

PENN STATE MEN'S GYMNASTICS



12 NCAA Championship Titles // 3 Big Ten Championships // 6 Nissen-Emery Award Winners // 316 All-America Citations

2017 Schedule / Results

January

Jan. 13-14	at West Point Open #	412.350 (1st of 7)
Jan. 21	ARMY WEST POINT	W, 414.200-396.050
Jan. 29	at Springfield College	W, 408.100-384.500

February

Feb. 3	at Illinois *	L, 411.350-404.650
Feb. 11	OHIO STATE *	4 p.m.
Feb. 16 & 18	at Winter Cup %	10 p.m.
Feb. 25	at Navy	TBA

March

Mar. 4	at Nebraska w/Iowa *	5 p.m.
Mar. 18	MICHIGAN *	2:30 p.m.
Mar. 25	IOWA *	3 p.m.

April

Apr. 7-8	Big Ten Championships ^	7 p.m.
Apr. 21-22	NCAA Championships #	1/7 p.m.

BOLD CAPS - Home Meets

* - Big Ten Meet | # - West Point, N.Y. |
 % - Las Vegas, Nev. |
 ^ Champaign, Ill.
 All Times Eastern

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PSUMGYM

vs. Ohio State *
 Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017 | 4 p.m.
 University Park, Pa.
 Rec Hall



Series: Penn State, 29-28-0
 Last Regular Season Meeting: L, 444.500-433.250
 Feb. 13, 2016 • Columbus, Ohio

Live Stats: GoPSUsports.com
 Video: GoPSUsports.com

Penn State Season Records
 Overall Record: 8-1
 Conference Record: 0-1

2017 EVENT LEADERS

FLOOR EXERCISE	POMMEL HORSE	STILL RINGS	VAULT	PARALLEL BARS	HIGH BAR	ALL-AROUND
WYATT TYNDALL SOPHOMORE	COLIN COATES JUNIOR	DOMINIC DIFULVIO SENIOR	DOMINIC DIFULVIO SENIOR	SAM ZAKUTNEY FRESHMAN	MICHAEL BURNS SOPHOMORE	MICHAEL BURNS SOPHOMORE
2017 BEST: 14.550	2017 BEST: 14.700	2017 BEST: 14.750	2017 BEST: 14.500	2017 BEST: 14.900	2017 BEST: 14.650	2017 BEST: 82.700

NOTES AND HEADLINES

MEN'S GYMNASTICS MAKES RETURN TO REC HALL

The Penn State men's gymnastics team returns to Rec Hall Saturday, Feb. 11 to take on the Buckeyes of Ohio State. The double dual will also feature the women's team as both squads will take on the Buckeyes starting at 4 p.m. Fans are asked to wear white as the Nittany Lions will White Out Rec Hall for the final double dual of the 2017 season.

SERIES HISTORY WITH THE BUCKEYES

Penn State has met up with Ohio State on 57 occasions with its first meeting coming in the 1976 campaign. Last season the Nittany Lions suffered a big loss to the top-ranked Buckeyes but prior to the 2016 campaign the Blue and White took eight-straight regular season meetings dating back to the 2006 season.

SNEAK PEEK AT OHIO STATE

The returning Big Ten Champions are looking to repeat in the 2017 season and avenge its third-place finish at the NCAA Championships at it started off the season with a second-place finish at the Windy City Invite followed by three-straight wins. As a team, Ohio State is averaging 412.600 and posted a 422.200 last weekend. The Buckeyes have been strong all season on the pommel horse coming in as the No. 2 ranked team with an average score of 69.417.

The biggest name returning for head coach Rustam Sharipov is redshirt-junior Sean Melton. Melton is a six-time All-American and five-time Big Ten Champion for the Buckeyes, while earning Big Ten Gymnast of the Year accolades in the 2016 season.

QUICK FACTS

2017 ROSTER

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location University Park, Pa.
 Founded 1855
 Enrollment 47,261
 Colors Blue and White
 Conference Big Ten
 Nickname Nittany Lions
 President Dr. Eric J Barron
 Director of Athletics Sandy Barbour
 Athletic Website www.GoPSUsports.com

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach Randy Jepson
 26th Season (Penn State '82)
 Record at Penn State 372-74
 Assistant Coach Carlos Vasquez
 Fifth Season (Temple '84)
 Assistant Coach Tony Beck
 Second Season (Penn State, 2013)

TEAM INFORMATION

Captain Dominic DiFulvio
 Twitter PennStateMGYM
 Facebook Penn State Men's Gymnastics

2016 RECAP

2016 Record 10-4-0
 2016 Big Ten Finish Fourth (427.150)
 2016 All-Big Ten Honors One
 2016 NCAA Finish Fifth (425.400)
 2016 All-American Honors Five

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PRONUNCIATIONS

Brayden Borromeo Bore-o-mayo
 Dominic DiFulvio DI-ful-vio
 Stephen Nedoroscik Ned-o-row-sick
 Noah Roberson Row-bur-son
 Wyatt Tyndall Tin-dal
 Favian Valdez Fa-vee-ON
 Sam Zakutney Za-coot-knee

Name	Event	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/High School
Brayden Borromeo	AA	Fr.	5-6	Littlestown, Pa./Littlestown Senior
Joseph Boyle	AA	R-Jr.	5-7	Colts Neck, N.J./Colts Neck
Michael Burns	AA	So.	5-9	Baltimore, Ohio/Liberty Union
Franz Card	AA	Sr.	5-8	Nashua, N.H./Nashua South
Leroy Clarke, Jr.	AA	R-Sr.	5-9	Maplewood, N.J./Columbia
Colin Coates	AA	Jr.	5-8	Emmaus, Pa./Emmaus
Benjamin Cooperman	AA	Jr.	5-7	Southborough, Mass./Algonquin
Dominic DiFulvio *	AA	Sr.	5-4	Marietta, N.Y./Tully
Isaac Hammett	AA	Fr.	5-4	Sacramento, Calif./Jesuit
Quest Hayden	AA	Jr.	5-9	Harrisburg, Pa./Home-schooled
Christian McSwain	AA	Sr.	5-8	Jamestown, N.C./Southwest Guilford
Jeremy Munn	AA	Sr.	5-7	York, Maine/Home-schooled
Stephen Nedoroscik	AA	Fr.	5-5	Worcester, Mass./Worcester Technical
Noah Roberson	AA	R-So.	5-4	Williamsville, N.Y./Williamsville South
Chris Sands	AA	So.	5-10	Lancaster, Pa./Lancaster Catholic
Alex Thomason	AA	R-Fr.	5-5	Houston, Texas/James E. Taylor
Wyatt Tyndall	AA	Fr.	5-6	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada/Holy Cross
Favian Valdez	AA	Fr.	5-6	Kearny, N.J./Kearny
Sam Zakutney	AA	Fr.	5-6	Ottawa, Ontario.E.S.C. Franco Cite

Head Coach: Randy Jepson (Penn State, 1982; 26th Season)
Assistant Coach: Carlos Vazquez (Temple, 1984; Fifth Season)
Assistant Coach: Tony Beck (Penn State, 2013; Second Season)

* - Team Captain

PROJECTED LINEUP

FLOOR EXERCISE

Wyatt Tyndall
 Chris Sands
 Sam Zakutney
 Favian Valdez
 Christian McSwain
 Dominic DiFulvio

POMMEL HORSE

Sam Zakutney
 Colin Coates
 Stephen Nedoroscik
 Favian Valdez
 Christian McSwain
 Leroy Clarke, Jr.
 Dominic DiFulvio (AA)

STILL RINGS

Benjamin Cooperman
 Chris Sands
 Leroy Clarke, Jr.
 Isaac Hammett
 Dominic DiFulvio
 Sam Zakutney
 Favian Valdez (AA)

VAULT

Jeremy Munn
 Wyatt Tyndall
 Brayden Borromeo
 Dominic DiFulvio
 Favian Valdez
 Sam Zakutney

PARALLEL BARS

Franz Card
 Wyatt Tyndall
 Leroy Clarke, Jr.
 Dominic DiFulvio
 Sam Zakutney
 Favian Valdez

HIGH BAR

Franz Card
 Alex Thomason
 Wyatt Tyndall
 Dominic DiFulvio
 Sam Zakutney
 Favian Valdez

NATIONAL POLL

MEET FIVE: NEWS & NOTES

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL POLL
As of Feb. 6, 2017

#	TEAM	Total PTS.	1st Place VOTES
1.	Oklahoma	360	18
2.	Stanford	341	
3.	Illinois	321	
4.	Ohio State	310	
5.	Minnesota	281	
6.	<i>Penn State</i>	<i>269</i>	
7.	Nebraska	253	
8.	California	226	
9.	Air Force	225	
10.	Michigan	193	
11.	Iowa	179	
12.	Navy	158	
13.	Army	154	
14.	Arizona State *	126	
15.	William & Mary	108	
16.	Springfield College	92	
17.	UIC	72	
18.	Temple *	50	
19.	Washington *	44	
20.	SC United *	18	

2017 Opponents in **Bold**
* - NCAA Club Program

FRESHMAN CONTRIBUTING EARLY

Head coach **Randy Jepson** brought in one of the top freshman classes in the nation and they are quickly proving themselves amongst the elite of collegiate gymnastics. Freshman **Favian Valdez** leads the pack as he has earned three Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors just four weeks into the season. Valdez has notched three titles for the Blue and White with a floor title at the West Point Open, a pommel horse title against Army and most recently the all-around title at Illinois. Also starting strong for the Nittany Lions in his freshman season is **Sam Zakutney**. Zakutney notched Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors in week three after earning three titles at Springfield. The Ottawa, Ontario native clinched both the parallel bars and high bar title against the Pride before going home with the all-around title in hand.

After an adjustment period in the first two weeks of the season, **Stephen Nedoroscik** has found his groove on the pommel horse, winning the title in the last two weekends. Nedoroscik returned to his home state of Massachusetts to clinch the first win of his career before following it up with a victory on the pommel horse at Illinois. **Brayden Borrromeo** and **Isaac Hammett** have also found places in the Nittany Lion lineup with Borrromeo competing on the vault in all four weeks and Hammett earning two second-place finishes on the still rings.

EXCELLING ON POMMEL HORSE

Penn State has been unbeatable on the pommel horse in the 2017 season. The Nittany Lions started the year with a win from **Colin Coates** at the West Point Open before **Favian Valdez** picked up the win at Army. Freshman **Stephen Nedoroscik** kept the winning streak alive for the Blue and White with back-to-back victories. Coates has posted a team-best 14.700 on the horse this season, while Nedoroscik ranks second on the team with a 14.500. As a team, Penn State ranks third in the nation on the pommel horse with an average score of 68.563 and a season-best 70.300.

VALDEZ CAPTURES THIRD FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK HONOR

For the fourth-straight week a Penn State men's gymnastics freshman notched Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors as **Favian Valdez** garnered the award for the third time in the 2017 season as announced by the conference office Monday, Feb. 6. Valdez picked up his first collegiate all-around title against Illinois, earning an 80.950. The title marks the third title of Valdez's career in four collegiate meets. The Kearny, N.J. native also had two other podium finishes placing third on the pommel horse with a 13.850 and third on the parallel bars with a 14.100.

BURNS CONTINUES TO BE STEADY FOR THE NITTANY LIONS

Sophomore **Michael Burns** has been a go-to gymnast for Penn State in the 2017 season and has taken more of a leadership role this year for the Nittany Lions. Last weekend, Burns competed on four events for the Blue and White against Illinois, notching a career-best 14.000 on the vault and tying for fourth overall, while also place fourth on the pommel horse with a 13.750, on the still rings with a 13.900 and on the parallel bars with a 13.900. Finally, Burns paced Penn State on the high bar with a 14.300 and second-place finish for the Nittany Lions.

PENN STATE FALLS AT ILLINOIS

The Penn State men's gymnastics suffered its first loss of the 2017 campaign in its first Big Ten Conference meet against the Fighting Illini of Illinois Friday, Feb. 3 at Huff Hall. The Nittany Lions saw bright spots in freshman **Stephen Nedoroscik**, who won his second-straight pommel horse title with a 14.300, while freshman **Favian Valdez** notched the all-around title for the first time in his career with an 80.950. Nedoroscik's win marks the fourth-straight match in which Penn State has come away with the pommel horse title as it has yet to be defeated in the event in the 2017 campaign.

BIG TEN RECORDS

	BIG TEN		OVERALL	
	W-L	%	W-L	%
Illinois	2-0	1.000	8-0	1.000
Ohio State	1-0	1.000	6-1	.857
Minnesota	1-1	1.000	4-4	.500
Penn State	0-1	.000	8-1	1.000
Nebraska	0-1	.000	5-3	.625
Michigan	0-1	.000	3-4	.429
Iowa	0-0	.000	4-4	.500

BIG TEN WEEKLY AWARDS:

Jan. 16

G: Jake Martin, Ohio State
 F: **Favian Valdez, Penn State**

Jan. 23

G: Chris Stephenson, Nebraska
 Jake Dastrup, Ohio State
 F: **Favian Valdez, Penn State**

Jan. 30

G: Alex Diab, Illinois
 F: **Sam Zakutney, Penn State**

Feb. 6

G: Jake Martin, Ohio State
 F: **Favian Valdez, Penn State**

Feb. 13

G: --
 F: --

Feb. 20

G: --
 F: --

Feb. 27

G: --
 F: --

Mar. 6

G: --
 F: --

Mar. 13

G: --
 F: --

Mar. 20

G: --
 F: --

Mar. 27

G: --
 F: --

G - Gymnast; F - Freshman

ZAKUTNEY NABS BIG TEN FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK HONORS

Freshman **Sam Zakutney** earned Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors, marking the first of his career and the third-straight week a Nittany Lion has garnered the award as **Favian Valdez** won it the first two weeks of the season. Zakutney found his groove at Springfield recording three victories for the Blue and White. Zakutney earned his first titles of his collegiate career, grabbing three wins at Springfield College. The freshman all-rounder started with a fourth-place finish on the pommel horse with a career-high 13.800 and notched his second career-high of the day with a 13.500 on the floor exercise and a fourth-place finish. The Ottawa, Ontario native secured his first podium finish with a third-place spot on the vault with a career-best 14.250 before sweeping the final two rotations of the day with a first-place finish on the parallel bars and a win on the high bar. Finally, Zakutney secured his first all-around title donning the Blue and White with an 82.650. Overall, Zakutney set five career-highs and earned three titles for the Nittany Lions at Springfield.

NITTANY LIONS SWEEP TITLES AT SPRINGFIELD

Penn State swept all six events for the first time in the 2017 campaign with senior **Dominic DiFulvio** and freshman **Sam Zakutney** earning three titles each for the Blue and White. DiFulvio picked up his first floor exercise win of the season, his third still rings title and his second vault title of his senior campaign, while Zakutney notched his first collegiate titles with wins on the parallel bars, high bar and all-around. Returning to his home state for the first time in his young collegiate career, freshman **Stephen Nedoroscik** collected his first victory for Penn State, securing the win on the pommel horse.

VALDEZ EARNS SECOND-STRAIGHT BIG TEN HONOR

Freshman **Favian Valdez** notched his second-straight Big Ten Freshman of the Week honor as announced by the conference office for week ending Jan. 22.

The freshman earns the honor for the second time in his career after garnering it following his first collegiate appearance at the West Point Open. The Kearny, N.J. native picked up three top-five finishes in his second collegiate outing for the Blue and White against Army, Jan. 21.

Valdez earned his second title of the 2017 season with a 14.050 on the pommel horse for a victory against Army West Point in Penn State's first home meet. Valdez also placed fourth overall on the vault with a 14.050 and placed third in the all-around.

PENN STATE EARNS VICTORY OVER ARMY

The Penn State men's gymnastics team picked up a 414.200-396.050 victory over Army West Point in its home-opener against Army West Point. All-rounder and senior captain **Dominic DiFulvio** notched his first all-around title of the 2017 campaign with an 82.600, while **Favian Valdez** placed third overall in the all-around with a 79.800. Penn State saw three season-best team scores and one tie as it put up a season-high 69.650 on the floor exercise, a 68.950 on the still rings and a 70.150 on the vault, while tying a season-best 67.300 on the high bar.

The Blue and White won five out of six events with **Wyatt Tyndall** taking the floor exercise, Valdez earning the pommel horse title, DiFulvio notching the still rings win and tying on the vault and **Franz Card** taking home the parallel bars title.

2017 RANKINGS

TEAM RANKINGS

Team Score

5	Penn State	414.200
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>409.800</i>

Floor

11	Penn State	66.963
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>67.650</i>

Pommel Horse

3	Penn State	68.563
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>70.300</i>

Still Rings

5	Penn State	68.588
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>69.850</i>

Vault

9	Penn State	70.088
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>70.950</i>

Parallel Bars

3	Penn State	69.600
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>70.700</i>

High Bar

11	Penn State	66.000
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>67.300</i>

INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS (Top 10)

Floor Exercise

10	Michael Burns	14.150
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>14.150</i>

Pommel Horse

9	Favian Valdez	13.870
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>14.250</i>
10	Michael Burns	13.850
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>14.000</i>

Still Rings

7	Dominic DiFulvio	14.310
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>14.750</i>

All-Around

8	Michael Burns	82.700
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>82.700</i>
9	Dominic DiFulvio	82.450
	<i>Season High Score</i>	<i>82.600</i>

(2017 Road To Nationals Rankings)

BLUE AND WHITE CLINCHES FOURTH-STRAIGHT WEST POINT OPEN TITLE

The Penn State men's gymnastics team captured its fourth-straight title at the 26th Annual West Point Open Friday, Jan. 13. The Nittany Lions scored a 412.350 in their first meet of the season to win the open for the 19th time in program history.

Big Ten Conference foe Nebraska placed second overall with a 410.600 and Army rounded out the top three with a 393.500. The Blue and White used a strong parallel bars routine in its sixth rotation of the day to propel itself to the victory in West Point.

Freshman **Favian Valdez** picked up his first victory donning the Blue and White, notching a 14.500 on the floor exercise, while **Christian McSwain** placed second with a 14.400.

The Nittany Lions saw their second individual event title of the evening when **Col-in Coates** nabbed the pommel horse win for the second-straight year with a 14.700. Last season, Coates helped Penn State to the individual event title sweep, winning the pommel horse with a 15.050 in the event. Redshirt-senior **Leroy Clarke, Jr.** placed second on the pommel horse after finishing first in the team event Friday night, while Valdez placed fourth overall.

Penn State grabbed its third-straight individual event when senior **Dominic DiFulvio** came up big on the still rings with a 14.750 and **Benjamin Cooperman** placed second overall with a 14.250.

Sophomore **Michael Burns** capped off the four individual event titles for the Blue and White as he picked up his second-straight high bar title with a 14.650 at the West Point Open, winning the event in the 2016 season as well.

VALDEZ EARNS BIG TEN FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK HONORS

After capturing the floor exercise title at the West Point Open, freshman **Favian Valdez** notched Big Ten Freshman of the Week honors as announced by the conference office for the week ending Jan. 15.

The honor marks the first of Valdez's career as he made his first collegiate appearance at the West Point Open.

Valdez notched three second-place finishes in the team portion of the West Point Open, grabbing a 14.300 on the floor exercise, a 14.250 on the pommel horse and a 82.400 in the all-around. The Kearny, N.J. native capped off the individual event finals with a floor exercise title nabbing a 14.500 and a fourth-place finish on the pommel horse.

BURNS HAS CAREER WEEKEND AT WEST POINT

Sophomore **Michael Burns** posted four career-bests while also earning the high bar title in the individual event finals and the high bar and all-around title in the team event at the West Point Open, Jan. 13-14. Burns first earned the high bar title in the team portion with a 14.200 before posting a season-high 14.650 in the individual event finals to earn the title for the second-straight season. Burns also tallied a career-high 14.150 in the floor exercise, a 13.800 on the pommel horse, a 14.300 on the still rings and a 82.700 in the all-around.

NITTANY LIONS PICKED FOURTH IN BIG TEN PRESEASON POLL

Penn State was picked fourth in the 2017 Big Ten Men's Gymnastics Preseason Coaches' Poll, as announced by the conference office Thursday, Dec. 15. Along with the preseason coaches' poll, seniors **Leroy Clarke, Jr.** and **Dominic DiFulvio** were named to the Gymnast to Watch List for the upcoming season.

For the third-straight season Ohio State grabbed the top spot in the Big Ten Poll, while Minnesota was picked to finish second and Illinois rounded out the top three places. With the Nittany Lions coming in at fourth, Nebraska, Iowa and Michigan complete the Big Ten Preseason Coaches' Poll for the 2017 campaign.

MEET FIVE: NEWS & NOTES

PENN STATE COMES IN SIXTH IN THE CGA PRESEASON COACHES' POLL

The Penn State men's gymnastics team enters the 2017 campaign ranked sixth in the College Gymnastics Association (CGA) Preseason Coaches' Poll as announced Tuesday, Nov. 22.

Oklahoma was picked to finish first in the nation for the third-straight season with 17 first-place votes, while Stanford was picked to finish second with one first-place vote and Ohio State was projected to round out the top three with one first-place vote. Minnesota and Illinois ranked fourth and fifth, respectively with Penn State coming in as the No. 6 team to start the 2017 season.

NITTANY LIONS SET TO APPEAR ON BTN THREE TIMES

The Penn State men's gymnastics team will have two home meets featured on the Big Ten Network, while the network will also air the 2017 Big Ten Championships. The Nittany Lions and the Wolverines of Michigan will square off at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 18 on BTN before the Blue and White closes out its season against Iowa Saturday, Mar. 25 at 3 p.m. on the Big Ten Network.

The 2017 Men's Big Ten Championships will be hosted by Illinois in Champaign, Ill. Friday, Apr. 7 and Saturday, Apr. 8. The team championship will be handed out on Friday, while individual event winners will be crowned Apr. 8. Both sessions will be aired live on BTN starting at 7 p.m.

JEPSON KICKS OFF 26TH SEASON AT THE HELM OF MEN'S GYMNASTICS

The 2017 campaign marks the 26th season for Head Coach **Randy Jepson** as the program leader of the Nittany Lions. Jepson came to Penn State in 1982 as a senior gymnast, earning All-America honors on the rings and being a Nissen-Emery Award nominee. From there, he went on to be the graduate assistant for two seasons before becoming an assistant coach from 1985-1991. In 1992, Jepson served as the acting head coach and was promoted to head coach in 1993 and since has led the Nittany Lions to three national championships and three Big Ten titles.

Jepson has been the National Coach of the Year on three occasions (2000, 2004 and 2007) and garnered the prestigious CGA Honor Coach Award in 2011, which is given to the coaches who have 25 years of service or more to the sport of gymnastics. Additionally, Jepson is a two-time Big Ten Coach of the Year honoree and has coached 43 All-Americans on 100 occasions, 30 First Team All-Big Ten selection and 11 NCAA Individual Event Champions.

CLARKE RETURNS FOR FINAL SEASON AFTER ALL-AMERICAN FINISH IN 2016

The 2017 men's gymnastics team sees the return of senior **Leroy Clarke, Jr.**, who is the lone All-American returner for the Blue and White. Clarke capped off the 2016 season with an All-American finish on the still rings, placing eighth overall. The redshirt-senior from Maplewood, N.J. will be in search of his third All-American title in the his final season with Penn State as he earned the honor on the parallel bars in the 2015 season.

JEPSON WELCOMES FIVE FOR 2017

Head Coach Randy Jepson will welcome five freshman in the 2017 campaign. The five newcomers include: **Brayden Borromeo, Isaac Hammett, Stephen Nedoroscik, Favian Valdez** and **Sam Zakutney**. Nedoroscik, Valdez and Zakutney have been tabbed as three of the top pommel horses performers in the country in their respective classes, while Borromeo and Hammett will hope to make an impact on a variety of events in their freshman campaigns.

SEVEN NITTANY LIONS COLLECT CGA ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE HONORS

Seven Penn State men's gymnasts earned College Gymnastics Association (CGA) Academic All-America Scholar-Athlete honors, while the 2016 team ranked in the top 10 with a 3.123 team grade point average in the 2015-16 academic year. Five Nittany Lions earned first team All-America Scholar-Athlete honors with sophomore **Noah Roberson** leading the way with a 4.0 grade point average. Also earning first team honors for the Blue and White were **Michael Burns, Wyatt Tyndall** and **Chris Sands**.

Along with the four first team honorees, three Nittany Lions notched second team honors with **Franz Card, Benjamin Cooperman** and **Dominic DiFulvio** all earning grade point averages between 3.399-3.30.

As a team, Penn State ranked 10th nationally with a 3.123 grade point average, while William and Mary paced the nation with a 3.512 team GPA and Stanford came in second with a 3.427 team grade point average.

Since the inception of the award in 1991, the Nittany Lions have received 65 first team All-America Scholar-Athlete honors and 43 second team All-American Scholar-Athlete honors. Penn State's 65 first team honors ranks 13th all-time, while its 43 second team honors are tied for third all-time.

MEET FIVE: NEWS & NOTES

2017 PROMOTIONS

With the 2017 men's gymnastics home schedule starting Saturday, Jan. 21, the Nittany Lions have numerous promotions for its four home duals this season.

Penn State opens the 2017 home slate against Army West Point Saturday, Jan. 21 at 4 p.m. The double dual against the Black Knights will be its annual THON meet where 25 percent of tickets proceeds will go to THON. The Nittany Lions will also be giving away its 2017 schedule poster.

The Blue and White will ask fans to White Out Rec Hall Saturday, Feb. 11 for its second double dual with the women's team, this time against Ohio State. Fans will receive white shakers to cheer on the Nittany Lions and there will be a special Kid's Zone with an airbrush tattoo artist, caricature artist and balloon artist. The Nittany Lions will also ask those in attendance to submit their favorite White Out memory from any Penn State sporting event for a chance to be featured at the meet. All prior Penn State gymnastics campers will be admitted to the meet free of charge in honor of Camper Day.

The meet against the Buckeyes will also be Veterans, Armed Forces and Public Safety Day with all being invited to the meet for free with valid veteran, military or public safety I.D. Finally, the 2017 Nittany Lions will be signing autographs after the meet against Ohio State.

Penn State welcomes back its 2007 National Championship team Saturday, Mar. 18 for a special recognition ceremony between rotations. The meet against Michigan will also be the first of two meets featured on the Big Ten Network.

In its final home meet of the 2017 campaign against Iowa, Saturday, Mar. 25, the Nittany Lions will honor its six seniors for their last home meet of their careers. The six seniors set to be honored for their careers at Penn State are **Joseph Boyle, Franz Card, Dominic DiFulvio, Christian McSwain, Jeremy Munn** and **Leroy Clarke, Jr.** The meet against the Hawkeyes will also be featured on the Big Ten Network.

TICKET INFORMATION

For information on purchasing 2017 season tickets fans can visit <http://www.GoPSUsports.com/tickets> or call 1-800-NITTANY weekdays from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Penn State will host its first home meet of the 2017 season Saturday, Jan. 21 against Army West Point. The dual is slated to start at 4 p.m. at Rec Hall.

NEXT UP

Selected gymnasts will travel to Las Vegas, Nev. for the Winter Cup Thursday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, Feb. 18. The Nittany Lions will compete at 10 p.m. Eastern both nights.

2017 SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Location	Time/Result	Record/TV
Jan. 13-14	at West Point Open	West Point, N.Y.	412.350 (1st of 7)	6-0 (0-0 B1G)
Jan. 21	ARMY WEST POINT	REC HALL	414.200-396.050	7-0 (0-0 B1G)
Jan. 29	at Springfield	Springfield, Mass	408.200-396.050	8-0 (0-0 B1G)
Feb. 3	at Illinois *	Champaign, Ill.	411.350-404.650	8-1 (0-1 B1G)
Feb. 11	OHIO STATE (DD) *	REC HALL	4 p.m.	GoPSUsports.com
Feb. 16 & 18	at Winter Cup	Las Vegas, Nev.	10 p.m.	--
Feb. 25	at Navy	Annapolis, Md.	TBA	--
Mar. 4	at Nebraska w/Iowa *	Lincoln, Neb.	5 p.m.	--
Mar. 18	MICHIGAN *	REC HALL	2:30 p.m.	BTN
Mar. 25	IOWA *	REC HALL	3 p.m.	BTN
Apr. 7-8	at Big Ten Championships	Champaign, Ill.	7 p.m.	BTN
Apr. 21-22	at NCAA Championships	West Point, N.Y.	7 p.m.	--

BOLD CAPS INDICATES HOME MEET • All times Eastern • * - Big Ten Opponent • DD indicates meet is a double-dual with the Penn State women's team

2017 TOP TEAM PERFORMANCES

Floor Exercise			Vault			Team Score		
Army	69.650	1/21/17	at Springfield	70.950	1/29/17	Army	414.200	1/21/17
at West Point Open	67.300	1/13/17	Army	70.150	1/21/17	at West Point Open	412.350	1/13/17
at Springfield	66.000	1/29/17	at Illinois	69.800	2/03/17	at Springfield	408.100	1/29/17
at Illinois	64.900	2/03/17	at West Point Open	69.450	1/13/17	at Illinois	404.550	2/03/17
Pommel Horse			Parallel Bars					
at Springfield	70.300	1/29/17	at Springfield	70.700	1/29/17			
at West Point Open	69.150	1/13/17	at West Point Open	70.500	1/13/17			
Army	68.000	1/21/17	Army	70.150	1/21/17			
at Illinois	66.800	2/03/17	at Illinois	67.050	2/03/17			
Still Rings			High Bar					
Army	69.950	1/21/17	Army	67.300	1/21/17			
at Illinois	69.100	2/03/17	at Illinois	66.900	2/03/17			
at West Point Open	68.850	1/13/17	at West Point Open	66.100	1/13/17			
at Springfield	66.450	1/29/17	at Springfield	63.700	1/29/17			

2017 TOP INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

Floor Exercise (Sandy, 15.850; 2008)			Vault (Klurman, 16.400; 2008)			All Around (Sandy, 91.550; 2008)		
Wyatt Tyndall	14.550	1/21/17	Dominic DiFulvio	14.500	1/29/17	Michael Burns	82.700	1/13/17
Favian Valdez	14.500	1/14/17	Dominic DiFulvio	14.450	1/21/17	Sam Zakutney	82.650	1/29/17
Christian McSwain	14.400	1/14/17	Jeremy Munn	14.300	1/29/17	Dominic DiFulvio	82.600	1/21/17
Favian Valdez	14.300	1/13/17	Brayden Borromeo	14.250	1/13/17	Favian Valdez	82.400	1/13/17
Dominic DiFulvio	14.150	1/21/17	Sam Zakutney	14.250	1/29/17	Dominic DiFulvio	82.300	1/13/17
Pommel Horse (Hernandez, 15.950; 2015)			Parallel Bars (Rodríguez, 15.800; 2013)					
Colin Coates	14.700	1/14/17	Sam Zakutney	14.900	1/29/17			
Leroy Clarke, Jr.	14.650	1/14/17	Leroy Clarke, Jr.	14.600	1/29/17			
Stephen Nedoroscik	14.500	1/29/17	Dominic DiFulvio	14.400	1/13/17			
Steve Nedoroscik	14.350	2/03/17	Franz Card	14.400	1/21/17			
Colin Coates	14.300	1/29/17	Franz Card	14.350	1/13/17			
Still Rings (Rosenthal, 16.300; 2012)			High Bar (Burbar, 16.000; 2013)					
Dominic DiFulvio	14.750	1/14/17	Michael Burns	14.650	1/14/17			
Dominic DiFulvio	14.650	1/21/17	Michael Burns	14.300	2/03/17			
Benjamin Cooperman	14.400	1/13/17	Michael Burns	14.200	1/13/17			
Michael Burns	14.300	1/13/17	Franz Card	13.850	1/14/17			
Benjamin Cooperman	14.250	1/14/17	Dominic DiFulvio	13.700	1/21/17			

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2017 MEET-BY-MEET TEAM EVENT SCORES

Meet (Date)	FX	PH	SR	V	PB	HB	Team
at West Point Open (1/13)	67.300	69.150	69.850	69.450	70.500	66.100	412.350
ARMY WEST POINT (1/21)	69.650	68.000	68.950	70.150	70.150	67.300	414.200
at Springfield (1/29)	66.000	70.300	66.450	70.950	70.700	63.700	408.100
at Illinois * (2/3)	64.900	66.800	69.100	69.800	67.050	66.900	404.550
OHIO STATE * (2/11)							
at Winter Cup (2/18)							
at Navy (2/25)							
at Nebraska w/Iowa * (3/4)							
MICHIGAN * (3/18)							
IOWA * (3/25)							
at Big Ten Championships (4/7)							
at NCAA Championships (4/21)							

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2017 ALL AROUND PERFORMANCES

All Around	FX	PH	SR	V	PB	HB	(Sandy, 91.550; 2008)
Michael Burns - at West Point Open (1/13)	14.150	13.800	14.300	12.750	13.500	14.200	82.700
Favian Valdez - at West Point Open (1/13)	14.300	14.250	13.200	14.050	13.400	13.200	82.400
Dominic DiFulvio - at West Point Open (1/13)	13.750	13.300	14.100	14.000	14.400	12.750	82.300
Sam Zakutney - at West Point Open (1/13)	12.750	11.900	13.600	13.900	13.950	13.250	79.350
Dominic DiFulvio - Army (1/21)	14.150	11.950	14.650	14.450	13.700	13.700	82.600
Favian Valdez - Army (1/21)	13.500	14.050	11.450	14.050	13.400	13.350	79.800
Favian Valdez - at Springfield (1/29)	11.500	13.500	12.600	13.900	14.200	12.500	78.200
Sam Zakutney - at Springfield (1/29)	13.500	13.800	12.800	14.250	14.900	13.400	82.650
Favian Valdez - at Illinois (2/3)	13.500	13.850	12.400	13.900	14.100	13.200	80.950

EVENT WINNER IN BOLD

2017 TOP 10 INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

Floor Exercise	(Sandy, 15.850; 2008)	Vault	(Klurman, 16.400; 2008)	All Around	(Sandy, 91.550; 2008)
Wyatt Tyndall	14.550 1/21/17	Dominic DiFulvio	14.500 1/29/17	Michael Burns	82.700 1/13/17
Favian Valdez	14.500 1/14/17	Dominic DiFulvio	14.450 1/21/17	Sam Zakutney	82.650 1/29/17
Christian McSwain	14.400 1/14/17	Jeremy Munn	14.300 1/29/17	Dominic DiFulvio	82.600 1/21/17
Favian Valdez	14.300 1/13/17	Brayden Borrero	14.250 1/13/17	Favian Valdez	82.400 1/13/17
Dominic DiFulvio	14.150 1/21/17	Sam Zakutney	14.250 1/29/17	Dominic DiFulvio	82.300 1/13/17
Christian McSwain	14.050 1/13/17	Favian Valdez	14.050 1/13/17	Favian Valdez	80.950 2/03/17
Christian McSwain	14.050 1/21/17	Brayden Borrero	14.050 1/21/17	Favian Valdez	79.800 1/21/17
Dominic DiFulvio	13.800 1/29/17	Wyatt Tyndall	14.050 1/21/17	Sam Zakutney	79.350 1/13/17
Dominic DiFulvio	13.750 1/13/17	Favian Valdez	14.050 1/21/17	Favian Valdez	78.200 1/29/17
Favian Valdez	13.500 2/03/17	Dominic DiFulvio	14.050 2/03/17	Sam Zakutney	76.950 2/03/17
Sam Zakutney	13.500 1/29/17	Michael Burns	14.000 2/03/17		

Pommel Horse (Hernandez, 15.950; 2015)

Colin Coates	14.700 1/14/17
Leroy Clarke, Jr.	14.650 1/14/17
Stephen Nedoroscik	14.500 1/29/17
Stephen Nedoroscik	14.350 2/03/17
Leroy Clarke, Jr.	14.300 1/13/17
Colin Coates	14.300 1/29/17
Favian Valdez	14.250 1/13/17
Colin Coates	14.100 1/13/17
Leroy Clarke	14.100 1/29/17
Favian Valdez	14.050 1/21/17

Parallel Bars (Rodríguez, 15.800; 2013)

Sam Zakutney	14.900 1/29/17
Leroy Clarke, Jr.	14.600 1/29/17
Dominic DiFulvio	14.400 1/13/17
Franz Card	14.400 1/21/17
Franz Card	14.350 1/13/17
Leroy Clarke, Jr.	14.300 1/13/17
Favian Valdez	14.200 1/29/17
Leroy Clarke, Jr.	14.100 1/21/17
Wyatt Tyndall	14.100 1/21/17
Franz Card	14.050 1/14/17

Still Rings (Rosenthal, 16.300; 2012)

Dominic DiFulvio	14.750 1/14/17
Dominic DiFulvio	14.650 1/21/17
Benjamin Cooperman	14.400 1/13/17
Michael Burns	14.300 1/13/17
Benjamin Cooperman	14.250 1/14/17
Dominic DiFulvio	14.200 2/03/17
Dominic DiFulvio	14.100 1/13/17
Michael Burns	13.900 2/03/17
Isaac Hammett	13.900 1/21/17
Dominic DiFulvio	13.850 1/29/17
Benjamin Cooperman	13.750 2/03/17

High Bar (Burbar, 16.000; 2013)

Michael Burns	14.650 1/14/17
Michael Burns	14.200 1/13/17
Sam Zakutney	14.150 2/03/17
Favian Valdez	14.100 2/03/17
Michael Burns	13.900 2/03/17
Franz Card	13.850 1/14/17
Dominic DiFulvio	13.700 1/21/17
Leroy Clarke	13.500 2/03/17
Sam Zakutney	13.450 1/21/17
Michael Burns	13.400 1/21/17

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2017 Individual Results

BRAYDEN BORROMEO -- FR. -- LITTLESTOWN, PA.

Floor Exercise (11.250)

11.250 pr Army 12th

Vault (14.250)

14.250 pr at West Point Open (Team) T-2nd
 13.600 at West Point Open (Individual) ... 7th
 14.050 Army T-4th
 14.000 at Springfield T-4th
 13.950 at Illinois 6th

JOSEPH BOYLE -- SR. -- COLTS NECK, N.J.

Floor Exercise (14.300)

13.050 sb at Illinois 10th

MICHAEL BURNS -- So. -- BALTIMORE, OHIO

Floor Exercise (14.150)

14.150 pr at West Point Open (Team) 3rd

Pommel Horse (14.000)

13.800 at West Point Open (Team) 6th
 14.000 pr Army 2nd
 13.750 at Illinois 4th

Still Rings (14.300)

14.300 pr at West Point Open (Team) 3rd
 13.800 at West Point Open (Individual) ... 4th
 13.700 Army 3rd
 13.900 at Illinois T-4th

Vault (14.000)

12.750 at West Point Open (Team) T-42nd
 14.000 pr at Illinois T-4th

Parallel Bars (14.700)

13.500 at West Point Open (Team) 13th
 13.850 Army 4th
 13.900 sb at Illinois 4th

High Bar (15.000)

14.200 at West Point Open (Team) 1st
 14.650 sb at West Point Open (Individual) ... 1st
 13.400 Army T-6th
 14.300 at Illinois 2nd

All-Around (82.700)

82.700 pr West Point Open (Team) 1st

FRANZ CARD -- SR. -- NASHUA, N.H.

Parallel Bars (14.600)

14.350 sb at West Point Open (Team) 2nd
 14.050 at West Point Open (Individual) ... 2nd
 14.400 Army 1st
 12.400 at Springfield 11th
 11.400 at Illinois 11th

High Bar (14.200)

13.400 at West Point Open (Team) T-7th
 13.850 sb at West Point Open (Individual) ... 4th
 13.400 Army T-6th
 12.950 at Springfield 2nd
 13.400 at Illinois 8th

LEROY CLARKE, JR. -- R-SR. -- MAPLEWOOD, N.J.

Pommel Horse (14.900)

14.300 at West Point Open (Team) 1st
 14.650 sb at West Point Open (Individual) ... 2nd
 13.600 Army 3rd
 14.100 at Springfield 3rd
 12.050 at Illinois 12th

Still Rings (15.300)

13.700 sb at Illinois T-8th

Parallel Bars (15.300)

14.300 at West Point Open (Team) 3rd
 13.550 at West Point Open (Individual) ... 5th
 14.100 Army T-2nd
 14.600 sb at Springfield 2nd
 13.500 at Illinois T-5th

High Bar (15.050)

13.050 sb at Illinois 10th

COLIN COATES -- JR. -- EMMAUS, PA.

Pommel Horse (15.050)

14.100 at West Point Open (Team) 3rd
 14.700 sb at West Point Open (Individual) ... 1st
 12.900 Army 8th
 14.300 at Springfield 2nd
 12.450 at Illinois 8th

BENJAMIN COOPERMAN -- JR. -- SOUTHBOROUGH, MASS.

Pommel Horse (14.150)

Still Rings (14.750)

14.400 sb at West Point Open (Team) 2nd
 14.250 at West Point Open (Individual) ... 2nd
 13.000 Army 7th
 13.300 at Springfield 5th
 13.750 at Illinois T-6th

2017 Individual Results

DOMINIC DiFulvio -- SR. -- MARIETTA, N.Y.**Floor Exercise (15.400)**

13.750		at West Point Open (Team) T-11th
14.150	sb	Army 2nd
13.800		at Springfield..... 1st
12.900		at Illinois..... 11th

Pommel Horse (13.700)

13.300	sb	at West Point Open (Team) T-11th
11.950		Army 13th

Still Rings (15.100)

14.100		at West Point Open (Team) 4th
14.750	sb	at West Point Open (Individual) ... 1st
14.650		Army 1st
13.850		at Springfield..... 1st
14.200		at Illinois..... 2nd

Vault (14.850)

14.000		at West Point Open (Team) T-11th
14.450		Army T-1st
14.500	sb	at Springfield..... 1st
14.050		at Illinois..... 3rd

Parallel Bars (14.850)

14.400	sb	at West Point Open (Team) 1st
12.900		at West Point Open (Individual) ... 7th
13.700		Army 5th
11.300		at Illinois..... 12th

High Bar (13.900)

12.750		at West Point Open (Team) 18th
13.700	sb	Army 4th
12.050		at Springfield..... 8th
12.800		at Illinois..... 12th

All-Around (85.500)

82.300	sb	at West Point Open (Team) 3rd
82.600		Army 1st

ISSAC HAMMETT -- FR. -- SACRAMENTO, CALIF.**Still Rings (13.900)**

13.900	pr	Army 2nd
13.500		at Springfield..... 2nd
13.550		at Illinois..... 11th

CHRISTIAN McSwain -- SR. -- JAMESTOWN, N.C.**Floor Exercise (15.550)**

14.050		at West Point Open (Team) T-4th
14.400	sb	at West Point Open (Individual) ... 2nd
14.050		Army 3rd
12.900		at Springfield..... T-4th
13.300		at Illinois..... 7th

Pommel Horse (14.550)

12.250		at West Point Open (Team) 34th
12.750		Army 9th
13.600	sb	at Springfield..... 6th
12.400		at Illinois..... T-9th

Vault (14.050)

14.050	pr	Army 11th
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Parallel Bars (13.500)**High Bar (12.400)****JEREMY MUNN -- SR. -- YORK, MAINE****Floor (15.000)**

10.700	sb	at Illinois 13th
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Vault (14.850)

14.050		at West Point Open (Team) 9th
13.800		at West Point Open (Individual) T-4th
14.300	sb	at Springfield..... 2nd
13.900		at Illinois..... T-7th

STEPHEN NEDOROSCIK -- FR. -- WORCESTER, MASS.**Pommel Horse (14.500)**

12.700		at West Point Open (Team) T-26th
13.450		Army T-5th
14.500	pr	at Springfield..... 1st
14.350		at Illinois..... 1st

NOAH ROBERSON -- R-So. -- WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y.**Floor Exercise (13.400)**

12.100		at West Point Open (Team) T-41st
13.400	pr	Army 7th

Still Rings (14.700)

13.450	sb	at West Point Open (Team) 14th
13.100		Army 6th

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2017 Individual Results

SAM ZAKUTNEY -- FR. -- OTTAWA, ONTARIO**Floor Exercise (13.500)**

12.750		at West Point Open (Team)	32nd
13.500	pr	at Springfield.....	2nd
12.150		at Illinois.....	12th

Pommel Horse (13.800)

11.900		at West Point Open (Team)	37th
13.800	pr	at Springfield.....	4th
10.650		at Illinois.....	14th

Still Rings (13.600)

13.600	pr	at West Point Open (Team)	T-10th
12.800		at Springfield.....	8th
13.200		at Illinois.....	12th

Vault (14.250)

13.900		at West Point Open (Team)	T-14th
14.250	pr	at Springfield.....	3rd
13.850		at Illinois.....	9th

Parallel Bars (14.900)

13.950		at West Point Open (Team)	5th
13.600		Army	6th
14.900	pr	at Springfield.....	1st
14.150		at Illinois.....	2nd

High Bar (13.450)

13.250		at West Point Open (Team)	T-11th
13.450	pr	Army	5th
13.400		at Springfield.....	1st
12.950		at Illinois.....	11th

All-Around (82.650)

79.350		at West Point Open (Team)	8th
82.650	pr	at Springfield.....	1st
76.950		at Illinois.....	3rd

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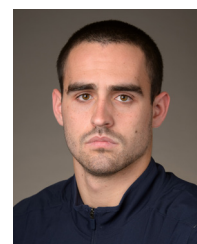
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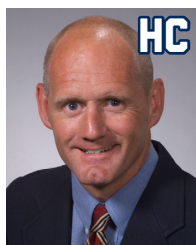
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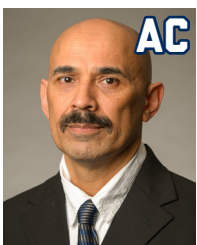
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