

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

WEEKLY UPDATE



February 24-March 2, 2003

2003 SCHEDULE

WOMEN

January		
12	at Cal State Fullerton	3rd, 191.70 w/ Utah State
19 (Su)	AUBURN	L, 195.775-195.075
25 (Sa)	WESTERN MICH.	W, 195.2-191.575
February		
1 (Sa)	at SEMO	W, 193.375-192.450
7 (F)	at Kentucky	2nd/4 teams, 193.425
15 (Sa)	at Illinois w/ Minn.	2nd, 193.975
16 (Su)	at Illinois st.	W, 194.125-193.575
21 (F)	at Ball State w/ Ill. St.	2nd, 191.675
March		
2 (Su)	IOWA	2:00 p.m.
9 (Su)	ILLINOIS STATE	1:00 p.m.
15 (Sa)	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	2:00 p.m.
23 (Su)	at Illinois Classic	2:00 p.m.
29 (Sa)	at Midwest Independent Conference Championships Shreveport, La.	2:00 p.m.
April		
12 (Sa)	NCAA Regional	TBA

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MEN

January		
11 (Su)	WINDY CITY INVITATIONAL	6th, 199.450
25 (Sa)	at Ohio State	L, 210.650-207.6
February		
2 (Su)	at Michigan	L, 215.05-203.3
14 (F)	at Southern Conn.	W, 203.5-183.2
16 (Su)	at Springfield Coll.	W, 205.55-198.05
22 (Sa)	ILLINOIS	L, 210.35-208.95
28 (F)	AIR FORCE	7:00 p.m.
March		
2 (Su)	AIR FORCE	2:00 p.m.
7 (F)	at Iowa	7:00 p.m.
9 (Su)	ARMY	1:00 p.m.
15 (Sa)	MINNESOTA, ARIZONA ST.	2:00 p.m.
18 (Tu)	at Army	6:00 p.m.
22 (Sa)	at Temple w/ Navy	2:00 p.m.
28-29 (F-Sa)	at ECAC Championships Boston, Ma.	7:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
April		
11 (F)	at NCAA Regional/National Championship, Phila., Pa.	1:00 p.m.
12 (Sa)	at NCAA Champ. - Ind. Qualifier	1:00 p.m.
13 (Su)	at NCAA Champ. - Ind. Finals	

WOMEN*IOWA*MAR.2*2 PM*UIC PEB*

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NEWS & NOTES:

BACK 2 SECOND CITY:

The UIC women's gymnastics team was looking for more at Ball State, but came away with a second-place finish with a tally of 191.675 on Friday. Illinois State, a team that the Flames beat just five days earlier 194.125-193.575, won the triangular competition with a score of 191.725, while the host Cardinals finished third with 191.425 points.

TRYING TO CATCH UP:

Although the Flames have been up and down this season, one constant has emerged: **Alyson Cacciatore** (Gleview, Ill./Glenbrook South) winning all-around competitions. The sophomore totaled 38.8 points to take the competition at Ball State. Her best event finish was a tie for third on beam with **Jamie Grabowski** (Algonquin, Ill./Jacobs) at 9.6.

HAWKEYE SIGHTING:

The women's team returns to action on Sunday, March 2, when the Flames host Iowa at 2:00 p.m. It is a co-ed event, as the men's team will host Air Force at the same time.

NEAR TEPEE TIPPING:

The UIC men's gymnastics team nearly pulled off an upset and tipped over the Illinois tepee on Saturday, losing 210.35-208.95 at the PEB. The Flames had the seventh-ranked Illini on the ropes and were leading heading into the final event, but UIC faltered on high bar, its nemesis, which left the door opened for the Illini who came through for the win.

BACK ON TOP:

The Flames have moved up to 10th in the nation, ahead of No. 11 Temple which gives UIC top-billing in the ECAC at 208.275.

NEIL'S NOT BAD:

Super-soph **Neil Faustino** (Stockton, Cal./Lincoln) came up big once again versus the Illini, winning the all-around title with a tally of 52.3. He outlasted Illinois' Adam Pummer who totaled a 52.0. Faustino grabbed the title on rings (9.25) and tied for the win on vault with a score of 9.35.

FALCON LANDING:

Air Force will make a dual appearance this weekend. In the annual competition, the Falcons will be here Friday night for a 7 PM affair and on Sunday at 2 pm.

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