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### Women's Gymnastics Places Third At Illinois State Quad Meet

Rachael Zelinski wins floor exercise for her fourth consecutive hit.

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**Normal, Ill.-** Senior Rachael Zelinski's floor exercise victory and top-notch scores from some of the Flames' young talent highlighted the UIC women's gymnastics team's showing against Midwest Independent foes Illinois State, Southeast Missouri State and Centenary at Horton Field House on Friday night.

The Flames placed third overall in the quad meet with a score of 189.550. SEMO won the meet with a tally of 191.700, followed by Illinois State (191.100), UIC and Centenary (186.250).

Zelinski picked up a score of 9.8 on floor exercise to win the event, marking her fourth consecutive hit to start the season.

Freshman [Justine Weyer](#) followed Zelinski in the event with a second-place score of 9.750. [Beth Kliver](#) was not far behind, sharing third with a 9.725.

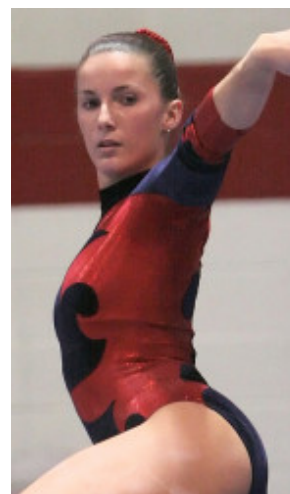
[Annie Kachman](#) led the Flames in the all-around with a score of 36.475. Kachman placed second on vault with a 9.7 and fourth on beam with a 9.675.

[Ashley Thurston](#) paced UIC on bars after scoring a team-leading 9.750.

"We are continuing to build character through the early season," said UIC co-head coach Peter Jansson. "Some great improvement was shown by [Kristen Kulinczenko](#) on beam and Ashley on bars, and [Justine Weyer](#), who looked great on

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Ashley Thurston performed well on Friday, including a team-leading bars routine.

floor and bars. Beth was back to herself on floor, and Rachael is now four-for-four this year.

"Once again the final score reflects the falls, not what this team is capable of," said Jansson. "We are confident that they will continue to keep improving week to week."

UIC returns to competition next Saturday in East Lansing, Mich. to take on Michigan State and Ohio State at 7:00 p. m.

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