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January

12 **WINDY CITY INVITE** 6th of 7 Teams
(332.050)
26 **IOWA*** L, 338.575-334.750

February

9 **WILLIAM & MARY*** W, 336.450-327.500
16 at Minnesota L, 345.000-330.700
22 at Army w/Temple 2nd of 3 Teams
(337.100)
24 at Springfield College
w/William & Mary 1st of 3 Teams
(340.300)

March

7 at Air Force W, 334.400-333.100
9 at Air Force W, 340.400-340.200
15 **ILLINOIS*** L, 354.850-342.950
22 at MIT Eastern Invite 1st of 7 Teams
(347.900)

April

4 at ECAC Championships 3rd of 6 Teams
(340.900)
5 at ECAC Championships No Team Scores
17 at NCAA Championships 1/7 p.m.
18 at NCAA Championships 7 p.m.
19 at NCAA Championships 7 p.m.

* denotes co-ed competition with UIC women's gymnastics

This Week:

UIC at NCAA Championships April 17-19, 2008 Stanford, Calif.

Last Year: In 2007, UIC qualified eight individuals to the NCAA Championships held in University Park, Pa. Former Flames standout Tim Morrison and Anthony May qualified to the NCAA all-around finals. Morrison placed 11th and May 13th overall in the all-around finals.

Last Week: UIC finished third out of six teams at the 2008 ECAC Championships with a final score of 340.900. Temple won its second consecutive ECAC title by edging William & Mary 341.450-341.350. Anthony May finished runner-up in the all-around competition (85.350) and shared the still rings title scoring a career-best 15.250. Neal Thompson also earned a runner-up finish on the parallel bars (14.400) and placed third in the all-around with a career-best 84.250. Other notable performances for the Flames included third place finishes for David Mohr on the pommel horse (13.850) and Nikolai Korepanov on the still rings (14.650).

NCAA QUALIFIERS

UIC will send 11 representatives to the 2008 NCAA Championships, the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Committee announced on Tuesday, April 8. Representing the Flames are: Anthony May, Andrew Stover, Neal Thompson, Alex Kadar, Ben Sinor, David Mohr, Nikolai Korepanov, Jeffrey Bill, Bobby Solomon, Kevin Baune, and Nick Persino.

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

The national qualifier, split into two pre-qualifying sessions, will take place on April 17 at Maples Pavilion at the campus of Stanford University. The top three all-arounders and individual finishers on each event that are not on an advancing team will move on to the final competition on April 18-19.

Tickets are available by calling the Stanford Athletic Ticket Office at 1-800-STANFORD. For schedule information, visit GoStanford.com.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

At the conclusion of the ECAC Championships last weekend, UIC's Neal Thompson was awarded with Rookie of the Year honors. The first year standout was impressive all season long. Thompson finished runner-up in the conference rankings on the parallel bars and pommel horse.

NATIONAL GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Anthony May was awarded College Gymnastics Association NCAA National Gymnast of the Week honors on March 27. May also earned his second ECAC Gymnast of the Week award. This is the first time in school history that any UIC gymnast has been awarded with this national accolade.

FINAL RANKINGS

In the final GymInfo Men's College Rankings of the season, UIC finished ranked No. 12 in the country with a team average of 341.090.

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2008 NCAA NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Anthony May Jr. - All-Around Cypress Texas/Cy-Fair

2008: UIC's leading all-around competitor...performed in 10 of 11 meets...two-time ECAC Gymnast of the Week honoree..named National Gymnast of the Week on March 27...won the all-around title (82.55) against Iowa on Jan. 26...placed first on the vault with a 15.60 versus William & Mary on Feb. 9...took home the still rings title with a season-best 14.95 and placed third on the pommel horse (13.85) at the Army Triangular on Feb. 22...shared first-place honors with teammate Jeffrey Bill on the vault (15.45) and finished runner-up in the all-around (83.65) against Air Force on March 7...two days later, captured the vault (15.45) and parallel bars (14.65) titles against the Falcons on March 9...captured season-best scores on the vault (15.25) and all-around (87.15) to win both titles at the New England Invitational on March 22...took first-place on the still rings (15.25) and runner-up in the all-around (85.35) at the ECAC Team Championships on April 4...second-place medalist on the still rings at the ECAC Individual Finals on April 5.

Andrew Stover So. - All-Around Fullerton, Calif./Troy

2008: Competed in nine of 11 meets...after overcoming early season injuries, made his season debut against William & Mary and won the high bar title with a 14.35 on Feb. 9...placed third in the all-around (83.75) and on the high bar (14.05) at the Army Triangular on Feb. 22...won his first all-around title of the season with an 84.85 and tied with teammate Ned Kamimura for the high bar title with identical scores of 14.40 at the Springfield Triangular on Feb. 24...posted season-best scores of 14.40 on the high bar and an 84.85 in the all-around to capture both event crowns against Illinois on March 15...placed fourth in the all-around (84.20) and fifth on the high bar (14.00) and still rings (14.45) at the ECAC Team Championships on April 4.

Neal Thompson Fr. - All-Around Woodside, Calif./Carlmont

2008: Competed in all 11 meets...ECAC Rookie of the Year...three-time ECAC Rookie Gymnast of the Week...made his rookie debut at the Windy City Invitational on Jan. 13...recorded UIC's highest all-around finish in school history, placing second with an 82.85 at the Windy City Invitational...won the parallel bars title with a 14.70 against Iowa on Jan. 26...took home the all-around (82.05), pommel horse (14.25), and parallel bars (14.80) titles versus William & Mary on Feb. 9...runner-up finishes on the pommel horse (14.05), still rings (14.10), and the parallel bars (14.50) against Minnesota on Feb. 16...placed first on the pommel horse (14.60) and parallel bars (14.05) at the Springfield Triangular on Feb. 24...won back-to-back pommel horse titles during a two-meet series versus Air Force on March 7 & 9...recorded a season-high 14.90 on the parallel bars against Illinois on March 15...captured the pommel horse title and garnered a season-high score of 14.65 at the New England Invitational on March 22...runner-up on the parallel bars (14.40) and in the all-around with a season-best 84.25 at the ECAC Team Championships on April 4...first-place medalist on the parallel bars at the ECAC Individual Finals on April 5.

2008 NCAA NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Alex Kadar

So. - FX, SR, V

Chicago, Ill./Kennedy

2008: Competed in all 11 meets during the season...runner-up on the still rings with a season-best 14.60 against Iowa on Jan. 26... earned third-place finishes on the floor exercise (14.10), still rings (14.05), and parallel bars (13.80) versus William & Mary on Feb. 9...tied for third-place on the still rings with a 14.10 at the Army Triangular on Feb. 22...placed fourth on the floor exercise (14.65) and fifth on the vault (15.00) at the Springfield Triangular on Feb. 24...garnered a season-best 14.75 and placed third on the floor exercise against Air Force on March 7...two days later, earned a season-best 14.25 on the parallel bars against the Falcons on March 9... turned in a third-place finish on the still rings (14.40) at the New England Invitational on March 22...finished in fourth on the still rings scoring a 14.60 at the ECAC Team Championships on April 4.

Ben Sinor

So. - FX

Roswell, Ga./Centennial

2008: Saw action in eight meets during the season...placed fourth on the floor exercise with a 14.40 at the Army Triangular on Feb. 22...tied for sixth on the floor exercise (14.05) versus Air Force on March 7...won the floor exercise title and garnered a season- and team-best 14.85 at the New England Invitational on March 22.

David Mohr

Fr. - PH

Palatine, Ill./Fremd

2008: Pommel horse specialist...competed in nine meets...made his rookie debut at the Windy City Invitational on Jan. 12...placed fifth on the pommel horse with a 13.00 against Minnesota on Feb. 16...runner-up finish on the pommel horse with a season-best 14.55 at the New England Invitational on March 22...took third-place on the pommel horse (13.85) at the ECAC Team Championships on April 4.

Nikolai Korepanov

Fr. - SR

Tallahassee, Fla./Lincoln

2008: Competed in all 11 meets...won the still rings title (15.05) and finished runner-up on the parallel bars (14.65) against Iowa on Jan. 26...captured the still rings crown (14.95) and placed second on the parallel bars (14.00) versus William & Mary on Feb. 9...won his third consecutive still rings title versus Minnesota on Feb. 16 scoring a 14.15...took fifth-place on the parallel bars with a 13.70 against Air Force on March 7...runner-up finish on the still rings with a season-best 15.45 against Illinois on March 15...took first-place honors on the parallel bars with a 14.60 at the New England Invitational on March 22...placed third on the still rings with a 14.65 at the ECAC Team Championships on April 4.

2008 NCAA NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Jeffrey Bill

So. - V, HB

Wheeling, Ill./Buffalo Grove

2008: Competed in all 11 meets...runner-up finish on the vault with a season-best 15.45 against Iowa on Jan. 26...placed second on the vault with a 15.00 versus Minnesota on Feb. 16...turned in a fifth-place finish on the floor exercise (14.35) at the Army Triangular on Feb. 22...took third on the vault with a 15.40 and garnered a season-best 14.40 on the floor exercise at the Springfield Triangular on Feb. 24...shared the vault title with teammate Anthony May scoring identical scores of 15.40 against Air Force on March 7...took second-place honors on the floor exercise (14.35), vault (15.40), and parallel bars (14.55) at the New England Invitational on March 22...placed fourth with teammate Bobby Solomon on the vault (15.40) at the ECAC Team Championships on April 4.

Bobby Solomon

So. - V

Long Grove, Ill./Stevenson

2008: Saw action in six meets during the season...took fourth-place on the vault with a 15.10 against Minnesota on Feb. 16...placed third and scored a season-best 14.60 on the floor exercise versus Air Force on March 9...third-place finish on the vault with a 15.05 at the New England Invitational on March 22...placed fourth with teammate Jeffrey Bill on the vault (15.40) at the ECAC Team Championships on April 4.

Kevin Baune

Jr. - HB

Temecula, Ill./Chaparral

2008: Competed in all 11 meets...registered a fifth-place finish on the high bar with a 13.65 against Minnesota on Feb. 16...runner-up finish on the parallel bars with a 13.90 at the Springfield Triangular on Feb. 24...won the high bar title scoring a 13.40 against Air Force on March 7...placed second on the high bar (13.85) and third on the pommel horse (13.65) versus Air Force on March 9...garnered season-best scores on the pommel horse (13.75), parallel bars (14.30), and the high bar (14.45) at the New England Invitational on March 22.

Nick Persino

Fr. - HB

Des Plaines, Ill./Elk Grove

2008: Competed in all 11 meets solely on the vault and high bar...placed fourth on the vault with a season-best 15.35 against Iowa on Jan. 26...took third and matched a season-best 15.35 at the Army Triangular on Feb. 22...fifth-place finish on the high bar (13.90) at the Springfield Triangular on Feb. 24...placed third on the high bar versus Air Force with a 13.10 on March 7...two days later, finished in third on the vault with a 15.20 against the Falcons...won the high bar title with a season-best score of 14.60 at the New England Invitational on March 22.