

IOWA HAWKEYES



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MEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

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2005 Schedule

J 8	at Windy City Invite	4th/6 teams
J 15	at Michigan	L, 219.2-215.45
J 28-29	at West Pt. Open	2nd/12 teams
F 4-5	at Winter Cup Challenge	
F 12	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	2 p
F 19	MINNESOTA*	8 p
F 26	NEBRASKA/WISCONSIN	7 p
M 5	at Illinois with Japan <i>(Champaign, IL)</i>	7 p
M 11	at Oklahoma <i>(Norman, OK)</i>	7 p
M 25-26	at Big Ten Championships <i>(Ann Arbor, MI)</i>	7 p
A 7-9	at NCAA Championships <i>(West Point, NY)</i>	TBD

Home meets in bold caps

* -- at Carver-Hawkeye Arena

All times are central and subject to change

2005 Individual Event Leaders

All-Around.....	53.625
Michael Reavis, at Michigan	
Floor Exercise.....	9.675*
Michael Reavis, at West Point Open	
Pommel Horse	9.500
Linas Gaveika, at West Point Open	
Still Rings.....	9.600*
Kenny Lin, at Windy City Invite	
Vault	9.450
Kenny Lin, at West Point Open	
Parallel Bars	9.250*
Linas Gaveika, at Windy City Invite	
Horizontal Bar.....	9.700
Michael Reavis, at West Point Open	
Team Score.....	217.300
at Windy City Invite	

* School Record (since 2001 code)

THIS WEEK -- The sixth-ranked University of Iowa men's gymnastics team will open their 2005 home schedule on Saturday, February 12, as they host No. 14 Illinois-Chicago. Competition is set to begin at 2 p.m. at the UI Field House.

THE COMPETITION -- The UIC Flames are ranked 14th nationally in the GymInfo national rankings. They opened the season with a sixth-place finish at the Windy City Invitational and have since fallen to top-ranked Ohio State and No. 9 Minnesota. The Flames are led by senior captain Neil Faustino, who is ranked first in the country on vault, eighth in the all-around and 12th on rings. Junior Eric Novick is also a strong all-around competitor.

LAST TIME OUT -- Four members of the Iowa gymnastics squad traveled to Las Vegas, NV to compete at the Winter Cup Challenge last weekend. Junior **Michael Reavis** was the lone Hawkeye to advance to the individual event finals held Saturday evening. He took third on vault (9.125) and fourth on floor exercise (8.825) and horizontal bar (8.725). In the all-around competition held Friday evening, Reavis took 11th (50.414), while junior **Michael McNamara** was 19th (48.582) and freshman **Curtis Kleffman** was 20th (48.498).

NATIONAL RANKINGS -- The Iowa men's gymnastics team is ranked sixth in the GymInfo national rankings. As a team, the Hawkeyes are ranked in the top ten in all six individual events. Iowa is the fourth-ranked team on horizontal bar, fifth on floor exercise, sixth on vault, and eighth on pommel horse, rings and parallel bars.

NATIONALLY-RANKED INDIVIDUALS -- Reavis leads the Hawkeyes in the rankings. He is second on floor exercise, third on horizontal bar, ninth in the all-around and 14th on vault. Senior **Linas Gaveika** is sixth on horizontal bar and 10th in the all-around, while Kleffman is tied for sixth on pommel horse and 18th in the all-around. Other ranked Hawkeyes are McNamara on floor (18th), freshman **Jacob Becker** on pommel horse (third), sophomore **Mark Beiler** on horizontal bar (20th) and senior **Kenny Lin** on rings (eighth).

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 coached 29 individuals to 58 all-America honors and 19 gymnasts to 31 Big Ten titles.

NEXT COMPETITION -- The Hawkeyes host No. 9 Minnesota, February 19. The coed meet is slated to begin at 8 p.m. at the Carver-Hawkeye Arena.