week

Talia Chiarelli, Michigan

- Tied for first on the beam (9.900) and placed second on the vault (9.900) and floor (9.875) • Recorded career highs on all three events
- Guided No. 8 Michigan to a win over No. 7 Georgia

Co-Freshmen of the Week

Brianna Brown, Michigan

Placed second on the all-around with a score of 39.250 in No. 8 Michigan's dual meet win over No. 7 Georgia

Scored a 9.850 on the vault and bars and recorded a tally of 9.775 on the beam and floor

Briannah Tsang, Penn State

- Won the all-around title with a score of 39.225 in No. 16 Penn State's win over Rutgers, Cornell and New Hampshire
- Placed first on the vault (9.850) and beam (8.800) and finished third on the bars (9.800) and floor (9.775)

Big 12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Haley Scaman, Oklahoma

Scaman opened her junior campaign with two event titles against No. 13 Arkansas while also picking up top honors on both vault and floor exercise. She anchored Oklahoma on both events, posting meet-best scores of 9.95 on each while adding a 9.85 on bars to finish in a tie for third in OU's 197.625 to 194.900 win over Arkansas. Scaman is ranked first nationally on floor exercise and tied for second on vault in this week's rankings after her performance last weekend.

Specialist of the Week

McKenzie Wofford, Oklahoma

Wofford recorded a 9.925 in the No. 4 position on uneven bars to take home the event title in Oklahoma's season opening win over Arkansas. The score was the second-highest bars score of her career, just shy of her career-best 9.975 from last season. She is currently ranked No. 4 in the country this week on the event following her team-best performance.

Newcomer of the Week

Ali Jackson, Oklahoma

Jackson made her collegiate debut with top-flight performances on both vault and floor exercise, picking up efforts of 9.925 on each event. She finished second in both events in OU's season opener, trailing only teammate Haley Scaman's 9.95 performances in both. She ranked in the top-six nationally in both events this week, appearing in a tie for second on floor and a tie for sixth on vault.

East Atlantic Gymnastics League

Gymnast of the Week

Haley Watts, North Carolina

Senior Haley Watts (UNC) of Charlotte, North Carolina was honored as EAGL Gymnast of the Week after winning the all-around with a 39.100 in UNC's 193.750 performance against Auburn. Watts vaulted to a 9.825 and notched scores of 9.800 on bars, 9.725 on beam, and 9.750 on floor, to assist the Tar Heels in tallying the second-best team score in EAGL this week.

Specialist of the Week

Liz Pfeiler, George Washington

Pfeiler hit a beautiful routine on balance beam in her debut collegiate meet. She scored 9.825 to take second place on the event, leading the Colonials to the event title on Friday night.

Rookie of the Week

Cami Drouin-Allaire, George Washington

Drouin-Allaire earned an event title on vault with a score of 9.85 and finished in third place in the all-around (38.650). She added scores of 9.45 on uneven bars, 9.70 on balance beam and 9.775 on floor exercise for an excellent showing in her collegiate debut.

Eastern College Athletic Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Nicole Pruchnik, Southern Connecticut State University

Pruchnik claimed first place finishes on the beam and floor exercise to lead the Southern Connecticut State University gymnastics team to a season opening victory against Springfield College. Pruchnik tied for the top spot on the beam with a mark of 9.575 and led the field in the floor exercise with a 9.725. The senior also placed fourth on the vault with a 9.525.

Rookie of the Week

Kasey Kilmurray, Southern Connecticut State University

Kilmurray was second on the bars this past week. The freshman accumulated a 9.4 in the win over Springfield College.

Specialist of the Week

Emily Shelton, Southern Connecticut State University

Shelton helped Southern Connecticut defeat Springfield College on Friday, January 9th. The Harverhill, Mass. native placed third on the beam with a 9.55.

Coaches' Selection

Kate Aberger, Southern Connecticut State University

Aberger placed sixth on the bars with a 9.25 in the season opening victory over Springfield College Friday, January 9th.

Mid American Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Amanda Stepp, Northern Illinois

Amanda Stepp led the way for NIU as the Huskies rallied for a 192.250-189.575 victory over UIC at the UIC Pavilion in the season opener Friday night. The Huskie senior finished in first place in all three events she competed in scoring a personal best 9.850 in the balance beam, a 9.725 on the vault and a 9.700 in the floor exercise. The 9.850 in the beam tops her previous personal best of 9.750 she set at Arizona State last season.

Specialist of the Week

Denaisha Christian, Ball State

Denaisha was a solid specialist in our season opener against the University of Florida. She placed 4th in the meet on Vault with a tie for her career high of 9.85. She placed 3rd on floor with a 9.85. She was limited in her training during the fall due to medical issues and was only allowed to start full training on the 24th of November. She has worked very hard to be prepared for the season and came out with competitive performances against Florida.

Midwest Independent Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Ashley Thomas, Southeast Missouri State

Thomas claimed her first career all-around title with an overall score of 38.925 in Sunday's dual victory over Illinois State in the season opener. With a 9.800 on floor exercise, Thomas tied for the event title with the highest individual score of the meet. She scored 9.725 on balance beam and 9.700 on uneven bars and vault.

Specialist of the Week

Marie Priest, Illinois State

Priest was impressive in her first collegiate meet, as she competed in three events. She placed the highest score for the Redbirds on vault with a total of 9.550 and on floor with a score of 9.700. Additionally, she received the second-highest score amongst the Redbirds on the balance beam with a score of 9.600.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Gymnast of the Week

M'rcy Matsunami, Alaska-Anchorage

Alaska-Anchorage junior M'rcy Matsunami (Omaha, NE) propelled the Seawolves to back-to-back dual wins over Winona State to open the 2015 season in the brand new Alaska Airlines Center. She captured four wins on Jan. 8, posting the sixth-best all-around total in school history (38.850). She also won on vault (9.725), beam (9.75) and uneven bars (9.725), and placed

runner-up on floor (9.65). On Jan. 10, Matsunami repeated victory on vault (9.675) and placed second on bars (9.725), helping UAA to its eighth-best team total in program history (192.250).

Specialist of the Week

Annie Juarez, Sacramento State

Sacramento State freshman Annie Juarez (Westfield, IN) continued her strong start to her collegiate career by scoring 9.825 on vault and 9.700 on floor to help the Hornets to a season high 194.250 against No. 14 California on Jan. 9. Juarez had the highest score on the team on vault for the second consecutive week. She was named the conference newcomer of the week following her first collegiate meet in week one.

Newcomer of the Week

Lauren Rice, Sacramento State

Sacramento State freshman Lauren Rice (Henderson, NV) scored 38.975 all-around to place second in a dual meet against No. 14 California. Rice scored at least 9.700 on all four events and helped the team to a season-best 194.250. Rice opened the meet on vault with a 9.750 and followed with a 9.700 on floor. She scored 9.750 on beam and a 9.775 on floor. The true freshman also improved each of her four scores from the week before.

Mountain Rim Gymnastics Championship

Gymnast of the Week

Nina McGee, Denver

McGee posted an all-around score of 39.175 on her way to securing the all-around, bars, beam and floor event titles during Denver's season opener on Friday at North Carolina State.

Specialist of the Week

Jamie Armijo, Southern Utah

Armijo posted a 9.900 on bars during her team's opener at Arizona State on Friday, earning her MRGC Specialist of the Week honors. Southern Utah lost 194.200-193.925 at ASU.

Pac-12 Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Tory Wilson, Utah

Wilson, the reigning Pac-12 Gymnast of the Year, won the all-around (39.450), vault (9.925) and floor (9.90) to lead the Utes to their best season-opening score in 10 years. It is the third career Pac-12 Gymnast of the Week award for Wilson.

Specialist of the Week

Jessie Sisler, Arizona

At the meet against Alabama, Sisler competed on vault earning a score of 9.75. She also competed on beam where she received a score of 9.95. Her score earned her a first place finish on beam for the competition.

Freshman/Newcomer of the Week

Elizabeth Price, Stanford

Price claimed individual victories in both of her events at San Jose State, scoring 9.925 on bars and 9.850 on vault. Both of her performances were crucial to Stanford's success with at least one gymnast falling in the lineup before her.

Southeastern Conference

Gymnast of the Week

Jessie Jordan, LSU

Jordan posted the highest all-around total in the nation with a 39.550 in LSU's season-opening victory over Iowa. She led the Tigers to the best overall team opening score in the SEC with a 197.125. Jordan tied her career high on bars, beam and floor with a 9.925 on each event. She claimed the beam, floor and all-around titles and finished in a tie for second on bars. It marked the eighth beam title, sixth all-around title and first floor crown of her career. Jordan is the only gymnast in the nation to date to score a 9.90 or better in three events in one meet. She was instrumental in leading LSU to the highest team bars (49.600) and beam (49.325) totals in school history against Iowa.

Specialist of the Week

Bridget Sloan, Florida

Sloan wowed the standing-room only Irving Gym crowd in her home state of Indiana with her perfect 10.0 vault mark to take the event win at Ball State on Sunday. She is the nation's first of 2015 to post the mark. Sloan has found perfection on three events during her Gator career - vault, beam and floor. She is the only Gator to post a perfect mark on three events. She also shared the day's uneven bars title at 9.95 with teammate Bridgette Caquatto. The two wins Sunday brings her career event titles total to 58.

Freshman of the Week

Shauna Miller, Missouri

In her first collegiate meet, Miller won the all-around (39.325) title against Towson and Kent State after capturing individual wins on vault (9.950), bars (9.850) and beam (9.825). She scored a 9.950 on vault to set Mizzou's freshman record. The score also ties her for second nationally in the event. In addition to her ranking on vault, Miller ranks eighth nationally in the all-around and tied for 23rd on bars. She helped the Tigers record wins over Kent State and Towson and record Mizzou's highest opening meet score since the 2010 season. Miller was awarded a 10.0 by a judge on vault, leading to her 9.950 score.

Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference

Specialist

Liz Stubbs, UW-Eau Claire

Stubbs got out to a strong start for the Blugolds in two separate competitions. In a 192.550-183.800 loss to Division I Central Michigan University on Jan. 3, Stubbs scored a 9.700 on the beam, 9.625 on the floor and 9.350 on the vault. Stubbs posted the highest scores for the beam and floor for the Blugolds against the Chippewas. At the UW-Eau Claire Invitational on Jan. 9, Stubbs again led the Blugolds, posting team-best scores of 9.700 on the beam and 9.600 on the floor. Stubbs also earned a 9.250 on the vault.

All-Around

Samantha Wiekamp, UW-La Crosse

Wiekamp, competing in her first collegiate meet, captured the all-around title (37.050) at the UW-Eau Claire Invitational on Jan. 9. She also recorded second-place finishes in the vault (9.450),

balance beam (9.575) and floor exercise (9.600). Wiekamp helped lead UW-La Crosse to the team title.