

NO. 2 ILLINOIS FACES NO. 5 PENN STATE;
 NO. 3 MICHIGAN TAKES ON NO. 7 MINNESOTA
 OSU'S WICKHAM NAMED GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

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BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Jimmy Wickham, Ohio State
 Jr., Gulfport, Miss./Gulfport

Wickham claims his first-ever Gymnast of the Week accolade after finishing second on the vault at the Winter Cup Challenge last weekend. Wickham, who won the vault at last year's Winter Challenge, scored a 33.55 to claim the highest finish among all Big Ten gymnasts at the event.

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

February

17 No. 2 ILLINOIS at No. 5 PENN STATE 6 p.m.

No. 3 MICHIGAN
 at No. 7 MINNESOTA 7 p.m.

2007 BIG TEN GYMNASTS OF THE WEEK

Jan. 18	Wes Haagensen, Jr., ILL
Jan. 24	Matt Cohen, Sr., PSU
Jan. 31	DJ Bucher, Jr., OSU
Feb. 7	Tommy Ramos, Jr., PSU
Feb. 14	Jimmy Wickham, Jr., OSU

GYMINFO RANKINGS - FEB. 12

TEAM	AVG. SCORE
1. OHIO STATE	223.117
2. ILLINOIS	221.567
3. MICHIGAN	219.667
4. Oklahoma	219.525
5. PENN STATE	218.717
6. IOWA	216.375
7. MINNESOTA	215.117
8. California	214.758
9. Nebraska	214.692
10. Stanford	214.325
11. Army	212.358
12. Navy	205.608
13. William & Mary	205.150
14. Temple	204.608
15. Illinois-Chicago	203.125
16. Springfield	196.792
17. James Madison	190.383
18. Air Force	189.800

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

February

8-10 Winter Cup Challenge [6] NTS
 No. 5 ILLINOIS, No. 8 IOWA,
 No. 1 MICHIGAN, No. 7 MINNESOTA,
 No. 3 OHIO STATE, No. 2 PENN STATE

[6] - Las Vegas, Nev.

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.