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Women's Gymnastics Takes First at Illinois Classic

Kim Ball named to All-State team on three events as Flames post second-highest score of the season

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Champaign, Ill. - The UIC women's gymnastics team racked up 195.075 points to take first place Saturday evening at the Illinois State Meet in Champaign. The Flames beat out host-Illinois, which finished with 194.125 points, Illinois State (194.100) and Northern Illinois (186.050).

Gabriella Brunn and Kim Ball each captured Illinois State championships, with Brunn winning the vault (9.900) and Ball the balance beam (9.825) and the uneven bars (9.850). Ball's score on the uneven bars tied her for first with Illinois' Phaedra Dixon. Both Brunn and Ball were named to the All-Illinois team on those events. Ball added a third All-Illinois honor with a second place finish (tie) on the floor exercise with a score of 9.875.

Tara Rhoden, Amy August and Jaclyn Messerges also earned all-state honors. Rhoden placed third (tie) on the vault with a 9.750 while Amy August finished in a tie for third on the beam with a 9.775. Messerges' score of a 9.825 tied her for third on the uneven bars for her All-Illinois finish.

The 195.075 points was UIC's second-highest score of the season, and comes just as the Flames inch closer to spot at NCAA Regionals.

The Flames return to action Tuesday, March 14, when UIC hosts Illinois State at 7:00 p.m. for its final home meet of the season.

Results - Illinois Classic

1. UIC, 195.075.

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Kim Ball won state championships in two events as the Flames took the title at the Illinois Collegiate Championships in

2. Illinois, 194.125
3. Illinois State, 194.100
4. Northern Illinois, 186.050

Event Scores (Top 12)**Vault**

1. [Gabriella Brunn](#) (UIC) 9.900
2. Michelle Buranich (IL) 9.825
3. [Tara Rhoden](#) (UIC) 9.750
 - Heather Mohler (ISU) 9.750
 - Michelle Huston (ISU) 9.750
6. [Amy August](#) (UIC) 9.725
7. Reyna Gilbert (NIU) 9.700
 - Laura Hale (NIU) 9.700
 - Anna Gardina (NIU) 9.700
 - Rena Fox (ISU) 9.700
 - Beth Larson (ISU) 9.700
12. Phaedra Dixon (IL) 9.675

Beam

1. [Kim Ball](#) (UIC) 9.825
2. Jana Gallagher (IL) 9.800
3. [Amy August](#) (UIC) 9.775
 - Beth Larson (ISU) 9.775
5. [Sara Casica](#) (UIC) 9.725
 - Phaedra Dixon (IL) 9.725
 - Gina Wiechmann (IL) 9.725
 - Denise Houda (ISU) 9.725
 - Heather Mohler (ISU) 9.725
10. [Cheryl Rubinger](#) (UIC) 9.700
11. Karen Hawley (IL) 9.650
12. [Laura Jungels](#) (UIC) 9.625

Bars

1. [Kim Ball](#) (UIC) 9.850
 - Phaedra Dixon (IL) 9.850
3. [Jaclyn Messerges](#) (UIC) 9.825
 - Karen Hawley (IL) 9.825
5. [Cheryl Rubinger](#) (UIC) 9.800
6. [Sara Casica](#) (UIC) 9.775
 - Dana Luther (ISU) 9.775
 - Michelle Huston (ISU) 9.775
9. [Amy August](#) (UIC) 9.750
 - Heather Mohler (ISU) 9.750
11. Jana Gallagher (IL) 9.725
12. Michelle Buranich (IL) 9.700

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Floor

1. Phaedra Dixon (IL)	9.950
2. Kim Ball (UIC)	9.875
Karen Hawley (IL)	9.875
4. Anna Gardina (NIU)	9.850
Jaime Reineck (ISU)	9.850
Beth Larson (ISU)	9.850
7. Sara Casica (UIC)	9.800
Gabriella Brunn (UIC)	9.800
Michelle Huston (ISU)	9.800
10. Reyna Gilbert (NIU)	9.750
11. Marisa Niekamp (ISU)	9.725
12. Michelle Mesik (IL)	9.700

All-Around

1. Phaedra Dixon (IL)	39.200
2. Sara Casica (UIC)	38.975
3. Karen Hawley (IL)	38.950
4. Heather Mohler (ISU)	38.825
5. Cheryl Rubinger (UIC)	38.800
6. Michelle Huston (ISU)	38.675
7. Reyna Gilbert (NIU)	38.500
8. Anna Gardina (NIU)	37.700
9. Laura Hale (NIU)	36.700
10. Rosa Marafioti (NIU)	35.600

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