

ILLINOIS' HAAGENSEN NAMED GYMNAST OF THE WEEK; BIG TEN ACTION RESUMES WITH ILLINOIS TAKING ON IOWA

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BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Wesley Haagensen, Illinois
 So., Belleville, Ill./Belleville West

Haagensen was named Gymnast of the Week after claiming three event titles and the all-around crown against the UIC Flames last weekend. The sophomore notched a career-high 9.400 on the floor, while also tallying season-highs on high bar (8.700) and the all-around (53.700). In addition, Haagensen finished second on still rings (9.200) and pommel horse (8.600).

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

March

- 4 No. 3 MICHIGAN at No. 10 Stanford 7 p.m.
 Wisconsin at No. 7 MINNESOTA 7 p.m.
 No. 13 William & Mary
 at No. 5 PENN STATE 7 p.m.
 5 No. 2 ILLINOIS at No. 6 IOWA 2 p.m.

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

February

- 25 No. 5 ILLINOIS
 def. No. 13 UIC, 210.300-193.650

Pacific Coast Classic, Oakland, Calif.

- No. 1 Oklahoma (217.300), No. 3 Stanford (216.0750), No. 8 California (212.650), No. 6 MICHIGAN (208.600), No. 7 IOWA (202.200), No. 9 MINNESOTA (206.575), William & Mary (200.200)

- No. 2 OHIO STATE
 def. No. 4 PENN STATE, 216.300-209.050

BIG TEN TIDBITS

GymInfo Rankings: Ohio State took over first place in the latest GymInfo national rankings with a season total average of 223.17. The Buckeyes are followed by No. 2 Illinois (221.567), No. 3 Michigan (219.667) and No. 5 Penn State (219.717). Iowa (216.375) and Minnesota (215.116) round out the top in sixth and seventh 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.

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

GYMINFO POLL - FEB. 27

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.