

NO. 1 OHIO STATE HOSTS NO. 2 ILLINOIS IN DUAL-MEET ACTION THIS WEEKEND;
 PSU'S SANDY CLAIMS SECOND WEEKLY HONOR

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BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Casey Sandy, Penn State
 Fr., Brampton, Ontario, Canada/Chinguacousy

Sandy claims his second career Big Ten Gymnast of the Week accolade after winning his third all-around title in as many attempts and leading No. 8 Penn State to a road upset over No. 4 Michigan last week. Sandy tallied an all-around mark of 54.000, the nation's highest this season. He also placed first on the pommel horse (9.200), second on the parallel bars (8.300) and the high bar (9.250), while also claiming third-place finishes in the floor exercise (9.000), rings (8.950) and vault (9.300).

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

January

27 No. 5 PENN STATE
 at West Point Open[1] 7 p.m.

No. 3 MICHIGAN at No. 4 Oklahoma 7 p.m.

28 No. 2 ILLINOIS at No. 1 OHIO STATE 7 p.m.

No. 5 PENN STATE
 at West Point Open[1] 7 p.m.

[1] - in West Point, N.Y.

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

January

21 No. 5 IOWA
 def. No. 12 Illinois-Chicago, 208.250-200.800

No. 2 ILLINOIS
 def. No. 9 MINNESOTA, 207.300-201.650

No. 8 PENN STATE
 def. No. 4 MICHIGAN, 209.40-206.45

BIG TEN TIDBITS

GymInfo Rankings: Currently, the Big Ten has four squads ranked in the top five of the team's total season averages. Ohio State is in first place with a 223.117 average, while Illinois (221.567), Michigan (219.667) and Penn State (218.717) follow in second, third and fifth, respectively. Iowa (216.375) is sixth and Minnesota is seventh with a 215.117 average.

This Week's Action: Four of the top-five teams will be competing this weekend. The third-ranked Michigan Wolverines will travel to No. 4 Oklahoma on Friday and No. 1 Ohio State will host second-ranked Illinois on Saturday.

Big Ten Success: Last season, the Big Ten supplied four of the six teams that advanced to the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Team Championship finals, but it was the Oklahoma Sooners that took home the team title. Ohio State finished the team competition second, just .225 off Oklahoma's victorious total. Illinois placed third and Penn State came in fourth. Michigan rounded out the team competition finalists in sixth place.

2006 BIG TEN GYMNASTS OF THE WEEK

Jan. 11 Casey Sandy, Fr., Penn State
 Jan. 18 Michael Reavis, Jr., Iowa
 Jan. 25 Casey Sandy, Fr., Penn State

GYMINFO POLL - JAN. 23

TEAM	TOTAL SEASON AVG.
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

2006 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2006 Big Ten Men's Gymnastics Championships will be held on the campus of the University of Iowa on March 24-25.



Last year, Ohio State claimed its first Big Ten Men's Gymnastics title since 2002 and its 10th in school history. The Buckeyes posted a score of 225.350 points, while Illinois finished as the runner-up with 224.125 points. Michigan followed in third place with a score of 222.775, while Penn State (220.500), Iowa (219.800) and Minnesota (216.400) rounded out the top six spots.

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