



2018 BIG TEN WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
SATURDAY, MARCH 24 | 3 P.M. AND 8 P.M. ET
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# TEAM INFORMATION



Illinois



Iowa





Maryland -



Michigan -



Michigan State 🔻



Minnesota 🔻



Nebraska 🔻



Ohio State 🔻



### Live Coverage

#### Television

Big Ten Network will provide live coverage of the 2018 Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championships.

#### Live Stream

The championship will also be carried live via <u>BTN Plus on BTN2Go</u>. Complimentary access to BTN2Go is available to viewers connected to the internet network of a Big Ten university. Fans elsewhere can sign up for the pay-per-view webcasts.

#### Live Scoring

Live scoring will be available via FightingIllini.com.

#### Media Credentials

For media members interested in obtaining credentials, please email Grace Duggan at <a href="mailto:gracead@illinois.edu">gracead@illinois.edu</a>. Please state your name, media affiliation, and function in your request.

#### **Parking Information**

Parking for the Big Ten Championships is free. The Northeast Quad will be a PASS LOT ONLY.

#### SESSION II RESULTS

Never gets old. 24th Big Ten Championship in program history. #GoBlue pic.twitter.com/obOALZPOfp

-- Michigan Women's Gymnastics (@UMichWGym) March 25, 2018

### Michigan Claims Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championship

Wolverines earn their fifth-consecutive title and 24th overall

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. - Michigan earned the 2018 Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championships title on Saturday, securing its 24th overall and fifth-consecutive crown. With the title, Wolverine head coach Bev Plocki ties Indiana's James Counsilman (men's swimming and diving) for the most Big Ten titles in conference history across all sports.

The Wolverines tallied 197.200 points en route to the team title, followed by Nebraska in second place with 196.950. Illinois finished in third with 196.625 points, Iowa placed fourth with 196.400, Ohio State earned fifth with 196.325, while Minnesota rounded out the top six with 196.225.

Nebraska's Megan Schweihofer earned the all-around title with a career-high 39.525, followed in second by Michigan's Paige Zaziski with a 39.500 and teammate Brianna Brown in third with a 39.450.

Nebraska's Taylor Houchin and Ohio State's Jamie Stone won the vault title, both with a score of 9.900. Michigan's Brianna Brown, Minnesota's Ivy Lu and Ohio State's Olivia Aepli each recorded a 9.950 to win on bars, while Illinois' Bridget Hodan, Michigan's Lauren Marinez and Nebraska's Grace Williams each tallied a 9.900 on beam to share the event title. Nebraska's Megan Schweihofer and Penn State's Briannah Tsang took home the floor title after posting a 9.950.

The conference's individual awards were also given out following the championships. Michigan's Paige Zaziski and Penn State's Briannah Tsang were named the Big Ten Co-Gymnasts of the Year, marking the 11th time a Wolverine has won the award and the eighth time a Nittany Lion claimed the honor. Minnesota's Lexy Ramler was tabbed the Big Ten Freshman of the Year, while Maryland head coach Brett Nelligan was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year for the first time in his career.

Fourteen students were named to the All-Championships Team. The complete list of the conference's All-Championships team and Sportsmanship Award honorees can be found below.

# INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Co-Gymnasts of the Year: Briannah Tsang, Penn State/ Paige Zaziski, Michigan

Freshman of the Year: Lexy Ramler, Minnesota Coach of the Year: Brett Nelligan, Maryland

### ALL-CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM

Bridget Hodan, Illinois Charlotte Sullivan, Iowa Brianna Brown, Michigan Lauren Marinez, Michigan Paige Zaziski, Michigan Ivy lu, Minnesota Sienna Crouse, Nebraska Taylor Houchin, Nebraska Megan Schweihofer, Nebraska Grace Williams, Nebraska Olivia Aepli, Ohio State Alexis Mattern, Ohio State Jamie Stone, Ohio State Briannah Tsang, Penn State

## SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD HONOREES

Jordyn Givens, Illinois
Eugenia Leal, Iowa
Deanna Magro, Maryland
Olivia Karas, Michigan
Victoria (Tori) Huehn, Michigan State
Abby DeMuse, Minnesota
Kelli Chung, Nebraska
Stefanie Merkle, Ohio State
Sabrina Garcia, Penn State
Elizabeth Groden, Rutgers

FINISH	TEAM	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	TOTAL
1	Michigan	49.100	49.400	49.325	49.375	197.200
2	Illinois	48.900	49.275	49.075	49.375	196.625
3	Iowa	49.100	49.150	49.025	49.125	196.400
4	Ohio State	49.150	49.100	48.850	49.275	196.375
5	Minnesota	48.825	49.325	49.000	49.075	196.225
6	Maryland	48.925	49.175	48.175	48.975	195.250

### SESSION I RESULTS

Nebraska won the first session of the Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championships with a score of 196.590. Penn State finished second (195.500), Rutgers took third (194.400) and Michigan State claimed fourth (194.275). Huskers' Megan Schweihofer claimed the allaround title with a career-high score of 39.525.

FINISH	TEAM	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR	TOTAL
1	Nebraska	49.150	49.375	49.225	49.200	196.590
2	Penn State	48.750	48.825	48.525	49.400	195.500
3	Rutgers	48.550	48.200	48.675	48.975	194.400
4	Michigan State	48.200	49.100	48.175	48.800	194.275

#### CHAMPIONSHIP SEEDING

The 2018 Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championships will be conducted in two sessions. Four teams will compete in the afternoon session and six teams will compete in the evening session. The team seeding will be determined based on the final results from the Big Five meets. The top three teams from each Big Five meet will qualify for the evening session and the remaining four teams will compete in the afternoon session. The final seeding results are listed below:

# Afternoon Session I - 3 p.m. ET

Vault - Penn State Bars - Michigan State Beam - Rutgers

Floor - Nebraska

Session I	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	FLOOR
Rotation 1	PSU	MSU	RU	NEB
Rotation 2	NEB	PSU	MSU	RU
Rotation 3	RU	NEB	PSU	MSU
Rotation 4	MSU	RU	NEB	PSU

## Evening Session II - 8 p.m. ET

Bye 1 - Michigan Bars - Maryland

Beam - Iowa

Bye 2 - Ohio State

Floor - Illinois

Session II	VAULT	BYE1	BARS	BEAM	BYE2	FLOOR
Rotation 1	MINN	MICH	MD	IOWA	OSU	ILL
Rotation 2	ILL	MINN	MICH	MD	IOWA	OSU
Rotation 3	OSU	ILL	MINN	MICH	MD	IOWA
Rotation 4	IOWA	OSU	ILL	MINN	MICH	MD
Rotation 5	MD	IOWA	OSU	ILL	MINN	MICH
Rotation 6	MICH	MD	IOWA	OSU	ILL	MINN

**BIG FIVE RECAP** 

## Michigan Claims Women's Gymnastics Regular Season Crown

Michigan clinches regular season title with win at Piscataway Big Five meet

March 17, 2018

ROSEMONT, Ill. - Michigan clinched the regular-season Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championship on Saturday after finishing the season with an 8-1 Big Ten record. The Wolverines finished the conference schedule with a first-place finish at the Big Five Meet hosted by Rutgers, ending the event with a team score of 197.225. Michigan earns its second-straight conference title and fourth overall.

Illinois capped its regular season with a first-place finish at the Michigan State-hosted Big Five meet. The Illini were followed by Maryland (195.700), Ohio State (195.150), Nebraska (194.900) and Michigan State (192.825). The Wolverines concluded the Big Five Meet hosted by Rutgers with a 197.225 to win the competition, followed by Iowa with a score of 195.275. Minnesota concluded the event in third with a 195.150, followed by Penn State (194.375) and Rutgers (193.725).

In East Lansing, Illinois was paced by Rae Balthazor, who won titles on bars (9.925) and beam (9.900) en route to the all-around crown with a score of 39.525. Ohio State's Alexis Mattern claimed the vault title with a score of 9.925, while Michigan State's Hailee Westney and Balthazor tied for the bars title with a 9.925. Nebraska's Megan Schweihofer earned an event title on floor with a 9.950.

In Piscataway, Michigan used three event titles to finish at the top of the podium. On beam, Brianna Brown scored a 9.950 to earn the event title, while teammates Lexi Funk and Emma McLean recorded a 9.900 on floor to tie with Minnesota's Paige Williams for the individual title. Penn State's Lauren Bridgens finished at the top of the podium on vault (9.900), while Minnesota's Ivy Lu claimed the uneven bars crown with a score of 9.950. Minnesota's Lexy Ramler and the Wolverines' Funk tied for the all-around title, each posting a score of 39.450.

The 2018 Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championships will be held Saturday, March 24, at State Farm Center on the campus of the University of Illinois. BTN will provide live coverage of Session One (3 p.m. ET) and Session Two (8 p.m. ET).

## BIG FIVE MEETS

**ROSEMONT, Ill.** - The final weekend of the regular season will feature the annual Big Five Meets on Saturday, which will be hosted by Michigan State and Rutgers. Competition begins at 2 p.m. ET in East Lansing and 5:30 p.m. in Piscataway, with both Big Five meets carried live on BTN and also streamed live via the web, smartphones, tablets and connected devices on BTN2Go.

Michigan State will play host to No. 11 Nebraska, No. 24 Ohio State, Illinois and Maryland, while Rutgers welcomes No. 7 Michigan, No. 22 Minnesota, No. 25 Penn State and Iowa.

The Big Five Meets are used to determine seeding at next week's Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championships, which will be hosted by Illinois on Saturday, March 24. Listed below are the teams competing at each site, along with the rotation orders for both competitions.

# Big Five Meet - East Lansing, Mich. - 2 p.m. ET

Illinois
Maryland
Michigan State
No. 11 Nebraska
No. 24 Ohio State

Rotation	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	BYE	FLOOR
Rotation 1	NEB	MD	OSU	MSU	ILL
Rotation 2	ILL	NEB	MD	OSU	MSU
Rotation 3	MSU	ILL	NEB	MD	OSU
Rotation 4	OSU	MSU	ILL	NEB	MD

Rotation 5 MD OSU MSU ILL NEB

Big Five Meet - Piscataway, N.J. - 5:30 p.m. ET

Iowa

No. 7 Michigan No. 22 Minnesota

No. 25 Penn State

Rutgers

Rotation	VAULT	BARS	BEAM	BYE	FLOOR
Rotation 1	MICH	PSU	MINN	RU	IOWA
Rotation 2	IOWA	MICH	PSU	MINN	RU
Rotation 3	RU	IOWA	MICH	PSU	MINN
Rotation 4	MINN	RU	IOWA	MICH	PSU
Rotation 5	PSU	MINN	RU	IOWA	MICH

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