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WRESTLING UPDATE

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Steinhaus Earns Big Ten Wrestler of the Week Honors

MINNEAPOLIS (December 14, 2010) - Minnesota redshirt freshman Kevin Steinhaus has been honored as the Big Ten Wrestler of the Week after leading the No. 3 Golden Gophers to three wins over the weekend.

Steinhaus, now ranked ninth in the country at 184 pounds by Intermat, earned a 3-2 decision win over then-No. 8 Josh Ihnen of Nebraska, helping Minnesota score a 26-8 victory over the then No. 15 Cornhuskers on Thursday. The 184 pounder followed with an 18-6 major decision over Cal State Bakersfield's Brady Garner in a 26-6 Minnesota win on Sunday afternoon. Steinhaus concluded his week by tallying another major decision over Cal State Fullerton's Todd Noel, winning by a 12-3 score in the Gophers' 39-0 triumph over the Titans on Sunday evening.

Steinhaus, now 14-2 overall this season and 6-1 in duals, has rocketed up the national rankings in the last two weeks from unranked to No. 15 last week to No. 9 in the latest poll following the redshirt freshman's three-win weekend.

The award is the first Big Ten Wrestler of the Week honor for Steinhaus and the first for Minnesota since Ben Berhow was honored with the accolade on Dec. 15, 2009.

Minnesota returns to action later this month at the Southern Scuffle in Greensboro, N.C. The two-day event begins on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

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