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Women's Gymnastics Wins Illinois Bragging Rights, Sets School Record For Second-Straight Week

Alyson Cacciatore wins all-around title with a record-breaking mark of 39.55 to pace the Flames

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DeKalb, Ill. - Last week the UIC women's gymnastics team had an impressive weekend.

The Flames defeated Northern Illinois at home with a then school-record 196.350.

Impressive was outdone on Sunday afternoon in DeKalb, as the Flames rolled up a school record tally of 196.800 to win the Illinois Classic over Illinois (195.75), Northern Illinois (195.65) and Illinois State (194.875) at the Convocation Center.

[Alyson Cacciatore](#) also wreaked havoc on the record books, setting a new all-around mark of 39.55 to tie for the state title with NIU's Kristina Campos, as she bested former UIC standout [Cheryl Rubinger's](#) 39.425 set back on Feb. 24, 2001 versus Western Michigan at home.

Cacciatore also equaled former UIC gymnasts [Gabriella Brunn](#) and [Amy August](#), as well as current Flames [Atlin Mitchell](#) and [Veronique Meunier](#) for the school record on vault with a 9.925 to tie for the win.

The Flames were nearly unstoppable on bars and vault, as they took the top-three spots on bars and four out of the top-five on vault.

On vault, the Flames broke the old school mark of 49.05 set last season at Florida by nearly .3 with a score of 49.325.

[Jennifer O'Neil](#) won the bars title with a routine of 9.925, followed by [Holly Bruhn](#) (9.9) and Cacciatore (9.875).

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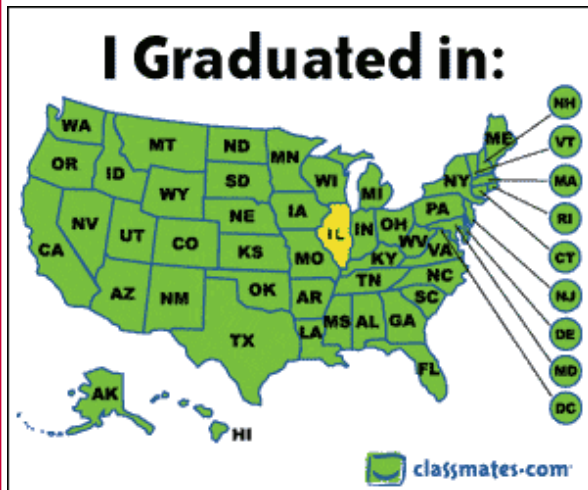
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Alyson Cacciatore set a school record in the all-around as UIC won the Illinois Classic in record fashion

The Flames will bring that huge score with them to Shreveport, Louisiana on Saturday, March 29 for the 2003 Midwest Independent Championships at Centenary College.

Competition begins at 2:00 p.m., as the Flames look to clinch a spot in the NCAA Regional.



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