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IOWA MEN'S GYMNASTICS

NO. 6 HAWKEYES FALL TO NO. 1 ILLINOIS, 216.825 - 216.800

IOWA CITY, IA -- The sixth-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team was .025 points short of knocking off top-ranked Illinois Saturday afternoon at the Iowa Field House. Despite winning four event titles, crowning four event champions and taking the top two spots in the all-around competition, the Hawkeyes fell 216.8 – 216.825.

Sophomore **Michael Reavis** (Tallahassee, FL) was crowned all-around champion, posting a six-event score of 53.475. Sophomore **Michael McNamara** (Orem, UT) took second in the all-around with a score of 52.85. Both Reavis and McNamara set personal season bests with their all-around scores.

Iowa started out strong on floor exercise, placing three gymnasts in the top four. Reavis and McNamara tied for second place with a score of 9.450. Senior **Mike Kelly** (Orangevale, CA) took fourth on floor (9.15) while junior **Shawn Stone** (Wall Lake, IA) finished eighth (8.7).

Iowa then topped Illinois on pommel horse 35.9 – 35.85. Senior **Eric Block** (Buffalo Grove, IL) was crowned event champion with a score of 9.450, while McNamara came in fourth (8.9). Kelly tied for fifth with a score of 8.8.

Junior **Kenny Lin** (Sparks, NV) was crowned event-champion on rings (9.35), as the Hawkeyes once again topped the Fighting Illini 36.05- 35.4 in the event. Senior **Matt Metzger** (Cincinnati, OH) took third (9.2) and sophomore **Jacques Bouchard** (Rio Rancho, NM) finished fifth (8.95).

On vault, the Hawkeyes topped Illinois 36.625- 36.5. Reavis was the Hawkeye's top performer, scoring a 9.425 to take second place. Metzger and McNamara finished in a tie for fourth (9.1), and freshman Mark Beiler (Waterloo, Ontario) and sophomore **Erik Tefteller** (San Antonio, TX) tied for sixth (9.0).

The Hawkeyes recorded their fourth event title of the afternoon topping Illinois 35.0- 34.35 on parallel bars. Gaveika finished in a tie for first place with a score of 9.0, while Block recorded an 8.950 to finish third.

On horizontal bar, the Hawkeyes recorded a season-best team score of 36.475. Gaveika was crowned event champion with a score of 9.775 to record his second title of the afternoon. Reavis finished in a tie for third with a score of 9.650.

"I was real happy with our performance this afternoon. We've suffered some injuries recently, but we kept it close and kept pressure on Illinois. But we couldn't quite close the door. We've got time to clean up our routines and we'll be ready for Minnesota," commented Head Coach **Tom Dunn**.

The Hawkeyes will travel to Minneapolis, MN, February 28 to take on No. 9 Minnesota.

Final Team Score:		FE	PH	SR	V	PB	HB
#1 Illinois	216.825	37.000	35.850	35.400	36.500	34.350	37.725
#5 IOWA	216.800	36.750	35.900	36.050	36.625	35.000	36.475

Individual Results (Winner plus IOWA)

Floor Exercise:

1.	Justin Spring (IL)	9.750
t2.	Michael Reavis (I)	9.450
	Michael McNamara (I)	
t4.	Mike Kelly (I)	9.150
8.	Shawn Stone (I)	8.700
t10.	Mark Beiler (I)	8.400
	Erik Tefteller (I)	

Pommel Horse:

1.	Eric Block (I)	9.450
4.	Michael McNamara (I)	8.900
t5.	Mike Kelly (I)	8.800
t7.	Linas Gaveika (I)	8.750
	Michael Reavis (I)	

Still Rings:

1.	Kenny Lin (I)	9.350
3.	Matt Metzger (I)	9.200
5.	Jacques Bouchard (I)	8.950
7.	Matt Beiler (I)	8.550
9.	Michael McNamara (I)	8.400
t10.	Michael Reavis (I)	7.650

Vault:

1.	Adam Pummer (IL)	9.600
2.	Michael Reavis (I)	9.425
t4.	Matt Metzger (I)	9.100
	Michael McNamara	
t6.	Mark Beiler (I)	9.000
	Erik Tefteller (I)	





Parallel Bars:

t1. Linas Gaveika (I)	9.000
Justin Spring (IL)	
3. Eric Block (I)	8.950
6. Michael Reavis (I)	8.550
7. Michael McNamara (I)	8.500
8. Matt Metzger (I)	8.150
12. Kenny Lin (I)	7.800

Horizontal Bar:

1. Linas Gaveika (I)	9.775
3. Michael Reavis (I)	9.650
7. Mark Beiler (I)	8.550
8. Michael McNamara (I)	8.500
9. Matt Metzger (I)	8.150
11. Matt Beiler (I)	6.000

All-Around:

1. Michael Reavis (I)	53.475
2. Michael McNamara (I)	52.850

