



# COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION ECAC CONFERENCE

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## ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

Facing high-level competition on the road, the 16th-ranked UIC men's gymnastics team placed third in a quad meet against No. 7 Ohio State, No. 10 Nebraska and No. 12 Air Force at the Huskers' Devaney Center on Sunday.

UIC turned in a season-high 339.950. The Flames also posted season-best team scores on floor (56.350), rings (54.700), and high bar (56.750).

Nebraska protected its home gym with a winning score of 348.250, followed by the Buckeyes' 346.600. The Falcons scored a 332.700 to place fourth.

Leading scorers for UIC were: Nikolai Korepanov led the Flames' charge with a first-place finish on rings, tallying a 14.950. David



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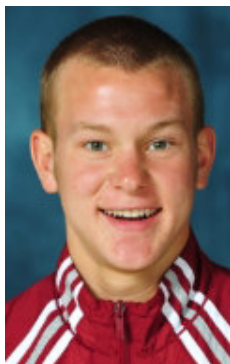
Ishida took second on parallel bars by scoring a 14.350. Kyle Voissem had a strong outing, taking third on the floor exercise with a 14.850 that helped him surge to a third-place all-around score of 83.900.

Nick Persino had a fine meet as well, posting the meet's fourth-highest high bar score (14.700) and fifth-best vault (15.600). Keith Lage led UIC with a fourth-place pommel horse performance by scoring a 14.150.

## TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Temple squared off with conference-rival Army Friday evening, outscoring their foe 334.700-325.650. The Owls placed first on all six apparatus, with Blake Collins winning both rings and high bar.

Collins scored a meet-best 14.050 on rings, and 13.950 on high bar. He also placed second on



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parallel bars with a score of 14.050.

Scott Bloomfield placed first on vault, scoring 15.300. He also placed third on floor with a score of 14.300.

Freshman Alex Tighe excelled on parallel bar for the Owls, scoring 14.100 for a first place finish. Tighe also tied for second on high bar (13.700) and placed third on rings (13.850).

Jesse Kitzen-Abelson led all competitors on pommel horse, posting an average of 14.050. Tyler Croteau put up a solid floor routine, scoring a meet-best 14.600.

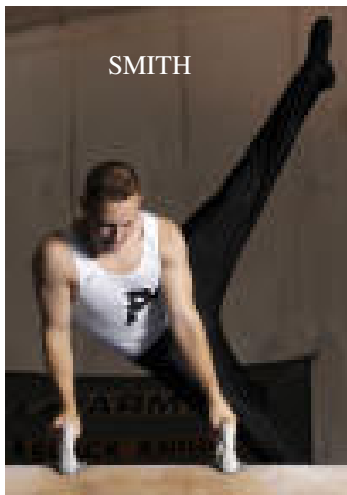
Very sad news from Temple because it has been learned that Patrick McLaughlin has been lost for the season with an ankle injury.

In addition to this setback Temple has also lost the services of Adam Al-Rohk (in December) who had labrum surgery-he is also lost for the season, and this week at West Point they lost Assaf Zoor with a torn bicep insertion. A rough time for Temple.

## U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Army's Ty Smith won the all-around scoring, but Temple (10-1) swept the individual winners along with winning the six team events in posting a 334.7-325.65 men's gymnastics victory over the Black Knights (1-3) Friday evening at Gross Sports Center.

Smith won the all-around with a 78.70 composite keyed by a second-place finish on vault and fourth on parallel bars. Smith posted career highs in both events, tallying a 15.1 on vault and a 13.70 on parallel bars. Smith, who broke his parallel bars mark of 13.45 he set in Army's last meet, posted a 13.2 on still rings, a 13.7 on floor exercise along with an 11.7 and 11.3 on high bar and pommel horse, respectively.



SMITH

Freshman Garrek Hojan-Clark was runner-up on pommel horse (13.45) and Jared Breeden had a career high 15.1 on vault where he shared second place honors with Smith.

Justin Sappington (pommel horse, 12.95), Jonathan Hoey (high bar, 13.3) and freshman Kip Webber (floor exercise, 14.15) turned in Army's next highest finishes in fourth place showings in their respective events.

In addition to setting a career high on floor exercise, Webber posted personal bests on still rings (13.2) and parallel bars (13.1). Tim Tieng recorded a career-high 12.95 on high bar where he finished seventh and was sixth on vault (14.75) and parallel bars (13.5).

## TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Freshman Allan Malone posted the meets best score on floor as the Temple men's gymnastics team won first place at the New England Invitational, held at Springfield College Sunday afternoon.



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Temple's score of 334.550 bested that of second-place SC at 331.30. Placing in third as a team was the Ellis Club at 279.150, followed by MIT's club team at 256.250, R&R Club at 239.000, and the Legends at 204.000.

Junior Blake Collins and sophomore Chris Mooney finished one-two on rings, recording scores of 14.550 and 14.450, respectively. Mallone earned a score of 14.650 on floor.

Collins was the Owls' lone all-around competitor on the day, scoring 82.150 to place third. Also leading his event was senior Scott Bloomfield, earning a meet high 15.600 on vault.

## SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

The Springfield College Pride hosted the new England championships. Teams in attendance were Temple, MIT, Brockport, and junior clubs from around new England.

On the floor exercise Springfield which gave the team some trouble. SC has been solid floor all season but only posted a 54.6.

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Kyle Bartgis led off the meet scoring a 12.9 followed by Matt Tocchio with a 13.75. Alex McCabe scored a 12.45 Josh Fox scored a 13.5 Ty Evans 14.45 and Jimmy Pezzino a 12.8. tocchio's score gave him 4th place while Evans took second.

The Pride have been struggling on pommels as of late. Hits came from Evans, Fox and Tocchio. Licari led off and went 12.45 The rest of the Pride scored Evans 12.25 Fox



EVANS

12.95 and Tocchio a 12.95. Fox and Tocchio placed 3rd with their score.

SC could have wasted away the meet, but picked up the pace on rings. The order went Bartgis, Tocchio, Licari, Evans, Fox, and Spencer. Their scores went 12.95, 12.95, 11.3, 13.55, 13.75 and 13.95. The pride had a great day scoring a 54.6. Spencers routine was nearly flawless earning 5th place.

On vault Roger Moulton led off doing a Tsukahara with a full twist (14.5), followed by Josh Spencer who did a Kazamatsu vault getting a 14.85. Josh Fox executed a Kaz 1/2 nearly sticking it for a 15.0. Then Ty Evans did a solid Kaz 1/1 getting a 15.4 followed by Pezzino doing a Yuerchenko 2/1 earning a 15.05.

Parallel bars started off slow with minor mishaps. It looked like Springfield was going to crumble as they did on the first two events, but big hits coming from Tocchio Fox, Evans and Bartgis kept them in it. Evans debuted his double pike dismount and the judges rewarded him with a 14.3. Closely behind was Bartgis who got a 14.15. Bartgis score was followed by Tocchio (13.8) and Fox (13.2).

Kyle Bartgis hit his high bar set and set the pace for the rest to follow, highlighted with big scores coming from Evans (14.6) and Fox (14.5). Those scores were followed by a 13.7 from Spencer.

Evans and Fox went 1 2 in the all around scoring 84.55 and 82.9.

Springfield could have easily let the meet slip away, but they kept their heads up and pushed through. Coming in second with a 331.3 behind Temple.

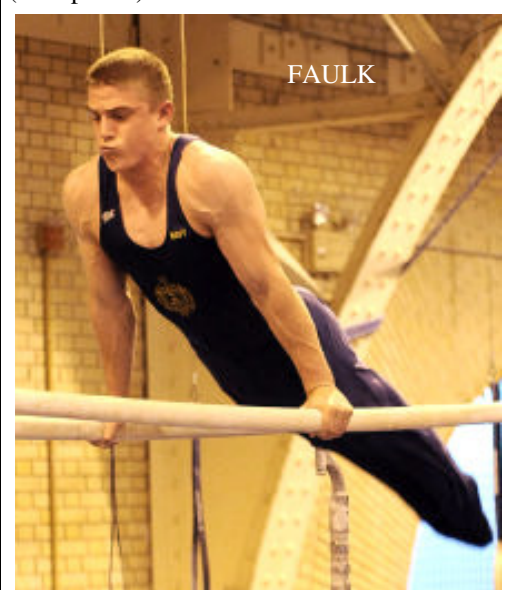
**U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY**

Navy finished third in its home meet against Army and William & Mary on Sunday afternoon in Macdonough Hall.

William & Mary won the meet with 329.55 points, while Army scored 325.25 points and Navy accumulated 319.4 points. The Midshipmen boasted the highest team score on the high bar with 53.1 points.

Starting off the season with a roster of only 8 gymnasts, injuries have made it difficult to even field a full team.

Navy's Andrew Faulk won two events en route to a second-place finish in the all-around with 81.25 points. Faulk boasted the top score on the still rings with a 14.15-point score and on the high bar with a 13.9-point routine. He also placed second on the vault (15.2 points) and seventh on the parallel bars (13.4 points).



FAULK

Teammate Dylan Parrott recorded second-place efforts on the floor exercise (14.85 points), parallel bars (13.8 points) and high bar (13.8 points). Austin Zalik landed fourth in the all-around (77.75 points), highlighted by second-place score from the judges on the parallel bars (13.8 points).

**COLLEGE OF WILLIAM/MARY**

The College of William and Mary put together a season-best team score of 329.55 and captured a tri-meet at the United States Naval Academy on Sunday afternoon.

The Tribe easily outdistanced second-place (and 15th-ranked) Army, 325.25, and hosting Navy, 319.40.

Derek Gygas once again led the squad in team points, as he counted towards the Tribe's total in all six events. Gygas collected a meet- and personal-season best all-around total of 82.70. His top individual event was the parallel bars, where he turned in a personal-season best mark of 14.05, which placed him first overall. He also placed fourth in the high bar (13.40) and fifth overall on the floor exercise (14.30).



GYGAX

Freshman Vince Smurro posted the meet's top effort on the floor exercise, posting a personal-best mark of 14.95. Smurro also had a standout routine on the high bar, as he placed third overall with a personal-best score of 13.70.

Josh Fried flowed to a mark of 14.55 that placed him third overall in FX. Ellis turned in a second-place effort on the high bar with a mark of 14.05, while Hunter finished right on his heels with a score of 13.80. Ellis was third overall on the vault, as he flipped to a score of 15.15, while Hunter led the team, and was fourth overall at the event, on the pommel horse with a mark of 12.95.

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## U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Army defeated host Navy in the "Star" Match in gymnastics Sunday afternoon at Macdonough Hall in a triangular meet that included William & Mary. The Black Knights, claiming two individual winners in freshmen Jared Breeden and Garrek Hojan-Clark, outpointed the Midshipmen 325.25-319.4 while bowing to the Tribe, 329.55-325.25.

The Black Knights, who earlier this year defeated Navy in a triangular match at Springfield, outscored the Midshipmen in five of the six team events taking floor exercise, pommel horse, still rings, vault (behind a season high 59.55) and parallel bars.

Hojan-Clark led an Army sweep of the top three places on pommel horse with a 13.4, with Ty Smith and freshman Gregory Fearnley sharing runner-up honors with 13.25s. Breeden turned in a team individual high 15.3 on vault as he edged Navy's Andrew Faulk for medalist honors by 0.1. Breeden also finished fourth on still rings with a 13.45.

Chase Brown equaled his career-high 14.4 mark on floor exercise, where he took fourth, while freshmen Kip Webber, Nicholas Fettinger and Ikaika Jakub turned in season bests on vault, parallel bars and high bar, respectively. Webber finished fourth on vault with a 14.95 as the Black Knights placed two in the top four; Fettinger's 13.75 on parallel bars shattered his previous mark of 12.7; while Jakub's 12.9 on high bar bettered his former score of 12.25.

### NATIONAL TEAM SCORES FOR THE PAST WEEK.

Stanford	354.70
Illinois	354.60
Oklahoma	354.45
Michigan	354.00
California	349.45
Nebraska	348.25
Ohio State	346.60
Penn State	345.95
Ill-Chicago	339.95
Temple	334.70
Air Force	332.70
Springfield	331.30
Iowa	331.05
William/Mary	329.55
Army	325.65

## BROCKPORT CLUB

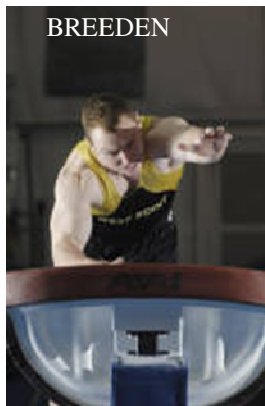
The Brockport Golden Eagles have struggled to remain healthy all season long. The team was hoping to be at full strength this week especially after having two bye weeks.

Unfortunately illness (Senior-Shaun Johnson) and injury(Senior-Kenneth Byrd, Freshmen- Ron Ayello) plagued the team this week as they headed to Springfield College for the New England Championships. Unable to field a full team, 4 individuals competed for Brockport. All was not lost as Senior Yusuke Nemoto had career bests on 5 events and in the all-around.

Sophomore Brian Gildemeyer made a surprise return to the competition floor after suffering what was thought to be a season ending broken leg in October. Although Gildemeyer will not be able to return to all-around this year, he will add a much needed depth for the Golden Eagles.

Brockport looks to get healthy and regroup this week

as they face off with Penn State(club) and University of Vermont at home on Sunday.

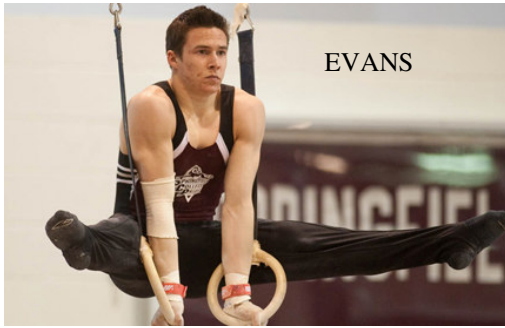




# COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS



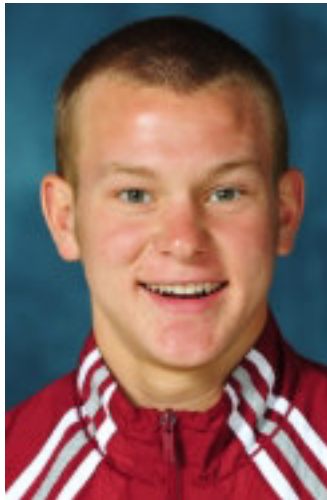
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## TEAM SCORING

1. Temple 334.55
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3. Ellis Club 279.15
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6. Legends 204.00

## All-Around

- 1) Ty Evans, SC -- 84.550
- 2) Josh Fox, SC -- 82.900
- 3) Blake Collins, Temple -- 82.150
- 4) Brett Lazarus, MIT -- 79.200
- 5) Garett Robinson, Maine Acad -- 74.000
- 6) Pat Ryther, Ellis -- 73.900

## Floor Exercise

- 1) Allan Malone, Temple -- 14.650
- 2) Ty Evans, SC -- 14.450
- 3) Scott Bloomfield, Temple -- 14.300
- 4) Matt Tocchio, SC -- 13.750
- 5) Tyler Croteau, Temple -- 13.700
- 6) Kevin Miner, SC Individuals -- 13.550

## Pommel Horse

- 1) John Jeffries, Individuals -- 13.250
- 2) Jesse Kitzen-Abelson, Temple -- 13.200
- T3) Josh Fox, SC -- 12.950
- T3) Matt Tocchio, SC -- 12.950
- 5) Mike Licari, SC -- 12.450
- T6) Ty Evans, SC -- 12.250
- T6) Tyler Croteau, Temple -- 12.250

## Still Rings

- 1) Blake Collins, Temple -- 14.550
- 2) Chris Mooney, Temple -- 14.450
- 3) Jake Shapiro, MIT -- 14.150
- 4) Brett Lazarus, MIT -- 14.100
- 5) Josh Spencer, SC -- 13.950
- T6) Alex Tighe, Temple -- 13.800
- T6) Taylor Brana, Temple -- 13.800

## Vault

- 1) Scott Bloomfield, Temple -- 15.600
- 2) Ty Evans, SC -- 15.400
- 3) Jeff Zack, Temple -- 15.150
- 4) Chris Bizub, Temple -- 15.100
- 5) Jimmy Pezzino, SC -- 15.050
- 6) Josh Fox, SC -- 15.000

## Parallel Bars

- 1) Ty Evans, SC -- 14.300
- 2) Kyle Bartgis, SC -- 14.150
- 3) Scott Bloomfield, Temple -- 14.100
- 4) Taylor Brana, Temple -- 13.850
- T5) Matt Tocchio, SC -- 13.800
- T5) Tyler Croteau, Temple -- 13.800

## High Bar

- 1) Ty Evans, SC -- 14.600
- 2) Josh Fox, SC -- 14.500
- 3) Scott Bloomfield, Temple -- 14.450
- 4) Alex Tighe, Temple -- 14.100
- 5) Blake Collins, Temple -- 14.050
- 6) Brett Lazarus, MIT -- 14.000



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