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ILLINOIS-CHICAGO-Sunday

The University of Illinois-Chicago bounced back from a Friday night loss to Air Force by defeating the Falcons, 348.600-346.450, at Cadet West Gym on Sunday.

Neal Thompson won the all-around with an 86.500, followed closely by Kyle Voissem's runner-up all-around score of 86.400.

Thompson won parallel bars with a 14.900 and tied for first on pommel with a 14.700.



THOMPSON

Voissem picked up a floor exercise decision with a winning score of 15.050.

Andrew Stover was victorious on high bar with a 15.050, while Nikolai Korepanov had a pair of top-two scores on rings (15.150) and high bar (14.250).

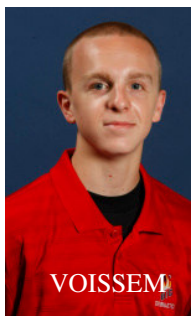
David Ishida finished second on parallel bars with a 14.600.

ILLINOIS-CHICAGO-Friday

The 12th-ranked UIC men's gymnastics team featured top-three finishes in the all-around from Kyle Voissem and Neal Thompson in Friday night's tri-meet against second-ranked and defending national champion Stanford and No. 14 Air Force at the Falcons' Cadet West Gym.

Voissem placed second in the all-around with a score of 83.900, less than a point off of all-around winner Nash Mills of Air Force. Thompson was not far behind in third with a tally of 82.550.

Voissem had a fine meet, placing second on floor exercise with a 14.750 and taking fifth on vault with a 15.450. Thompson took fourth



VOISSEM

on parallel bars with a 14.650.

Nikolai Korepanov finished second on still rings with a 15.200, while Andrew Stover placed fifth on floor with a 14.150.

The Flames finished third at the meet, scoring a 336.200. The undefeated Cardinal won the meet with a 356.700, while the host Falcons edged UIC for second with a 338.500.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM/MARY

The College of William and Mary turned in a season-best team score of 334.850 in defeating the United States Naval Academy in a dual meet hosted this afternoon in Kaplan Arena.

The team score was a nearly a five-point improvement over the squad's previous high mark, set its last outing (329.55 at Navy).

The Tribe posted the team-best score on four of the six total events, including season team-best totals on the pommel (55.150), rings (55.950), parallel bars (55.650) and high bar (52.850).

The best single team event for the Tribe was the pommel horse, which saw five of the six W&M competitors set season-best marks on the event. Leading the way was freshman Kris Yeager, whose mark of 13.950 was both a personal- and team-season best.

Despite fairly dominating the overall competition, the Tribe had only one individual event winner on the afternoon, as Andy Hunter claimed the rings title with a career-best mark of 14.500.

Derek Gygax remained as consistent as ever, as he once again counted towards the Tribe's team score in all six events en-route to posting a season-best all-around mark of 83.700. Overall, he finished no worse than seventh in any individual event, with his best individual finish being a pair of third-place showing on both the vault (14.650) and high bar (13.950).



GYGAX

Freshman Vince Smurro continued his

strong work on the floor exercise for the Tribe, as he scored a 14.500 on the event and finished tied for second overall at the event with Josh Fried. Fried also had a second-place performance on the vault, as he flew to a season-best mark of 14.950.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Navy recorded a season-best score of 332.1 points at William & Mary on Sunday afternoon at Kaplan Arena. The host Tribe also posted a season-high team score to win the meet with 334.85 points.

The Midshipmen topped the Tribe on both the still rings (56.55 points) and high bar (52.95 points).

Andrew Faulk won the all-around for the third time this year with a career-best tally of 85.45 points. The Navy sophomore produced the highest score on the still rings (14.5 points) and vault (15.3 points), in addition to placing second on both the pommel horse (14.15 points) and the high bar (14.05 points).



FAULK

Teammate Dylan Parrott accounted for three individual event titles on Sunday. The Navy junior finished first on the floor exercise (14.9 points), the parallel bars (14.55 points) and the high bar (14.6 points).

Rookie Ian Lassonde won the pommel horse for the first time his career with a season-high score (14.3 points). Brandon Tinkham also tied Faulk for first place on the still rings (14.5 points).

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Springfield College scored a team season-high 335.900 points Sunday afternoon and went on to defeat Army and Brockport in a meet at the U.S. Military Academy. Army finished second with 325.000 points, followed



by Brockport at 286.350.

With the wins, Springfield has raised its record to 15-5 on the season, and remains a perfect 5-0 versus Army.

Ty Evans and Josh Fox were once again dominant for the Pride, finishing 1-2 in the all-around. Evans scored 84.500 points, Fox 84.150.



Evans had a great day, placing in the top six in all six events. He took first in the high bar with a score of 14.200. He also finished tied for second in the floor (14.850), third in the vault (15.350), third in the parallel bars (13.700), tied for third in the pommel horse (13.350).

Fox finished in the top three in four events. That included a first in the rings (13.450), a second in the high bars (14.100), a tie for second in the floor (14.850), and a tie for third in the pommel horse (13.350).

Others who did well for SC included Kyle Bartgis with a first in the parallel bars (14.400) and Matt Tocchio with a second in the pommel horse (13.900). In addition, Mike Licari placed in a tie for second in the still rings (13.250). Another top three finish came from Ian Crider on the parallel bars (13.85). Keith Stumpf and Josh Spencer picked up top five finishes as well. (Stumpf 14.3 floor) (Spencer 13.1 Rings)

Report submitted by Matt Tocchio.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Temple posted a team score of 330.900, falling in a tri-meet with no. 6 Penn State and no. 7 Minnesota. Blake Collins led the Owls all-around, placing second overall with a score of 83.30.

The Nittany Lions came out on fire, posting a team score of 350.150, while the Golden Gophers scored 348.250.

Jesse Kitzen-Abelson had a fine night on pommel horse, scoring 13.700 to lead Temple

and place fifth in the meet. Collins placed ninth in the same event with a score of 13.100, and made a tenth place showing on parallel bars, with a score of 13.900.

Collins led the Owls on floor as well, an event in which the team struggled. The junior placed 11th with a total of 14.300, while Tyler Croteau placed 12th with a score of 14.200.

On rings, Chris Mooney made a tenth place finish, scoring 14.050. Scott Bloomfield also made a tenth place finish on vault, scoring 15.450.

Freshman Allan Malone continues to thrive on high bar, leading Temple with a fifth place finish and a score of 13.900.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Freshmen Kip Webber and Garrek Hojan-Clark captured medalist honors on floor exercise and pommel horse, respectively, but Springfield captured all six team events along with claiming four individual winners in beating Army 335.9-325.0 on Saturday.

Brockport, a club team, also competed in the meet. The Golden Eagles, ranked No. 19, posted a 286.35.

Webber set a personal best capturing floor exercise with a 14.9. Webber also turned in his best mark of the season in topping Army with a 13.6 on parallel bars.

Hojan-Clark captured his signature event (pommel horse) with a 14.05, the lone gym-



nast to break the 14.0 mark with Springfield's Matt Tocchio finishing a distant second with a 13.90.

Ty Smith was runner-up on vault with a career-high 15.4, shattering his previous mark of 15.05, while Chase Brown also registered a career best 15.15 turning in Army's second highest mark on that apparatus. Smith, who also recorded a career best 14.25 on floor exercise, set a season-high 80.25 in all-around.

Freshman Jared Breeden tied for second on

still rings (13.25), Justin Sappington was third on high bar (13.4) and Nolan Melson turned in a career-high 13.95 on floor exercise in rounding out Army's top performances.

SUNY BROCKPORT

The State University of New York-at Brockport (club team) competed against Army and Springfield on Friday and scored 286.35.

Leading scorers: AA: Kenneth Byrd-73.20, Matthew Power-66.85, Shaun Johnson-58.90; FX: Byrd-13.25, Johnson-12.85, Ron Ayello-13.10; PH: Byrd-11.05, Yusuke Nemoto-12.20, Brian Gildemeyer-11.60; SR: Byrd-11.90, Power-10.90, Gildemeyer-11.70, V: Byrd-13.60, Power-12.80, Nemoto-13.50; PB: Byrd-12.20, Johnson-12.60, Nemoto-12.80; HB: Byrd-11.20, Power-10.70, Ayello-11.15.

NATIONAL TEAM SCORES FOR THE PAST WEEK

STANFORD	361.65
OKLAHOMA	360.30
ILLINOIS	357.50
OHIO STATE	351.80
PENN STATE	350.15
ILL-CHICAGO	348.60
MINNESOTA	348.15
NEBRASKA	347.50
IOWA	346.60
AIR FORCE	346.45
CALIFORNIA	346.00
SPRINGFIELD	335.90
WILLIAM/MARY	334.85
NAVY	332.10
TEMPLE	330.90
ARMY	325.00