

# Olympic Recap: Women's Gymnastics Sends Two To NCAAs



Two Ohio State women's gymnasts will compete for individual glory in the national championships, beginning April 13 at Dickies Arena in Fort Worth, Texas. Semifinals begin at 3 p.m.

Senior Elexis Edwards earned a qualifying spot on floor, winning the regional finals in Norman, Okla. with a score of 9.950, the same score she posted in the second round of regionals. Edwards competed in vault at last year's national championships, finishing 15th.

She is joined by freshman Payton Harris, who will compete in the prestigious all-around competition Thursday. Harris posted a career-high score of 39.625, tying the Buckeyes' program record, to finish fourth at the regional finals.

NCAA qualifiers for the Ohio State men's gymnastics team take place Friday.

## **Jaques And Romero Awarded Big Ten Medal Of Honor**

Ohio State women's hockey graduate defenseman Sophie Jaques and wrestling's redshirt senior Kaleb Romero were each named as Ohio State's recipients of the Big Ten Medal of Honor Monday.

Founded in 1915, the Big Ten Medal of Honor seeks to emphasize the educational side of collegiate athletics. It is awarded to one male and one female student-athlete from the graduating class of each member institution who has demonstrated excellence on and off the field throughout their college career.

Romero wrapped up his OSU wrestling career with a third-place finish at the 2023 NCAA tournament at 184 pounds. In five seasons with the Buckeyes he posted an 85-31 record, finishing as an All-American in each of his final two years.

Jaques is perhaps the most decorated player in Ohio State women's ice hockey history. In 2023 she won the Patty Kazmaier Award, the most prestigious in collegiate women's hockey, given annually to the best player in the country. She led all defensemen in the nation for points and goals both in 2021-22 and 2022-23, her 59 points in 2021-22 being the second-most in NCAA history by a defenseman. She's a two-time All-American among many other accolades.

## **Women's Tennis Maintains Perfect Conference Record**

The Ohio State women's tennis team improved from No. 8 to No. 7 nationally and kept its Big Ten record without a loss by shutting out Iowa on senior day, winning 4-0.

"I'm really happy for our seniors," head coach Melissa Schaub said. "They have given so much to our program and to get a win on a beautiful day like today was a great way to finish their regular season at home."

OSU won both the doubles matches that were finished to take the doubles point, with Kolie Allen/Danielle Willson beating Iowa's Samantha Mannix/Vipasha Mehra 6-3 and Isabelle Boulais/Shelly Bereznyak downing the Hawkeyes' Marisa Schmidt/Daianne Hayashida 6-1.

In singles Bereznyak, ranked 98th in the country, picked up a straight-set victory, as did Wilson and No. 21 Irina Cantos Siemers to seal the win for OSU.