



COLLEGE GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION ECAC CONFERENCE

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ILLINOIS-CHICAGO

The UIC men's gymnastics team was unable to best sister school Illinois in a Saturday afternoon matchup downstate in Huff Hall, falling to the Illini, 362.250-343.550.

While the Illini claimed victory in every event amidst their own senior day festivities, the Flames had strong performances from their veteran leaders.

Dave Mohr took third on the pommel horse with a 14.600 performance, while Nikolai Korepanov tied for second on the still rings with a score of 14.800.



Andrew Stover took runner-up honors in the all around with a total score of 83.800, edging out Neal Thompson who finished the day with an 83.150 tally.

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM/MARY-Fri.

The College of William and Mary used a strong finish over the final three rotations to surge to a season best team score of 334.85 and defeat Army (321.55) Friday evening in a dual meet at Kaplan Arena.

The Tribe has now improved its team season-high in three-consecutive meets and this evening the credit went to the vault, parallel and high bar corps, who combined to post team-season bests in each event.



Derek Gygax once again led the team in total points, with a personal-season best six-event total of 84.40. He either tied or set his personal season best in each of the last three events; vault (14.90), parallel bars (14.30) and high bar (14.40). He posted the meet's high scores on both the parallel and high bar events.

Josh Fried recorded meet-best scores on both the floor (14.30) and vault (15.35), with the vault score also standing as his personal season best.

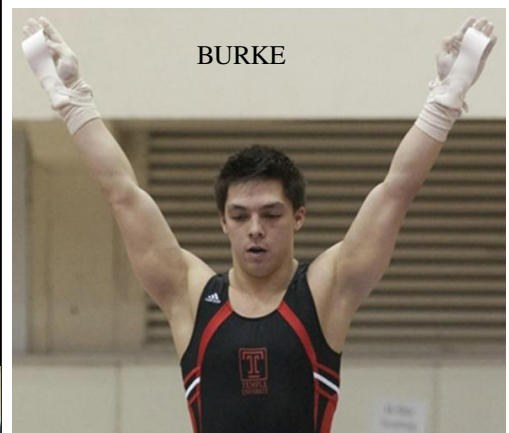
Alex Egerter, who missed all of last season with a pair of shoulder injuries, continues to steadily improve, as he posted season-best efforts on both the vault (15.30) and high bar (13.60), finishing second overall.

Freshman Futa Ikeda collected a personal best on the pommel horse, with a meet-best mark of 13.90, while classmate, and pommel specialist, Kris Yeager finished second on the same event with a mark of 13.85.

Max Sabert claimed the rings title with a personal-best score of 14.10, while Stephen Duetsch placed third overall on the same event with a mark of 13.90.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

In their final meet of the regular season, Temple edged out William & Mary 336.200-334.750, Sunday afternoon in Williamsburg, Va.



Junior Blake Collins led Temple in the all-around, placing second in the meet with a score of 82.750. Collins was especially effective on rings, scoring a meet-best 14.250.

On floor, freshman Allan Malone led all competitors with a score of 14.700, leading him to a third place finish in the all-around with a total of 80.750. Jesse Kitzen-Abelson also took a first place finish, posting a meet-high 14.350 on pommel horse.

The Owls also captured the top vault score of the day, with that score generated by Evan Burke at 15.400.

The parallel bars posed problems for the Owls. Led by scores of 13.50 from both Collins and Scott Bloomfield, Temple was unable to place anyone in any of the top three spots.

The team turned it around on high bar, scoring a one-two finish from freshman Alex Tighe (14.600) and Bloomfield (14.150).

COLLEGE OF WILLIAM/MARY-Sun.

The College of William and Mary finished a busy weekend of action by posting a team score of 334.75 in falling to Temple (336.20) in dual meet action on Sunday afternoon in Kaplan Arena.

On the floor exercise, the Tribe was led by Josh Fried and Gygax, who finished second and third, respectively, with marks of 14.450 and 14.30. Gygax's mark of 14.30 stands as his personal season-best.

The Tribe also finished two-three on the pommel horse, as Andy Hunter swung to a second-place mark of 13.80, while freshman



Kris Yeager finished third with a score of 13.70.

The silver and bronze theme continued on the rings for the Tribe, as Dave Ellis placed second overall with a mark of 14.00, while Hunter placed third with a score of 13.95.

Ellis was the only Tribester to place in the top three overall in vault, as he flew to a mark of 15.15, which tied him for third place. Alex Egerter finished fifth with a personal-season best 15.05.

The Tribe's best event of the afternoon was the parallel bars, as it took the top three positions for the meet, as Gygax, Egerter and Yeager went one-through-three on the event.



Gygax posted a 14.20, while Egerter put up a 13.90 and Yeager set his personal best with a mark of 13.65.

Gygax was the only Tribe performer to place in the top three on the high bar, as he finished third with a score of 14.10. But, both Hunter and Egerter set season-bests on the event, scoring 13.60 and 13.40, respectively.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY-Fri.

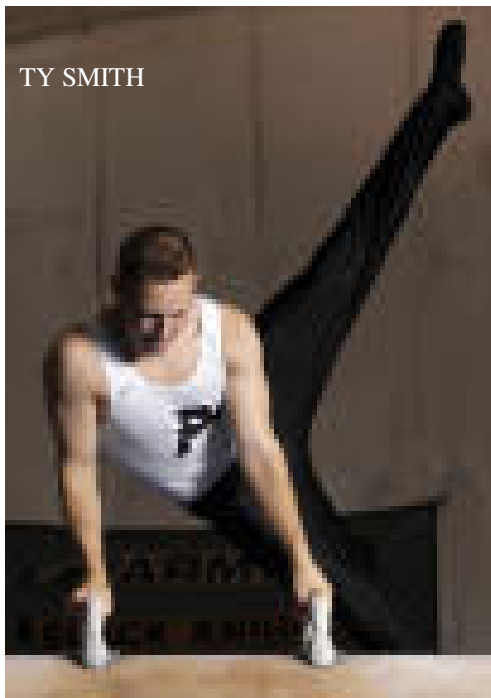
Army's Ty Smith was second on still rings and the all-around along with a third on floor exercise in a collegiate gymnastics meet hosted by William & Mary Friday evening at Kaplan Arena. The Tribe set a season-high in a 334.85-321.55 defeat of the Black Knights.

Smith's career-high 13.95 on still rings earned him second place in that event. He posted a 14.05 in a third-place finish on floor exercise along with a fourth on vault (15.0) en route to registering a 79.05 in finishing runner-up in the all-around scoring.

score of the season on floor exercise with a 13.7.

NATIONAL TEAM SCORES FOR THE PAST WEEK

MICHIGAN	364.35
ILLINOIS	362.25
OKLAHOMA	359.25
PENN ST.	354.45
OHIO STATE	353.80
MINNESOTA	352.15
NEBRASKA	350.55
IOWA	345.70
ILL-CHICAGO	343.55
AIR FORCE	340.95
TEMPLE	336.20
WILLIAM/MARY	334.85
ARIZONA ST.	330.30
ARMY	321.55



Chase Smith set a personal best 15.2 in a third-place finish on vault and turned in Army's highest score of 13.2 on parallel bars.

Justin Sappington tied for third on high bar with a 13.55 along with recording the Black Knights' top score on pommel horse of 13.35 and the team's second highest mark of 13.6 on still rings.

Nolan Melson scored his second highest