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IOWA MEN'S GYMNASTICS

NO. 6 HAWKEYES FINISH FOURTH AT BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHAMPAIGN, IL -- The sixth-ranked Iowa men's gymnastics team placed fourth at the Big Ten Championships, advancing four gymnasts into the event finals tonight. The Hawkeyes, who came into the Championships ranked fourth out of the six Big Ten teams competing, scored 216.8 points to finish ahead of Michigan and Minnesota, but were defeated by Illinois, Penn State and Ohio State.

Junior **Linas Gaveika** (Vilnius, Lithuania) was the Hawkeyes' top all-around performer, finishing in seventh place with a record-tying 53.975 points. Sophomore **Michael Reavis** (Tallahassee, FL) followed closely behind in eighth with a season-best 53.875 points. Gaveika and Reavis both qualified for the event finals in two events. Gaveika finished in second on horizontal bar with a score of 9.65 and in a tie for sixth on pommel horse with a score of 9.525. Reavis finished sixth on vault (9.375) and in a tie for third on horizontal bar (9.575).

Senior **Eric Block** (Buffalo Grove, IL) earned a place in the Big Ten finals on both pommel horse and parallel bars. He finished in a tie for third place on both events, scoring a season-best 9.55 on pommel horse and a 9.1 on bars.

Sophomore **Michael McNamara** (Orem, UT) had a record-breaking performance on floor exercise, placing fourth with a University of Iowa record score of 9.575. He finished in fourth place, advancing to the event finals. McNamara also finished 12th in the all-around competition.

The event finals of the Big Ten Championships will begin at 7 p.m. tonight at Huff Hall.

Final Team Standings:		FE	PH	SR	V	PB	HB
1. Illinois	221.975						
2. Penn State	220.100						
3. Ohio State	218.425						
4. IOWA	216.800	36.675 (2)	36.6 (3)	35.45 (5)	36.15 (6)	34.85 (4)	37.075 (1)
5. Michigan	216.375						
6. Minnesota	213.275						

Individual Results (Winner plus IOWA)

Floor Exercise:

1. Adam Pummer (IL)	9.700
4. Michael McNamara (I)	9.575*
t11. Michael Kelly (I)	9.100
t15. Linas Gaveika (I)	9.000
t15. Michael Reavis (I)	9.000
t25. Shawn Stone (I)	8.750
t28. Mark Beiler (I)	8.600

Pommel Horse:

1. Ben Newman (Ill)	9.750
t3. Eric Block (I)	9.550*
t6. Linas Gaveika (I)	9.525*
16. Michael Reavis (I)	8.925
t28. Mike Kelly (I)	8.600
33. Michael McNamara (I)	8.300
35. Bryan Bourland (I)	8.100

Still Rings:

1. Kevin Tan (P SU)	9.875
t10. Jacques Bouchard (I)	9.100
t13. Matt Metzger (I)	9.000
t16. Kenny Lin (I)	8.950

t27. Linas Gaveika (I)	8.400
t27. Michael Reavis (I)	8.400
t27. Michael McNamara (I)	8.400

Vault:

1. Chad Buczek (PSU)	9.500
6. Michael Reavis (I)	9.375*
20. Michael Kelly (I)	9.050
t27. Matt Metzger (I)	8.875
t29. Linas Gaveika (I)	8.850
t29. Michael McNamara (I)	8.850
32. Erik Tefteller (I)	8.800
37. Mark Beiler (I)	8.600

Parallel Bars:

1. Justin Spring (IL)	9.650
t3. Eric Block (I)	9.100*
t16. Mike Kelly (I)	8.600
t16. Michael Reavis (I)	8.600
t21. Linas Gaveika (I)	8.550
t21. Michael McNamara (I)	8.550
t30. Matt Metzger (I)	8.300



**Horizontal Bar:**

1.	Randy Monahan (OSU)	9.675
2.	Linas Gaveika (I)	9.650*
t3.	Michael Reavis (I)	9.575*
13.	Bryan Bourland (I)	8.950
t14.	Michael McNamara (I)	8.900
t19.	Matt Metzger (I)	8.800
32.	Mark Beiler (I)	8.200

All-Around:

1.	Randy Monahan (OSU)	55.675
6.	Linas Gaveika (I)	53.975
7.	Michael Reavis (I)	53.875
12.	Michael McNamara (I)	52.575

* – Advances to Event Finals

