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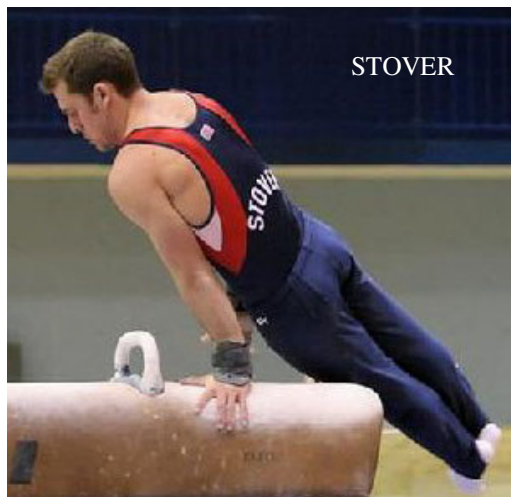
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The University of Illinois-Chicago repeated as Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) champions by posting a meet-high 343.450 to capture the Flames' second straight ECAC-Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League (EIGL) Cup at William & Mary's Kaplan Arena on Friday, April 2.

The Flames earned the conference's automatic bid to the National Collegiate Men's Gymnastics Championships, hosted by Army at the Holleder Center in West Point, N.Y. from April 15-17.

Senior Andrew Stover won his first ECAC all-around title by scoring a season-best 87.300, becoming the first UIC gymnast to win the ECAC all-around championship since Eric Novick clinched his second straight ECAC all-around crown in 2005.



STOVER

UIC's 343.450 easily garnered the champi-

onship over runner-up Temple, which scored a 339.350. Host William & Mary tallied a third-place 337.650, followed by Springfield, Navy and Army rounding out the field.

The Flames had top-three finishers in every event but one, including three first-place event finishers, to capture their third ECAC title since 2004 and earn 13 spots in Saturday's ECAC individual event finals.

Stover led the way. He scored a first-place 15.150 on high bar, second-place scores of 14.400 on still rings and 15.650 on vault, a third-place tally of 14.150 on parallel bars and a sixth-place 14.600 on floor exercise en route to the all-around title and five spots in Saturday's individual event finals.

His all-around win also gave the Nissen-Emery Award finalist All-ECAC honors. Fellow senior Nikolai Korepanov was the top finisher on rings with a 15.100. Rookie Kyle Voissem was UIC's other first-place event finisher on Friday with a meet-best 14.550 on bars.

David Mohr and Mateusz Rybarski finished third and sixth, respectively on pommel horse to advance to the pommel finals, while Neal Thompson's fifth-place finish on rings also gives him a finals shot.

Ned Kamimura finished in the top eight of both vault and high bar, with the latter event also serving as a platform of excellence for senior Nick Perinso, who finished fourth in the event. David Ishida rounded out UIC's individual event final qualifiers by placing seventh on bars.

In the individual event finals: Stover 8th-FX, 3rd-SR, 7th V, 7th-PB, 1st HB; Mohr 1st-

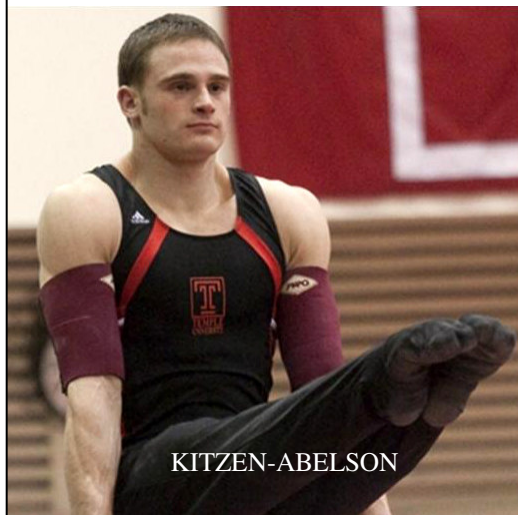
PH; Rybarski 7th-PH; Korepanov 1st-SR; Thompson 5th-SR; Kamimura 3rd-V 7th-HB; Voissem 4th-PB; Ishida 6th-PB; Persino 3rd-HB.

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY

Led by top scores from seniors Jesse Kitzen-Abelson and Scott Bloomfield, Temple took a second place finish with a score of 339.350 at the ECAC Championships in Williamsburg, Va.

Illinois-Chicago took the title, scoring a meet-high 343.450. The Owls scored 339.350 was followed by William & Mary's 337.650, Springfield's 336.050, Navy's 327.850, and Army's 323.750.

Kitzen-Abelson tallied a meet-high score of 14.400 on pommel horse.



KITZEN-ABELSON

Bloomfield led all competitors on vault, scoring 15.700. The senior was followed by teammates Jeff Zach (5th, 15.250) and Chris Bizub (T-6th, 15.200) in the event.

Junior Blake Collins competed all-around for Temple, scoring 84.650 to place fifth and earning All-East honors. Collins tied for second in this evening's action with a score of 14.400.

On floor, freshman Allan Malone was the Owls' top finisher, tying for third with a score of 14.800. Bloomfield also fared well in the event, finishing seventh with a score of 14.550. Malone also led Temple on high bar, scoring 14.300 for eighth place.

Sophomore Taylor Brana headed up the efforts on parallel bars, posting a team-best 14.100 which ranked fourth in the meet.

In the event finals: Bloomfield 2nd-FX, 1st V, 8th PB; Kitzen-Abelson 3rd-PH; Collins



3rd-SR; Zack 5th-V; Bizub 6th-V; Brana 1st-PB; Malone 8th-HB.

WILLIAM AND MARY

The College of William and Mary delivered one of its top team performances of the season Friday evening in scoring 337.650, placing third overall at the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships.

As has been the case all season, Tribe senior team captain Derek Gygax (Stevensville, Md.) was the squad's top competitor, as he earned All-East honors with a second-place finish on the all-around. His six-event total of 85.200 trailed only UIC's Andrew Stovers' score of 87.30.

A Nissen-Emery Award finalist, Gygax has now earned a total of three career All-East certificates, with this being the first in the all-around. He will look to improve that total as he advances to the individual finals on both the pommel horse and ring events.



GYGAX

Joining Gygax in the Saturday's individual finals will be fellow team-captain Andy Hunter, who will compete on the floor, pommel horse and ring events. Five other Tribe gymnasts also advanced through Friday's team competition to the event finals: Josh Fried, floor exercise (14.75); Alex Egerter vault (15.30); Jonathan Prohov rings (13.90) and freshman Futa Ikeda, pommel horse (13.70) and Vince Smurro parallel bars (14.00).

In the event finals: Fried 4th-FX; Hunter 6th-FX, 3rd PH, 2nd SR; Ikeda 8th-PH; Prohov 8th-SR; Smurro 3rd-PB.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE

Springfield College placed fourth with its second-highest team total of the season, and Ty Evans and Josh Fox earned All-East honors by placing third and fourth in the All-Around competition in the ECAC/EIGL's at

The College of William & Mary Friday.

The University of Illinois-Chicago scored a 343.450 to win the 2010 Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League (EIGL) Championships. Illinois-Chicago's Andrew Stover was crowned champion in the Individual All-Around event with an 87.300.



EVANS

Third place honors in the AA went to Ty Evans, who finished with an 84.90. Fourth place went to Josh Fox with a score of 84.85.

In the individual event finals Evans was 4th in FX, 2nd on the PB's and 3rd on the HB; Fox was 6th in FX and 6th on the HB.

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Navy finished ahead of service academy rival Army to highlight its performance during the team and all-around competition at the ECAC Championship in Kaplan Arena on Friday night. Navy tallied 327.85 points as a team to place fifth.

Andrew Faulk placed sixth in the all-around with a cumulative total of 83.55 points to claim a medal. He earned a spot in Saturday's event finals in three disciplines - parallel bars (fourth), vault (sixth) and high bar (seventh). He boasted the highest score among the Mids on the parallel bars (14.1 points) and vault



FAULK

(15.2 points), while recording the team's second-best effort on the high bar (14.35 points).

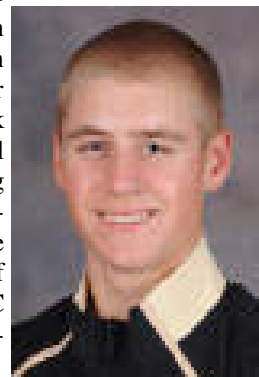
Dylan Parrott topped the field on the floor exercise on Friday night with an impressive 15.4-point routine. He also placed second on the high bar, with a 15.0-point.

Brian Quinn and Brandon Tinkham led the Mids on the still rings with a 10th-place mark of 13.7 points.

In the event finals: Parrott 1st-FX, 2nd-HB; Faulk 2nd V, 5th PB, 3rd-HB.

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Three Army gymnasts, senior Ty Smith (vault) and freshmen Kip Webber (floor exercise) and Garrek Hojan-Clark (pommel horse) were among the top eight qualifiers to advance to the individual finals of the 2010 ECAC Championships following Friday's preliminary round.



WEBBER

The Black Knights tallied 323.75 points to finish sixth in the team scoring at the Kaplan Arena on the campus of host William & Mary.

Webber tied for third in floor exercise with a 14.8, Hojak-Clark shared fourth-place on pommel horse (14.0) and Smith posted a 15.15 in tying for the final eighth spot on vault. It is the first time since 2007 that Army has competed in the individual finals.

Webber posted the Black Knights' highest mark on still rings of 13.5. Breeden registered Army's second highest mark in that event (13.2) and on floor exercise (14.1) where he was followed by Nolan Melson's 13.95.

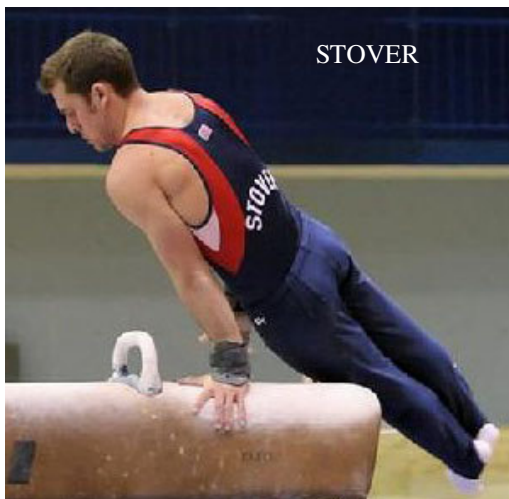
In the event finals: Webber 3rd-FX; Hojan-Clark 6th PH; Smith 8th-V.



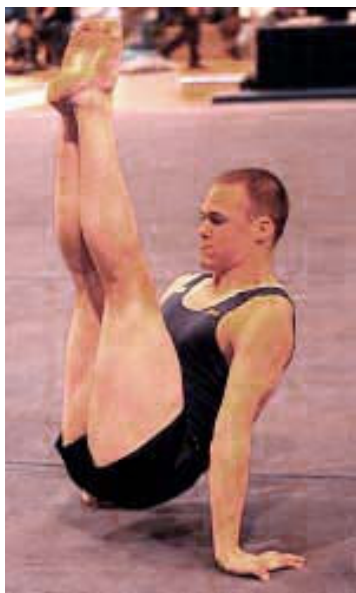
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INDIVIDUAL EVENT RESULTS

April 3, 2010



STOVER



PARROTT



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FINAL TEAM SCORES

1. ILL-Chicago -	343.450
2. Temple University -	339.350
3. William & Mary -	337.650
4. Springfield College -	336.050
5. Navy-	327.850
6. Army -	323.750

ALL AROUND

1. Andrew Stover, UIC -	87.30
2. Derek Gygax, WM	85.20
3. Ty Evans, Springfield -	84.90
4. Josh Fox, Springfield -	84.85
5. Blake Collins, Temple -	84.65
6. Andrew Faulk, Navy -	83.55
7. Chris Mooney, Tem	82.80
8. Neal Thompson, UIC	81.65

FLOOR EXERCISE

1. Dylan Parrott, Navy	14.90
2. Scott Bloomfield, Tem	14.60
3. Kip Webber, Army	14.45
4. Josh Fried, WM	14.40
5. Ty Evans, Sp	14.05
6. Andy Hunter, WM	13.80
6. Josh Fox, Sp	13.80
8. Andrew Stover, UIC	13.70

POMMEL HORSE

1. David Mohr, UIC	14.55
2. Derek Gygax, WM	14.35
3. Andy Hunter, WM	13.95
3. Jesse Kitzen-Abelson, Tem	13.95
5. Matt Tocchio, Sp	13.75
6. Garrek Hojan-Clark, Army	13.45
7. Mateuse Rybarski, UIC	13.35
8. Futa Ikeda, WM	11.95

STILL RINGS

1. Nikolai Korepanov, UIC	15.15
2. Andy Hunter, WM	14.15
3. Blake Collins, Tem	14.10
3. Andrew Stover, UIC	14.10
5. Neal Thompson, UIC	14.00
6. Brett Lazarus, MIT	13.90
7. Derek Gygax, WM	13.65
8. Jonathon Prohov, WM	13.60

VAULT

1. Scott Bloomfield, Tem	16.00
2. Andrew Faulk, Navy	15.40
3. Daniel Kamimura, UIC	15.35
4. Jimmy Pezzino, Sp	15.30
5. Jeff Zack, Tem	15.25
6. Chris Bizub, Tem	14.85
7. Andrew Stover, UIC	14.50
8. Ty Smith, Army	14.00

PARALLEL BARS

1. Taylor Brana, Tem	14.00
2. Ty Evans, Sp	13.90
3. Vince Smurro, WM	13.65
4. Kyle Voissem, UIC	13.60
5. Andrew Faulk, Navy	13.55
6. David Ishida, UIC	13.40
7. Andrew Stover, UIC	13.25
8. Scott Bloomfield, Tem	12.35



KOREPANOV



BLOOMFIELD



BRANA

HORIZONTAL BAR

1. Andrew Stover, UIC	15.15
2. Dylan Parrott, Navy	14.90
3. Ty Evans, Sp	14.25
3. Andrew Faulk, Navy	14.25
3. Nick Persino, UIC	14.25
6. Josh Fox, Sp	14.15
7. Daniel Kamimura, UIC	14.05
8. Allen Malone, Tem	13.80