



WEEKLY UPDATE

UIC MEN'S GYMNASTICS

January 24-30, 2005

2005 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

January

8 **WINDY CITY INVITATIONAL**
Sixth/Six Teams, 205.325
at Ohio State
L, 223.875-198.250
29 **MINNESOTA** 7 p.m.

February

12 at Iowa 2 p.m.
26 at Navy 1 p.m.
w/Springfield

March

5 at Arizona State
Sun Devil Invite 7 p.m.
12 at Illinois 7 p.m.
18 **AIR FORCE** 7 p.m.
20 **AIR FORCE** 2 p.m.
25 at ECAC Champ.
Team/All-Around 7 p.m.
26 at ECAC Champ.
Individual Finals 2 p.m.

April

7 NCAA Session I 1 p.m.
7 NCAA Session II 7 p.m.
8 NCAA Champ. 7 p.m.
9 NCAA Individual
Fianls 2 p.m.

Home meets in **BOLD CAPS**

All home meets at UIC Physical
Education Building
901 W. Roosevelt Rd, Chicago, Ill. 60608
ECAC Championships hosted by Springfield
College in Springfield, Mass.
NCAA Championships hosted by Army in
West Point, N.Y.



2004 ECAC Champions



THE WEEK AHEAD:

1/29 - vs. Minnesota
UIC PEB - 7 p.m.

SATURDAY RECAP:

With injuries taking their toll and first-time performers put on the spot for the UIC men's gymnastics team, the Flames had a tough task in front of them for their first dual meet of the season. UIC traveled to Columbus, Ohio this past Saturday and put up a valiant effort, but it wasn't enough to knock off the second-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes as OSU turned in a 223.875 to beat UIC's 198.250.

WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH, ERIC STEPS UP:

In his first meet of the year, junior **Eric Novick (Colonia, N.J./Colonia)** notched a big win for UIC. Novick won the all-around title against the second-ranked Buckeyes with a 52.05, marking his second straight all-around victory dating back to last year's ECAC finals.

FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING:

With the lineup depleted, UIC head coach "**CJ**" **Johnson** turned to his bench to step up. Redshirt freshmen **Joe Blum (Lemont, Ill./Lockport Township)** and **Brad Trompeter (LaGrange, Ill./Lyons Township)** filled in admirably in a few events, while newcomer **Doug Pearson (Palos Park, Ill./Lincoln-Way Central)** got in on the act on high bar. **Brad Burbrink (Naperville, Ill./Naperville Central)** stepped in for his fifth career meet, while junior **Andy Battad (Frankfort, Ill./Lincoln-Way Central)** made his UIC debut. **Steve Garner (Schaumburg, Ill./Schaumburg)** also helped out in only his second career meet.

BACK HOME:

The Flames return home this Saturday to take on Minnesota at 7 p.m. at the UIC Physical Education Building.

NOTABLE OMISSIONS:

UIC, already without highly-touted freshmen **Jeff White (Lilburn, Ga./Parkview)** and **Zarek Taylor (Elk Grove, Calif./Sheldon)** due to injury, was dealt a blow last week when **Neil Faustino (Stockton, Calif./Lincoln)** went down with a back injury and **Tim Morrison (Lombard, Ill./Glenbard East)** suffered a wrist injury. The Flames were forced to go two routines short on pommel horse and high bar and one routine short on parallel bars.

IN THE NICK OF TIME:

Another big contributor this past weekend was junior **Nick Stavros (Hawthorne Woods, Ill./Stevenson)**. Stavros placed fourth on rings with a 9.25.

TROMPETER HELPS OUT:

Redshirt freshman **Brad Trompeter** helped out big time in the face of adversity for the Flames. Trompeter competed in four events, highlighted by an 8.95 on vault.

"CJ" LIKES WHAT HE SEES:

"**CJ**" **Johnson** knew his team had a tough task in front of them after suffering two more injuries the week before the Ohio State meet. But after seeing what some of his young performers did on the road against one of the favorites for the national championship, Johnson was in great spirits about his team and how good they can be when they get 100% healthy.

