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IOWA HAWKEYES

**MEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE** 

## **January 4, 2005**

2005 Schedule

J 8	at Windy City Invitational	7 p
	(Chicago, IL)	
J 15	at Michigan	7:30 p
	(Ann Arbor, MI)	
J 28-29	at West Point Open	7/7 p
	(West Point, NY)	
F 4-5	at Winter Cup Challenge1	/6:30 p
	(Las Vegas, NV)	
F 12	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	2 p
F 19	MINNESOTA*	8 p
F 26	NEBRASKA/WISCONSIN 7 p	
M 5	at Illinois with Japan	7 p
	(Champaign, IL)	
M 11	at Oklahoma	7 p
	(Norman, OK)	
M 25-26 at Big Ten Championships7 p/7 p		
	(Ann Arbor, MI)	
A 7-9	at NCAA Championships	TBD
	(West Point, NY)	
Home meets in bold caps		
* at Carver Hawkeye Arena		
All times are local to site and subject to change		

## 2004 Individual Event Leaders

All-Around54.375*			
Linas Gaveika, at NCAA Championships			
Floor Exercise9.575*			
Michael McNamara, at Big Ten Champs.			
Pommel Horse9.625			
Eric Block, at NCAA Qualifier			
Still Rings9.550*			
Kenny Lin, at Illinois-Chicago			
Vault9.525*			
Michael Reavis, at NCAA Qualifier			
Parallel Bars9.1875			
Linas Gaveika, at NCAA Finals			
Horizontal Bar9.875			
Linas Gaveika, at NCAA Championships			
Team Score			
vs. Michigan & Wisconsin			
* School Record (since 2001 code)			

**THIS WEEK** -- The eighth-ranked University of Iowa men's gymnastics team will travel to Chicago, IL, Saturday to open its 2005 schedule at the Windy City Invitational. The meet will begin at 7 p.m. in the University of Illinois-Chicago's Physical Education Building.

**THE COMPETITION** -- The Windy City Invitational will feature six nationally-ranked teams, including Illinois (2nd), Ohio State (4th), Michigan (7th), Iowa (8th), Minnesota (9th) and Illinois-Chicago (11th).

**LAST TIME AT WINDY CITY** -- The Hawkeyes opened their 2004 season with a fourth-place finish at the Windy City Invitational. **Linas Gaveika** led the Hawkeyes with a second-place finish in the all-around (53.500), placing second on the pommel horse (9.550) and 10th on horizontal bar (9.0). **Michael Reavis** placed second on vault (9.350) and finished sixth in the all-around (52.250).

**SCOUTING THE HAWKEYES** -- Iowa returns 12 letterwinners from a squad that finished fourth at the 2004 Big Ten Championships. Although the Hawkeyes failed to advance to the NCAA Championships, junior **Linas Gaveika** and sophomore **Michael Reavis** garnered all-America honors on three events. Gaveika was named all-America on parallel bars and horizontal bar, while Reavis was an all-America on vault. Dunn is also expecting strong contributions from what he says could be the best recruiting class in years. **Curtis Kleffman, Tom Buese** and **Jacob Becker** join a Hawkeye squad that will look to improve on last year's achievements.

**<u>NATIONAL RANKINGS</u>** -- The Iowa men's gymnastics team is ranked eighth in the GymInfo pre-season Coaches Poll. The Hawkeyes are ranked fifth in the highly competitive Big Ten conference.

**HEAD COACH TOM DUNN** -- Head Coach **Tom Dunn** is in his 25th year at Iowa. He has compiled a 187-79-2 record. In 1998, Dunn was named Big Ten Coach of the Year and CGA Central Region Coach of the Year. He has led the Hawkeyes to 18 top-10 finishes at the NCAA Championships. Iowa has competed at the NCAA meet 18 of the past 21 seasons. Dunn has also helped 29 individuals to 58 all-America honors and 19 gymnasts win 31 Big Ten titles.

**<u>OUOTING COACH DUNN</u>** -- "We're really anxious to get started and see where we stack up in the Big Ten Conference. The Windy City Invite serves as an early season conference championships for us."

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