

NO. 7 MINNESOTA TAKES ON
 ILLINOIS-CHICAGO THIS SATURDAY;
 OSU'S BUCHER NAMED GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

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BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

DJ Bucher, Ohio State

Jr., Mason, Ohio/William Mason

Bucher earns Big Ten weekly accolades after winning all three events in which he competed last week to help propel No. 3 Ohio State over top-ranked Michigan, 220.500-215.850. The junior tumbler claimed first-place finishes on the pommel horse (9.300), rings (9.500) and parallel bars (9.650). Bucher earns his second Gymnast of the Week laurel as he was also honored on Jan. 31.

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

March

24 MINNESOTA at Illinois-Chicago 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
Feb. 21	Tommy Ramos, Jr., PSU
Feb. 28	Willie Ito, Sr., OSU
Mar. 7	Tyler Yamauchi, Jr., ILL Andrew Elkind, Jr., MICH
Mar. 14	Jake Lee, Sr., MINN
Mar. 21	DJ Bucher, Jr., OSU

GYMINFO RANKINGS - MARCH 19

TEAM	AVG. SCORE
1. OHIO STATE	216.867
2. MICHIGAN	216.800
3. Oklahoma	216.667
4. Stanford	215.933
5. PENN STATE	215.883
6. ILLINOIS	212.350
7. MINNESOTA	211.600
8. California	211.300
9. IOWA	207.517
10. Nebraska	204.600
11. Temple	203.033
12. Army	201.433
13. Illinois-Chicago	198.717
14. William & Mary	197.783
15. Navy	195.483
16. Air Force	192.417
17. Springfield	184.917
18. MIT	181.067
19. James Madison	163.650

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

March

17 ILLINOIS
 def. Illinois-Chicago, 210.000-193.050

Oklahoma def. IOWA, 220.500-209.800

OHIO STATE
 def. MICHIGAN, 220.500-215.850

2007 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 SUCCESS

For five straight seasons, 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.