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No. 10 Men's Gymnastics Places Second Against No. 5 Iowa, Arizona State

Flames post 208.650 in preparation for upcoming ECAC Championships at the PEB on Saturday afternoon.

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Chicago, Ill.- The University of Illinois at Chicago men's gymnastics team posted a 208.650 to place second in a three-team battle between the Flames, Iowa and Arizona State at the UIC Physical Education Building on Saturday afternoon.

The No. 5 Hawkeyes (12-6) took first with a 216.700 to get past the No. 10 Flames (7-10) and the Sun Devils' men's gymnastics club.

UIC was led by [Nick Stavros](#), who tied for first on the still rings (9.550), as well as [Kyle True](#) and [Eric Novick](#), who shared a three-way first place ranking on vault with the two Flames and Iowa's Mike McNamara all posting a score of 9.200.

Stavros also added a second-place finish on pommel horse with a 9.2, while Novick's 8.8 on pommel earned him third place. Novick was UIC's only all-arounder, placing third in a crowded field by earning a 51.950.

[Matt Musielak](#) added fourth-place finishes on parallel bars (8.800) and high bar (8.950), along with a fifth-place ranking on floor exercise with a 9.000.

[Keith Kerrigan](#) also turned in a fifth-place finish, earning an 8.650 on rings.

UIC Head Coach "CJ" Johnson gave regular performers [Neil Faustino](#), [Andrew Krueger](#), Jon Joyce, [Derek Langone](#) and others the day off as the Flames prepare for upcoming conference battles against Army and the rest of the ECAC this week.

Before the meet the Flames honored outgoing seniors Musielak, Joyce, [David Livingston](#) and [Ambrose Jackson](#), whose

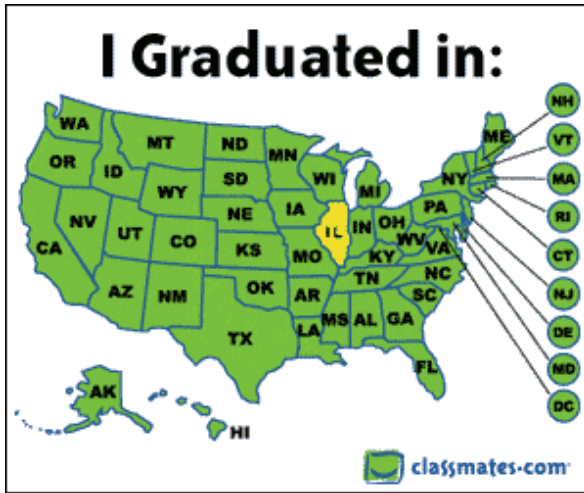
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Eric Novick placed third in the all-around on Saturday.

career with the team was cut short after a severe injury last season.



Musiolak was also honored before the meet with the Robert Gunnells Memorial Award, presented to a UIC senior gymnast who displays exemplary leadership, sportsmanship and goodwill toward the community.

The Flames are back in action this Wednesday, March 17th for an ECAC battle with the Black Knights of Army at the PEB beginning at 7 p.m.

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