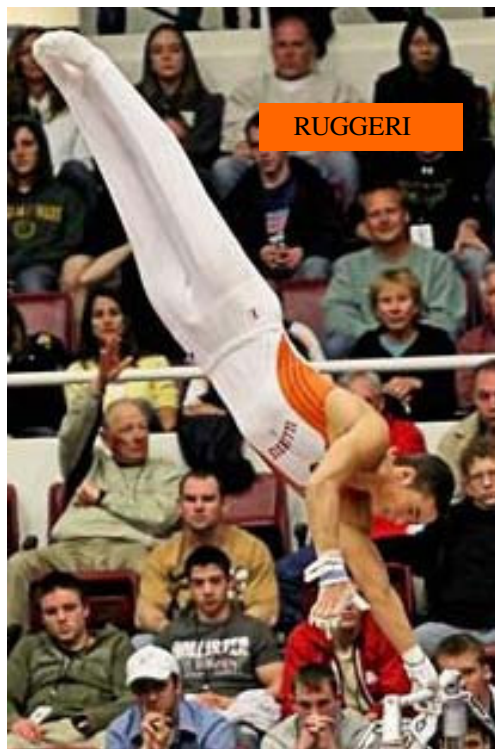


UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Illinois gave the home crowd plenty to cheer about Saturday night at Huff Hall, as the Illini won on all six individual events, in addition to the all-around, en route to a 350.650-342.150 defeat Minnesota

"I'm very happy with the team's performance tonight," associate head coach Justin Spring said. "After a rough couple of events, we were able to bounce back with some incredible routines in the latter half of the night. It's still early in the season, but we have a lot of potential and there's room still to grow as a team."

Paul Ruggeri led the team with first-place finishes in the all-around (87.200), floor exercise (14.750) (new skill-arabian double front-layout), vault (16.050) and high bar (16.100),



while Daniel Ribeiro won on pommel horse with a score of 14.750 (even with a fall). Brian Liscovitz and Anthony Sacramento rounded out the group with season-high scores and their first event titles of the season, as Liscovitz placed first on parallel bars (14.600) and Sacramento on rings (14.650).

Several other season and career highs also highlighted the night, as Ruggeri's score on high bar was a new career high and school record under the FIG Open Ended "Code of Points" introduced in 2008. Tyler Mizoguchi posted a new career high in the all-around

(86.450) and tied his career best on vault (15.800), while Chad Wiest tallied a career high on high bar (13.500) and C.J. Padera (vault; 15.600) and Luke Stannard (15.500; vault) topped their previous season highs.

Additionally, Kyle Moe notched a new career high on rings (13.900), as did freshman Yoshi Mori on floor exercise (13.800) (Mori, a very talented freshman, did not have a good outing, but watch out for this youngster in the future).

What was almost the highlight of the meet took place just before the meet started when the recording of the National Anthem stopped playing after a few seconds and the audience immediately started singing the song and did so in a very emotional manner. It was a very moving scenario!

It was reported that the very hard working and very talented sophomore Austin Phillips is injured and out for the year for the Illini. This may prove to be a hardship for Illinois depth wise.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota dropped a Big Ten Conference meet to Illinois Saturday night on the road in Champaign.

"We had a few spots that we struggled tonight," Burns said. "Our hit percentage dropped to 76 percent which is below our expectation so it's imperative that we turn that around."

The Gophers started the night on pommel horse and posted four decent scores with Mike Hillin leading the way with a score of 13.95. Ross Cameratta saw action on pommels for the first time this season and posted a personal best of 13.60.

On floor exercise the Gophers fared a bit better than pommel horse but still below their usual level. Colin McGuire was the team's top scorer with a 14.55.

"Colin did a nice job on floor tonight and his score of 14.55 was a little low for the set he did," Burns said. "Another highlight was getting Cole Storer back in the line up and while came up a little short on his dismount, it was good to see him back on the competition floor."

Vault was the next event and the Gophers did a great job with Adam Reichow posting a career-high score of 15.95 with a huge Yurchenko double full. Cole Storer also posted a season high 15.80 to help the team post a score of 62.95.

On Still Rings Ross Cameratta was the Go-

phers' top performer with a score of 14.25.

High bar was the next event and the Gophers posted another score of 56.25 with Aaron Fortunato and Colin McGuire posting identical top scores of 14.35.



Parallel bars was the final event of the night and Aaron Fortunato again led the Gophers on this event with a final score of 14.15.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

The University of Michigan extinguished the UIC Flames behind event wins from Ian Makowske, Mel Anton Santander and Syque Caesar, 339.250 to 328.850 on Saturday (Feb. 13) at Cliff Keen Arena. Freshman Rohan Sebastian claimed the first all-around crown of his career with a 83.400.

The Wolverines competed without the services of either Chris Cameron, Thomas Kelley or Phillip Goldberg (resting up for the upcoming clash with Oklahoma-no doubt).

The Wolverines got off to a strong start on

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the floor, leading UIC 57.250- 52.900. Makowske recorded a 14.550 to lead U-M and take the event crown. Caesar and Torrance Laury added matching 14.300 marks, good for second place.

The Wolverines added to their lead on the pommel horse where Joe Levine made his collegiate debut by posting a 13.950, earning second-place honors. Santander tied his career best (14.950) to win the event.

On rings, sophomore/freshman Douglass Johnson Jr. made his collegiate debut, recording a 13.750. Andrew Vance posted a team-best 14.250 to take second place on the event.

On the vault, Michigan extended its lead to more than 10 points behind a nearly stuck double twisting vault from Sebastian. Caesar added a 15.200 in his first appearance on the vault for the season.

In rotation five, Caesar took the parallel bars title with a season-best 14.350 mark. In his first collegiate routine on the parallel bars, Sebastian claimed second place on the event.

Going into the final rotation on the high bar, the Wolverines led UIC, 282.800-276.200. Makowske claimed his second event title of the night, obliterating his previous career best with a 14.950 score. Ryan

ment U-M's 10-point victory.

PENN STATE, OHIO STATE AND IOWA WERE IDLE THIS WEEK.

NATIONAL TEAM SCORES
FOR THE PAST WEEK:

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| 1. Oklahoma | 356.50 |
| 2. Illinois | 350.65 |
| 3. Stanford | 342.70 |
| 4. Minnesota | 342.15 |
| 5. California | 340.85 |
| 6. Michigan | 339.25 |
| 7. Nebraska | 335.45 |
| 8. Temple | 333.35 |
| 9. ILL-Chicago | 328.85 |
| 10. Springfield | 326.00 |



McCarthy took second on the event to ce-