

ILLINOIS' PUMMER NAMED GYMNAST OF THE WEEK;
 IOWA HOSTS 2006 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS
 ON MARCH 24-25

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BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Adam Pummer, Illinois
 Sr., Allentown, Pa./William Allen

Pummer claims Gymnast of the Week accolades after taking home his first all-around title of the year with a 54.450 mark, while leading the Fighting Illini to a win over Army last weekend. Pummer also won the floor exercise (9.500), vault (9.350) and high bar (9.750) titles, tallying season highs in all three events. The Allentown, Pa., native also finished second on parallel bars (9.350) and fourth on rings with a career-high 8.950.

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

March
 24-25 Big Ten Championships in Iowa City, Iowa

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

March
 10 No. 7 IOWA
 def. No. 9 MINNESOTA, 212-211.150
 11 ILLINOIS def. Army, 220.000-196.100
 No. 3 OHIO STATE
 def. No. 8 MICHIGAN, 214.300-212.700
 No. 5 California
 def. No. 6 PENN STATE, 219.100-216.575

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
Feb. 1	Willie Ito, Jr., Ohio State
Feb. 8	Michael Reavis, Sr., Iowa
Feb. 15	Michael Reavis, Sr., Iowa
	Jake Lee, Jr., Minnesota
Feb. 22	Willie Ito, Jr., Ohio State
	Derek Helsby, So., Penn State
March 1	Wesley Haagensen, Illinois
March 8	Justin Spring, Illinois
	Michael Reavis, Iowa
March 15	Adam Pummer, Illinois

GYMINFO POLL - March 13

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>TOTAL SEASON AVG.</u>
1. Oklahoma	216.683
2. Stanford	216.575
3. OHIO STATE	214.517
4. ILLINOIS	213.317
5. California	212.033
6. PENN STATE	210.667
7. IOWA	210.400
8. MICHIGAN	209.600
9. MINNESOTA	206.892
10. William & Mary	205.900
11. Nebraska	204.217
12. Army	203.467
13. Temple	201.767
14. Illinois-Chicago	201.342
15. Navy	201.167
16. Springfield	183.867
17. Washington	181.875
18. Air Force Academy	179.592
19. James Madison	178.767
20. MIT	176.683

2006 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

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.

BIG TEN TIDBITS

GymInfo Rankings: Ohio State leads the Big Ten contingent with a season total average of 214.517 for third place. The Buckeyes are followed by No. 4 Illinois (213.317), No. 6 Penn State (210.667) and No. 7 Iowa (210.400). Michigan (209.600) and Minnesota (206.892) round out the top 10 in eighth and ninth place, respectively.

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.