

BIG TEN DUAL-MEET ACTION CONTINUES WITH ILLINOIS HOSTING OHIO STATE THIS SATURDAY; PSU'S COHEN TABBED GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

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BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Matt Cohen, Penn State
 Sr., Agoura Hills, Calif./San Ramone

Cohen earns his first Big Ten Gymnast of the Week accolade after claiming two individual titles and the all-around crown at the Temple Invitational last week. The Agoura Hills, Calif., native won the floor exercise with a career-high score of 9.250, while also claiming the vault (9.100). Cohen captured his second consecutive all-around crown with a score of 51.550 and led the Nittany Lions to a first-place finish in the team standings. He also added a second-place finish on the rings, finishing second behind teammate Tommy Ramos.

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

January

- 26 **West Point Open [2]** 6 p.m.
 No. 2 PENN STATE, No. 18 James Madison, MIT, No. 16 Springfield, No. 9 Temple, No. 14 Navy, No. 10 Army
- 27 No. 4 OHIO STATE at No. 6 ILLINOIS 7 p.m.
 No. 12 Illinois-Chicago at No. 8 IOWA 2 p.m.
 No. 3 Oklahoma at No. 1 MICHIGAN 6 p.m.
 No. 15 William & Mary
 vs. MINNESOTA [3] 7:30 p.m.

[2] - at West Point, N.Y.

[3] - St. Paul, Minn.

2007 BIG TEN GYMNASTS OF THE WEEK

Jan. 18 Wes Haagensen, Jr., Illinois
 Jan. 24 Matt Cohen, Sr., Penn State

GYMINFO RANKINGS - JAN. 22

TEAM	AVG. SCORE
1. MICHIGAN	215.275
2. PENN STATE	212.212
3. Oklahoma	210.275
4. OHIO STATE	209.500
5. ILLINOIS	207.250
6. MINNESOTA	206.400
7. Stanford	205.100
8. IOWA	203.200
9. Temple	198.600
10. Army	197.975
11. Nebraska	196.500
12. Illinois-Chicago	196.150
13. California	196.000
14. Navy	194.050
15. William & Mary	187.000
16. Springfield	186.750
17. Air Force	178.125
18. James Madison	159.775

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

January

- 20 No. 9 MINNESOTA
 def. No. 6 ILLINOIS, 207.150-204.750
 No. 8 MICHIGAN
 def. No. 7 IOWA, 217.800-208.00
- 21 **Temple Invitational [1]**
 No. 5 PENN STATE (210.225), No. 12 Temple (198.600), No. 13 William & Mary (190.850), James Madison (160.300)

[1] - Philadelphia, Pa.

2007 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2007 Big Ten Men's Gymnastics Championships will be held on the campus of the University of Minnesota on March 30-31.



Last year, Ohio State claimed its second consecutive Big Ten Men's Gymnastics title and its 11th in school history. Five different teams held leads throughout the night, but it was the Buckeyes who found themselves in first place with a score of 215.625 when it mattered. Illinois finished in second with a score of 214.800, while Iowa (213.750) and Michigan (210.775) followed in third and fourth place, respectively. Penn State (210.250) finished in fifth place and Minnesota posted a sixth-place finish with a score of 205.400.

Be sure to check out the Big Ten website for updated information.

BIG TEN TIDBITS

Big Ten Success: For five straight season, the Big Ten has sent six teams to the national championships. The last time the Big Ten accomplished this feat was in 1960, a year that marked the conclusion of seven straight years with six or more teams advancing to the NCAA Championships. That string of success included four national titles with Illinois claiming solo crowns in 1955 and 1956 and the Fighting Illini splitting the national title with conference-foe Michigan State in 1958.