



BIG 12 CONFERENCE NEWS

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Big 12 Gymnastics Championship To Take Place March 29

IRVING, Texas— The Big 12 Gymnastics Championship will be held February 29 at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Oklahoma. For the fourth time in conference history the Sooners will host the event as OU was home to the inaugural Big 12 Gymnastics Championship in 1997, followed by the 2001 and '05 meets.

Iowa State, Missouri and Nebraska will join Oklahoma in the quest for the 2008 Big 12 Championship. NU, the defending champion, has claimed a conference-leading eight crowns (1997-99, 2001-03, '05, '07) in the Big 12's 11-year history. Iowa State has won two titles ('00, '06) while OU earned top honors in '04.

The Big 12 currently has three of its four teams ranked in the top 20 in the nation. No. 9 Oklahoma is the top-ranked squad, followed by No. 14 Nebraska and No. 18 Missouri.

Individually, last year's Co-Gymnast of the Year, Emily Parsons (Nebraska) returns to defend her four titles from a year ago. Her competition includes former Newcomer of the Year Adrienne Perry (Missouri) and Oklahoma's Kiara Redmond-Sturms, who set a Big 12 record with seven Gymnast of the Week honors this season.

The championship will begin at 7:00 p.m. (CT). Tickets are available through the Oklahoma ticket office and can be purchased online at soonersports.com/tickets or by calling (405) 325-2424 or (800) 456-GoOU.

Ticket Prices

- \$10 - Adults
- \$5 - Youth (K-12)
- \$5 - Groups of 10 or more (Please call 405-325-7513 to order group tickets.)

2008 Big 12 Gymnast of the Week

Jan. 15 -- Desire' Sniatynski, Nebraska, Sr.
Jan. 22 -- Kiara Redmond-Sturms, Oklahoma, Sr.
Jan. 29 -- Emily Parsons, Nebraska, Sr.; Kiara Redmond-Sturms, Oklahoma, Sr.
Feb. 5 -- Ashley Jackson, Oklahoma, Jr.
Feb. 12 -- Kiara-Redmond-Sturms, Oklahoma, Sr.; Sarah Shire, Missouri, So.
Feb. 19 -- Kiara Redmond-Sturms, Oklahoma, Sr.
Feb. 26 -- Desire' Sniatynski, Nebraska, Sr.
Mar. 4 -- Adrienne Perry, Missouri, Jr.
Mar. 11 -- Kiara-Redmond-Sturms, Oklahoma, Sr.
Mar. 18 -- Emily Parsons, Nebraska, Sr.; Kiara Redmond-Sturms, Oklahoma, Sr.
Mar. 25 -- Kiara Redmond-Sturms, Oklahoma, Sr.

2008 Big 12 Event Specialist of the Week

Jan. 15 -- Tricia Woo, Nebraska, Jr.
Jan. 22 -- Hollie Vise, Oklahoma, So.
Jan. 29 -- Alicia Hatcher, Missouri, Jr.
Feb. 5 -- Tricia Woo, Nebraska, Jr.
Feb. 12 -- Mary Mantle, Oklahoma, So.
Feb. 19 -- Hollie Vise, Oklahoma, So.
Feb. 26 -- Tricia Woo, Nebraska, Jr.
Mar. 4 -- Hollie Vise, Oklahoma, So.
Mar. 11 -- Jackie Flanery, Oklahoma, So.
Mar. 18 -- Kristin Smith, Oklahoma, So.
Mar. 25 -- Haley DeProspero, Jr.