## IOWA HAWKEYES

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## MEN'S GYMNASTICS WEEKLY RELEASE

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## 2005 Schedule

(12-7 Overall, 2-6 Big Ten)

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/10 teams

F 4-5 at Winter Cup Challenge

F 12 UIC W, 213.475-196.65

F 19 Minnesota\* W, 217.325-213.4

F 26 Nebraska L, 215..325-214.15

Wisconsin W, 214.15-135.5

M 5 at Illinois L, 223.9-219.025

M 11 at Oklahoma 7 p (Norman, OK)

M 25-26 at Big Ten Championships 7 p
(Ann Arbor, MI)

A 7-9 at NCAA Championships TBD (West Point, NY)

Home meets in bold caps

\* -- at Carver-Hawkeye Arena

All times are central and subject to change

## 2005 Individual Event Leaders

All-Around54.650*
Michael Reavis, at Illinois
Floor Exercise9.675*
Michael Reavis, at West Point Open
Pommel Horse9.500
Linas Gaveika, at West Point Open
Still Rings9.700*
Kenny Lin, at Illinois
Vault9.700*
Michael Reavis, Minnesota
Parallel Bars9.250*
Linas Gaveika, at Windy City Invite
Horizontal Bar9.700
Michael Reavis, at West Point Open
Team Score219.025*
at Illinois

\* School Record (since 2001 code)

**THIS WEEK** -- The seventh-ranked University of Iowa men's gymnastics team will travel to Norman, OK, Friday, to take on No. 3 Oklahoma. The meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. at the Lloyd Noble Center.

THE SOONERS -- The 2004 NCAA runner-up squad is 7-1 this season, falling only to Michigan. Last weekend, the Sooners knocked off top-ranked Ohio State 222.825-222.675 and has notched wins over Nebraska, Minnesota and Air Force. Oklahoma is led by returning all-Americans Brian Trause (PB), Josh Gore (PB), David Henderson (AA & R), and Jamie Henderson (R). The Sooners are coached by Head Coach Mark Williams, Assistant Coach and 2004 U.S. Olympic Silver medalist Guard Young, and Assistant Coach Yuan Xiao.

**LAST TIME OUT** -- Despite breaking four University of Iowa records and setting five season bests, the Hawkeyes fell to the Japan all-Stars, as well as second-ranked Illinois. Iowa set the school record with its team score of 219.025, but could not match Japan's 226.375 or Illinois' 223.9. Junior **Michael Reavis** took third in the all-around, finishing behind two Japanese all-Stars. He also tied for second on floor exercise, took third on vault, and tied for fourth on horizontal bar. Senior **Linas Gaveika** took fourth in the all-around with a personal season best score of 53.975. He also tied for third on pommel horse and tied for fourth on horizontal bar.

**HAWKEYES HIT THE RECORD BOOKS** -- The Hawkeyes set four University of Iowa records against Illinois last weekend. Along with its team score of 219.025, Iowa set a school record on rings with a team score of 37.4. Senior **Kenny Lin** took fifth in the event, setting a record with his score of 9.7. Reavis also topped his previous record of 54.4 in the all-around, taking third with a score of 54.65.

<u>NATIONAL RANKINGS</u> -- The Iowa men's gymnastics team dropped into seventh place in the GymInfo national rankings. As a team, the Hawkeyes are ranked in the top ten in all six individual events. Iowa is the sixth-ranked team on both floor exercise and horizontal bar, eighth on vault, ninth on pommel horse and rings, and 10th on parallel bars.

<u>NATIONALLY-RANKED INDIVIDUALS</u> — Reavis leads the Hawkeyes in the rankings. He is the No. 3 competitor on floor exercise, tied for fourth on vault, fifth in the all-around and tied for sixth on horizontal bar. Gaveika is ninth on horizontal bar, 10th in the all-around and 19th on pommel horse. **Michael McNamara** is eighth on floor exercise, while Lin is 12th on rings and freshman **Curtis Kleffman** is 19th in the all-around.

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.

<u>NEXT COMPETITION</u> -- The Hawkeyes will have a weekend off to prepare for the Big Ten Championships, held March 25-26, in Ann Arbor, MI.