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2008 MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FEDERATION MEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY UPDATE

2008 SEASON OPENS

#1 STANFORD kicked off the 2008 season with a win at the Windy City Invitational in Chicago. The Cardinal tallied a total score of 354.450, 7.100 points more than second place finisher Illinois (347.350). Also competing were Michigan, Ohio State, Minnesota, host UIC, and Iowa. In five of the six events, Stanford had at least two gymnasts find themselves among the top five placers. Senior David Sender led the way for Stanford with wins in rings (15.350) and horizontal bar (14.950). Sender decidedly won the all around with a 89.600, 6.750 points ahead of UIC's second place finisher Neal Thompson. Joining Sender in the top finishers in horizontal bar was redshirt junior Sho Nakamori, who captured second place with a 14.500. Nakamori also tied for second in parallel bars (14.750) with junior Bryant Hadden. The Cardinal will next face the Bears of UC-Berkeley on January 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Haas Pavilion.

#3 OKLAHOMA started the season with a victory at the Rocky Mountain Open for the ninth-straight year. The Sooners scored a 343.550 to win the competition, while freshman Steven Legendre claimed the first all-around title of his OU career with an 84.950. The Sooners were without several key contributors, including senior Jonathan Horton, who continues to rest after a busy summer of international competition. Oklahoma also had several other gymnasts who were limited to a few events while nursing minor injuries.

#5 CALIFORNIA will open its season on Jan. 18 at home against Stanford. The meet will begin at 7:30 p.m.

#10 NEBRASKA opened its 2008 season by earning a third-place finish with a score of 331.20 at the Rocky Mountain Open. Returning All-American T.J. Schmidt won the pommel horse with a score of 14.30, while NU newcomer David Spिटdowski added a third-place finish on floor exercise with a score of 14.60. Sophomore Daniel Brulé placed third on high bar with a score of 13.75. Senior All-American Stephen Tétrault also notched a sixth-place finish in the all-around for Nebraska. Nebraska stuck a score of 56.80 on still rings. Newcomer Anthony Ingrelli shined in his first collegiate event, scoring a 14.80. The Huskers scored an impressive 60.55 on vault in the third rotation. Nebraska will host its first home meet at the Bob Devaney Sports Center next weekend against familiar foes Oklahoma and Air Force on Sunday, Jan. 20, at 2 p.m.

AIRFORCE opened the 2008 season with a third-place finish (323.200) at the Rocky Mountain Open. Jacob Schonig, who took finished first on the still rings with a 15.000, was one of four Falcons to finish among the top five during the annual meet. Senior Greg Stine picked up three top-three tallies, as he finished second to Schonig and Abdullah-Simmons on the parallel bars with a mark of 14.900. Stine also tied for third on the floor exercise with a tally of 14.600, en route to a third-place finish in the all-around with a combined score of 81.700. Air Force will regroup with its collegiate counterparts from Oklahoma and Nebraska next Sunday (Jan. 20) in Lincoln for a tri-meet rematch between the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation foes.

2008 MPSF MEN'S GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP

April 5 at Lincoln, Neb. • 7 p.m. CT

The MPSF champion will be determined at the championship meet hosted by the University of Nebraska on April 5. For more information visit the Nebraska website at <http://www.huskers.com/>

GymInfo MEN'S GYMNASTICS

National Rankings Preseason Coaches Poll

Rank	Team	1 st Place Votes
1	Stanford	8
2	Penn State	4
3	Oklahoma	2
4	Ohio State	1
5	California	
6	Michigan	
7	Minnesota	
8	Illinois	
9	Iowa	
10	Nebraska	
11	Temple	
12	Army	
13	University of Ill-Chicago	
14	William & Mary	
15	Navy	

Receiving votes: Air Force, James Madison, MIT, Springfield

LEGENDRE NAMED MPSF GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Woodland, Calif. – **Oklahoma** freshman **Steven Legendre** (Port Jefferson, N.Y. / Spring Creek Academy) captured the all-around (84.950) and floor exercise (15.400) titles at the 2008 Rocky Mountain Open, his first collegiate competition. In addition, Legendre finished second on parallel bars with a 14.350, and was fourth on vault (15.400) and fifth on high bar (13.050). Legendre's all-around crown helped propel third-ranked Oklahoma to its ninth-straight Rocky Mountain Open team title as the Sooners scored a 343.550 to best runner-up Nebraska (331.200).

UPCOMING MEETS

Fri, Jan. 18 Stanford at CAL	7:30 pm
Sun, Jan. 20 Air Force and Oklahoma at NEBRASKA	2 pm
Fri, Jan. 25 STANFORD OPEN (Cal, Nebraska)	7 pm
Sat, Jan. 26 STANFORD OPEN (Cal, Nebraska)	7 pm
Michigan at OKLAHOMA	7 pm
Sun, Jan. 27 STANFORD OPEN (Cal, Nebraska)	7 pm

RECENT MEETS (Home Team in CAPS)

Sat, Jan. 12 Stanford 1st of 7 (354.450) at Windy City Invitational
Sun, Jan. 13 Oklahoma 1 st of 5 (343.550) at Rocky Mountain Open
Nebraska 2 nd of 5 (331.20) at Rocky Mountain Open
Air Force 3 rd of 5 (323.200) at Rocky Mountain Open

2008 MPSF GYMNASTS OF THE WEEK

<i>Week</i>	<i>Student-Athlete</i>	<i>School</i>
Jan. 15	Steven Legendre	Oklahoma

MPSF GYMNASTICS ON THE WEB

Midweek sports updates are available on the MPSF website at www.mpsports.org.

2008 NCAA MEN'S GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIP

April 18-19, 2008 at Stanford University • Stanford, Calif.

NCAA NATIONAL RANKINGS

BY TOTAL SEASON AVERAGE

TEAM SCORES:	Avg.
Not available	

TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL TOP-10 RANKINGS

All-Around:	Avg.
Not available	

Floor Exercise:	Avg.
Not available	

Pommel Horse:	Avg.
Not available	

Still Rings:	Avg.
Not available	

Vault:	Avg.
Not available	

Parallel Bars:	Avg.
Not available	

High Bar:	Avg.
Not available	