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Men's Swimming & Diving Places Second At Bill Ritter Invitational

Impressive performances galore for Flames this weekend in Milwaukee.

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Milwaukee, Wis.- While the weather outside was frightful, the University of Illinois at Chicago men's swimming and diving team was anything but as the Flames took a strong second-place finish at the 2005 Bill Ritter Invitational this past weekend.

UIC finished second with 1,038 points, just behind winner UW-Green Bay. It was the second straight week that the Flames men finished a close second to the Phoenix.

The second-place team finish was a jump from last season's third-place ranking for UIC.

Leading the way for the men was sophomore [Blake Booher](#). Continuing to dominate the sprint-freestyle scene for the Flames as of late, Booher won the 50 freestyle in 21.39, edging out teammate [LeRoy Stevens](#) (21.48).

Booher also went on to capture the 100 freestyle in 47.14.

Stevens pitched in with a 200 free win in 1:44.28, while both Booher and Stevens combined with [Bill Hare](#) and Athansios Lamprou to help UIC take the 200 freestyle relay in an impressive 1:24.38. Booher, Stevens and Hare then joined [Ari Bernstein](#) to take the 400 freestyle relay in a dominating 3:08.96.

[Kris Simos](#) took a 100 butterfly win in 52.23, followed by Bernstein (52.51) in third.

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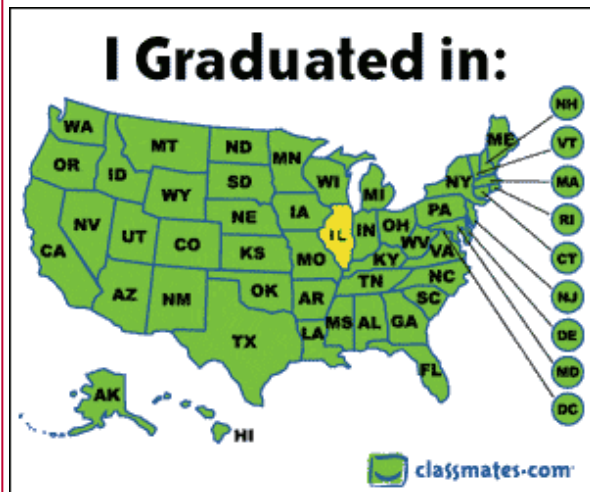
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Sophomore Blake Booher continued his outstanding sprint-free swimming of late at the Bill Ritter Invite.

[Stefan Staev](#) had a great showing this weekend, winning the 200 breaststroke in 2:09.63 while taking third in the 100-yard version of the fly in 1:00.96.

On the diving side, Mark Pappalardo finished in second on the three-meter board while [Ryan Fitzer](#) took two third place finishes.



UIC is back in action on February 5th, taking on Cleveland State in Cleveland, Ohio in their final tune-up before the Horizon League Championships.

FINAL 2005 BILL RITTER INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Men's Standings

1. UW-Green Bay - 1124
2. **UIC - 1038**
3. UWM - 852
4. Butler - 148
5. Marquette - 31

Women's Standings

1. UW-Green Bay -1028.50
2. Illinois State - 889
3. UWM - 822
4. **UIC - 693.50**
5. Butler - 140
6. Marquette - 30

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