

# WINDY CITY INVITATIONAL

## UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The Justin Spring era got off to a great start as the fifth-ranked Fighting Illini men's gymnastics team was victorious in its first meet of the season Saturday night, taking first place at the 40th annual Windy City Invitational for the first time since the 2004-05 season. Illinois tallied an overall team score of 353.750 to top four other top-10 teams. Illini individuals claimed the top spot in five of the six events to defeat last year's champion, No.

arm at the Big Ten Championships two years ago, claimed first place on the floor exercise with a career-high score of 15.650, the second-highest score on the event by an Illini under the FIG open ended code.

Newcomer Yoshi Moroi made quite a first impression in his Illini debut, placing first on the vault (15.900), while junior Daniel Ribeiro picked up right where he left on the pommel horse with a first-place finish (15.300). Sophomore C.J. Padera also captured his second career title on the parallel bars with a 14.850.

Several Illini placed in the top five on the night, as senior Luke Stannard claimed second place on the pommel horse (15.100), Mizoguchi finished in third on the vault (15.750) and fourth in the all-around with a career-best score of 85.650. Additionally, Padera took fifth place on the pommel horse (14.400) and senior Tyler Williamson led the team on the rings with a score of 14.750 to finish in sixth place.

As a team, Illinois had the top score on four of the six events. The Illini had the top team totals on floor (60.200), pommel horse (58.400), vault (62.950) and parallel bars (57.700) to help claim the team title.

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The No. 4-ranked University of Michigan men's gymnastics team fell to Illinois in its attempt to win back-to-back Windy City Invitational titles on Saturday (Jan. 16) at the UIC Physical Educational Building. The Illini racked up 353.750 points to U-M's 351.350. The Ohio State Buckeyes finished third with a 347.150.

Junior Chris Cameron led the Wolverines

with four top-five finishes, including fifth in the all-around with score of 85.100.

The Wolverines began the competition on the vault, led by senior co-captain David Chan a 2007 All-America honoree in the event, who recorded a 15.35 with his trademark double front vault. Freshman Rohan Sebastian in his first routine at Michigan, used a double twisting vault for a 15.3.

The second rotation moved Michigan to the parallel bars, where the Wolverines struggled, recording only a 56.85. Fifth-year senior Ryan McCarthy earned a career high 14.60 with his high-flying catch-and-release elements, earning second-place honors on the event.

In the third rotation, U-M showed the form that made it the best team on high bar at the NCAA Championships last season with a score of 59.000. Junior Thomas Kelley a two-time All-American on the event, received a 15.200. McCarthy made it two-for-two in career highs for the night, receiving a 14.95 for his effort, punctuated by a stuck full twisting double layout dismount. Kelley and McCarthy finished second and third, respectively, just ahead of junior/sophomore Devan Cote who also set a career best (14.65) to tie for fourth place on the event.

The fourth rotation saw the return of fifth-year senior Kent Caldwell formerly ranked No. 1 in the Big Ten and NCAA on floor. He earned a 14.850 in his first performance since the 2008 NCAA Championships, while Kelley and Cameron added 14.900 and 15.000, respectively.

The Wolverines started slowly on the pommel horse in the fifth rotation, but senior Mel Anton Santander and Cameron shined to close the rotation with their trademark smooth swing, adding a 14.550 and 14.600.

Leading by a little more than a point and a half going into the last event, the still rings, the Wolverines recorded two falls on dismounts in the middle of the rotation before fifth-year senior Phillip Goldberg the 2009 Big Ten still rings champion, and Cameron took to the event. The duo's 15.300 and 15.150, good enough for second and third place, boosted U-M to a 58.800, but it was not enough to hold off the Illini.



4 Michigan (351.350), along with No. 7 Ohio State (347.150), No. 10 Iowa (339.600), No. 8 Minnesota (337.650) and No. 11 UIC (328.750), the host.

"I couldn't be more proud of the team," first-year associate head coach said. "It's a great start to the season. There were some mistakes, but also some moments of greatness."

Leading the way for the Illini was junior Paul Ruggeri, who took first place in the all-around (88.600) and high bar (15.600), placed second on the vault (15.800) and floor exercise (15.550) and tied for fourth on the parallel bars (14.450) along with teammate Tyler Mizoguchi. Senior Chad Wiest, who was competing in his first meet since breaking his



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### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

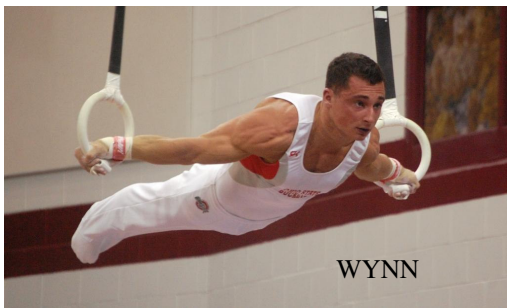
Competing at the 40th annual Windy City Invitational Saturday night, the seventh-ranked Ohio State men's gymnastics team turned in a strong performance, finishing third with a 347.15 in its season opener in Chicago.

"We did a good job tonight and it was a much better start than we had last year," Miles Avery, Ohio State head coach, said. "We know where we are now and where we stand so we can get back to work in Columbus."

Fifth-ranked Illinois won the 2010 Windy City title with a team score of 353.75 while No. 4 Michigan took second (351.35). A season ago the Illini and Wolverines tied for first at the Big Ten championships while the Buckeyes took third.

On the bottom half of the standings, No. 10 Iowa took fourth (339.6) and No. 8 Minnesota fifth (337.65) while No. 11 and invite host UIC finished sixth (328.75).

Leading the way for Ohio State were all-rounders Brandon Wynn and Tai Lee.



Wynn, a junior captain from Voorhees, N.J., won rings, tying his career high with a 16.1, en route to an 87.6 all-around tally for second place. Lee, a senior from Orlando, Fla., followed in third with a score of 85.95 in his first meet since March 21, 2009. Illinois' Paul Ruggeri won the all-around with an 88.6.

After a slow start on floor, Ohio State picked up steam during the remaining five events. Justin Myers and Shachar Tal kicked off their senior seasons by earning a pair of 14.45s to tie for 10th, leading the squad to a 56.95 event total. Moving on to pommel horse, the Buckeyes scored a 55.25 behind Top 10 finishes from sophomore All-American Ty Echard and Lee. Echard, who finished third in the nation on horse a season ago, posted a score of 14.0 for seventh while Lee had a 13.95 for eighth.

Wynn continued what he did all season long in 2009, excel on rings. With the score of 16.1, the All-American tied his career

high, as well as the Ohio State program record he set vs. Michigan last March. The Buckeyes won the event with a 60.2, distancing themselves from the rest of the field by nearly one and a half points on rings. Philip Onorato, the 2009 Big Ten Freshman of the Year and conference runner-up on the event, added a 15.1 for fourth while Tal continued to produce for the Buckeyes with a 14.7 to tie for seventh.

On vault, Ohio State recorded a 61.05 behind Wynn's score of 15.65 for sixth and an eighth-place finish (15.55) from Onorato. The team then notched a second-place finish on parallel bars with an event total of 57.05. On the fifth event, Wynn again led the squad with a 14.5 on p-bars to end the competition in third. Tal added a 14.35 for seventh and Myers a 14.15 for 10th.

Wrapping things up, the Buckeyes earned another second-place event finish, scoring a 56.65 on high bar with Tal, Wynn and Myers notching Top 10 marks. With a 14.65, Tal received Ohio State's best mark to take fourth while Wynn had a 14.55 for sixth and Myers a 14.2 for 10th.

### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

The University of Iowa men's gymnastics team placed fourth at the 40th annual Windy City Invitational Saturday, hosted by the University of Illinois-Chicago. The Hawkeyes scored a team total of 339.600, while Big Ten foe Illinois won the meet with 353.750 total team points.

The Windy City Invitational opened the spring season for the Hawkeye squad.

Jon Buese led the Hawkeyes placing seventh in the all-around (84.500), sixth on parallel bars (14.400) and seventh on vault (15.600). Mike Jiang placed sixth on pom-



mel horse (14.300) and freshman Anton Gryshayev had a great first meet as a Hawkeye, placing fifth on rings (14.800).

### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota men's gymnastics team struggled in its season-opener Saturday night. The Golden Gophers finished fifth in the six-team Windy City Invitational on the campus of the University of Illinois-Chicago.

Illinois won the team title, followed by Michigan, Ohio State and Iowa. UIC, the host team, rounded out the competitors.

Minnesota's downfall came on the pommel horse and parallel bars. The Gophers finished sixth on both of those events. Minnesota's team score of 337.650 was its lowest in more than two years. The Gophers were third on the floor exercise for their best team finish in any event Saturday night.

Illinois scored a total of 353.750 to take the victory, easily out-distancing Michigan's 351.350.

Minnesota had a few bright spots, individually. Colin McGuire led the team on the floor exercise, recording a 14.850 score. That tally matched his season-best mark on the floor from the 2009 season.

Other top 10 finishers for the Gophers were: Aaron Fortunato, 7th, floor exercise,

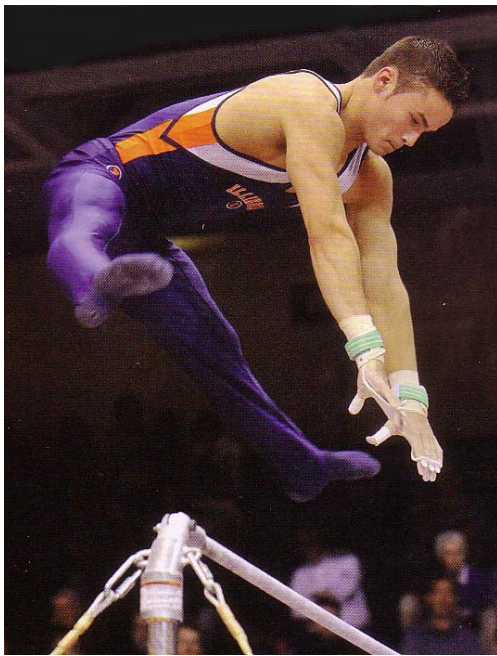


14.800, Colin McGuire, 10th, vault, 15.400, Aaron Fortunato, 6th, horizontal bar, 14.550, Colin McGuire, 8th, horizontal bar, 14.300.



# WINDY CITY INVITATIONAL INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Univ. of Illinois-Chicago  
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WYNN

### TEAM SCORES

1. Illinois	353.75
2. Michigan	351.35
3. Ohio State	347.15
4. Iowa	339.60
5. Minnesota	337.65
6. Illinois-Chicago	328.75

### ALL AROUND

1 Paul Ruggeri ILL	88.600
2 Brandon Wynn OSU	87.600
3 Tai Lee OSU	85.950
4 Tyler Mizoguchi ILL	85.650
5 Chris Cameron MICH	85.100
6 Aaron Fortunato MINN	84.800
7 Jonathan Buese IOWA	84.500
8 Andrew Stover UIC	84.000

### FLOOR EXERCISE

1 Chad Wiest Illinois	15.650
2 Paul Ruggeri Illinois	15.550
3 Chris Cameron Michigan	15.000
4 Thomas Kelley Michigan	14.900
5 Colin McGuire Minnesota	14.850
5 Kent Caldwell Michigan	14.850
7 Aaron Fortunato Minnesota	14.800
8 Tyler Williamson Illinois	14.500
8 Luke Stannard Illinois	14.500

### POMMEL HORSE

1 Daniel Ribeiro Illinois	15.300
2 Luke Stannard Illinois	15.100
3 Chris Cameron Michigan	14.600
4 Mel Santander Michigan	14.550
5 Craig Padera Illinois	14.400
6 Mike Jiang Iowa	14.300
7 Ty Echard Ohio State	14.000
8 Tai Lee Ohio State	13.950
8 Ben Baldus-Strauss Michigan	13.950
8 David Chan Michigan	13.950

### STILL RINGS

1 Brandon Wynn Ohio State	16.100
2 Phillip Goldberg Michigan	15.300
3 Chris Cameron Michigan	15.150
4 Phil Onorato Ohio State	15.100
5 Anton Gryshayev Iowa	14.800
6 Tyler Williamson Illinois	14.750
7 Nikolai Korepanov UIC	14.700
7 Shachar Tal Ohio State	14.700

### VAULT

1 Yoshi Mori Illinois	15.900
2 Paul Ruggeri Illinois	15.800
3 Tyler Mizoguchi Illinois	15.750
4 Nick Persino UIC	15.700
4 Andrew Stover UIC	15.700
6 Brandon Wynn Ohio State	15.650
7 Jonathan Buese Iowa	15.600
8 Phil Onorato Ohio State	15.550

### PARALLEL BARS

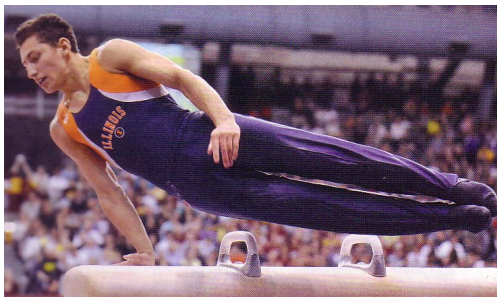
1 Craig Padera Illinois	14.850
2 Ryan McCarthy Michigan	14.600
3 Brandon Wynn Ohio State	14.500
4 Tyler Mizoguchi Illinois	14.450
4 Paul Ruggeri Illinois	14.450
6 Jonathan Buese Iowa	14.400
7 Shachar Tal Ohio State	14.350
8 David Ishida UIC	14.250
8 David Chan Michigan	14.250

### HORIZONTAL BAR

1 Paul Ruggeri Illinois	15.600
2 Thomas Kelley Michigan	15.200
3 Ryan McCarthy Michigan	14.950
4 Tai Lee Ohio State	14.650
4 Devan Cote Michigan	14.650
6 Brandon Wynn Ohio State	14.550
6 Aaron Fortunato Minnesota	14.550
8 Colin McGuire Minnesota	14.300



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