



Friends of the Flames!

Happy New Year!

Happy Holidays!

We hope that you had a chance to enjoy family and friends over the holidays and also found some time to kick back and relax. The team got ten days off and then returned back to Chicago to get ready for an exciting season. Before they left they also had an opportunity to bring some



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er to the kids that were stuck in the hospital over the holidays. The team together with almost 55 other athletes collected and delivered toys to the kids at the UIC hospital. They put the smile on many faces that day and a good reminder for all of us what a difference we can make in the lives of others just by spending some time. They also had a chance, thanks to Beth Kliver's aunt Deb, to help out at the Holiday Party for the Girl's and Boy's Club.



A great time was had by all. During this stretch we also had some visitors from the other side of the world as Zandre's Dad

and Grandma made the trip for the Holidays. During the holiday break we also got some news of a temporary setback for one of our freshman, Justine Jaworowicz, as she was diagnosed with Mono and will be resting for 4-6 weeks before what we hope will be a quick return.

Mixed Pairs 2006

We also had a chance to get our feet wet on the competition floor as we hosted the mixed pairs competition in the beginning of December. It turned out to be a great event. The small gym was packed to the walls which we



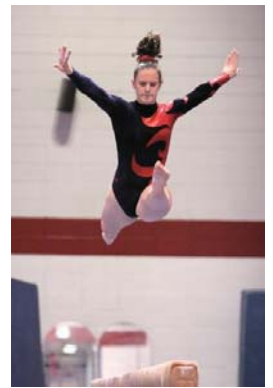
hope was an indication of the crowds during our home meets this year. Unfortunately Tristan and Zandre was not able to compete due to injuries (they are back

full speed as we write this.) The ones that were competing however had a great day. On vaulting we saw several new vaults unveiled as Ashley Thurston performed a yurchenko tuck 1/1, Annie Kachman, a yurchenko layout 1/1, Beth Kliver a pike front with a 1/2, and Jessie Jaworowicz



a handspring 2/1. We add these new vaults to Jess Panos layout tsuk 1/2, freshman Justine Wweyer's Yurchenko layout 1/2 and Zandre Labuschagne's pike front 1/2 and UIC could have quite the vault line up.

On bars we had three fantastic performances from Kristen Kulinczenko, Jessie J. and Ashley. It is also an event where we expect to see some new



faces this year. Freshman Christine Girard and Justine W. are very close to some great routines and the sophomores Sarah Jane Mayhan, Tristan Erlenbaugh, Beth Kliver as well as Annie, and



Zandre are all fighting for a spot in the lime light.. Add to this Jess P and Rachael Zelinski that both competed bars last year and this could be a very competitive event for us this year.

Beam looked great and lots of people are stepping up and staying on. Jessie, Ashley, Rachael, Sarah Jane, and Annie all hit next to flawless routines. In the wings are Kristen, Beth, and Christine, hitting great sets in practice but ran into

some trouble on this day. We will be looking forward going to beam this year with a line-up that can run with anybody. Floor is usually the last event to come together as endurance is a big factor. Beth, Annie, Rachael, Jessie J and Jess P looked ready to go and in practice we have seen some solid work from Justine W, Christine, and Tristan. The tumbling is there and it is very entertaining indeed, so the hit sets should not be far behind.

Well if you were there I think you would agree with me that it was an entertaining afternoon that held a lot of promise for the upcoming season. We also had almost 100 people join us for pizza and a good time after the meet. Remember we love to get a chance to catch up with all of you after our meets so know that you are always invited to any social gathering!

Academics

Maybe you thought that college was all fun and games. It still is, but this team proved that they are also preparing for a life after gymnastics. Academically this group really stepped up this semester. The 2nd highest GPA of all teams at UIC with a 3.3/4.0 team GPA. 75% was over a B average. 9 out of 13 will make the All-State Team, 7 will make the All Conference Team with a chance of becoming Schlastic All-Americans with Justine Jaworowicz leading the way with a perfect 4.0. Congrats and hopefully we will follow this up with another great semester.

Homecoming!

The tradition of bringing our Alumni back to campus has grown stronger every year. So please mark your calendar now. We want to have all of you on the floor this year before the **February 3rd** competition at **7:00pm**. Also make some time to stick around and enjoy us for a casual dinner and a chance to hang out and swap stories. We will get you more detail as the date approaches. Last year we had over 30 alumni from 13 different classes join us.

Lets make this the biggest celebration yet!!! We are also planning to have a special area for you alumni at this event so that you can enjoy the meet while also enjoying some drinks and appetizers



UIC celebrates!

It is now 25 years since UIC stepped up to Division status. This will be celebrated on the 14th of April. A great celebration and we hope that all of you that were part of history along the way will find a chance to get together then. Sometimes seeing the spectrum of what you were a smaller part of can really strengthen those memories and experiences. We are very excited to announce that the first team to make the NCAA Regionals, the team of 1982 will all be there as they paved the way for the rest of us, thanks girls! What a great time to reconnect with some people that were such a large part of your life!

We are Hosting

We are also very excited to be hosting our Midwest Independent Conference



Championship on the 31st of March. We have revenge to take since last year at SEMO; Texas Woman's stepped up and took away the title. This will be the event of the year. We need all of your support and look forward to a loud and crazy venue to welcome our competition to. Please mark your calendars and if you have any groups that you thought might want to make this an outing let us know and we will guarantee them a great time.

Campers

We have now hosted the UIC camp for 13 years. On the 10th of February at 7:00pm we have dedicated the meet to all of our former campers. Wear a camp shirt and get in free and at the end of the meet join in the all camper handstand contest.. Don't miss this great night and of course don't forget to get some autographs from these awesome gymnasts.

The "10.0 Club"! 😊

In the first year of the "10.0 club" we are hoping that all our fans out there find a

good reason to jump aboard. Let's show everybody what a well connected group UIC has in it's women's gymnastics family. We are excited to have a great group of officers willing to lead the charge. Tina (Gregory) Holba, Kim Sommer, Tara Rhoden & Jackie Jaworowicz will serve as officers and we also have some officers-at-large in Jenna (Johnson) Kane, Emily (McKee) Keating and Laura Jungels. So look for a mailing or pick up a brochure at one of the meets. We look forward to be able to keep you better connected through the "10.0" club.

2007 Schedule

| Date | School | City | State | Time |
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| 10-Dec | Sunday | Mixed Team | UIC | IL 2:00pm |
| 13-Jan | Saturday | at SEMO (Mindy City-Men) | Cape Girardeau | MO 7:00pm |
| 19-Jan | Friday | at MSU w/ SEMO & Centenary | Normal | IL 7:00pm |
| 27-Jan | Saturday | at MSU w/ OSU | Lansing | MI 7:00pm |
| 3-Feb | Saturday | San Jose "HOMECOMING" | UIC | IL 7:00pm |
| 10-Feb | Saturday | WMU (COED MIT) "CAMP NIGHT" | UIC | IL 7:00pm |
| 17-Feb | Saturday | at TWU w/ Boise State & ISU | Denton | TX 7:00pm |
| 25-Feb | Sunday | ISU "SENIOR CELEBRATION" | UIC | IL 2:00pm |
| 2-Mar | Friday | at Centenary w/ Air Force | Shreveport | LA 7:00pm |
| 4-Mar | Sunday | at Centenary w/ Air Force | Shreveport | LA 2:00pm |
| 11-Mar | Sunday | Auburn (COED AF) "RED OUT" | UIC | IL 2:00pm |
| 17-Mar | Saturday | at U of I (COED) | Urbana | IL 2:00pm |
| 25-Mar | Sunday | Illinois Classic | Dekalb | IL 2:00pm |
| 31-Mar | Saturday | MIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP | UIC | IL 5:00pm |
| 14-Apr | Saturday | NCAA Regionals | Tucson | AZ 6:00pm |

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