



FIGHTING ILLINI

GYMNASTICS

2024 Men's Gymnastics Record Book

FIGHTING ILLINI QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY
 Location Urbana-Champaign
 Enrollment 52,331
 Nickname Fighting Illini
 Colors Orange and Blue
 Conference Big Ten
 President Timothy Killeen
 Chancellor Robert J. Jones
 Athletic Director Josh Whitman
 Home Facility (Capacity) . . Huff Hall (3,800)

COACHING STAFF
 Head Coach Daniel Ribeiro
 Alma Mater Illinois, '11
 Overall Record/Season . . . 17-11/2nd
 Big Ten Record/Season 2-2/2nd
 Assistant Coach/Season . Don Osborn/9th
 Assistant Coach/Season . Tim McNeill/2nd

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2023 RECAP
 Overall Record 17-11
 Big Ten Finish Second
 NCAA Finish Third
 High Score 415.590 (at NCAA Finals)

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FIGHTING ILLINI MEN'S GYMNASTICS

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr.	Event	Hometown/Previous School
63	Ashton Anaya	Sr.	SR	Elk Grove, Calif./Rio Valley Charter
31	Ethan Boder	Sr.	AA	Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic
24	Tate Costa	So.	AA	Narragansett, R.I./Narragansett
26	Brandon Dang	Fr.	PH	San Jose, Calif./ Evergreen Valley
16	Max Farkhadau	Jr.	PH	Buffalo Grove, Ill./Buffalo Grove
12	Michael Fletcher	Gr.	AA	Nashua, N.H./Bishop Guertin
23	Will Hauke	Sr.	AA	Indianapolis, Ind./North Central
7	Sebastian Ingersoll	Sr.	AA	Chicago, Ill/University of Chicago Laboratory Schools
11	Evan Manivong	Gr.	AA	Kansas City, Mo./Staley
77	Connor McCool	Gr.	FX, VT	Wildwood, Mo./Lafayette
43	Connor Micklos	So.	AA	Chesapeake, V.A./Hickory High School
17	Logan Myers	Sr.	AA	Morrison, Colo./Wheat Ridge
42	Preston Ngai	Fr.	AA	Elk Grove, Calif./ Rio Valley Charter
7	Vahe Petrosyan	Fr.	AA	Los Angeles, Calif/Homeschool
27	Garrett Schooley	Fr.	AA	Sarasota, Fla/ Braden River High School
28	Dylan Shepard	Fr.	AA	Orlando, Fla./ Circle Christian
3	Amari Sewell	Jr.	AA	Bowie, M.D./Charles H. Flowers
33	Ryan Vanichtheeranont	So.	AA	Plainfield, Ill./Plainfield North High School

Head Coach: Daniel Ribeiro (2nd season)

Assistant Coach: Don Osborn (9th season)

Assistant Coach: Tim McNeill

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Ashton Anaya	uh-NEYE-uh
Max FARKADAU	far-HAW-doo
Evan MANIVONG	MAN-ah-vong
Amari SEWELL	S00-uhl
Will HAUKE	HAWK
Ryan VANICHTHEERANONT	VAN-ISH-THAIR-NAWNT
Daniel RIBEIRO	RIH-BAIR-OH
Preston Ngai	NYE
Vahe Petrosyan	VAW-hay peh-TROW-zee-in

2024 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Jan. 13	Windy City Invitational	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Greenville	2 p.m.
Jan. 27	vs. Oklahoma	2 p.m.
Feb. 3	vs. Michigan	2 P.M.
Feb. 10	vs. Simpson	5 p.m.
Feb. 23-25	Winter Cup	TBA
March 1	vs. William & Mary/Simpson	6 P.M.
March 9	at Nebraska	1 P.M.
March 16	vs. Ohio State	2 P.M.
Mar. 23	at Penn State	3 p.m.
April 5-6	Big Ten Championships (Champaign, Ill.)	TBA
April 19-20	NCAA Championships (Columbus, Ohio)	TBA

DANIEL RIBEIRO

HEAD COACH // 2ND SEASON (11TH ON ILLINOIS STAFF)



Daniel Ribeiro enters his second season as the head coach of the Fighting Illini men's gymnastics program going into the 2024 season.

In his first season as head coach, Ribeiro led the Illini to a third-place finish at the NCAA Tournament where nine Illini earned All-American status at the 2023 NCAA National Championships. Of the nine, Ashton Anaya still rings and Ian Skirkey (pommel horse) became national champions on their respective events.

Ribeiro takes over after spending the previous 11 years as an assistant coach, including seven seasons as the program's associate head coach under former head coach Justin Spring. Ribeiro earned National Assistant Coach of the Year and Central Region Coach of the Year honors in 2012 after helping lead the Illini to their first national championship since 1989 and fourth-consecutive Big Ten championship.

In the 11 seasons combined as an assistant and associate head coach, Ribeiro has helped oversee a program that has produced seven national champions, 70 All-Americans, 18 Big Ten Champions, two Big Ten Gymnasts of the Year, two Big Ten Freshmen of the Year and a Nissen-Emery award winner.

As a member of the Fighting Illini men's gymnastics team from 2008-11, Ribeiro won two NCAA titles on pommel horse (2009, 2011) and was a three-time captain, starting his sophomore year.

The Chestnut Ridge, N.Y., native is also a three-time Big Ten pommel horse champion, taking the conference crown in his freshman (2008), junior (2010) and senior (2011) seasons while earning first-team All-Big Ten accolades in each of those years as well.

Ribeiro's success was not limited to the collegiate stage, however, as the former All-American captured pommel horse gold at the 2010 U.S. Visa Championships between his junior and senior seasons.

Ribeiro also garnered academic honors during his time at Illinois, earning a spot on the Academic All-Big Ten list in 2010 and 2011 and achieving College Gymnastics Association All-America Scholar-Athlete status in 2010.

THE RIBEIRO FILE

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- December 2022-Pres.: Head Coach, University of Illinois
- July 2015-July 2022: Associate Head Coach, University of Illinois
- 2023 Pan Am Assistant Coach of Gold Medal Team USA
- 2022 Maccabiah Games Head Coach of Gold Medal Team
- 2017 Maccabiah Games Head Coach of Silver Medal Team
 - 2011-July 2015: Assistant Coach, University of Illinois
- 2013 Maccabiah Games Head Coach of Gold Medal Team
 - 2012 National Assistant Coach of the Year
 - 2012 Central Region Assistant Coach of the Year

COLLEGIATE CAREER

- 2011 NCAA Pommel Horse Champion
- 2011 Big Ten Pommel Horse Champion
- 2010 Big Ten Pommel Horse Champion
- 2009 NCAA Pommel Horse Champion
- 2008 Big Ten Pommel Horse Champion
 - Three-time All-American
- Three-time All-Big Ten Team Member
- Two-time Big Ten Gymnast of the Week

INTERNATIONAL CAREER

- 2010 U.S. Visa Championships Gold Medalist - Pommel Horse
 - 2010 U.S. Winter Cup (6th - Pommel Horse)
 - 2009 Alternate for U.S. World Gymnastics Team
- 2009 Visa Championships (T-4th - Pommel Horse, T-6th - Floor)
- 2008 Stella Zakharova Cup Silver Medalist - Pommel Horse
- 2007 Junior Olympics National Champion - Pommel Horse
- 2006 Junior Olympics National Runner-Up - Pommel Horse
 - ,2005-07 Junior Olympics Finalist-Top 36 (All-Around)



DON OSBORN

ASSISTANT COACH // 9TH SEASON

Don Osborn is entering his ninth season as the assistant coach for the men's gymnastics team, coming into the 2024 season. Osborn came back to Illinois after 20 years away and joined the team for the 2015-16 season.

Prior to coming back to the Illini, Osborn spent three years as the Champaign Gymnastics Academy boys' team coach and spent over a decade as the boys'

team coach at the Buffalo Grove Gymnastics Center as well. Osborn returned with experience coaching a multitude of gymnastics levels, including Junior Olympic National Team champions.

As the Illinois head coach from 1994-96, Osborn saw Illini gymnasts claim 12 Big Ten individual championships in addition to nine NCAA All-America accolades. He led the program to nearly 50 wins during his three years at the helm. The Indiana State University graduate also served as an assistant coach under Yoshi Hayasaki for eight seasons during which the Orange and Blue claimed a pair of Big Ten championships in addition to the 1989 NCAA National Championship team title.

To accompany his vast coaching experience, Osborn has also been a certified gymnastics judge since 1980.

THE OSBORN FILE

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- Aug. 2015- present: Assistant Coach, University of Illinois
- Sept. 2012- Aug. 2015: Champaign Gymnastics Academy Boys' Team Coach
- Oct. 1998- May 2011: Buffalo Grove Gymnastics Center Boys' Team Coach
- June 1996-Oct. 1998: Illinois Gymnastics Center Boys' Team Coach
 - Aug. 1993-June 1996: Head Coach, University of Illinois
 - Aug. 1985-Aug. 1993: Assistant Coach, University of Illinois

COLLEGIATE CAREER

- Four-year letter winner, Indiana State University (1977-1980)
 - 1977 Team National Champion
 - 1978 NCAA Championships - Team Fifth Place
 - 1979 NCAA Championships - Team Third Place
 - 10th overall in the All-Around

INTERNATIONAL CAREER

- Fifth place at 1980 Hungarian Invitational
- 3x United State Gymnastics Federation (USGF) National Championship qualifier



TIM MCNEILL

ASSISTANT COACH // 1ST SEASON

Tim McNeill enters his second season as an assistant head coach for the Fighting Illini men's gymnastics program in the 2022-23 season. McNeill's hire was announced by interim head coach on Aug. 5, 2022.

In his first season at Illinois, McNeill helped guide the Illini to a third-place finish at the NCAA Tournament where Illinois had nine All-Americans, including two national champions.

Considered one of the most successful gymnasts in the history of Cal's program, McNeill earned All-American honors each of his four years as a Golden Bear from 2005-08. He captured the first of his school-record five NCAA individual championship titles as a sophomore when he won the pommel horse competition in 2006. He later claimed both the pommel horse and parallel bars titles at the NCAA Championships in both 2007 and 2008. At the end of his senior season, McNeill received the Pac-10 Medal as the most outstanding senior male student-athlete at Cal.

After graduating from Cal in 2008, McNeill spent the 2009 season as a graduate intern with the Bears before training full-time with the U.S. National team.

McNeill returned to his alma mater as Cal's head coach for three seasons from 2010-2013. As Cal's coach, McNeill was named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) Coach of the Year in 2011. He guided the Bears to fourth-place NCAA finishes in both 2011 and 2012, with one individual pommel horse champion in 2012.

Four of his student-athletes became members of the U.S. National Team, two became members of the Filipino National Team, and one became a member of the Swiss National Team, all under his tutelage. McNeill went on to coach at the Olympic Trials in 2012, and he was chosen by USA Gymnastics to coach the U.S. delegation at the 2012 World Cup competition in Croatia.

Prior to his time at Cal, McNeill competed in three Junior Olympic National Championships in 2000, 2002 and 2004. In 2000, McNeill placed third on parallel bars, and in 2002 he finished fourth on pommel horse. In 2004 he broke through for a first-place finish on pommel horse, while also capturing third in all-around and fourth in the parallel and high bar competitions.

A fixture on the U.S. Senior National team from 2006-11, McNeill boasts an impressive resume on the international stage. He won his first international medal in 2010 when he placed third on parallel bars at the Moscow World Cup. Other highlights include competing in the finals of the 2008 Olympic Trials, winning pommel horse at the 2009 Winter Cup Challenge, and taking home the parallel bars title and finishing second in the all-around at the 2009 VISA Championships. McNeill earned a place on the U.S. team for the 2009 World Championships where he placed fifth on pommel and seventh in the all-around. In 2010, he was voted as the U.S. Gymnast of the Year.

Aside from gymnastics, McNeill is a voice in the community for mental health. He interned at both an HIV clinic, and a residential substance abuse facility. He also spent time as a mental health counselor at a substance abuse facility for adolescent boys. Later, McNeill opened his own private practice, helping adolescents and adults with mental health and substance abuse issues, while also providing sports guidance to help athletes perform at their highest potential.

THE MCNEILL FILE

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- Aug. 2022-Pres: Assistant Coach, University of Illinois
- 2010-13: Head Coach, University of California, Berkeley
 - 2012 Olympic Trials
 - 2012 World Cup
- 2011 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Coach of the Year
- 2009-2010: graduate intern, University of California, Berkeley

COLLEGIATE CAREER

- 2008 PAC-12 Most Outstanding Senior Male Student-Athlete
 - 2008 NCAA Pommel Horse Champion
 - 2007 NCAA Pommel Horse Champion
 - 2006 NCAA Pommel Horse Champion
 - 2007 NCAA Parallel Bar Champion
 - 2008 NCAA Parallel Bar Champion)
 - Nine-time All-American

INTERNATIONAL CAREER

- 2010 U.S. Gymnast of the Year
 - 2010 Moscow World Cup - 3rd on parallel bars
 - 2009 U.S. Winter Cup - 1st on pommel horse
- 2009 VISA Championships - 1st on parallel bars, 2nd all-around
- 2009 World Championships - 5th on pommel, 7th in all-around
 - 2008 Olympic Trials finalist
 - 2004 Junior Olympics National Champion - Pommel Horse
 - 2002 Junior Olympics National Championships- 4th on pommel horse
 - 2000 Junior Olympics National Championships - 3rd on parallel bars