

Iowa Gymnastics Notes

2004 Schedule

(8-6 Overall, 3-4 Big Ten)

at Windy City Invitational	4th (213.150)
at Rocky Mountain Open	2nd (211.300)
at Nebraska	W 217.75- 213.975
OKLAHOMA	L 214.550- 217.500
at U.S.A.G. Winter Cup	0 Champions
ILLINOIS	L 216.800-216.825
at Minnesota	W 215.6- 212.7
MICH. & WISC.	W 217.925-213.55
at UIC & AZ St.	W216.7-208.65- 194.1
at Big Ten Championships	4th (216.800)
A 2-4 at NCAA Championships	TBD

(Champaign, IL)

All times are local to site and subject to change

2004 Season Bests

All-Around	53.975*
Linus Gaveika, Big Ten Championships (3/19)	
Floor Exercise	9.575*
Michael McNamara, Big Ten Champs (3/19)	
Pommel Horse	9.550
Linus Gaveika, Windy City (1/10)	
Mike Kelly, MICHIGAN (3/6)	
Eric Block, Big Tens (3/19)	
Still Rings	9.550*
Kenny Lin, Illinois-Chicago (3/13)	
Vault	9.450
Michael Reavis, Nebraska (1/25)	
Parallel Bars	9.150
Linus Gaveika, Illinois-Chicago (3/13)	
Horizontal Bar	9.800*
Linus Gaveika, Rocky Mountain (1/16)	
Nebraska (1/25)	
MICHIGAN (3/6)	
Team Score	217.925*
MICHIGAN (3/6)	

* -- School Record

Iowa Quick Facts

Location	Iowa City, IA
Enrollment	29,697
President	David J. Skorton
Athletic Director	Bob Bowlsby
Colors	Old Gold and Black
Nickname	Hawkeyes
School Song	On Iowa

THIS WEEK -- The sixth-ranked University of Iowa men's gymnastics team will travel to Champaign, IL, Friday to compete in the NCAA Qualifier. The Hawkeyes will be one of six teams competing in Session I of the qualifying competition at 1 p.m. Friday at the University of Illinois' Assembly Hall. Session II will begin at 7 p.m. with the other six qualifying teams competing. The top three teams from each qualifying session will advance to the NCAA Championships Saturday and Sunday. Competition will begin at 7 p.m. Saturday to determine the team and all-around champion, while the top eight individuals on each event will compete in the individual event championships Sunday at 2 p.m.

TICKET INFORMATION -- All-session tickets are \$32, while single-session tickets are \$8 for Sessions I and II and \$10 for Sessions III and IV. All seating at the championship will be general admission. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the UI Ticket Office at 1-866-ILLINI-1 or by logging onto www.fightingillini.com and following the "Tickets" link.

QUALIFYING SESSIONS -- The top three teams for each of Friday's qualifying sessions will advance to Saturday's team finals. The following is the session breakdown:

Session I -- 1:00 p.m.

- No. 2 Oklahoma
- No. 3 Penn State
- No. 6 Iowa**
- No. 7 Michigan
- No. 9 Illinois-Chicago
- No. 12 Army

Session II -- 7 p.m.

- No. 1 Illinois
- No. 4 California
- No. 5 Ohio State
- No. 8 Stanford
- No. 10 Nebraska
- No. 11 Minnesota

IOWA IN NCAA HISTORY -- The Hawkeyes have finished in the top five 15 times. Iowa's only NCAA title came in 1969. If the Hawkeyes advance to the team championships, it will mark the 36th time the program has done so. Iowa has crowned 11 individual champions in the history of the program, with the most recent being Linus Gaveika in the horizontal bar title last year (9.712). Gaveika and Michael Reavis were all-Americans last year, while the Hawkeyes placed sixth in the team competition. Reavis finished seventh (9.025) in the horizontal bar finals.

IOWA VS. THE COMPETITION -- The Hawkeyes are ranked sixth out of the 12 teams competing, and have competed against seven of the teams this season. Iowa defeated Nebraska, Minnesota, Michigan and Illinois-Chicago in dual competition, but fell to Oklahoma and Illinois. The Hawkeyes also took fourth at the Windy City Invitational, topping Minnesota and Illinois-Chicago, but losing to Ohio State, Illinois and Michigan. The Hawkeyes also posted a fourth place finish at the Big Ten Championships.

QUOTING COACH TOM DUNN -- "It was clear that we could have done better at the Big Ten Championships. I am confident we will have our best performance of the year next week. We are determined to polish up the rough spots and qualify for the 2004 NCAA Championships team final."



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HAWKS TAKE FOURTH AT BIG TENS -- The Hawkeyes placed fourth at the Big Ten Championships, advancing four gymnasts into the event finals. The Hawkeyes came into the Big Ten meet ranked fourth out of the six teams competing. Senior **Eric Block** took second on parallel bars (8.925) and seventh on pommel horse (8.3). Sophomore **Michael McNamara** was runner-up on floor exercise with a score of 9.475. Sophomore **Michael Reavis** also recorded two high finishes, tying for third on vault (9.4) and taking fourth on horizontal bar (9.4).

IOWA IN THE RANKINGS -- In the latest GymInfo rankings (March 22), the Hawkeyes are ranked sixth nationally. As a team, the Hawkeyes are ranked in all six individual events. Iowa is the second-ranked team on floor exercise, fifth on horizontal bar and sixth on pommel horse and parallel bars. The Hawkeyes are also ranked 10th on vault and 11th on still rings.

HAWKS HIT THE RECORD BOOKS -- With an experienced senior class and an improved set of returnees, the 2004 Hawkeyes put a dent in the record books. As a team, Iowa has set four new records: floor exercise (37.325), rings (36.775), and vault (37.075), and have set a new team meet record of 217.925. Individually, four records have gone down, as **Michael McNamara** set a new record on floor exercise (9.575), **Kenny Lin** on rings (9.55) and **Linas Gaveika** on horizontal bar (9.8). Gaveika also holds the Iowa record in the all-around, recording a 53.975 at the Big Ten Championships.

SENIORS GO OUT IN STYLE -- Iowa sent its seniors out on a winning note by defeating seventh-ranked Michigan and Wisconsin 217.925-213.55-152.1. **Eric Block** was crowned event champion on parallel bars, matching a personal and season-best score of 9.05 set earlier this season vs. Oklahoma. He also recorded a third place finish on pommel horse (9.3). **Mike Kelly** was crowned event champion on pommel horse with a season-best score of 9.55, tying Gaveika's mark set earlier this season. **Matt Metzger** took second on rings (9.2) and placed fifth on horizontal bar (8.8). **Paul Summers** was unable to compete due to injury.

GAVEIKA NO. 1 ON HORIZONTAL BAR -- Junior **Linas Gaveika** is the nation's top competitor on horizontal bar, according to the latest GymInfo national rankings. He also holds the University of Iowa record, since the new rules, on horizontal bar, recording a 9.8 three times this season.

BLOCK CONSISTENT ON POMMEL HORSE AND BARS -- Senior **Eric Block** has 16 top-five finishes on pommel horse and parallel bars this season. Block took second on parallel bars (8.925) at the Big Ten Championships and won event titles on pommel horse three times this season. He also claimed a parallel bars title against Michigan and was runner-up at Illinois-Chicago and at Nebraska. Block is currently ranked sixth nationally on pommel horse (9.425) and seventh on parallel bars (9.035).

GymInfo Men's Rankings March 22, 2004

Rank	Team	Avg. Score
1.	Illinois	221.215
2.	Oklahoma	220.045
3.	Penn State	218.830
4.	California	218.510
5.	Ohio State	218.160
6.	Iowa	216.970
7.	Michigan	216.160
8.	Stanford	213.520
9.	Illinois-Chicago	212.855
10.	Nebraska	212.660
11.	Minnesota	212.040
12.	Army	211.010
13.	William & Mary	210.640
14.	Temple	209.880
15.	Navy	206.315
16.	Air Force Academy	204.650
17.	Springfield	201.400
18.	James Madison	195.930
19.	Southern Connecticut	190.640
20.	M.I.T.	149.200

GymInfo Individual Rankings (Top plus ranked Hawkeyes)

Floor Exercise

1.	Justin Spring (IL)	9.685
4.	Michael McNamara (I)	9.515
14.	Michael Reavis (I)	9.235

Pommel Horse

1.	Ben Newman (IL)	9.780
6.	Eric Block (I)	9.425
9.	Linas Gaveika (I)	9.345

Still Rings

1.	Kevin Tan (PSU)	9.865
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Vault

1.	Dan Gill (Stanford)	9.560
9.	Michael Reavis (I)	9.400

Parallel Bars

1.	Justin Spring (IL)	9.550
7.	Eric Block (I)	9.035
19.	Linas Gaveika (I)	8.790

Horizontal Bar

1.	Linas Gaveika (I)	9.735
7.	Michael Reavis (I)	9.495

All-Around

1.	Randy Monahan (OSU)	55.435
6.	Linas Gaveika (I)	53.745
8.	Michael Reavis (I)	53.505
17.	Michael McNamara (I)	52.125

