

BIG TEN MEN'S GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS
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Q: How do you feel right now?

A: It is a privilege and an honor to win at home with this crowd. This is the best crowd I have ever experienced. I couldn't be happier to do it at home.

Q: How did it feel to win the all-around competition?

A: I seriously had no idea I won until I had to get on stage and talk to the Big Ten announcers and they said to me, "How does it feel to win the team championship as well as the all-around?" I looked at them and had to ask, "What are you talking about?" I still don't believe it; I'm still shocked right now. The whole competition, I wasn't even thinking about my all-around score. I was hundred-percent team the whole time. It just surprised me.

Penn State Head Coach Randy Jepsen Quotes

Q: Did any certain event stand out to you tonight?

A: You know, we aren't very good on high bar but we didn't give away a lot on high bar. We've done that all year long. Pommel horse we had a miss there. We had some problems on vault but we never let that snowball and be anymore dramatic than one miss. We had to count those but at the same time we came back strong and didn't have a meltdown. And so, I was just thrilled with the guys' efforts and being relentless. We talked a lot about being in warrior mode and what that means. And I've seen glimpses of it, but I haven't seen my team have that for a while. And we've struggled in some years where we haven't stepped up, and really knocked it out of the park when we needed to be warriors but we did tonight.

Q: After Trevor [Howard]'s floor routine you ran out and gave him big hug, did you say anything to him?

A: Yeah, I said I had you last because I knew you'd be warrior. I'll take a whole team of warriors just like you. It was a great moment, great moment. You work so hard to have a kid rise to the occasion and all this adversity. Trevor [Howard] has a bad thumb. He hasn't trained. He hasn't done routines in three weeks really. He's done parts of routines. He hadn't done a parallel bar routine since before Nebraska because he sprained his thumb. He didn't go to Nebraska with us. That was his first parallel bar routine he's done and he rocked it. You can't ask for more than that.