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Men's Gymnastics Takes Round One From Air Force

Flames cruise past Falcons with second-straight 212-point performance on Friday.

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USAF Academy, Colo.- The University of Illinois at Chicago men's gymnastics team continued its splendid scoring streak on Friday evening, defeating Air Force, 212.025-208.300, at the Cadet West Gymnasium.

UIC (5-8) received a fine overall effort from all of its competitors, highlighted by event wins from [Matt Musielak](#) on floor exercise, [Nick Stavros](#) on pommel horse and [Neil Faustino](#) on vault.

Musielak's win on floor with a score of 8.875 was backed a clean UIC sweep of the top five standings in the event. Following Musielak was [Andrew Krueger](#) (8.775), [Tim Morrison](#) (8.725), [Mike Galfi](#) (8.625) and Faustino (8.575).

Musielak also placed second on pommel with a 9.350, following Stavros' courageous win in the event with a 9.450. During last week's meet against Temple Stavros landed hard on his left leg and spent the rest of the contest getting treatment for the injury, but Friday's outstanding performance seemed to show no signs of slowing the sophomore.

Faustino pitched in with a 9.300 on vault, an event that saw [Kyle True](#) (9.050) and [Kenny Gesiakowski](#) (9.025) finish second and third, respectively. Faustino's streak of all-around titles was snapped at three on Friday as the junior placed third overall with a 52.575 total tally.

Jonathan Joyce was strong on parallel bars with a second-place score of 8.575, while [Derek Langone](#) posted an 8.8 on high bar for a second-place finish. True followed Langone with a third-place high bar routine, scoring an 8.6.

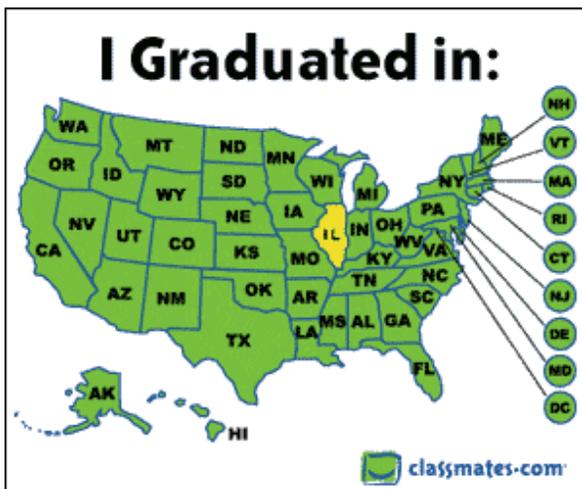
UIC took four of six events against the Falcons, who posted a season-high team score but still could not get past the Flames, who posted a season-best on the pommel horse (36.450) while cracking the 210-point barrier for the third straight meet.

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Nick Stavros was stellar on Friday, winning the pommel horse event with a 9.450.



The Flames return to action this Sunday, March 7th, for a return bout with Air Force along with California in a three-team meet at Cadet West Gymnasium beginning at 1 p.m.

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