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IOWA MEN'S GYMNASTICS

NO. 6 HAWKEYES FAIL TO QUALIFY FOR NCAA FINALS, EIGHT INDIVIDUALS ADVANCE

CHAMPAIGN, IL -- The sixth-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team (8-6 overall, 3-4 Big Ten) failed to qualify for the NCAA team Championship Finals, placing fourth (216.9) in Session I of the NCAA Qualifier. The top three teams from each session advance to the finals. The Hawkeyes finished behind No. 3 Penn State (218.7), No. 7 Michigan (218.45), and No. 2 Oklahoma (217.75), but ahead of No. 9 Illinois-Chicago (207.775) and No. 12 Army (207.675). Eight Hawkeyes advanced to the individual event qualifier that will be held Saturday evening at 7 p.m. in Assembly Hall in Champaign, IL. The top eight competitors from Saturday evenings' qualifier will earn the chance to compete in the individual event finals Sunday at 2 p.m.

Junior **Linas Gaveika** and sophomore **Michael Reavis** finished third (52.825) and fifth (52.05), respectively, in the all-around competition, each earning a spot in the all-around qualifier held Saturday evening. Gaveika also took fourth (9.575) on pommel horse, while Reavis placed second on vault with a University of Iowa record-breaking and personal season-best score of 9.525.

Senior **Eric Block** and sophomore **Michael McNamara** each advanced to the individual event qualifier in two events. As he's done all year, Block put up strong performances on both pommel horse and parallel bars. He took third on pommel horse with an Iowa and individual season-best score of 9.625. Block also finished in a tie for fifth on parallel bars (8.850). McNamara performed well on parallel bars, tying for ninth with a score of 8.8. He also took 12th on horizontal bar (8.8).

Other Hawkeye qualifiers were junior **Shawn Stone** on floor exercise (6th, 9.3), senior **Mike Kelly** on pommel horse (5th, 9.5), freshman **Matt Beiler** (15th, 9.15) on vault and senior **Matt Metzger** (8th, 8.8) on parallel bars.

"The Hawkeyes had a rough start; our first three events were shaky. We finished strong but it was not enough to qualify for the finals. Team-wise, it was very disappointing. Had we done what we were capable of, we would have qualified fairly easily. We did have many individuals qualify and we're hopeful they will be able to perform well and make it into the individual finals on Sunday," commented Head Coach **Tom Dunn**.

Team and all-around finals, as well as individual event qualifying will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday. The top eight individuals on each event will compete in the Individual Event Championships Sunday at 2 p.m. All competition will be held at Assembly Hall.

Final Team Standings:		FE	PH	SR	V	PB	HB
Session I							
1. Penn State	218.700	36.675	37.425	36.950	37.175	35.250	35.225
2. Michigan	218.450	37.575	35.550	36.425	37.300	34.600	37.000
3. Oklahoma	217.750	36.900	35.250	36.300	37.225	35.350	36.725
4. IOWA	216.900	36.125(5)	37.150(2)	36.375(3)	36.800(4)	34.850(3)	35.600(3)
5. UIC	207.775	36.250	33.900	35.100	36.075	33.250	33.200
6. Army	207.675	35.025	34.250	35.325	35.750	34.350	32.975

Individual Results (Winner plus IOWA)			
Floor Exercise:		21. Michael Reavis (I)	8.900*
1. Jock Stevens (OK)		t27. Mark Beiler (I)	8.775
6. Shawn Stone (I)		t30. Mike Kelly (I)	8.650
t16. Michael McNamara (I)			
20. Linas Gaveika (I)			





Pommel Horse:

1. Luis Vargas (PSU)	9.725
3. Eric Block (I)	9.625*
4. Linas Gaveika (I)	9.575*
5. Mike Kelly (I)	9.500*
t24. Michael Reavis (I)	8.450
t35. Bryan Bourland (I)	8.200
43. Michael McNamara (I)	6.000

Still Rings:

1. Nyika White (Temple)	9.800
8. Kenny Lin (I)	9.325
t10. Jack Bouchard (I)	9.250
12. Matt Metzger (I)	9.225
t26. Linas Gaveika (I)	8.575*
t30. Michael McNamara (I)	8.450
35. Michael Reavis (I)	8.300*

Vault:

1. Theo Maes (Temple)	9.700
2. Michael Reavis (I)	9.525*
15. Matt Beiler (I)	9.150*
t18. Mark Beiler (I)	9.100
t23. Michael McNamara (I)	9.025
t29. Linas Gaveika (I)	8.900*
t29. Mike Kelly (I)	8.900

Parallel Bars:

1. Kevin Tan (PSU)	9.100
t5. Eric Block (I)	8.850*
8. Matt Metzger (I)	8.800*
t9. Michael McNamara (I)	8.750*
t22. Mike Kelly (I)	8.450
t31. Linas Gaveika (I)	8.200*
40. Michael Reavis (I)	7.600*

Horizontal Bar:

1. Justin Laury (Michigan)	9.725
4. Michael Reavis (I)	9.275*
12. Michael McNamara (I)	8.800*
13. Matt Metzger (I)	8.775
14. Bryan Bourland (I)	8.750
17. Linas Gaveika (I)	8.650*
23. Matt Beiler (I)	8.450

All-Around:

1. Luis Vargas (PSU)	53.900
3. Linas Gaveika (I)	52.825*
T5. Michael Reavis (I)	52.050*
10. Michael McNamara (I)	50.025

*- Advanced to the Individual Event Qualifier
(Saturday, 7 p.m.)

