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TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Temple's Mcgonigle Hall was the setting as the Temple men's gymnastics team cruised to an incredible win on Sunday, January 31 over conference-rival University of Illinois-Chicago and club-team SUNY Brockport. Temple's season-high 343.350 bested UIC's impressive 338.200, with SUNY Brockport scoring 280.850 for third, respectively.

Patrick McLaughlin won the all-around with a season-best 87.000 points, while placing first on floor exercise, pommel horse and high bar.



McLAUGHLIN

The Cherry and White started the afternoon on the floor exercise, led by McLaughlin's 15.000 (stuck full-in; 1.5 to front double-full). Freshman Allan Malone chipped in a 14.800 (stuck Arabian double tuck) and Tyler Croteau contributed a 14.500 (whip-immediate double Arabian).

In the second rotation, Temple moved to the pommel horse, showing smooth and aggressive swing, but suffered a fall and several rhythm breaks for a 54.600 total. McLaughlin was tops for the Owls with a 13.950.

The third rotation saw Temple move to the still rings. Freshman Alex Tighe led the event off with a solid 13.900. Fellow freshman Asaaf Zoor, a member of the Israeli national team, added a 13.850 (stuck double layout dismount). Blake Collins over-cooked his 1.5 twisting double tuck dismount but still managed 13.800, tying teammate McLaughlin (trouble throughout maintaining control of the rings). Leading the effort for Temple was Chris Mooney, who seems well on his way back from a torn ACL suffered just prior to coming to Temple. Mooney rocked a tucked

double-double dismount for a team-high 14.100.

In the fourth rotation, Temple took to the vault and showed why they should be the top vaulting team in the conference, led by Evan Burke's meet winning 15.850 (double-twisting Yurchenko). McLaughlin launched a tucked Tsukahara double, but had to graze his hand on the mat for a 15.800. He, along with Scott Bloomfield (Kasamatsu 1.5) was the only athletes boasting 6.6 difficulty-rated vaults of the afternoon.

On the parallel bars, Jesse Kitzen-Abelson's 13.150. Logan Fiery, who has showed drastic improvements during training, couldn't keep his double pike dismount on his feet, but showed a smooth interior in his routine, including a brand new straddle front 1 1/4 for a 13.200. Croteau posted a team high of 14.050, en route to a 54.550 team score.

Temple moved to high bar. Freshman Brett Statman got things started right with a stellar 14.350 (triple-back dismount). Tighe showed some incredible one-arm swing elements, but a straddle Tkatchev proved to be his downfall. After the fall, Temple knew they had to hit, and hit is exactly what they did. Malone chipped in a 14.050, Collins caught a Geinger on his fingertips for a 13.750, setting up Bloomfield's 14.200 (layout Jaeger). McLaughlin sealed the deal with an intricate set, capped off with a double-twisting double layout for a 14.550.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

UIC's stay in the City of Brotherly Love was highlighted by event wins by Neal Thompson and Keith Lage during Sunday's meet at ECAC rival Temple with SUNY Brockport at McGonigle Hall. The Flames posted a team score of 338.200, beating SUNY Brockport's 280.850 but falling short of Temple's 343.750.

Thompson won parallel bars with a score of 14.600, followed by teammate David Ishida's



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second-place 14.500 in the event.

Lage posted a winning 14.300 on rings, eclipsing a 14.100 by Ishida and a 14.000 by veteran Nikolai Korepanov.

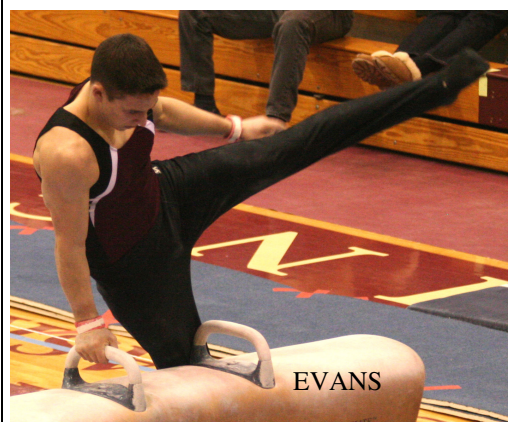
Other notable individual performances came on vault, where Ned Kamimura (15.650), Nick Persino (15.750) and Andrew Stover (15.800) turned in strong scores in back-to-back-to-back sets.

UIC turned in meet-best team event tallies on pommel (54.600) and rings (56.350).

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Springfield College, behind a total team effort, outscored their counterparts from Army and Navy Sunday afternoon in a tri-meet at SC's Blake Arena. The Pride scored 333.000 points, followed by Army at 330.950, and Navy at 326.100. It was the third time in three weeks that Springfield had beaten the Naval Academy.

Four separate individuals from Springfield won events. They were sophomore Ty Evans in the vault (15.600), freshman Jimmy



EVANS

Pezzino in the floor exercise (14.950), senior co-captain Matt Tocchio in the pommel horse (13.300), and senior co-captain Kyle Bartgis who tied for first in the parallel bars (14.100).

In the All-Around, Faulk of Navy finished first (84.950), while the Springfield duo of Evans (83.150) and junior Josh Fox (83.000) placed second and third.

Springfield's total of 59.900 on vault was the best team score in any single event on the afternoon

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Freshman Ikaika Jakub and sophomore Tim Tieng shared medalist honors on parallel

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bars as No. 17 ranked Army finished second in a college gymnastics meet hosted by No. 12 Springfield at Blake Arena Sunday afternoon. The Black Knights' season-high 330.95 bested No. 17 Navy's score of 326.10, while the host Pride captured the meet with 333.00 points.

The Black Knights (1-2) captured the team scoring on pommel horse (51.2), still rings (55.5) and parallel bars (55.65), and though setting a season high on floor exercise (55.9), did not fare as well against the field in that event along with vault in splitting the triangular meet. However, Army's 330.95 team score was its highest since posting a 336.5 at the end of the 2008 campaign, and it is the first time the Black Knights have defeated Navy in a dual match since 2007.

Jakub and Tieng turned in career high 14.1s on parallel bars as they shared first-place honors with Springfield's Kyle Bartgis, and sophomore Chase Brown posted the second highest score in that event with his personal best 14.0.

Brown's career high 14.4 on floor exercise topped Army in that event with freshman Garrek Hojan-Clark and senior Justin Sappington taking third (13.0) and fourth (12.84), respectively, to lead the way on pommel horse. Jakub and classmate Jared Breeden posted season highs 13.9s tying for fourth place on still rings, while Tieng was Army's top performer on vault with a 14.85. Jonathan Hoey led the Black Knights on the final high bar event with a 13.9 followed closely by Ty Smith's 13.85.

"It was a great meet and I am pleased at how well we did, but we have a few spots we have to clean up," noted Army head coach

Doug Van Everen. "The two events (floor exercise and vault) that we fell short on cost us about four points, but we are young team that made some mistakes. We continue to improve each meet and are coming together as a strong unit."

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Navy all-around gymnast Andrew Faulk placed first in the all-around competition for the second-straight week as the Midshipmen placed third at the Springfield Tri-Meet on Sunday afternoon in Blake Arena.

Host Springfield won the meet with 333.0 points, followed by Army's 330.95 points and Navy's 326.1 points. The Midshipmen led all-three teams on the high bar (56.05 points) en route to its highest team score of the winter by more than five points.

Faulk, the reigning ECAC Gymnast of the Week, won the all-around with a season-high score of 84.95 points. The Navy sophomore led the Mids in five of the six disciplines, highlighted by his first-place routine on the still rings that earned him 14.4 points from the judges. Faulk also topped the team on the floor exercise (14.6 points - third overall), pommel horse (12.45 points - seventh overall) and parallel bars (13.85 points - sixth overall). He also finished second on the team and third on the high bar with a 14.25-point routine.

Dylan Parrott won the high bar with a career-high score of 15.25 points. He also placed fourth on the floor exercise with a 14.5-point performance. Team captain Brian Quinn finished only behind Faulk on the still rings with a career-best 14.2-point score from the judges to showcase his fourth-place all-around total of 79.45 points.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

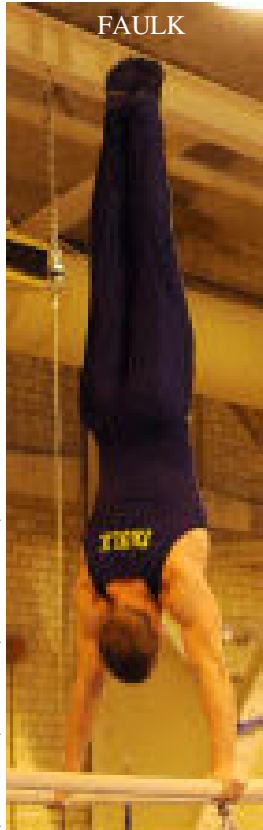
The College of William and Mary fell in a dual meet at Penn State this afternoon, 341.450 to 321.400 in Rec Hall on the Nittany Lions campus.

Penn State won all six events, both as a team and individually, improving its record to 7-1, while the Tribe fell to 3-2 on the young season.

Derek Gygax turned in his usual solid showing, as he counted towards the Tribe's team score in all six events for the College, registering an all-around mark of 79.55. His best effort came on the floor exercise, where he showed nearly a half point improvement over his season opening score a week ago, finishing tied for fifth overall with a mark of 14.30.

Josh Fried continued his strong early season work, as he recorded the team's top individual finish (a second on the floor exercise, 14.60) and the Tribe's highest individual score, 15.05 (on the vault, which placed him third). Both scores were season-bests for Fried and were the only marks to place in the top three individually on the evening for the College.

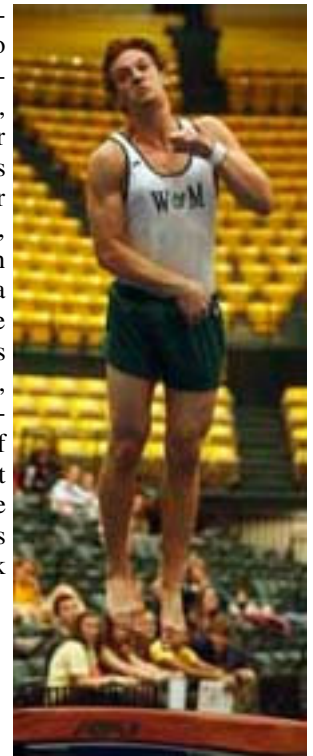
Despite competing on just two events due to nagging injuries, Andy Hunter posted the team's top parallel bar routine of the day, finishing fourth overall with a mark of 13.75. He also showed gains on pommel horse, posting a season-best mark of 13.15, placing just behind teammate Stephen Deutsch's fourth-place mark of 13.40.



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