

NO. 1 OHIO STATE EARNS VICTORY OVER ILLINOIS  
IN DUAL MEET ACTION;  
OSU'S ITO NAMED GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

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**BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK**

Willie Ito, Ohio State  
Jr., Huntington Beach, Calif.

Ito tallied two first-place finishes last week, while leading Ohio State to a win over Illinois in dual-meet action to earn Gymnast of the Week accolades. The Huntington Beach, Calif., native placed first on both the parallel bars (9.700) and high bar (9.700) against the Fighting Illini. His score of 9.700 on the parallel bars also marked a career high. Ito, who is currently ranked first in the GymInfo Rankings for the high bar (9.650), earns his first weekly laurel and becomes the first Buckeye to be named Gymnast of the Week since former teammate Randy Monahan was honored on March 1, 2005.

**THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN**

February

- 3 Winter Cup, Las Vegas, Nev. 7 p.m.  
ILLINOIS, IOWA, MICHIGAN MINNESOTA,  
OHIO STATE, PENN STATE
- 4 Winter Cup, Las Vegas, Nev. 7 p.m.  
No. 3 ILLINOIS, No. 5 IOWA, No. 8 MICHIGAN  
No. 9 MINNESOTA, No. OHIO STATE, No. 6  
PENN STATE

**LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN**

January

- 27 West Point Open, West Point, N.Y.  
No.5 PENN STATE (206.800), Army (199.500),  
Temple (197.050), Navy (196.550).
- No. 4 Oklahoma  
def. No. 3 MICHIGAN, 216.200-203.900
- 28 No. 1 OHIO STATE  
def. No. 2 ILLINOIS, 213.35-206.900

**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

**GYMINFO POLL - JAN. 30**

TEAM	TOTAL SEASON AVG.
1. OHIO STATE	212.500
2. Oklahoma	211.733
3. ILLINOIS	208.233
4. Stanford	207.137
5. IOWA	207.025
6. PENN STATE	206.312
7. California	205.987
8. MICHIGAN	205.917
9. MINNESOTA	202.250
10. William & Mary	199.012
11. Army	198.817
12. Navy	198.337
13. Illinois-Chicago	198.133
14. Nebraska	197.287
15. Temple	192.375
16. Springfield	182.667
17. Washington	178.150
18. Air Force	170.850
19. James Madison	170.250

**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.

**BIG TEN TIDBITS**

**GymInfo Rankings:** Currently, the Big Ten has three squads ranked in the top five of the team's total season averages. Ohio State is in first place with a 212.500 average, while Illinois (208.233), and Iowa (207.025) rank third and fifth, respectively. Penn State (6th-206.312), Michigan (8th - 205.917) and Minnesota (9th-202.250) round out the top 10.

**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.