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**IOWA MEN'S GYMNASTICS**

**FOUR HAWKEYES COMPETE IN BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS EVENT FINALS**

CHAMPAIGN, IL -- The sixth-ranked University of Iowa men's gymnastics team had four student-athletes compete in the Big Ten Championships event finals Saturday evening. The competition was held in Huff Hall.

Senior **Eric Block** (Buffalo Grove, IL) and sophomore **Michael McNamara** (Orem, UT) were the Hawkeyes' top performers. McNamara took second on floor exercise with a score of 9.475. Block took second on parallel bars with a score of 8.925, finishing .025 points out of first place. He also recorded a seventh-place finish on pommel horse with a score of 8.3.

Sophomore **Michael Reavis** (Tallahassee, FL) also performed well for the Hawkeyes, recording two top-five finishes on the evening. He tied for third on vault with a score of 9.4, and took fourth on horizontal bar with a score of 9.4. Defending Big Ten horizontal bar champion **Linas Gaveika** (Vilnius, Lithuania) did not fare well in the event finals, finishing in fourth on pommel horse (9.2) and sixth on horizontal bar (8.7).

"We have a lot of room for improvement and will look to peak at the NCAA Championships next weekend," commented Head Coach **Tom Dunn**.

It appears that Iowa has locked up a position in the NCAA qualifier, April 2, in Champaign, IL. The top 12 teams compete for six spots in the NCAA Championships.

**EVENT FINALS**

**Individual Results (Winner plus IOWA)**

**Floor Exercise:**

- 1. Justin Spring (IL) 9.725
- 2. **Michael McNamara (I) 9.475**

**Pommel Horse:**

- 1. Ben Newman (IL) 9.800
- 4. **Linas Gaveika (I) 9.200**
- 7. **Eric Block (I) 8.300**

**Still Rings:**

- 1. Kevin Tan (PSU) 9.850

**Vault:**

- 1. Andrew DiGiore(Mich) 9.450
- t3. **Michael Reavis (I) 9.400**

**Parallel Bars:**

- 1. Kevin Tan (PSU) 8.950
- 2. **Eric Block (I) 8.925**

**Horizontal Bar:**

- 1. Ronald Ferris (OSU) 9.650
- 4. **Michael Reavis (I) 9.400**
- 6. **Linas Gaveika (I) 8.700**

