

MINNESOTA'S JOHNSON EARNS SECOND WEEKLY HONOR AFTER LEADING GOPHERS TO A FIRST-PLACE FINISH AT BEST OF MINNESOTA MEET

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BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Laura Johnson, Minnesota
 Sr., Albuquerque, N.M./La Cueva

Johnson won every event at the Best of Minnesota meet and had season high scores on the floor and in the all-around to earn her second Gymnast of the Week accolade. The Albuquerque, N.M., native led the Gophers to a first-place finish at the Best of Minnesota last weekend, while tallying top performances on the vault (9.825), bars (9.775), beam (9.700) and floor (9.900). She also claimed the all-around competition with a score of 39.200.

THIS WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

February

17 New Hampshire at No. 4 MICHIGAN 7:30 p.m.

MINNESOTA at No. 2 Utah TBA

18 No. 23 ILLINOIS at IOWA 7 p.m.

New Hampshire at MICHIGAN STATE 8 p.m.

OHIO STATE at No. 16 Denver 6 p.m.

LAST WEEK IN THE BIG TEN

February

10 No. 15 Denver def. IOWA, 192.575-191.625

BGSU Tri-Meet

No. 24 MICHIGAN STATE (191.025), Ball State (187.875), Bowling Green (183.625)

Penn State Quad Meet

No. 17 PENN STATE (196.026), Rutgers (195.475), No. 7 Nebraska (190.550), Yale (190.200)

11 No. 8 Missouri
 def. No. 25 ILLINOIS, 195.500-195.125

No. 2 Utah
 def. No. 4 MICHIGAN, 196.400-196.100

Best of Minnesota

No. 22 MINNESOTA (191.775), Hamline (176.875), Winona State (176.400), Gustavus Adolphus (174.825)

Pittsburgh Quad Meet

Pittsburgh (192.925), OHIO STATE (192.840), Maryland (190.850), SUNY Brockport (178.325)

2006 BIG TEN GYMNASTS OF THE WEEK

Jan. 11	Kaylin Schlecht, Sr., OSU
Jan. 18	Lindsey Bruck, Jr., MICH
Jan. 25	Lindsey Bruck, Jr., MICH
Feb. 1	Jenny Deiley, Sr., MICH
	Laura Johnson, Sr., MINN
Feb. 8	Cara Pomeroy, Jr., ILL
	Tatjana Thuener-Rego, Fr., MICH
Feb. 15	Laura Johnson, Sr., MINN

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TEAM	TOTAL SEASON AVG.
1. Georgia	196.561
2. Utah	196.004
3. Alabama	195.929
4. MICHIGAN	195.775
5. Florida	195.608
6. Oklahoma	195.525
7. Iowa State	195.260
8. Nebraska	195.242
9. UCLA	195.182
10. Stanford	195.135
11. Missouri	195.117
12. Arizona State	195.090
13. LSU	194.946
14. Arizona	194.837
15. Penn State	194.690
16. Denver	194.271
17. Auburn	194.225
18. Kentucky	194.046
19. Oregon State	193.925
20. MINNESOTA	193.270
21. Arkansas	193.025
22. Southern Utah	192.950
23. ILLINOIS	192.837
24. North Carolina	192.760
25. Brigham Young	192.756

2006 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIP

The 2006 Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championships will be held on the campus of Michigan State University on March 25.



Last year, Michigan extended its string of conference dominance to seven consecutive seasons, as the Wolverines won the 2005 Big Ten Championships. Michigan has now won 13 of the past 14 league titles, as the only other program to claim a league crown in that time span was Minnesota in 1998.

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

BIG TEN NOTES

Big Ten Success: The Big Ten has recorded nine top-10 team finishes in the last six years of the NCAA Championships. Last year, two league programs earned a spot in the 12-team field of the NCAA Women's Gymnastics Championships for the fourth straight season as Michigan won the South Central Regional and Penn State placed second in the West Regional. The Wolverines, collected their 13th straight berth in the NCAA Championships and 14th appearance overall to lead all league schools. Penn State advanced to its first NCAA Championships since the 2000 season.