



Men's Gymnastics Contact: Andrea Breen

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IOWA CITY – The Iowa men's gymnastics team celebrated its 2007 season Sunday night with the team's annual Dr. C. E. Obermann Awards Banquet.

After breaking his own record three times this season, senior **Jacques Bouchard** holds the school record on rings, a 9.725, attained at the Big Ten Individual Championships. His score also won him the event, making him the Big Ten champion on rings and qualified him for the all-Big Ten team. Bouchard, a four-time letterwinner, was a nominee for the Nissen-Emery Award, or the Heisman Trophy of gymnastics. The pre-med major's other awards include the academic all-Big Ten team, academic excellence and the Robert F. Ray Faculty Representation Award, the award for outstanding academic excellence, athletic excellence and leadership. Bouchard's other accolades include the Big Ten Sportsmanship Award for Iowa gymnastics and the Dr. C. E. Obermann Outstanding Senior Award.

Junior **Jacob Becker** was honored with the N.R. Holzaepfel Most Valuable Team Member award. The three-time letterwinner was named an all-American on pommel horse, and holds the school record (9.4) in the event. Becker was also honored with the team's Biggest Contributor Award and named to the 2006-07 academic all-Big Ten.

Other members of the 2006-07 academic all-Big Ten team include senior **Bryan Bourland**, junior **Tom Buese**, senior **Drew Ignoto** and sophomore **Diego Mercado-Austin**.

Sophomore **Geoff Reins** was recognized as Iowa's Best Competitor at the NCAAs after being named an NCAA all-American on vault. Reins is a two-time letterwinner and this is the second consecutive year he has earned the title of NCAA all-American.

Sophomore **Diego Mercado-Austin**, a two-time letterwinner, was awarded the Most Inspirational Performance at the Big Tens. Freshman **Reid Urbain** was named the team's most improved athlete and is a first-time letterwinner for Iowa. The Coaches Appreciation Award went to freshman Jonathan Buese.

Lettermen Honored

Fourth Award:	Matt Beiler Jacques Bouchard Bryan Bourland Drew Ignoto	Waterloo, Ontario Rio Rancho, NM Lubbock, TX Southwick, MA
Third Award:	Jacob Becker Tom Buese Curtis Kleffman	Northampton, PA Gainesville, FL Washington, NJ
Second Award:	Diego Mercado-Austin Geoff Reins	Tijuana, B.C., Mexico Buffalo Grove, IL
First Award:	Jonathan Buese Dustin Cranmer Joel Snyder Reid Urbain	Gainesville, FL Evans City, PA Vernon Hills, IL Fort Atkinson, WI

SPECIAL RECOGNITION / ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Records:	Jacob Becker	9.400	Parallel Bars
	Jacques Bouchard	9.725	Rings

2005-06 Academic All-Americans: First Team, Jacques Bouchard, Ben Gonsoulin Reid Vancelette





Second Team, Bryan Bourland, Tom Buese, Drew Ignoto,
Diego Mercado-Austin, Geoff Reins
and Jacob Becker,

2006-07 Academic All-Big Ten: Jacob Becker, Jacques Bouchard, Bryan Bourland, Tom
Buese, Drew Ignoto, Diego Mercado-Austin

2007 All-Big Ten Team: Jacques Bouchard on Rings

2007 Big Ten Champion: Jacques Bouchard on Rings

2007 Robert F. Ray Faculty Representative Award: Jacques Bouchard
(for outstanding academic excellence, athletic excellence and leadership)

2007 Big Ten Sportsmanship Award (for Iowa Men's Gymnastics): Jacques Bouchard

2007 Nissen-Emery Award Nominee (Gymnastics Heisman Trophy): Jacques Bouchard

2007 NCAA All Americans: Jacob Becker on Pommel Horse
Geoff Reins on Vault

AWARDS: -Dr. C.E. Obermann Outstanding Senior: **Jacques Bouchard**
-Academic Excellence: **Jacques Bouchard**

-Most Inspirational Performance @ the Big Tens: **Diego Mercado-Austin**

-Best Competitor @ the NCAAs: **Geoff Reins**

-Most Improved: **Reid Urbain**

-Coaches Appreciation Award: **Jonathan Buese**

-Biggest Contribution: **Jacob Becker**

-N.R. Holzaepfel Most Valuable Team Member: **Jacob Becker**

