

# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS 08 MEN'S GYMNASTICS



## FIGHTING ILLINI QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY	
Location	Urbana-Champaign
Enrollment	41,398
Nickname	Fighting Illini
Colors	Orange and Blue
Conference	Big Ten
President	B. Joseph White
Chancellor	Dr. Richard Herman
Athletic Director	Ron Guenther
Home Facility	Huff Hall

COACHING STAFF	
Head Coach	Yoshi Hayasaki
Alma Mater	Washington, '71
Overall Dual Record/Years	198-106-1/31
Big Ten Dual Record/Years	124-74-1/31
Assistant Coach/Season	Jon Valdez/Eighth
Alma Mater	Sam Houston State, '90
Assistant Coach/Season	Justin Spring/Second
Alma Mater	Illinois, '06

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2007 RECAP	
2007 Record Overall/Dual	13-18/2-4
2007 Big Ten Finish	Fifth (211.900)
2007 NCAA Finish	Fifth (217.300)
2007 Average Score	211.568
2007 High Score	217.300
2008 Preseason Ranking	Eighth
National Champions Returning/Lost	0/0
2007 All-Americans Returning/Lost	6/0
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	13/0
Newcomers	6
2008 Team Captains	Michael Boyer, Sr.
	Tyler Yamauchi, Sr.
First Year of Men's Gymnastics	1898
Years at NCAA Team Championships/Last	40/2007
NCAA Titles	Nine ('39, '40, '41, '42, '50, '55, '56, '58, '89)

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# THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the state's classic land grant university, dedicated to building on its tradition of excellence in education, research, and public engagement, and driven to innovate in each of these missions. True to its commitment to provide access to top quality higher education to all of Illinois, the Urbana campus regularly ranks among the "best buys" among American universities.

More than 2,000 faculty members lead more than 40,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students in a process of discovery and learning in 16 colleges and schools and more than 80 research centers and labs.

Illinois provides a diverse learning environment with students and faculty members from more than 120 nations, and a choice of 150 undergraduate majors. Students have opportunities ranging from participating in research or studying abroad, to leading one of more than 1,000 student organizations.

Illinois faculty members win the most prestigious national and international awards, including Nobel and Pulitzer prizes, Guggenheim Fellowships, Tony Awards, and National Medals of Science and Technology. Illinois alumni are similarly recognized; 11 have won Nobel Prizes.

Campus resources include one of the world's largest public university libraries, with its online resources and precious rare book collections, including the earliest specimen of printing in the world, the oldest book printed in moveable type, and the first folio of Shakespeare (1623).

World-class research facilities include the National Center Supercomputing Applications, Beckman Institute, and the Siebel Center for Computer Science, and the campus community enjoys outstanding centers for the arts, as well as Big Ten sports.



**Top:** Illinois' Union, located on the north end of the Quad;  
**Middle Left:** The Alma Mater statue;  
**Middle Right:** The Quad is the hub of all activity on the University of Illinois campus;  
**Left:** The Engineering Quad;  
**Above:** An example of a University of Illinois dormitory.

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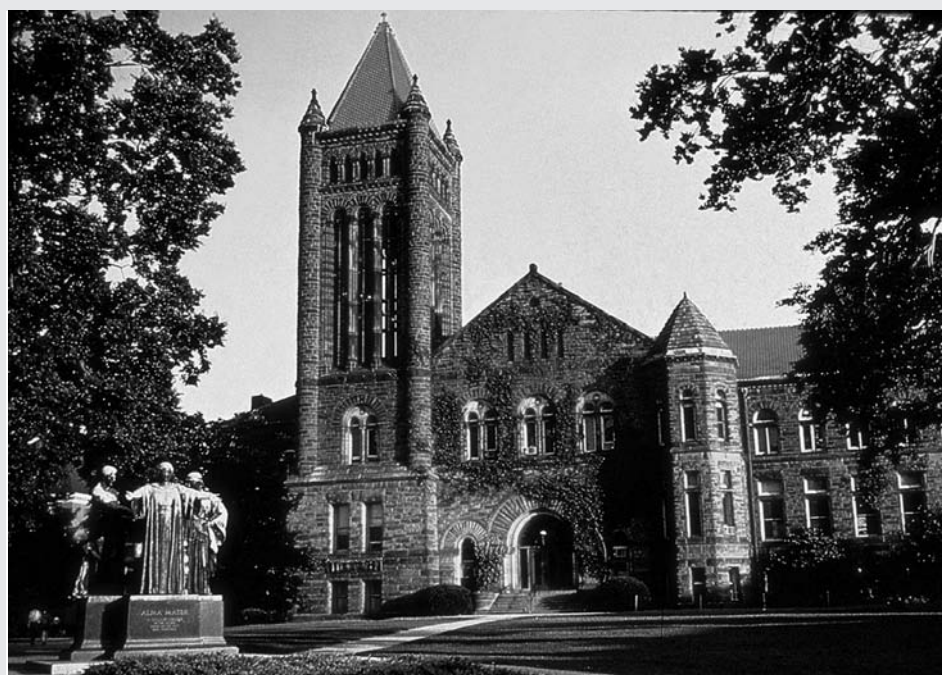
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**Far right:** Front view of the Illinois Main Library;

**Right:** Illinois' Undergraduate Library, which was built underground to preserve the Morrow Plots;

**Below:** Altgeld Hall, the math building.



Finally, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is the only U.S. institution of higher education ranking in the top ten in the three key metrics of international education: international student enrollment, total number of study abroad students, and the number of federally-funded Title VI National Resource Centers for international and area studies. The campus has collaborative relationships with the best institutions around the world, which benefit students and faculty alike.

In its 2007 rankings, *U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges* rated Illinois as the number 10 public university and the number 41 national university.

According to the 2008 *U.S. News & World Report's* graduate and 2007 undergraduate rankings:

- The Graduate School of Library and Information Science's program is tied for 1st in the nation. (2007)
- The College of Engineering is ranked 4th (tie) in undergraduate and 5th in graduate programs nationally.
- The College of Business is ranked 13th in undergraduate programs nationally.
- The College of Education is ranked 25th in graduate programs nationally.
- The College of Law is ranked 25th (tie) in professional programs nationally.
- The Ph.D. Chemistry program is ranked 7th (tie) nationally.

*PC Magazine* (Dec 2006) ranks Illinois 6th "Most Connected, Plugged-in, and High-Tech Campus in the Country."

The Harvard Graduate School of Education cited (2006) the University of Illinois as an Exemplary institution for faculty satisfaction in the following categories: Nature of work, Policy effectiveness, Work and family, and Global satisfaction.

*DesignIntelligence* (Dec 2006) magazine's "America's Best Architecture and Design Schools 2006" ranked Illinois' Undergraduate and Graduate Industrial Design programs #8 and Graduate Architecture programs #10 in the nation.

The *Princeton Review* named Illinois as one of the nation's best value undergraduate institutions in the new 2008 edition of its book, *America's Best Value Colleges*.

The 2007 *Washington Monthly* College National Rankings lists Illinois as 16th in the nation.

*Diverse* magazine ranked Illinois in its 2006 Top 100 Doctoral Degree Producers:

Of the 416 institutions in the U.S. and Puerto Rico who award Ph.D.s, Illinois ranked eighth in the total number of Ph.D.'s awarded in 2006 (*Inside Higher Ed*).

The 2006 *Fiske Guide to Colleges* named Illinois as a "Public University with Strong Preprofessional Programs" in Architecture, Business, Communications/Journalism, and Engineering.

*New Mobility* magazine ranks Illinois first among "disability-friendly colleges" in America.

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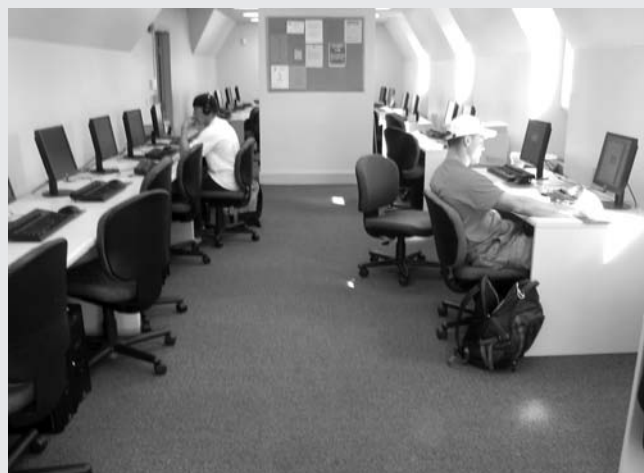
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# IRWIN ACADEMIC CENTER

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**Top:** The Irwin Academic Center is a facility dedicated to the academic endeavors of Illinois' student-athletes. It houses the entire academic staff, computer labs and study lounges;

**Above:** A study lounge in the front room of the Irwin Academic Center;

**Above Right:** In addition to computers at Irwin, the football complex has its own conveniently located computer lab;

**Right:** Irwin computer lab.

## ACADEMIC SERVICES



### IRWIN ACADEMIC CENTER GETS NEEDED EXPANSION

This fall, the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics completed the expansion of the Irwin Academic Services Center. With the great continued support from the Irwin Family Foundation, this project will assist student-athletes in many academic areas. The \$4.6 million expansion of the Irwin Center adds 11,400 square feet allowing more opportunities for the student-athletes to achieve their academic goals. Student resource areas comprised of a presentation room, a new general study area, individual tutoring and study rooms, and a computer lab allow this all to happen. Student-athletes now have more access to computers; better environments to meet with tutors with less distraction and the opportunity to have more space to concentrate on the academic endeavors.

### MEN'S GYMNASTICS OUTSTANDING GPA AWARD WINNERS

For the third straight year, the University of Illinois men's gymnastics team garnered a top-10 ranking in the national academic team standings as awarded by the College Gymnastics Association. Along with the accolade, the Illini men's gymnastics team also earned the Fighting Illini Outstanding GPA Award, given to the top men's and women's varsity program at UI with the highest cumulative GPA as a team. The squad, which is in the hunt for the laurel every season, captured the award with a team GPA of a 3.185.



### ILLINI TEAMS EXCEL IN THE CLASSROOM IN 2006-07

- Thirteen of 19 Illinois athletic teams recorded over a 3.0 GPA in 2006-07.
- Women's basketball's Lori Bjork and track & field's Jason Bill were named ESPN The Magazine/CoSIDA Academic All-American and Illinois had 14 athletes earn Academic All-District honors.
- Thirty-one (31) student-athletes earned a perfect 4.0 GPA in 2006-07.
- Two sports, women's golf and women's cross country earned a perfect 1.000 in the NCAA Academic Progress Rate (APR).
- 124 student-athletes earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2005-06.
- Over 54 percent of all student-athletes earned over a 3.0 GPA in the spring, while 48 percent posted a 3.0 or better in the fall.

## CAREER PLANNING CHECKLIST

### FRESHMAN: Orientation / Adaptation

- Successfully complete First Year Student-Athlete Meetings Course
- Explore campus activities and student organizations
- Participate in HOMETOWN HEROES program
- Visit the Career Center to learn about its services
- Attend life skills career development workshops
- Develop your professional and networking skills

### SOPHOMORE: Self-Assessment / Exploration

- Evaluate your strengths, skills, values and interests
- Discuss career ideas with counselors, faculty, family & friends
- Update your resume
- Attend Illini Career Networking Night
- Gain career related experience: an internship, a summer job
- Participate in HOMETOWN HEROES program
- Attend workshops and seminars to enhance your personal and career goals
- Look for opportunities to develop leadership skills in and out of your athletic career
- Work with the life skills coordinator and your academic counselor if you are unsure about your major or career choice
- Develop professional skills

### JUNIOR: Decision Making / Goal Setting

- Work with your academic counselor and the life skills coordinator to develop career goals and strategy.
- Fulfill academic requirements needed for graduation and your career field
- Maintain a strong grade point average
- Research your career field to determine which qualifications you must develop
- Attend Career Center and Life Skills workshops: resume writing, interview skills, job search strategies, and research occupations and companies
- Acquire hands-on experience: internships, clinical or field experience
- Take advantage of volunteer opportunities through HOMETOWN HEROES program
- Attend the Illini Career Networking Night
- Attend campus Job Fairs
- Work with the life skills coordinator to update your resume and for assistance with career planning
- If you are considering grad school, register for necessary exams (GRE, MCAT, GMAT, LSAT, etc.)
- Develop strong relationships with faculty, counselors, administrators and professionals in your field of interest.
- Work with life skills coordinator to secure a summer job in chosen field
- Test your career choice to ensure its right for you

### SENIOR & FIFTH YEAR: Job Search / Implementation

- Update resume and create a cover letter
- Register for on-campus interviewing with Career Center
- Continue to attend Career Center and Life Skills workshops and seminars
- Continue to participate in HOMETOWN HEROES program
- If attending grad school, register for post-graduate exams
- If eligible for awards or post-graduate scholarships, work with the life skills coordinator to complete application process
- Continue to pursue leadership roles on campus
- Utilize the Career Center, life skills coordinator for support and resources in your job search process

# DIVISION OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS



**Top Left:** Illinois Field, home to the Illini Baseball team; **Top Right:** Atkins Tennis Center; **Left:** Demirjian Indoor Golf Facility; **Below:** Assembly Hall; **Bottom Left:** Armory Indoor Track Complex; **Bottom Right:** Illinois' Gymnastics facility in Kenney Gym.

## FACILITIES

The DIA utilizes and maintains 15 facilities for competition and the administration of 19 sports. The facilities include Memorial Stadium, Assembly Hall, Huff Hall, Illinois Field, the Outdoor Track & Field and Soccer Stadium, the Armory, Atkins Tennis Center, Kenney Gym, the University of Illinois Orange and Blue Golf Courses, the Bielfeldt Athletic Administration Building, the Ubben Basketball Practice Facility, Eichelberger Field Softball Complex, the Irwin Indoor Practice Facility and the Irwin Academic Center. The DIA will add a 16th facility in the fall with the completion of the Demirjian Indoor Golf Complex.



Four years ago, a total refurbishing of the football complex took place in time to host the NFL Chicago Bears for the 2002 season. The first floor was reconstructed to expand and upgrade the Illini locker rooms, create permanent meeting room space and a more conducive sports medicine facility. Also added to the stadium in 2002 was a state-of-the-art video scoreboard as well as photo panels that adorn the North end-zone.

In 2000, the construction of the \$12.5 million indoor football practice facility was completed, located just east of the current football complex and locker room. The football practice field opens directly onto the East Outdoor Practice Field.



In 1992, the DIA completed an \$18 million renovation project on Memorial Stadium, replacing the main and balcony stands on the east and west sides of the Stadium.

In 1998, the Irwin Academic Center opened on campus, providing UI student-athletes with state-of-the-art computer study areas, conference rooms, career planning and placement and other academic programs all under one roof. The Irwin Center is utilized by over 600 student-athletes on an annual basis.

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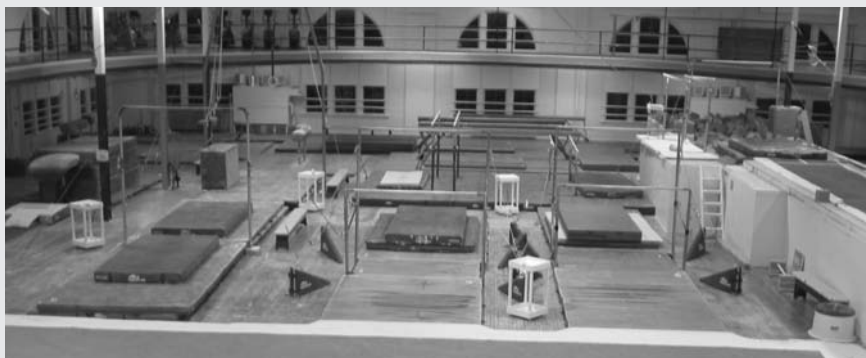
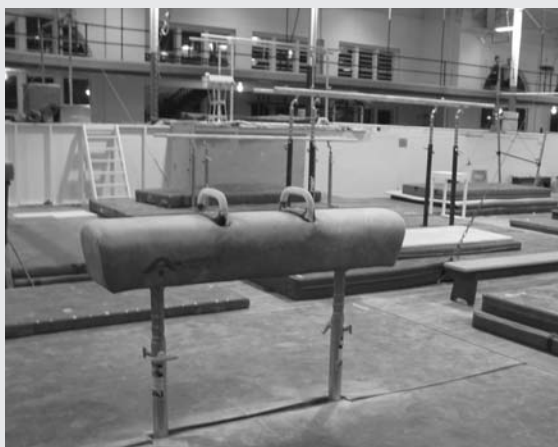
## KENNEY GYM

Historic Kenney Gym, one of the university's oldest and most revered buildings, houses a unique training atmosphere and represents nearly a century of exercise tradition at the University of Illinois.

The upper level of Kenney Gym houses the Illinois gymnastics workout facilities. In this extensive facility, both the men's and women's gymnastics teams practice in a harmonious environment.

Kenney Gym accommodates Illinois gymnasts with its large variety of FIG specification equipment. Men's equipment includes two pommel horses, two sets of still rings, three sets of parallel bars, two high bars, two vaulting horses, a Palmer spring floor and a 40-foot long Tumbtrak. The historic building also features a weight room, running track, swimming pool, locker and shower facilities and basketball and volleyball courts.

Named after former wrestling coach H.E. Kenney, Kenney Gym has long been a focus of innovative techniques and equipment in gymnastics training. The world's first foam-lined, in-ground "pit," developed for added safety in the instruction of tumbling and vaulting, was built here in 1963. Since then, another pit has been installed for vaulting, tumbling, high bar and beam work. The Kenney Gym pit structure provides dismounting capabilities for most men and women's apparatus events, as well as tumbling and vaulting.



## HUFF HALL

Huff Hall is a versatile, multi-use facility that serves as the home for the Illini men's and women's gymnastics, wrestling and volleyball squads. It has a seating capacity of 3,800 for gymnastics meets. Huff Hall, the longtime home of the Illinois State High School Association state basketball tournament, is known for creating the circus-like atmosphere that fostered the term "March Madness." This historical building on the U of I campus continues to make lasting memories in the hearts of all Fighting Illini fans.

Illinois athletics enjoy a proud tradition in Huff Hall. Huff served as host for the 1991, 1995 and 2003 Big Ten Women's Gymnastics Championships, the 1992, 1995 and 2004 Big Ten Men's Gymnastics Championships, and the site of the 1993 and 1999 NCAA Men's Gymnastics East Regional. It also was the site of a 1994 NCAA first-round volleyball match, a 1995 NCAA second-round volleyball match, the first and second rounds of the 1997 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament and the first and second rounds of the 1998 and 2001 NCAA Volleyball Tournaments.

Huff Hall is named for longtime Illinois athletic director and coach George Huff. Huff was Illinois' athletic director from 1901 to 1935, during a time in which Fighting Illini athletic programs enjoyed unparalleled success. Huff was the driving force behind the construction of Memorial Stadium. He also served as football coach from 1895 to 1899, and baseball skipper from 1896 to 1919. Known by many of his close friends and business associates as "G," Huff served as manager of the Boston Red Sox in 1907.

Today, the University of Illinois honors Huff's hard work and success with the George Huff Award. Every year, this award is given to student-athletes who earn a 3.0 GPA for a full academic year and a varsity letter.

Huff Hall contains two volleyball practice courts and the volleyball game facility, as well as four basketball courts and a main court. In addition, the building contains spacious locker and squad rooms which were completely renovated in 2004.

Huff Hall also houses a weight room, equipment rooms, locker rooms, a training room, a pool, a wrestling room and one squash court, as well as many offices and classrooms. In 2004, Huff received several enhancements with the renovation of its training room and weight room. Within the last decade, Illinois has made multiple improvements to Huff Hall with the addition of a new scoreboard, a new sound system, new bleachers and new lighting.

# CHAMPAIGN-URBANA



**Top Left:** The changing leaf color beautifies one of Urbana’s historic residential areas; **Top Right:** An ariel view of Champaign-Urbana; **Left Photos:** CU’s electric entertainment and nightlife.

Champaign County is a warm and welcoming community with a dynamic mix of technology, tradition and culture.

The community is rich in culture and full of activities. Champaign County provides a level of entertainment opportunities unmatched by other communities its size due in large part to the presence of the University of Illinois. Champaign County is proud to offer vibrant, yet diverse attractions while maintaining friendly, small town hospitality.

Literally a “crossroads,” Champaign County lies halfway between the Windy City of Chicago and St. Louis. East or westbound travelers find Champaign halfway between Indianapolis and Peoria.

Nearly 180,000 people call Champaign County home. Add 40,000 University of Illinois students and faculty and you see the diversity of a population that makes Champaign one of the most sophisticated counties in Illinois.

Four distinct seasons provide much of the flavor of Champaign. The summer months provide many outdoor activity opportunities with hiking, canoeing and camping locations nearby. Children can be entertained by a wide variety of summer camps and water parks. With the fall comes a beautiful display of changing leaf color and the always brisk weather for the college football season. Snow activities are the name of the game in the winter, as well as Fighting Illini basketball and other indoor sports. When spring rolls around, the community shakes off the winter chill and continues to enjoy fine cuisine, entertainment and intellectual stimulation.

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# CAMPUS LIFE

## SHOWS AND CONCERTS

The Assembly Hall, which seats 16,618, is the largest Illinois arena outside of Chicago's United Center.

From rock shows to Broadway to family shows to Fighting Illini basketball and much more, the Assembly Hall has hosted the top names in show business. Performers and events hosted at Assembly Hall include The Rolling Stones, Dave Matthews Band, Ludacris, Garth Brooks, Kanye West, U2, Frank Sinatra, Nelly, Aerosmith, Tina Turner, "Cats," Bill Cosby, Mikhail Baryshnikov, The Harlem Globetrotters, Elton John, Reba McEntire and Bruce Springsteen.

## CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The University of Illinois has over 1,087 registered student organizations, honorary societies, and teams, giving students opportunities to pursue interests in religion, politics, ROTC, professional advancement, service organizations, rights/freedom issues and performing arts. With 60 fraternities, 26 sororities and 10 African American Greek organizations, Illinois has the largest Greek participation of any University.

## RECREATION

The University's recreation department offers many amenities for all students. In addition to a wide variety of club sports (ice-skating, hockey, soccer, volleyball, etc), many students take part in intramural athletics in numerous sports (flag football, basketball, softball, volleyball, bowling).

The outdoor recreation department designs and gives students day trips for the following activities: bike trail riding, canoeing/kayaking, cross country skiing, hiking in Allerton State Park and horseback riding.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

Illinois presents a rich variety of cultural programs for education and entertainment. Performance centers and theatres present the world's finest operas, ballets, and plays, and auditoriums host popular performers of music and shows. Great museums, lectures, and presentations by the world's top scholars enrich both the campus and the community.

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts: four theaters seat about 4,000 and annually host 350 student and professional performances, as well as commencements, lectures, and other events, many of them free.

The University hosts four cultural centers — Afro-American; Asian-American; La Casa Cultural Latina; Native American.

The Illini Union allows more than 83,000 students to attend or participate in over 200 programs, lectures, musicals, and concerts in a given year, while Foellinger Auditorium seats 1,750 for concerts, speakers, and special events.

The Japan House and Arboretum offer formal and informal tearooms, stroll gardens, and art and cultural classrooms.

## TECHNOLOGY

The University of Illinois is the founder of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications and currently houses the "super-computer." NCSA opened its doors to the national scientific computing community in January 1986. Because of Illinois' strong tie to computer technology, the school boasts over 70,000 computer connections for students on the campus network. There are also 110 buildings with wireless access.



**Top Right:** IMPE cardio machine room; **Upper Right:** Dave Matthews made his second stop in Champaign this winter; **Above Right:** Green Street, the hub of Illinois student nightlife; **Above:** Nelly performs at the Assembly Hall; **Right:** Chicago native Kanye West came to Champaign for his "Touch the Sky" tour.

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## ILLINOIS ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE



## 2006-07 ILLINOIS ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

- The Illinois men's basketball team reached the NCAA Tournament for the eight-consecutive season, tying a school record, and won at least 23 games for the seventh-straight year.
- Illinois' men's tennis team made a Cinderella run to the NCAA team championship before falling to No. 1 Georgia in the title match. Doubles tandem Kevin Anderson and Ryan Rowe narrowly missed becoming the first doubles team to repeat as NCAA champions, losing in the NCAA doubles championship, and Anderson reached the NCAA singles semifinals.
- The Illini women's track team won the Big Ten Outdoor Track and Field Championship after scoring an amazing 106 points on the final day to tie Michigan for the title. Yvonne Mensah led Illinois with four gold medals, winning the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes and triple jump, while anchoring the winning 4x100-meter relay. She also anchored the winning 4x400-meter relay to score a staggering 40.25 points herself.
- The Illinois men's gymnastics team reached the NCAA Team Finals for the fifth-straight year, finishing fifth and breaking the school record on floor exercise. Wes Haagensen finished second in the NCAA all-around competition, earning All-America honors on floor exercise and high bar. Tyler Yamauchi and Chad Wiest were All-Americans on floor exercise, while Chris Silcox earned the honor on high bar.
- Illinois' women's cross country team, led by freshman Angela Bizzarri, took eighth at the NCAA Championships after winning the team's first NCAA Midwest Regional Championship. Bizzarri earned All-America honors and broke the school 6K freshman record by 25 seconds. Coach Karen Harvey also became the first Illini leader to be named the Midwest Regional Coach of the Year.
- The Illini soccer team advanced to the NCAA Round of 16 for the second time in three years and finished second in the Big Ten. Illinois became the first school to ever sweep the Big Ten postseason awards as Ella Masar was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year, Emily Zurrer was co-Defensive Player of the Year and Chichi Nweke was Freshman of the Year.
- Five athletes were named Big Ten Athletes of the Year: Kevin Anderson (men's tennis), Ella Masar and Emily Zurrer (soccer) and Wes Haagensen (men's gymnastics).
- Three Illini teams finished their seasons in the NCAA Top-10: men's gymnastics (5th), men's tennis (2nd) and women's cross country (8th).
- Forty-one (41) Illini were named to All-Big Ten teams and 19 were All-Americans.

# ILLINOIS ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE



## AWARD WINNERS

- Kevin Anderson, men's tennis  
Big Ten Athlete of the Year
- Angela Bizzarri, women's cross country  
Big Ten Freshman of the Year
- Wes Haagensen, men's gymnastics  
Big Ten Athlete of the Year
- Ella Masar, soccer – Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year,
- Yvonne Mensah, women's track and field  
Field Athlete of the Big Ten Indoor Championships,
- Chichi Nweke, soccer  
Big Ten Freshman of the Year, All-Freshman
- Cara Pomeroy, women's gymnastics  
American Award Finalist
- Bob Starkell, women's gymnastics  
South Central Region Coach of the Year
- Gary Winckler, women's track and field  
Big Ten Coach of the Year  
USTFCCCA Midwest District Coach of the Year
- Emily Zurrer, soccer  
Big Ten co-defensive Player of the Year

## BIG TEN CHAMPIONS

Lesiba Masheto – Outdoor 400m, men's track and field (MTK)  
 Lesiba Masheto – Indoor 600m, men's track and field (MTK)  
 Cara Pomeroy – Uneven Bars, women's gymnastics (WGYM)  
 Adrian Walker – 400m Hurdles, men's track and field (MTK)  
 4x400m Relay (Adrian Walker, Tramell Smith, Paul Johnson, Lesiba Masheto)

## ALL-AMERICANS

- Kevin Anderson, men's tennis
- Angela Bizzarri, women's cross country
- Lars Davis, baseball
- Wes Haagensen, men's gymnastics
- J Leman, Football
- Ella Masar, soccer
- Lesiba Masheto, indoor and outdoor track and field
- Yvonne Mensah, outdoor track and field
- Michael Poeta, wrestling
- Carlene Robinson, outdoor track and field
- Ryan Rowe, men's tennis
- Chris Silcox, men's gymnastics
- Chad Weist, men's gymnastics
- Tyler Yamauchi, men's gymnastics
- Emily Zurrer, soccer

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## NOTABLE ALUMNI

**ROBERT JOHNSON**

Owner of the Charlotte Bobcats NBA franchise; 2003 *Sports Illustrated's* Most Influential Minority in Sport; Former CEO of Black Entertainment Television

**Max Abramovitz**, Architect/ Assembly Hall (deceased)

**John B. Anderson**, 1980 Presidential candidate

**Mark Andreessen**

Programmer of Netscape internet browser

**Nelson Algren**, Chicago Writer

**Scott Altman**, Astronaut

**Michael Arrington**

President and CEO, Recon Management Services

**Albert Babb**, Pioneer in hemodialysis

**Barbara Bain**, Actress

**Arnold Beckman**, Founder/chairman emeritus of Beckman Instruments (now SmithKline Beckman)

**MANNIE JACKSON**

Former Pro Basketball player, Owner of Harlem Globetrotters

**Lou Boudreau**

Professional Baseball Hall of Famer (deceased)

**Charles Bowsher**

Former U.S. Comptroller General (1981-1996)

**James Brady**, Press secretary during Reagan Administration; wounded during Reagan assassination attempt; namesake of The Brady Bill on handgun control

**DeeDee Bridgewater**

Grammy nominated jazz vocalist

**Nancy Brinker**, Breast Cancer Foundation

**Dee Brown**, Author of "*Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*"

**Avery Brundage**

Former president of the International Olympic Committee (deceased)

**Hal Bruno Jr.**

Retired director of political coverage for ABC News

**Dick Butkus**, College Football and NFL Hall of Famer

**James Cantalupo**, Former Chairman and CEO of McDonald's Corp. International (deceased)

**John Chancellor**

Political analyst and newscaster for "NBC Nightly News" (deceased)

**George Chandler**, Actor, played Uncle Petti on "Lassie" (deceased)

**Dr. Shou-Po Chao**, General Secretary of Taiwan

**Steven Chen**, Computer designer

**Doris Kelly Christopher** ----

Founder of The Pampered Chef

**John Coleman**, Founder of the Weather Channel

**Michael Colgrass Jr.**

Composer, 1978 Pulitzer Prize winner in Music

**Rafael Correa**, President of Ecuador

**Godfrey Danchimah**, comedian

**John Darling**, Former Chancellor, Louisiana State University

**Andrew Davis**

Film director/producer ("The Fugitive," "Under Siege")

**Ollie Watts Davis**, Opera Singer

**Dorothy Day**

Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement (deceased)

**Jean Driscoll**, Wheelchair athlete; Eight-time winner of the Boston Marathon

**Alan Dysert**

Actor, played Sean Cudahy on "All My Children"

**Dwight "Dike" Eddleman**, Olympic high jumper and Final Four and Rose Bowl participant (deceased)

**Andrea Evans**, Soap Opera actress

**Lee Falk**, Cartoonist (*The Phantom*, *Mandrake the Magician*) (deceased)

**Perdita Felicien**

World Champion and Olympic hurdler

**Michael Filerman**, TV producer

**George M.C. Fisher**, CEO of Eastman Kodak

**Dan Fogelberg**, (Attended) Composer and recording artist

**Rich Frank**, Former President of Disney Studios

**Steve Friedman**, TV producer, director

**Dale Gardner**, Astronaut

**JERRY COLANGELO**

Director of USA Basketball; Former president of the Phoenix Suns and Arizona Diamondbacks

**Bill Geist**, Journalist on "CBS Sunday Morning"

**Rick George**, President of the PGA Champions Tour

**John Georges**, CEO of International Paper Co.

**Thornton Gilcrest**, President, National Safety Council

**S. Malcolm Gillis**, Former President, Rice University

**Harold "Red" Grange**

College Football and NFL Hall of Famer (deceased)

**Richard Greenberg**, Film maker

**Jerry Hadley**, Opera star

**George Halas**, Founder of Chicago Bears (deceased)

**Erika Harold**, Miss America 2003

**Leanne Harvey**

Former General Manager, New Orleans Zephyrs

**HUGH HEFNER**

Founder of Playboy Magazine

## NOTABLE ALUMNI

**ALAN RUCK**

Actor, "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," "Spin City"

**Eric Halverson**, Former opera star, bass

**Sharon Hendrick**, Wheelchair track Olympian (1984, 1988)

**Beth Henley**

1981 Pulitzer Prize Award winner for "Crimes of the Heart"

**Nicole Hollander**, Cartoonist (Sylvia)

**Sue Ann Huseman**,

Former President, Monmouth College (1994-97)

**Billy Morrow Jackson**, Painter

**Jesse Jackson Jr.**, (Attended) Politician

**Donald Johanson**

Anthropologist, discoverer of oldest known hominid, "Lucy"

**Arte Johnson**

"Laugh-In" television personality

**Shiela Johnson**

CEO Salamander Hospitality

**Jawed Karim**, co-founder of YouTube

**Katherine Kendall**, Retired United Nations Social Affairs Director

**Charla Krupp**, Former Editor, *Glamour* magazine

**Annette Lu**, Vice President, Taiwan

**Naomi Lynn**, Former Chancellor, University of Illinois-Springfield (1991-2001); First Hispanic woman president of an American public university.

**Jack Mabley**, Newspaper columnist

**Carol Marin**, Television journalist/anchor

**Prentice Marshall**, Federal Judge (deceased)

**Lynn Martin**

Secretary of Labor during the Bush Administration

**Fred Marx**, Co-director and editor of "Hoop Dreams"

**Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio**, Actress

**Tim McCarthy**, Secret service agent during President Ronald Reagan Administration (wounded during 1981 assassination attempt)

**Jim McNeely**, Grammy nominated jazz pianist

**Donna Mills**, movie and television actress

**Erie Mills**, Opera star

**Bobby Mitchell**, Professional Football Hall of Famer

**Jacob Morowitz**

Owner, USA Trading Company

**Tom Murphy**, Retired chairman of General Motors

**Scott Mutter**, Artist/Photographer

**Steve Nagel**, Retired astronaut

**Malden Nesheim**, Emeritus Professor, Provost Emeritus, Cornell University

**Ray Nitschke**

Professional Football Hall of Famer (deceased)

**Robert Novak**, Columnist and CNN political commentator

**Jerry Orbach**, Actor (deceased)

**Suze Orman**, financial advisor and author

**Ray Ozzie**, Microsoft Chief Software Architect

**Peter Palmer**, Actor, singer (Broadway)

**Larry Parks**, Actor, "The Al Jolson Story" (deceased)

**Francine "Penny" Patterson**

Taught Koko the gorilla to communicate through Sign Language

**Greg Philbin**, Member of the band REO Speedwagon

**Irna Phillips**, creator of the Soap Opera

**Ron Popeil**, Ronco Inventions

**Fidel Ramos**, Former President of the Philippines

**Richard Powers**, Author, National Book Award winner

**James "Scotty" Reston**

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist (deceased)

**Bobby Richards**, Olympic pole vaulter

**Stephen Sample**, President, USC (1991-Present)

**E. Roger Sayers**

Former President, University of Alabama (1988-96)

**Gerald Schoenfeld**, Shubert Organization

**Gene Shalit**, "NBC Today Show" film critic

**Albert Shanker**

American Federation of Teachers (deceased)

**Allen Sherman**, Comedian, co-developer of TV game show "I've Got a Secret" (deceased)

**Thomas Siebel**, Founder of Siebel Systems

**ROGER EBERT**

Pulitzer Prize-Winning Film Critic

**ANG LEE**

Film Director ("Brokeback Mountain," "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," and "The Hulk")

**Shel Silverstein**

(Attended) Author and songwriter (deceased)

**Roger Simon**, Chief Political Columnist, Politico.com; New York Times Best Selling author

**Sam Skinner**, Secretary of Transportation; Chief of Staff during the George Bush Sr. Administration

**Ralph Snodsmith**, TV gardening guide

**Godfrey Sperling Jr.**, Syndicated columnist for the *Christian Science Monitor*

**Mark Steinberg**

Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Golf, IMG

**John Strohm**, Founded World Wildlife Fund (deceased)

**Dennis Swanson**,

President & General Manager, WNBC-TV (New York)

**Joe Tanner**, Astronaut

**Barbara Ann Teer**

Founder & CEO of National Black Theater

**Nancy Thies**, Olympic gymnast, sportscaster

**Lynne Thigpen**, Tony Award-winning actress, "An American Daughter" (deceased)

**Craig Virgin**, Olympic Runner

**Marvin Wachman**, Former President, Temple University (1973-1982); Author, "The Education of a University President"

**Arnold Weber**

Former President, Northwestern University (1985-95)

**William Wegman**, Artist

**Jack Welch**, Former CEO of General Electric (1981-2001)

**Cheryl West**, Playwright

**Tug Wilson**

Former Big Ten Commissioner; Olympian (deceased)

**Leslie B. Worthington**, President of U.S. Steel Corp.

**Rosalyn Yalow**, 1978 Nobel Prize-winner in physiology & medicine

**Timothy Zahn**, writer

## UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

**PRESIDENT B. JOSEPH WHITE**

University of Illinois President B. Joseph White took office as the University of Illinois' 16th president on Jan. 31, 2005, to lead the further development of what he calls the university of the future.

White, 60, is familiar with both public higher education and the Midwest. He spent nearly three decades affiliated with the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he received his doctorate in business administration in 1975. He also served there as interim president, dean of the business school and faculty member. Upon the announcement of his selection as president by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees in November 2004, White stated four aspirations:

- To continue to build the performance, stature, reputation and resources of the University
- To ensure that the work of the University is hard-wired to the needs of the people of Illinois, especially in education, economic development and health care, vital matters that touch every citizen
- To focus intensively on maintaining access to the University as a gateway of opportunity ... as well as the excellence of the University
- To ensure that University campus communities are models of diverse people working together.

Among White's primary focuses since taking office have been development of a strategic plan, *Creating a Brilliant Future for the University of Illinois*, and the forging of what he calls a compact among five principal parties to provide the resources needed to ensure excellence. The compact consists of:

- State support continuing to play a vital role
- Tuition payers and their families carrying an increasing share of the burden while the University provides financial aid to ensure access
- Faculty members doing their part through excellent work and success in winning competitive research grants and contracts
- Donors doing their part through generous giving
- University leadership making the best use of resources with which they have been entrusted.

Before coming to the University of Illinois, White was the Wilbur K. Pierpont Collegiate Professor, professor of business administration and research professor in the Life Sciences Institute at Michigan, leading the development of the Project for a Positive Healthcare Future. The project focuses on improvements in efficacy, patient and provider empowerment and efficiencies that can result from advances in biology, engineering and information science applied to the practice of medicine.

White is a native of Detroit who was reared in Kalamazoo. He earned his bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in international economics from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in 1969 and an MBA, with distinction, from Harvard University in 1971 and doctorate in business administration in 1975 from the University of Michigan. He first joined the Michigan faculty as assistant professor of organizational behavior and industrial relations in 1975; was associate professor from 1978-80; associate dean in the Business School 1987-90; interim dean 1990-91; president of the William Davidson Institute, a center of expertise on economic and business development in emerging market economies, 1993-2001; dean of the Business School 1991-2001, and interim president in 2002.

He is on the board of the American Council on Education, which serves as a consensus leader on key higher-education issues and seeks to influence public policy through advocacy, research and program initiatives. He also serves on the President's Circle of the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. White has been named to the Chicago 2016 Evaluation Committee for Chicago's bid to host the Olympic games.

White also has private-sector experience, including six years at Cummins Engine Co. Inc., 1981-87, first as vice president for management development and then as vice president for personnel and public affairs. White is

an independent director or trustee of several companies, including Equity Residential, headquartered in Chicago; Gordon Food Service; and Kelly Services. He is a director of the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. He has chaired the boards of several large health-care organizations, including the University of Michigan Health System, St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor and the Catherine McAuley Health System.

He has written, taught and lectured extensively on leadership, management and organizational matters. He is the author of "The Nature of Leadership: Reptiles, Mammals, and the Challenge of Becoming a Great Leader" (AMACOM Press, 2007). He received an honorary degree from Wabash College in 2003.

He and his wife, Mary White, are the parents of two grown children and have four grandchildren.

**CHANCELLOR RICHARD HERMAN**

As Chancellor at Illinois, Dr. Richard Herman is committed to excellence in education, scientific and intellectual innovation, diversity, engagement with societal needs, and internationalizing the education of students. He continues to encourage and support interdisciplinary research and new alliances-including partnerships between government, universities, and industry-to create opportunities for progress in basic

and applied research.

Dr. Herman is a leader in national discussions about transforming public research universities and the land-grant mission to meet the needs of the twenty-first century. As a member of the National Council on Competitiveness and National Innovation Initiative, he works to foster relationships between the academic world and the national business community, maximizing the contributions that research universities can make in preserving U.S. competitiveness in the global economy.

For many years, Dr. Herman has played a leading role in discussion of national science policy, consistently stressing the need to better position the sciences to engage the emerging needs of society. In February 2006, Dr. Herman was appointed by President Bush to the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. He joins a select group of members from the academic community and the private sector who advise the president on technology, scientific research priorities, and math and science education. He also served on the National Science Foundation's Advisory Committee for the Directorate of Mathematical and Physical Sciences and served as Chair of the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics. He currently serves on the Mellon College of Science Advisory Board and is a member of the Observatories Council, the Management Council of the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, Inc., associated with the National Optical Astronomy Observatory.

A mathematician whose work concentrates on mathematical physics and operator algebras, Dr. Herman's research has been supported by such agencies as the National Science Foundation, NATO and NDEA and has resulted in numerous reports in scientific publications. He is a member of the Tau Beta Pi and Sigma Xi honorary societies and recipient of an Alexander von Humboldt Foundation fellowship. Before coming to Illinois, he served on the faculties of the University of California at Los Angeles, Pennsylvania State University and the University of Maryland at College Park. He has been a visiting faculty member and fellow at the University of Marseilles and Princeton University.

Dr. Herman and his wife, Susan, are active in the Champaign-Urbana community, where Mrs. Herman helped found the 40N/80W Arts Council and Dr. Herman serves on the Boards of the United Way and the Champaign County Chamber of Commerce. The Hermans have three children and six grandchildren.

## DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS



### DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS RON GUENTHER

In his 16th year as Director of Athletics at the University of Illinois, Ron Guenther has returned his alma mater to the national elite in competing for championships in 19 intercollegiate sports with outstanding coaches, staff and facilities, including two straight Top-25 finishes in the NACDA Director's Cup competition and an NCAA title for the Illinois men's tennis program in 2003. In 2001, he was named the NACDA/Continental Airlines

Central Region Athletic Director of the Year. The MVP of the 1966 Illinois football squad, Guenther continues to move the Illini athletic program on a breakneck pace toward a position of competing at a championship level in all programs.

Guenther has overseen a series of dramatic changes that have local, regional and national media, alumni and fans marveling at his ability to recruit top-level coaches, successfully engineer a \$175 million fundraising and resource operation and create a model program producing outstanding student-athletes. He is currently leading a second major capital campaign to expand and renovate facilities, strengthen endowment and increase annual giving to offset the rising cost of tuition. The centerpiece of the campaign is the Memorial Stadium Renaissance, which is the largest renovation project of the historic stadium that was built in 1923. The Renaissance project will make Memorial Stadium one of the premier football venues in the nation.

Under Guenther's leadership, Illinois has steadily improved its performance on the field and in the classroom. Off the field, Illinois student-athletes have continued to benefit from outstanding academic service programs, matching the overall campus grade point average and producing nearly 100 Academic All-Big Ten award winners annually in all sports. The Irwin Academic Center is proof of the commitment toward academic success as more than \$7 million was invested into expanding the building in 2007.

Guenther has also spearheaded a revolution for funding for championship-level programs and facilities as the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics has opened necessary additional revenue streams totaling more than \$3 million through working partnerships with corporate sponsors and management of the Illini Sports Radio Network.

Guenther's aggressive plan to make the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics a valuable and enthusiastic partner in the overall education, research and service mission of the University has begun to pay dividends in the 21st century.

Now in his fourth decade with the University of Illinois, Guenther was the Most Valuable Player on the 1966 Illinois football squad under Head Coach Pete Elliott. He was a second-team All-Big Ten selection at offensive guard, also earning first-team Academic All-Big Ten honors and recognition as the University's outstanding senior in physical education. Guenther earned his Bachelor of Science degree in physical education from Illinois in 1967 and an M.S. in administration in 1968 before embarking on a successful career in coaching, athletic administration and business.

Guenther was named the 17th Director of Athletics on May 14, 1992 after serving for two years with the University of Illinois Foundation as Director of Major Gifts and for three years as a partner with The Barofsky Association, a Chicago-area investments and marketing firm. From June of 1988 to March of 1989, Guenther served as Interim Director of Athletics for External Operations, administering the development program, public relations, promotions, tickets, merchandise and summer camps.

Guenther spent the previous three years within the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics as associate athletic director for development, coor-

inating the "Campaign for Excellence in Athletics." His efforts in fundraising have grown immensely since his tenure as Director of Athletics. The campaigns gave Illinois facilities their first major facelift in nearly 60 years on campus. Among the projects completed under his watch are: the Irwin Academic Center, Illinois Field for baseball, the UI Outdoor Track and Field and Soccer Stadium, the Atkins Tennis Center, the Shahid and Ann Khan Outdoor Tennis Complex, the Ubben Basketball Practice Facility, the Demirjian Golf Facility, the Martin Softball Field at Eichelberger Stadium and the Irwin Football Complex, housing coaches offices, locker rooms, sports medicine, strength and conditioning facilities and meeting rooms for Illinois football. One of the nation's top athletic fund raisers, Guenther has been instrumental in soliciting gift commitments totaling more than \$175 million toward capital improvements at Illinois during the last 16 years. Additionally, Guenther has led a \$116 million Memorial Stadium renovation project, which will see completion in the fall of 2008. Endowment fundraising under Guenther's leadership has gone from \$2 million invested to \$26 million in 2007. In the same fashion, the annual fund has grown from \$2.4 million to more than \$7 million this year. The Loyalty Circle, which represents donors giving over \$10,000 annually, began with nine families in 1993 and now tops 450 today.

Firmly committed to delivering the Illinois message across the state and Midwest, Guenther served from 1983 to 1987 as assistant athletic director for Chicago operations, renewing a commitment that continues today to reach out to the thousands of Chicago-area alumni, donors and fans.

During his tenure in Chicago, Guenther created the annual statewide caravan for promotion and public relations and saw a tripling in the number of donors to Illinois athletics.

Guenther spent eight years at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., including a stint from 1975-79 as director of admissions and also as an associate head football coach. From 1979-83, he served as the vice president of development and public affairs at North Central, helping to design and implement a \$15 million Capital Campaign. As associate head football coach, Guenther helped the Cardinals amass a 23-12-2 record, including the school's first winning season in 15 years.

Before moving to North Central College, Guenther was offensive line coach at Boston College from 1971-74, helping to develop nine National Football League players. From 1968-71, Guenther was a teacher and coached football, wrestling and track and field for the Evanston Township and Glenbard High School systems in suburban Chicago.

Born Oct. 3, 1945, Guenther is a native of Elmhurst, Ill. and a graduate of York High School. He lettered at Illinois in 1965 and 1966, helping Illinois to a 24-14-1 record in his four seasons. Guenther earned MVP honors on a squad that produced five All-Americans in 1966.

He was inducted into the Chicagoland Sports Hall of Fame on Sept. 22, 2005. Guenther and his wife, Megan, reside in Champaign.



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# FROM THE BEGINNING

## ILLINOIS MEN'S GYMNASTICS

The first recorded year of outside competition for the men's gymnastics team was a meet held in connection with the first indoor track meet in 1898. Illinois centered its hopes on Adolf Kreikenbaum, its first competitor, who brought home the title on long horse.

F.J. Dentschmann, E.H. Lenke and E.L. Draper were the first Illinois men's gymnastics letterwinners

The Illini captured their first and second Big Ten titles behind the leadership of head coach Leo Hanna

**Dr. Hartley Price (1930-48)**



In his 19 years of service, head coach Dr. Hartley Price ended his career at the helm of the Fighting Illini in 1948 with four Big Ten and four NCAA titles under his belt.

**1911-12 Big Ten Champions**



Dr. Hartley Price led the Fighting Illini to their fourth Big Ten Championship



Six-time All-American and four-time Big Ten champion, **Bob Sullivan (1951-53)**.

Men's gymnastics took a hiatus due to World War II and returned to action in 1947

1898      1902      1911-12      1935      1943-46

**1910**

E.B. Styles became the first Illinois Big Ten All-Around Champion

**1930**

Under the tutelage of new head coach Dr. Hartley Price, Richard C. Oeler became the first men's gymnastics Big Ten Medal of Honor selection

**1939-42**

During this span, the Illini dominated the collegiate gymnastics scene, winning four straight national titles

A total of 11 head coaches have led the Illinois men's gymnastics program. Starting in 1889, Adolph Kreikenbaum (1889, 1902) headed the first recorded year of men's gymnastics at Illinois, followed by Leo Hanna (1905, 1910-13), R.N. Fargo (1914-17), A.J. Schuettner (1921), S.C. Staley (1922), J.C. Wagner (1924-25) and R.C. Heidloff (1926-29). Beginning in 1930, Dr. Hartley Price (1930-48), Charlie Pond (1949-73), Don Osborn (1994-96) and current Illini head coach Yoshi Hayasaki (1974-93, 97-present) have combined to lead the Orange and Blue for a total of 74 years.



**Louis Fina (1940-42)**  
**Paul Fina (1939-41)**

Two of Illinois' top gymnasts during their time, the brother duo of Louis (left) and Paul (right) Fina combined for a total of 18 All-America laurels. Louis captured 12 during his career, while Paul collected six.



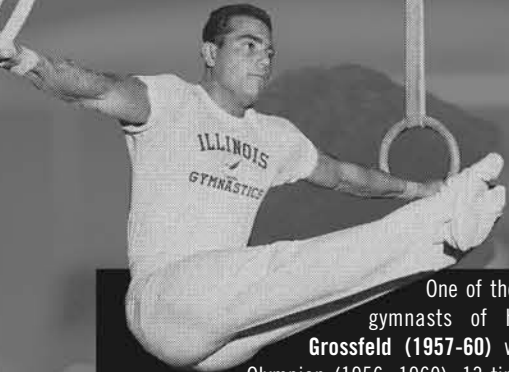
**1940 National Champions**



**Tom Gardner (1953-55)** was an eight-time All-American and three-time Big Ten champion.

**Joseph Giallombardo (1938-40)** was a 13-time All-American, seven-time NCAA champion and a six-time Big Ten Champion for Illinois.





One of the best collegiate gymnasts of his time, **Abie Grossfeld (1957-60)** was a two-time Olympian (1956, 1960), 13-time All-American, four-time Big Ten champion, seven-time NCAA champion and was tabbed the U of I Dike Eddleman Athlete of the Year in 1959.

A one-time All-American, **Kari Samsten (1981-84)** went to two World Championships in 1978 and 1981.



**Ray Hadley (1960-62)** completed his time at Illinois with seven All-America selections and three Big Ten championships.



The Illini, behind the leadership of four-time NCAA champion Abie Grossfeld, won their eighth NCAA crown (1958) and captured the 1960 Big Ten championship, while Grossfeld became the first non-football or basketball student-athlete to win the Dike Eddleman Athlete of the Year Award in 1959

Yoshi Hayasaki coached three Illini to Big Ten Medal of Honor laurels, including Howard Beck (1974-75) – who became the only Illinois male gymnast to win the award twice – Steve Yasukawa (1978) and John Davis (1979)

During this four-year span, Charles Lakes anchored an Illini squad that captured one individual NCAA title (Lakes, HB), eight All-America honors (Lakes, three), and 13 Big Ten titles (Lakes, six)



1956 Big Ten & NCAA Champions

Illinois returned to the top of the sport, winning its fifth (1950), sixth (1955) and seventh (1956) national crowns

## 1950-56

## 1958-60

## 1974-79

## 1984-88

## 1940-49

Illinois continued to be a dominant national presence, grabbing a total of 54 All-America accolades during the '40s, while head coach Charlie Pond began his 25-year tenure with the U of I in 1949

## 1956

Abie Grossfeld, one of the greatest gymnasts to ever don the Orange and Blue, became the first Illini to compete in the Olympics

## 1974

Marked the beginning of the Yoshi Hayasaki era, who took the reins when Charlie Pond left the program in 1973 after claiming four national titles and 11 Big Ten crowns

## 1981-83

During the period, Illinois captured two Big Ten titles, first in 1981 and also in 1983, when the Illini shared the crown with Ohio State



1950 Big Ten & NCAA Champions



Head coach **Charlie Pond (1949-73)** commanded the Illini for 25 years, becoming the most successful coach in the history of the program, carding 11 Big Ten titles and four NCAA Championships.



1981 Big Ten Champions



1983 Big Ten Champions

Current Illini head coach **Yoshi Hayasaki** is one of only four coaches that has won NCAA championships as a coach (Illinois, 1989) and a competitor (Washington 1970-71) in Division I.



# CONTINUING A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE



**Concalo Macedo (1993-96)** competed at two World Championships and World University Games (1993-94).

**Charles Lakes (1983-85)** was a six-time Big Ten champion, three-time All-American and an 1988 Olympian.



Peter Shostchuk ended his career earning All-American honors all four years at Illinois all on pommel horse, the first Fighting Illini to accomplish the feat

**Yuval Ayalon (1995-98)**

1995 Big Ten Freshman of the Year Yuval Ayalon was a three-time All-Big Ten selection. On top of his success in the collegiate arena, his international experience includes trips to the 1994, '96 and '97 World Championships and '94 and '96 European Championships.



Ricardo Cheriell led a rebuilding Illini squad with three straight All-Big Ten selections, while in 1992, Dominick Minicucci traveled to his second straight Summer Olympiad, becoming only the second Illini to ever attend two Olympic Games

1991-93

2003



Nissen-Emery Award

**David Zeddies (1986-89)**, left, became the first Illini to be named a Nissen-Emery Award winner in 1989. **Justin Spring (2003-06)**, right, won the program's second prestigious honor when he took home the award in 2006.

1989

Illinois ended a 30-year drought, winning its first national title since 1958 behind the leadership of head coach Yoshi Hayasaki and the talent of Nissen-Emery Award winner David Zeddies, Illinois' first gymnast to garner the prestigious honor



1989  
National Champions

2000

Travis Romagnoli is the most heralded Illini gymnast of the '90s, finishing his career in 2000 a nine-time All-American and a two-time national champion

2004-06

Illinois returned to the forefront of collegiate gymnastics, finishing in the top-three at nationals all three years (2004-3rd, 2005-3rd, 2006-2nd), including winning its 23rd Big Ten title in 2004, a league record behind the leadership of 2004 Big Ten Coach of the Year Yoshi Hayasaki



2004 Big Ten Champions



**Dominick Minicucci (1988-89)** is one of only two Illini to compete at back-to-back Olympic Games (1988, 1992). At Illinois, he was tabbed the 1988 Big Ten Freshman of the Year and earned two Big Ten titles.



Illinois is one of the most successful programs in the history of collegiate gymnastics. Its nine NCAA titles is the second most in NCAA history, while the Orange and Blue's 47 individual titles also ranks second in the country. From 1948-1960, Illinois won four NCAA titles and finished in the top three at the NCAA Championships every year.

Two-time national champion and nine-time All-American **Travis Romagnoli (1997-00)**.

Many talented gymnasts have passed through the tradition-rich Illinois program over the years. In addition, two of the last four NCAA Championships captured at the University of Illinois in any sport in the last 48 years have been by the men's gymnastics squad (1958,1989). The Illini also have dominated the Big Ten Conference, winning a league-best 23 Big Ten titles and a conference-leading 132 individual Big Ten crowns. Since 2003, numerous Fighting Illini have helped keep the Illinois men's gymnastics program near the top of the national rankings, continuing to lead Illinois to top-five finishes at nationals for the past five-years running.

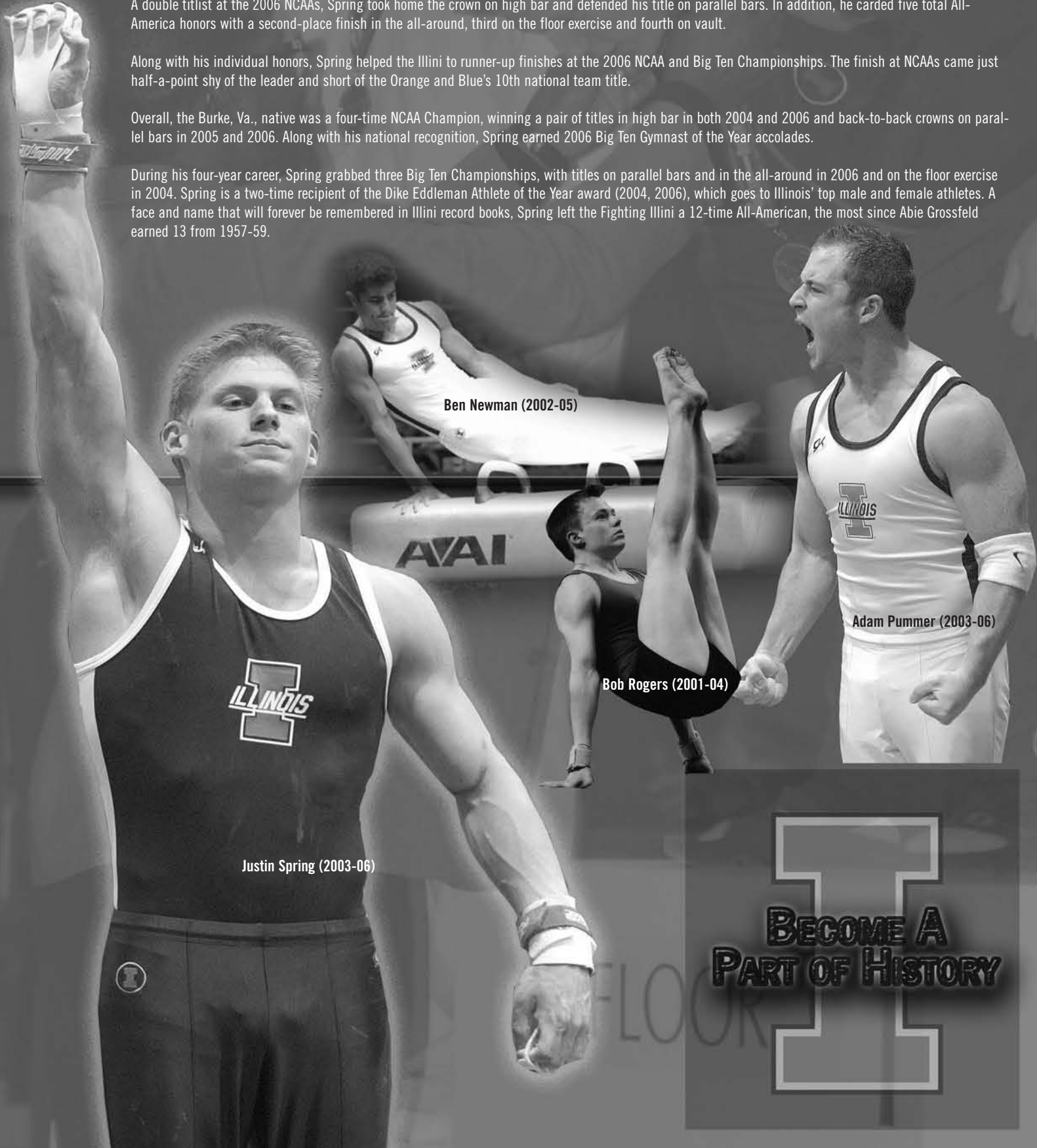
Bob Rogers (2001-04), who began his career in 2001, started the most recent string of top-notch gymnasts at Illinois, capturing a national title on pommel horse and two All-America laurels on pommel horse and floor exercise. Rogers followed his collegiate career with a one-year stint on the Illini coaching staff as an intern coach. Following in Rogers' footsteps, Ben Newman (2002-05) went on to earn three Big Ten titles on parallel bars, one All-America honor, grabbed three All-Big Ten selections and was named Big Ten Gymnast of the Week once. Adam Pummer (2003-06) carded eight All-America accolades and was selected Big Ten Gymnast of the Week on one occasion.

Arguably the best gymnasts to ever don the Orange and Blue, Justin Spring (2003-06) finished his illustrious career as one of the most decorated Illinois gymnasts in Illini history. In 2006, Spring strung together one of the best seasons in history that culminated in the 2006 Nissen-Emery Award, men's gymnastics' equivalent to the Heisman Trophy. A double titlist at the 2006 NAAs, Spring took home the crown on high bar and defended his title on parallel bars. In addition, he carded five total All-America honors with a second-place finish in the all-around, third on the floor exercise and fourth on vault.

Along with his individual honors, Spring helped the Illini to runner-up finishes at the 2006 NCAA and Big Ten Championships. The finish at NAAs came just half-a-point shy of the leader and short of the Orange and Blue's 10th national team title.

Overall, the Burke, Va., native was a four-time NCAA Champion, winning a pair of titles in high bar in both 2004 and 2006 and back-to-back crowns on parallel bars in 2005 and 2006. Along with his national recognition, Spring earned 2006 Big Ten Gymnast of the Year accolades.

During his four-year career, Spring grabbed three Big Ten Championships, with titles on parallel bars and in the all-around in 2006 and on the floor exercise in 2004. Spring is a two-time recipient of the Dike Eddleman Athlete of the Year award (2004, 2006), which goes to Illinois' top male and female athletes. A face and name that will forever be remembered in Illini record books, Spring left the Fighting Illini a 12-time All-American, the most since Abie Grossfeld earned 13 from 1957-59.



Ben Newman (2002-05)

Adam Pummer (2003-06)

Bob Rogers (2001-04)

Justin Spring (2003-06)

BECOME A  
PART OF HISTORY

## BIG TEN NETWORK

THE BIG TEN IS NOT JUST A CONFERENCE, IT'S A CULTURE. AND THE BIG TEN NETWORK IS WHERE IT LIVES.



Big Ten Network President Mark Silverman (from left), Fox National Cable Sports Networks President Bob Thompson, Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley, Big Ten Commissioner James E. Delany and Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Director Jack Lavin announce official Big Ten Network headquarters location at the historic Montgomery Ward building in Chicago.

In June 2006, the Big Ten announced the creation of the Big Ten Network, a national network devoted to Big Ten athletic and academic programs. Available to all cable and satellite providers nationwide, with most programs offered in stunning high-definition television (HDTV), the network will allow fans to see their home teams, regardless of where they live.

The Big Ten Network launches its inaugural season in August 2007 with football, men's and women's basketball, a nightly studio show, classics and coaches shows, along with more Olympic sporting events and exposure for women's sports than has ever been aired on any other network. In June 2007, the Big Ten announced that the Big Ten Network will become the first national network to commit to "event equality" for men's and women's sports on all network-controlled media within the first three years of launch. This dedication to "event equality" highlights the Big Ten's ongoing dedication to gender equity, which is aligned with the commitment of conference institutions to provide fairness for all female student-athletes.

The network is led by President Mark Silverman, a former Disney executive who came to the network after serving as the general manager and senior vice president of ABC Cable Networks Group since April of 2004, managing the company's equity in such channels as Lifetime Television, A&E Network and the History Channel, each of which recorded their best financial performance in 2005. Silverman was also responsible for developing and launching new cable channels, shows and other key initiatives.

Located in the historic Montgomery Ward building in Chicago, the Big Ten Network is the first national television network to call the largest city in the Midwest its home. The original section of the building was designated as a historic landmark in 2000 for its significant role in American retail history. The space includes two studios and three control rooms as well as a 20,000 square-foot office space.



### DAVE REVSINE

In May, the Big Ten Network announced its first on-air hire, signing ESPN college sports expert Dave Revsine to be its lead studio host. Revsine joined ESPN in October of 1996 as an anchor for ESPNNews and filled a variety of roles for the network over the past 10 years. The Northwestern graduate has anchored SportsCenter, hosted ESPN Radio's College GameDay for the last six years and hosted ESPN Radio's coverage of several BCS Championship games. He also hosted studio halftimes for basketball and co-hosted ESPN's coverage of the last two men's Final Fours.

### PROGRAMMING

The programming on the Big Ten Network and alternative network-controlled platforms will include, but is not limited to:

- More than 35 football games each season
- More than 105 regular season men's basketball games
- A nightly studio show including segments from each campus
- Women's sports, including basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball
- More than 170 Olympic sporting events including baseball, soccer, tennis, volleyball, swimming, diving and more
- Classic games and historical footage from ESPN and ABC libraries
- Original campus programming produced by Big Ten member universities showcasing their academic excellence, talented students and award-winning programs
- Weekly coaches shows



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# YOSHI HAYASAKI

## HEAD COACH // 32ND SEASON



One of the nation's most successful men's gymnastics coaches, Yoshi Hayasaki enters his 32nd season at the helm of the Fighting Illini program. Hayasaki has been a member of the Illinois staff since 1974, serving as head coach from 1974 through 1993, winning four Big Ten titles and one NCAA crown in that span. He then took three years to manage both the men's and women's teams as the director of gymnastics. Upon returning, Hayasaki's quest for his second national title at Illinois began.

Immediately looking to bring Illinois back to the national spotlight, Hayasaki led the Illini to a third-place finish at NCAAs in 1998 behind the individual performance of Travis Romagnoli, a five-time All-American that season. In 2000, Hayasaki grabbed Central Regional Coach of the Year honors, while also earning the Honor Coach Award for his 25-plus years of service to the gymnastics coaching profession.

In 2004, the talented but young Illini won their fifth Big Ten team title and hosted the NCAA Championships at Assembly Hall. Illinois almost captured the title as the host at NCAAs, but placed third as a team, while individually Ben Newman, Bob Rogers, Peter Shostchuk and Justin Spring all earned All-America honors. To top it off, Spring also took home the NCAA title on high bar in front of a home crowd, while Rogers captured the crown on pommel horse.

In 2005, despite blowing away the field to capture first during the Qualifying round at NCAAs, the Illini came up short again, taking third as a team in the final round. Individually, Adam Pummer recorded four All-America finishes, followed by Spring with three and Shostchuk grabbing another on pommel horse. Rounding out the performances, Spring helped Illinois walk away with another individual national title, this time earning his crown on parallel bars.

In 2006, Hayasaki assembled one of the best teams in his coaching career, as the veteran coach compared the lineup to the 1989 National Championship squad. With the stage set, Illinois also had the burden of dethroning then defending national champion Oklahoma on their home turf. The night came down to the final event as Illinois was poised to make a run at the title, charting its highest parallel bars team score and season-high team score of the season with a 220.975. However, the feat fell short again, as Illinois ended .0425 behind Oklahoma, marking the smallest point-margin in the history of the championships, placing the Illini second. Despite the finish, the team brought home 14 All-America honors - the most for a UI squad in 65 years, while individually, Spring captured both the parallel bars and high bar titles.

With a thinned out squad after the graduation of one of the most heralded Illini senior classes in Spring, Pummer, Anthony Russo and Ted Brown, Hayasaki rebounded to lead his squad back to the NCAA Championships Super Six. To everyone's surprise but the Illini's, the young lineup finished fifth in the nation, extending Illinois' top-five finishes to five straight seasons. In the end, four Illini captured a total of five All-America accolades.

## THE HAYASAKI FILE

### EDUCATION

High School: Tenri High School (Nara, Japan)  
College: University of Washington (1968-71)  
Masters: University of Illinois (1971-73)

### GYMNASTICS CAREER

High School: Tenri High School (Nara, Japan)  
College: University of Washington (1968-71);  
Two-time All-Around National Champion  
Post-College: Four-time AAU All-Around Champion,  
USGF Champion, 20 Individual Event Titles

### COACHING & TEACHING

1997-pr. University of Illinois Head Coach  
1993-96 University of Illinois Director of Gymnastics  
1974-93 University of Illinois Head Coach  
1974-81 University of Illinois, lecturer, Applied Life Studies  
1971-73 University of Illinois, Instructor, Applied Life Studies  
1971-73 University of Illinois Graduate Assistant

### COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

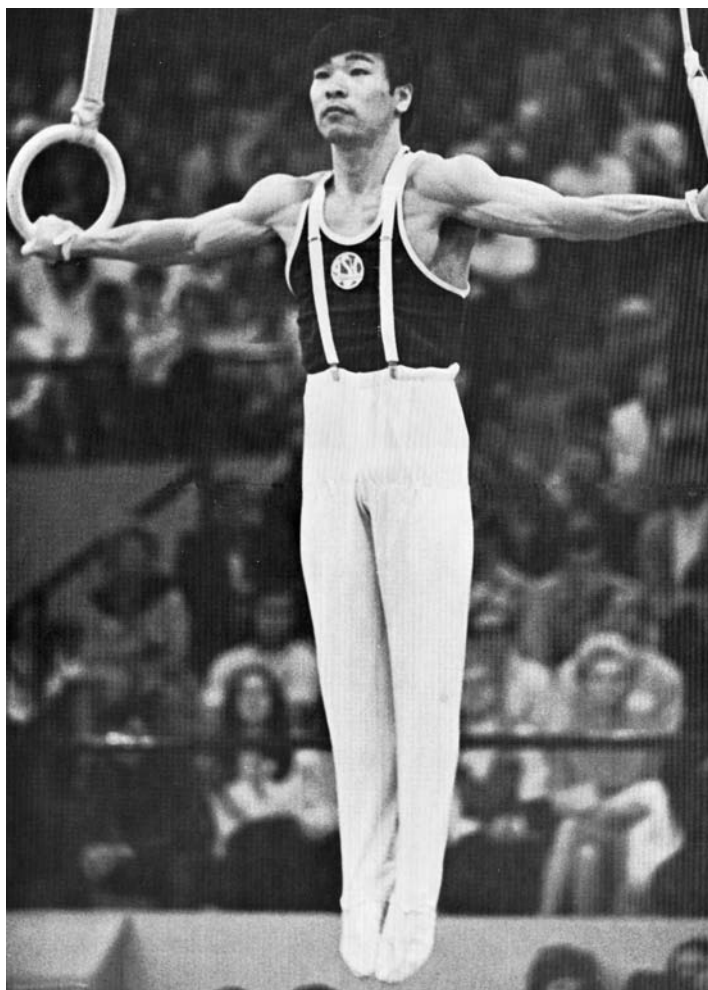
- National Coach of the Year - 1989
- Central Region Coach of Year - 1989, 2000, 2004
- Big Ten Coach of the Year - 1988, 1989, 2004

In addition, Hayasaki helped Illinois set a precedence of excellence in the classroom, as he has led the team to three straight years of top-10 recognition academically by the College Gymnastics Association, twice earning top-five accolades in 2005 and 2006. In 2007, seven Illini, including Michael Boyer, Jon Drollinger, Chris Lung, Kyle Padera, Luke Stannard, Nick Stango and Yamauchi also were named Academic All-Big Ten CGA Academic All-America Scholar-Athletes.

Marking another milestone in Hayasaki's tenure, 2004 became the first season in 15 years that the Illini garnered a No. 1 national ranking when the Illini won the Big Ten title at Huff Hall and went on to finish third at NCAAs at Assembly Hall. For his efforts, Hayasaki also was named Big Ten and Central Region Coach of the Year for the third time.

A former two-time NCAA all-around champion and U.S. national champion, Hayasaki's crowning moment at Illinois was the 1989 NCAA national championship, earning his second consecutive Big Ten Coach of the Year and bringing Region and National Coach of the Year honors along the way. It was the first NCAA championship in any sport at Illinois in over 30 years. During the '80s, Hayasaki built a dynasty at Illinois, winning four Big Ten titles (1981, 1983, 1988, 1989) in a span of eight years. In his coaching career, he has produced 77 All-Americans, 43 individual Big Ten champions, nine national champions and two Olympians. He begins the season with a 198-106-1 (.655) overall record in 31 seasons at Illinois.

While a student-athlete at the University of Washington, Hayasaki captured two consecutive NCAA all-around titles from 1970-71. He placed second in the all-around the only other year he competed in 1968, then



Hayasaki captured back-to-back NCAA all-around titles at the University of Washington.

missed the 1969 season after undergoing surgery for a torn Achilles tendon. He was the Pacific Eight Conference champion in the all-around, parallel bars, horizontal bars and rings two consecutive years and a 10-time All-American. He was the first man in the history of the school to be named the school's Athlete of the Year twice, and was inducted into the Washington Hall of Fame in 1983.

In addition to NCAA competition, Hayasaki earned four Amateur Athletic Union all-around championships, one U.S. Gymnastics Federation championship and 20 individual event titles.

An international coaching figure, Hayasaki most recently served as the assistant coach and team leader for the 2007 World University Games team that finished seventh. His other coaching stints include being a member of the U.S. Olympic staff at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. He was the U.S. head coach at the 1989 Golden Sands International meet in Bulgaria, the head coach at the 1986 Moncado Cup in Havana, Cuba, and the head coach of the 1985 USA World University Games team. He coached at the 1984 Coca-Cola international tournament in London and at the U.S. Olympic Festival in 1978 and 1985. Hayasaki also served as the USA's World University Games team leader held in Daegu, South Korea, in August 2003. Hayasaki is a member of the USA Senior Elite Coaches, served on the NCAA men's gymnastics rules committee from 1991 through 1995 and chaired the East Region Committee for three years. Currently, he's in his second term as the chair of the NCAA rules committee.

Hayasaki came to the United States in 1965 after attending Tenri High School in Nara, Japan. He earned his bachelor's degree from the

### HAYASAKI THROUGH THE YEARS

YEAR	OVERALL RECORD	---DUALS---		-----FINISHES-----		
		OVERALL	BIG TEN	BIG TEN	REGIONAL	NCAA
1974	12-12	8-9	2-6	4th	--	--
1975	20-22	10-8	6-3	4th	--	--
1976	24-19	5-8	3-2	3rd	--	--
1977	35-9	5-3	3-1	2nd	--	*
1978	39-14	6-3	6-2	2nd	--	*
1979	27-28	7-3	6-1	4th	--	--
1980	20-7	12-3	5-1	4th	--	*
1981	33-13	7-3	4-0	1st	--	8th
1982	23-13	8-5	3-2	2nd	--	*
1983	30-12	9-1	2-1	T-1st	--	6th
1984	27-25	8-3	3-2	4th	--	9th
1985	24-25	5-5	3-2	4th	--	*
1986	19-15	11-4	4-2	3rd	--	*
1987	25-12	8-3	4-1	4th	--	*
1988	46-2	11-0	4-0	1st	--	2nd
1989	41-3	7-1	3-0	1st	--	1st
1990	13-14	1-3	0-1	4th	5th	*
1991	12-27	4-4	0-3	5th	9th	*
1992	23-20	7-3	1-2	3rd	8th	*
1993	25-17	9-1	4-0	4th	3rd	6th
1997	22-15	2-4	1-4	5th	4th	*
1998	21-13	4-3	9-3	5th	2nd	3rd
1999	13-16	6-5	4-8	6th	4th	*
2000	14-11	4-5	6-8	3rd	--	8th#
2001	22-7	7-2	8-4	4th	--	8th#
2002	29-6	6-1	5-2	5th	--	9th#
2003	12-14	3-5	1-4	6th	--	5th
2004	16-6	4-3	1-2	1st	--	3rd
2005	19-4-1	5-0-1	7-0-1	2nd	--	3rd
2006	19-4	7-1	4-1	2nd	--	2nd
2007	13-18	2-4	1-3	5th	--	5th
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>718-423-1</b>	<b>198-106-1</b>	<b>124-74-1</b>			

\* Indicates years in which Illinois did not advance as a team and only sent individuals to Regionals or NAAs.  
# Indicates years where Illinois' championships finish was an NCAA statistical ranking.

University of Washington in 1971 and a master's degree from Illinois in 1973, while serving as an assistant coach and teaching classes in the College of Applied Life Studies. He immediately inherited the program upon graduation, succeeding Illini legend Charlie Pond. In 1999, Hayasaki was honored with an Honorary Varsity "I" member award for his dedication to the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Hayasaki and his wife, Lisa, have four children, including three daughters, Erika, a 2000 graduate of the University of Illinois, Megan and Mia, and a son, Casey, a 2004 Illinois graduate and former gymnastics team captain.



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# JON VALDEZ

## ASSISTANT COACH // EIGHTH SEASON



Jon Valdez begins his eighth season on the Illini coaching staff as head coach Yoshi Hayasaki's top assistant for the nationally ranked Illini program. Valdez has contributed to the Orange and Blue's success during his tenure, helping Illinois add to its nine national titles and 23 Big Ten championships over its illustrious history.

Valdez joined the Illinois staff in 2000 after 15 years of experience on the junior circuit, coaching and competing against some of the greatest gymnasts in the world.

Valdez's duties at Illinois include directing the strength training program, assisting Hayasaki with recruiting, overall skill refinement and routine composition.

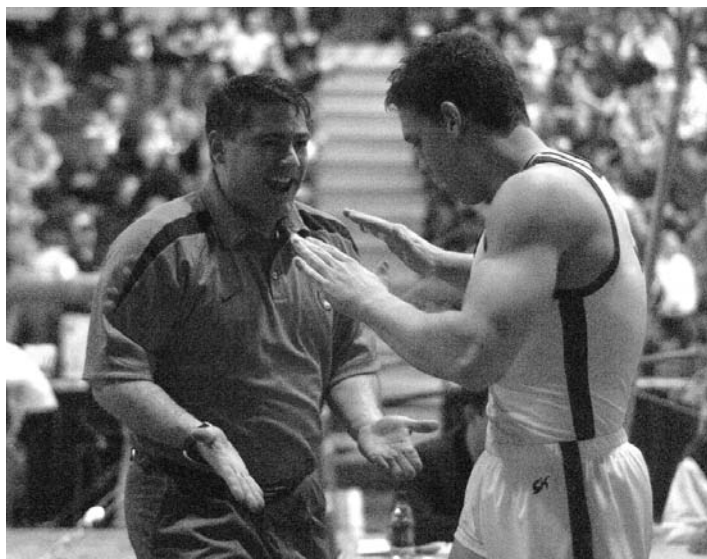
Throughout his time with the program, Valdez has helped the Illini continue to be national title contenders. The 2006 and 2007 seasons were no different. In what was supposed to be a rebuilding campaign, the 2007 Fighting Illini proved to critics and the national collegiate community why they should never be counted out as a NCAA title contender. In fact, Illinois not only came together and peaked at just the right time, it advanced for the fifth straight year to the Super Six at NAAs where the team finished fifth overall to mark its fifth straight top-five finish at nationals. Illinois finished the season with juniors Wes Haagensen, Chris Silcox and Tyler Yamauchi and freshman Chad Wiest combining for a total of five All-America honors between them. Haagensen brought his career total of All-America accolades to six, while Silcox was the second Illini to earn his first All-America accolade (high bar) along with Wiest, who captured the honor on floor along with Yamauchi.

In 2006, led by the outstanding senior duo of Justin Spring and Adam Pummer, Illinois nearly overcame two devastating injuries in a second-place showing at the Big Ten Championships. Two weeks later, the Illini had the meet of their lives at the NCAA Championships, posting a season-high score of 220.975 in the team finals, finishing second behind host Oklahoma by less than half-a-point. In the individual event finals a day later, Spring won both the parallel bars and high bar titles, while seven Illini collectively took home 14 All-America honors - the most for a UI squad in 65 years. In 2004, after helping the Illini to a Big Ten title and a third-place finish at the NCAA Championships, his coaching peers voted him the National Assistant Coach of the Year.

The College Station, Texas, native came to Illinois from USA World Gymnastics, where he was the head coach and boys' program director in Utah. Valdez was responsible for all aspects of the gymnasts' training and development, as well as strength work and routine design. Prior to his time in Utah, he was the head coach at Gold Cup Gymnastics in Albuquerque, N.M.

The highly talented recruiter also has been a part of such renowned programs over the last 15 years as GymMasters in Houston, Texas, and the Las Vegas Flyers. In addition to his knowledge on the recruiting trail, Valdez also brings the experience he gained working with some of the most successful coaches in the country. Among those are Dusty Ritter, who coached Olympian Scott Keswick, Kevin Mazeika – the 2004 Olympic Team coach – and Ed Burch, who coached Olympians in three consecutive Olympic Games. This invaluable experience should continue to help the Illini staff develop great gymnastics squads in years to come.

Highlights of Valdez's coaching career include most recently an assistant coaching stint on the 2007 U.S. Pan American Games team, leading the squad to a bronze finish, as well as coaching many junior national team members and national champions, including Sean Townsend, a 2000 Olympian and 2001 World Champion, and Justin Spring, a 2007 Pan American Games gold medalist, four-time U.S. Senior National Team member and two-time U.S. champion.



### THE VALDEZ FILE

#### EDUCATION

High School: A&M Consolidated High School  
(College Station, Texas)  
College: Sam Houston State (1986-90)  
University of Illinois (2002)  
Bachelor of Science in Political Science

#### COACHING

2000-Pr. Assistant Coach, University of Illinois  
1999-2000 USA World Gymnastics, Woods Cross, Utah  
1997-99 Gold Cup Gymnastics, Albuquerque, N.M.  
1995-97 Gymnast Factory, Houston  
1993-95 Las Vegas Flyers, Las Vegas  
1990-93 West Coast Gymnastics, San Marcos, Calif.  
1989-90 Gymnastics Excellence, Conroe, Texas  
1987-89 Huntsville Gymnastics, Huntsville, Texas  
1985-86 Brazos Valley Gymnastics; College Station, Texas

#### COACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2007 U.S. Pan American Games Assistant Coach
- National Assistant Coach of the Year - 2004
- International Gymnastics Federation (FIG) Brevet Coaching Certification

# JUSTIN SPRING

## ASSISTANT COACH // SECOND SEASON



Justin Spring is entering his second season with the Illinois men's gymnastics program. Spring, one of the Illini's most talented gymnasts, finished his collegiate career in 2006. He now looks to help lead the Orange and Blue to Big Ten and NCAA Championship titles in his new role on the coaching staff.

In his first season, Spring was instrumental in helping the Illini return to the NCAA Championships Super Six, as the Illini extended their top-five finishes to five straight years with a fifth-place finish at NCAAs and Big Tens.

In a year that was considered a rebuilding year for an Illinois squad trying to replace a talented senior class – including 12-time All-American Spring and eight-time All-American Adam Pummer – the Illini were going to have to fill that void without a senior on the roster in 2007. However, the Orange and Blue put together another tremendous run to close out the year. The performance included edging top-ranked Ohio State out of the NCAA Team Finals, as the Illini finished second in NCAA Qualifying Session I.

On the year, UI also had three gymnasts combine to earn five All-America awards between them (Wes Haagensen, Chris Silcox, Chad Wiest, Tyler Yamauchi). Haagensen led the pack with three, a runner-up finish in the all-around, a fourth-place performance on floor and a sixth-place outing on high bar.

Finishing his collegiate career in 2006, Spring strung together one of the best seasons in Illinois gymnastics' history. The season culminated in earning the 2006 Nissen-Emery Award, an honor that goes to the top senior male gymnast in the nation. A double titlist at the 2006 NCAAs, Spring took home the crown in the high bar and defended his title in parallel bars. In addition, he carded five total All-America honors with a second-place finish in all-around, third on floor exercise and fourth on vault.

Along with his individual honors, Spring helped the Illini to runner-up finishes at the 2006 NCAA and Big Ten Championships. The finish at NCAAs came half-a-point shy of team-champion Oklahoma, and just short of the Orange and Blue's 10th national title.

Overall, the Burke, Va., native is a four-time NCAA Champion, winning a pair of titles on high bar in both 2004 and 2006 and back-to-back crowns on parallel bars in 2005 and 2006. Along with his national recognition, Spring earned 2006 Big Ten Gymnast of the Year accolades after winning the all-around crown at Big Ten Championships. In all, Spring finished his illustrious career with three All-Big Ten first team honors, six Big Ten Gymnast of the Week laurels and three Inside Gymnastics' NCAA Gymnast of the Week honors.

During his four-year career, Spring garnered three Big Ten Championships with titles on parallel bars and all-around in 2006 and on the floor exercise in 2004. Spring is a two-time recipient of the Dike Eddleman Athlete of the Year award (2004, 2006), which goes to Illinois' top male and female athlete. A face and name that will forever be remembered in Illini record books, Spring left the Fighting Illini a 12-time All-American, the most since Abie Grossfeld earned 13 from 1957-59, and holds the Illinois record on floor exercise, vault, parallel bars and high bar.

Spring's success has extended far beyond his honors in collegiate competition. Most recently, Spring competed at the 2007 World Cup meet in Moscow, taking home second on high bar at the event. The Illini great also was chosen to the 2007 U.S. Pan American Games team, bringing home the United States' first gold medal at the games in 16 years when he claimed the crown on paral-

lel bars. He also helped lead the U.S. to a bronze medal finish at the Games hosted in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Spring then followed the performance with a stellar outing at the 2007 Visa U.S. Championships, where he collected his second U.S. title on high bar – first since 2005 – and was a silver medalist on floor exercise.

Overall, Spring is a four-time U.S. Senior National Team member after his fourth straight selection in 2007, while an injury during a vault pass at 2007 Visas kept him out of contention for his third selection to the World Championships team. Spring also earned a spot on the 2006 World Championships roster, but had to withdraw due to injury.

Spring also represented the U.S. at the 2005 World Artistic Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne, Australia, on floor exercise, parallel bars and high bar. At the 2005 World Championships, Spring finished 10th to qualify as a reserve on high bar and finished 12th on parallel bars. In 2005, Spring became the first Illini to ever win his first U.S. title, while also scoring a 9.500 on high bar at the 2005 American Cup to take home the silver medal behind only Olympic champion Paul Hamm. The Illini gymnast finished fourth on the high bar at the 2004 Visa U.S. Championships and competed for Team USA at the 2003 World University Games in Daegu, South Korea, advancing to the finals on floor.

Spring graduated from the University of Illinois in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in speech communication.

### THE SPRING FILE

#### EDUCATION

High School: Lake Braddock High School (Lake Braddock, Va.)  
College: University of Illinois (2002-06)

#### COLLEGIATE CAREER

- 2006 Nissen-Emery Award winner
- 2006 NCAA Parallel Bars Champion
- 2006 NCAA High Bar Co-Champion
- 2006 Big Ten Gymnast of the Year
- 2006 Big Ten Parallel Bars Champion
- 2006 Big Ten All-Around Champion
- 2005 U.S. National High Bar Champion
- 2005 NCAA Parallel Bars Champion
- 2004 NCAA High Bar Champion
- 2004 Big Ten Floor Exercise Champion
- 12-time All-American
- Three-time All-Big Ten Team Member
- Six-time Big Ten Gymnast of the Week
- Three-time *Inside Gymnastics* NCAA Gymnast of the Week
- Two-time UI Dike Eddleman Athlete of the Year (2004, 2006)
- Illinois School Record Holder (FX, VT, PB, HB)
- Two-Year Team Captain

#### INTERNATIONAL CAREER

- Four-time U.S. Senior National Team Member
- 2007 Pan American Games Team Member - Bronze Medal
- 2007 Pan American Gold Medalist - Parallel Bars
- 2007 Visa U.S. Championships Gold Medalist - High Bar
- 2007 Visa U.S. Championships Silver Medalist - Floor Exercise
- 2007 Moscow World Cup Silver Medalist - High Bar
- 2005 World Championships U.S. Team Member
- 2005 Visa U.S. Championships Gold Medalist - High Bar
- 2005 Winter Cup Champion - High Bar
- 2005 American Cup Silver Medalist - High Bar
- 2003 World University Games Team Member

#### COACHING

2006-pr. Assistant Coach, University of Illinois Men's Gymnastics

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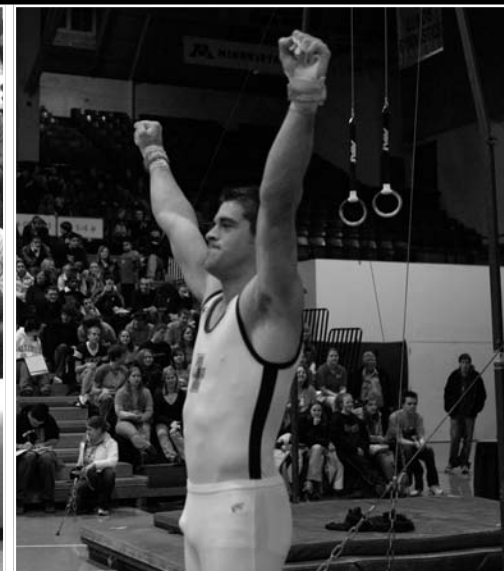
**The 2008 Fighting Illini**

*Top Row (L-R) - Tyler Williamson, Ross Bradley, Michael Boyer, Tyler Yamauchi, Wes Haagensen, John Drollinger, Chris Lung, Chris Silcox*

*Third Row (L-R) - Roger Pasek, Chad Wiest, Kyle Padera, Luke Stannard*

*Second Row (L-R) - Brian Liscovitz, Andres Saavedra, Nick Stango, Brian Hulbert*

*Front Row (L-R) - Kyle Moe, Nate Luketin, Daniel Ribeiro, Johnny Schell, Paul Ruggeri*



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# 2008 SEASON PREVIEW



Seniors *Chris Silcox, Wes Haagensen, Michael Boyer, Ross Bradley, Jon Drollinger and Tyler Yamauchi.*

The Illinois men's gymnastics team heads into the 2008 season with a highly talented freshmen class to go along with a core of senior leadership and All-Americans, making a recipe for an exciting and highly-anticipated season. The Illini program, which in the last five years has finished in the top five at nationals, including a second-place outing in 2006, is looking to take it one step farther this season.

"This is quite possibly one of the most talented group of freshmen, as a whole and at this point in their careers, that I have ever coached here at Illinois," Hayasaki said about the 2008 recruiting class. "Heading into this year, it was imperative for us to go out and get a talented group of freshmen to complement this strong senior class, and we did. From here, we don't know how much the freshmen will make the lineup, but it is for sure that they are going to make an impact."

The Illini squad enters the season with high expectations under the direction of Hayasaki, who enters his 31st year at the helm of the program, 2004 National Assistant Coach of the Year Jon Valdez, who is in his eighth year, and second-year assistant coach and Pan American Games gold medalist Justin Spring.

The coaching staff will lead one of the nation's most highly-touted freshman signing classes that includes Nate Luketin (Roselle, Ill./Lake Park), Kyle Moe (Champaign, Ill./Central), Roger Pasek (Sleepy Hollow, Ill./Dundee-Crown), Daniel Ribiero (Chestnut Ridge, N.Y./Northern Highlands), Paul Ruggeri (Manlius, N.Y./Fayetteville Manlius) and Johnny Schell (Gaithersburg, Md./Gaithersburg).

"It is definitely exciting to be a part of this Illinois team," Ruggeri said. "The whole freshman group has a lot of talent, and when you combine all of us together, we are



Juniors *Nick Stango, Kyle Padera, Chris Lung and Tyler Williamson.*

looking at just adding that to an already solid team here at Illinois. In terms of what this group is looking to do this year, we just want to contribute as much as possible. Official practices just started last week, so I can already tell that they are a lot more intense than I am used to. But most importantly, right now, we are just focused on getting better at our skills and keeping healthy heading into the rest of the year."



Sophomores *Andres Saavedra, Chad Wiest, Luke Stannard, Brian Hulbert and Brian Liscovitz.*

The young group will then complement quite possibly the most talented senior class in the nation. That group includes high bar All-American Ross Bradley, who sat out last season with a shoulder injury, rings specialist Jon Drollinger, six-time All-American and reigning Big Ten Gymnast of the Year Wes Haagensen, 2007 high bar All-American Chris Silcox and three-time All-American and 2007 Big Ten Vault titlist Tyler Yamauchi.

"We have not all gotten together as a group and said it out loud, but it's one of those things that we all have in the back of our minds as a senior class that this is the final year we have to go get a national title," Silcox said. "This year, it is going to be very competitive within the team to get in the lineup as well. It is going to be stiff competition with all the talent we have for sure, but I like that. It is going to make us better. But as a team, we know our goals are to remain healthy and just be able to peak at the right time to contend for a Big Ten and NCAA title at the end of the year."

Sophomore Chad Wiest, who earned his first All-American accolade on floor last season with a tied for third-place performance, notes that the feeling heading into his second season for the Orange and Blue already has an air of excitement during the first week of official practices.

"I am really excited about this season," Wiest said. "We are heading into this year a lot better than we were last year. We didn't lose anyone from the roster and have a lot of great freshmen to add to that. So the talent is there to do really well this season and the whole team has a lot of high expectations for the upcoming year."



Freshmen *Nate Luketin, Kyle Moe, Johnny Schell, Dan Ribiero, Paul Ruggeri and Roger Pasek.*

With a senior class that has combined for a total of 11 All-American honors between them leading this title-hungry squad, Hayasaki is definitely looking for great things from his 2008 Fighting Illini.

"We are going into this season like we have every other season, to contend for a Big Ten and NCAA title," Hayasaki said. "This senior class has been hungry for that since they were recruited here as freshmen, and they know this is their last year to do it. We have great leadership from our seniors and then talented freshman that will only contribute to that goal as well. I am eager to see how much the freshmen will impact the lineup. This year we are going out to continue the excellence that Illinois has had over the past five years and be in the mix to contend for titles."

## ILLINI ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Name	Class	Event	Hometown (High School)
Michael Boyer	SR	All-Around	Northbrook, Ill. (Glenbrook North)
Ross Bradley	SR	All-Around	Naperville, Ill. (Naperville North)
Jon Drollinger	SR	All-Around	Hoopeston, Ill. (Hoopeston Area)
Wes Haagensen	SR	All-Around	Belleville, Ill. (Belleville West)
Brian Hulbert	SO	All-Around	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln-Way East)
Brian Liscovitz	SO	All-Around	Hillsborough, N.J. (Immaculata (Somerville, N.J.))
Nate Luketin	FR	All-Around	Roselle, Ill. (Lake Park High School)
Chris Lung	JR	All-Around	Lexington, Mass. (Lexington)
Kyle Moe	FR	All-Around	Champaign, Ill. (Champaign Central)
Kyle Padera	JR	All-Around	Winfield, Ill. (Wheaton North)
Roger Pasek	FR	All-Around	Sleepy Hollow, Ill. (Dundee-Crown High School)
Daniel Ribiero	FR	All-Around	Chestnut Ridge, N.Y. (Northern Highlands Regional)
Paul Ruggeri	FR	All-Around	Manlius, N.Y. (Fayetteville Manlius High School)
Andres Saavedra	SO	All-Around	Belleville, N.J. (Belleville)
Johnny Schell	FR	All-Around	Gaithersburg, Md. (Gaithersburg High School)
Chris Silcox	SR	All-Around	San Antonio, Texas (Churchill)
Nick Stango	JR	All-Around	Cheshire, Conn. (Cheshire)
Luke Stannard	SO	All-Around	Waukegan, Ill. (Warren Township)
Chad Wiest	SO	All-Around	Butler, Pa. (Moniteau)
Tyler Williamson	JR	All-Around	Lake Forest, Calif. (Orange Lutheran)
Tyler Yamauchi	SR	All-Around	Sugarland, Texas (Elkins)

**Head Coach:** Yoshi Hayasaki  
**Assistant Coach:** Jon Valdez  
**Assistant Coach:** Justin Spring

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Michael <b>BOYER</b>	BOY-er
Jon <b>DROLLINGER</b>	DRULL-in-ger
Wes <b>HAAGENSEN</b>	HAY-gen-son
Brian <b>LISCOVITZ</b>	Lis-CAH-vitz
Roger <b>PASEK</b>	PAY-sick
Paul <b>RUGGERI</b>	RUH-ggeer-EE
Chad <b>WIEST</b>	Weast
Tyler <b>YAMAUCHI</b>	YAH-mah-oo-chi



# MICHAEL BOYER

SENIOR

5-9 // 150

NORTHBROOK, ILL.

GLENBROOK NORTH

ALL-AROUND



## JUNIOR 2007

Served as a team co-captain ... Competed in every meet on floor, vault and high bar ... Recorded four top-three finishes on the season ... Charted a career-best 9.400 on floor at NCAA Team Finals ... The feat helped the Orange and Blue set a school-record 38.450 on the event ... His highest individual finish was second on high bar (8.800) against UIC ... Tallied a season-high 9.000 on high bar against Iowa ... Carded his top vault (8.450) at Pacific Coast Classic ... Named an Academic All-Big Ten selection ... Voted as the recipient of the team Scholar-Athlete Award for the second straight year by his teammates ... Named a CGA All-American Scholar Athlete.

## SOPHOMORE 2006

Named to the 2006 Academic All-Big Ten team ... CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete award recipient ... Competed in 10 meets for the Orange and Blue ... Set season and career highs of 9.050 on vault at Big Tens (3/24) and 9.200 on floor exercise against Army (3/11) to tie for third ... Had three top-three finishes, two on floor exercise and one on vault ... George Huff Award winner.

## REDSHIRT 2005

Redshirted his freshman season ... Received the team award for Most Improved Gymnast.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Received Illinois all-state and all-conference honors in all six events, as well as in the all-around from 2002-04 ... Holds the Illinois high school gymnastics all-around record of a 57.900 ... Holds state record on the high bar (9.900) and the floor exercise (9.900) ... Competed for the Buffalo Grove Gymnastics club ... State champion in the all-around competition, as well as high bar and floor in 2003 and 2004 ... Helped Glenbrook North finish second in the state meet as a senior.

## PERSONAL

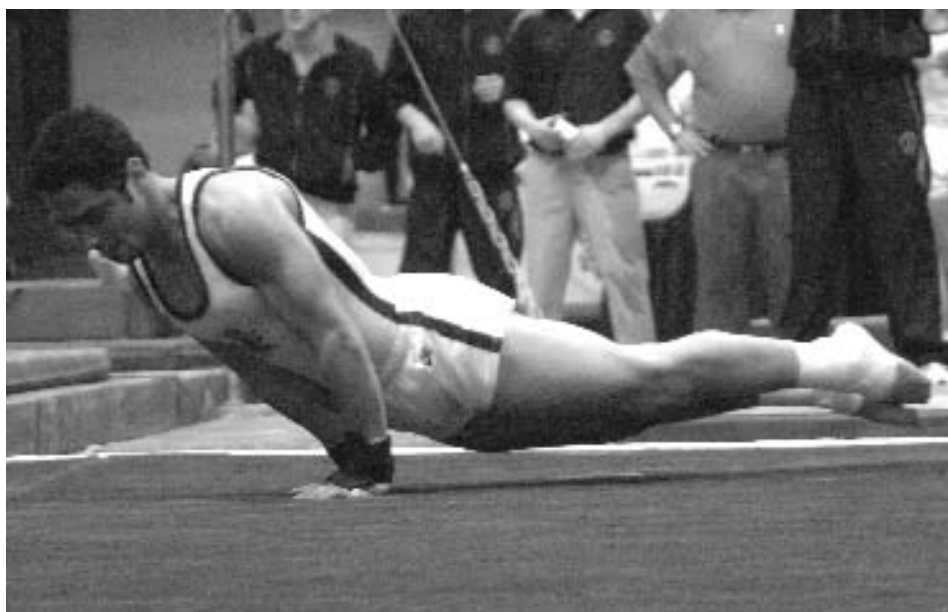
Born Michael Scott Boyer on May 9, 1986 ... Son of Craig and Felice Boyer ... Majoring in advertising ... Nickname is Buoy ... Favorite actor is Edward Norton ... Hobbies include art, specifically drawing and painting ... Past summer jobs include working as a volunteer in Mexico ... Works in Illini Video Productions department.

## BOYER'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Floor Exercise	9.400	vs. Army	March 11, 2006
Vault	9.050	at Big Ten Championships	March 24, 2006
High Bar	9.000	vs. Iowa	March 3, 2007

## BOYER'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2007	Academic All-Big Ten	--	--
2007	CGA All-American Scholar Athlete	--	--
2006	Academic All-Big Ten	--	--
2006	CGA All-America Scholar Athlete	--	--





# ROSS BRADLEY

SENIOR

5-11 // 175

NAPERVILLE, ILL.

NAPERVILLE NORTH

ALL-AROUND



## REDSHIRT 2007

Sat out the season to recover from shoulder surgery.

## SOPHOMORE 2006

2006 NCAA All-American with an eighth-place finish on high bar ... Named the team's Most Improved Gymnast ... Had three top-three finishes on high bar ... Appeared in every meet for the Illini on high bar ... Notched a career-high 9.600 on high bar at Iowa (3/5) ... Earned first event title at the Iowa and Michigan tri-meet (2/18), scoring a 9.300 on high bar.

## FRESHMAN 2005

Appeared in every meet for the Illini on floor, vault and high bar ... Won his first collegiate event title on high bar with a season-high 9.350 against Temple ... Set a career-high 9.250 on the floor at NCAA Qualifying ... Placed fourth on vault against Illinois-Chicago with a career-high 9.225 ... Debuted on both pommel horse and parallel bars against Illinois-Chicago, notching scores of 8.150 and 8.500, respectively.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

At the 2004 state championships, finished first on the pommel horse, vault, high bar and the all-around, second on still rings and third on floor ... Finished first on the high bar and second on pommel horse, floor exercise and in the all-around at the 2004 Region 5 Championships ... Competed only one year in high school gymnastics, earning a varsity letter that year ... Helped Naperville North to its first state gymnastics championship as a freshman ... Competed for Premier Gymnastics club.

## PERSONAL

Born Ross Edward Bradley on March 13, 1986 ... Son of Steve and Peggy Bradley ... Hobbies include Frisbee and drawing ... Favorite athlete is Jason Gatson, because he never gave up hope ... Names his dad as the most influential person in his career because of his continued support.

## BRADLEY'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Floor Exercise	9.250	at NCAA Championships (Qualifying)	April 7, 2005
Pommel Horse	8.150	at Illinois-Chicago	March 12, 2005
Vault	9.225	at Illinois-Chicago	March 12, 2005
Parallel Bars	8.500	at Illinois-Chicago	March 12, 2005
High Bar	9.600	at Iowa	March 5, 2006

## BRADLEY'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2006	All-American	High Bar	Eighth





# JON DROLLINGER

SENIOR

5-7 // 150

HOOPESTON, ILL.

HOOPESTON AREA

ALL-AROUND



## JUNIOR 2007

Named a 2007 CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete ... Tabbed an Academic All-Big Ten selection ... Competed on rings for the Illini in every meet ... Tallied three top-three finishes on the year ... Ended the year on a tear on rings, charting near career-bests on rings in his final two routines at NCAA Qualifiers and NCAA Team Finals, tabbing a 9.400 ... Tied a career high (9.500) to earn his first event title of the season against Minnesota ... Led Illini to first dual victory of the season against Iowa with a career-high 9.600 on rings.

## SOPHOMORE 2006

An Academic All-Big Ten team selection ... Appeared in every meet for the Illini on rings ... Posted a season-high of 9.350 on rings at home against Army (3/11) to take third-place in the event ... CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete ... George Huff Award winner.

## FRESHMAN 2005

A consistent competitor on floor, rings and vault for the Illini ... Scored a season-high 9.375 to place fourth on rings at the Aquafina Pacific Coast Classic ... Picked up a pair of third-place finishes when he topped his season high on rings with a career-high 9.500 and a 9.200 on floor exercise against Illinois-Chicago ... CGA Academic All-America Scholar-Athlete.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Finished sixth on the floor exercise at the 2001 Junior Olympic Nationals ... Competed for the Champaign County YMCA ... Placed third on still rings in both the 2002 and 2003 Junior Olympic Nationals ... Academic All-American from 2001-04 ... Coached by Kurt Hettinger.

## PERSONAL

Born Jon Michael Drollinger on Oct. 23, 1985 ... Son of Michael and Debbie Drollinger ... Majoring in sociology ... Nickname is Soldier ... After finishing school, he plans to pursue a career in Federal law enforcement ... Former summer jobs include coaching at the YMCA ... Upon graduation, he is planning to marry Annie Dawson.

## DROLLINGER'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Floor Exercise	9.200	Illinois-Chicago	March 12, 2005
Still Rings	9.600	Iowa	March 3, 2007
Vault	9.175	at Windy City Invitational	Jan. 8, 2005

## DROLLINGER'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2007	Academic All-Big Ten	--	--
2007	CGA Academic All-American Scholar-Athlete	--	--
2006	Academic All-Big Ten	--	--
2006	CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete	--	--
2005	CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete	--	--



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# WES HAAGENSEN

SENIOR

5-5 // 130

BELLEVILLE, ILL.

BELLEVILLE WEST

ALL-AROUND



## JUNIOR 2007

Named the 2007 Big Ten Gymnast of the Year ... Was a Dike Eddleman Athlete of the Year Award finalist ... NCAA All-Around Runner-up ... Three-time NCAA All-American (all-around, floor exercise and high bar) ... Big Ten all-around champion ... Finished runner-up on parallel bars and high bar at Big Ten Individual Finals ... Unanimous All-Big Ten selection ... Named 2007 team MVP as selected by his teammates ... Set a career-best on floor (9.650) and top season mark on rings (9.700) at NCAA Qualifiers followed by a career-high on high bar (9.650) during NCAA Team Finals ... Helped set a team school-record 38.450 on floor at NCAA Finals ... Led team with 30 top-three finishes, including 11 event titles spread across four events ... Notched most of his first-place finishes in the all-around (six) ... Spent most of the season ranked second in the country in the all-around ... Garnered Big Ten and Collegiate Gymnastics Association Gymnast of the Week honors (1/17) after taking the all-around title at the Windy City Invitational.

## SOPHOMORE 2006

A 2006 three-time NCAA All-American (parallel bars, all-around, floor exercise) ... An All-Big Ten selection ... Also tabbed an Academic All-Big Ten honoree ... Finished second in all-around, third on parallel bars, fourth on rings and high bar and fifth on vault at Big Tens ... Earned Big Ten Gymnast of the Week honors (3/1) ... Carded eight event titles spread across five events ... Talled the most titles on vault (three) ... Competed in every meet for the Illini, including five appearances in the all-around competition ... Notched top marks during 2006, including a season-best 9.400 on floor exercise at Illinois-Chicago (2/25) and a career-best 9.600 on vault at Big Tens (3/24).

## FRESHMAN 2005

Earned Big Ten Rookie of the Year honors ... Tied the school record on rings (9.850) at Big Ten team finals ... In just his second collegiate meet, captured the all-around title against Minnesota with a school-record 55.950 score, surpassing Justin Spring's previous mark of 55.600 ... Captured the title on high bar against Minnesota with season-high 9.550 ... Inside Gymnastics NCAA Gymnast of the Week (1/27) after the Minnesota performance ... Placed fifth in the all-around with a 51.548 at the 2005 Winter Cup ... In his first collegiate meet, took second in the all-around competition at the Windy City Invitational.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Two-time Junior Olympic national champion (2000, 2003) ... At the Junior Pan American Games in 2002, finished second in the all-around and first on both parallel bars and high bar ... Participated in the Junior Olympic Nationals every year from 1998-2004 ... Took first place on pommel horse at the 2002 U.S. Championships ... Won both high bar and pommel horse at the 2003 U.S. Championships ... Competed for St. Louis Gymnastics Center.

## PERSONAL

Born Wesley Morgan Haagensen on Dec. 21, 1985 ... Grandparents are Wayne and Judy Whicker ... Majoring in business administration and management with a focus in marketing ... Favorite movie is "Shawshank Redemption" ... Favorite athlete is LeBron James because he has proved everyone wrong that had doubts in him and brought his team to success ... Plans on going to law school and becoming a sports agent after college.

## HAAGENSEN'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Floor Exercise	9.650	at NCAA Qualifiers	April 12, 2006
Pommel Horse	9.500	at NCAA Qualifiers	April 7, 2005
Rings	9.850	at Big Ten Championships	March 25, 2005
Vault	9.600	at Big Ten Team Finals	March 2, 2006
Parallel Bars	9.600	at NCAA Team Finals	April 7, 2006
High Bar	9.650	at NCAA Team Finals	April 13, 2007
All-Around	55.950	at Minnesota	Jan. 22, 2005

## HAAGENSEN'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2007	All-American	All-Around/High Bar/Floor Exercise	Second/Sixth/Fourth
2007	Big Ten Champion	All-Around	First
2007	Big Ten Gymnast of the Year	--	--
2007	All-Big Ten Team	--	--
2007	Big Ten Gymnast of the Week (1/17)	--	--
2007	CGA National Gymnast of the Week (1/17)	--	--
2006	All-American	Parallel Bars/All-Around/Floor Exercise	Third/Fourth/Fifth
2006	All-Big Ten Team	--	--
2006	Academic All-Big Ten Team	--	--
2006	Big Ten Gymnast of the Week (3/1)	--	--
2005	Big Ten Rookie of the Year	--	--
2005	Inside Gymnastics- NCAA Gymnast of the Week (1/27)	--	--





# CHRIS SILCOX

SENIOR

5-6 // 150

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

CHURCHILL

ALL-AROUND



## JUNIOR 2007

2007 All-American on high bar after a fifth-place finish at NCAA Individual Finals ... Voted Fighting Illini Attitude Award recipient by his teammates ... Academic All-Big Ten selection ... Charted a career-high 9.350 on high bar at NCAA Finals ... Finished third on high bar at Big Tens ... Scored career-best 9.650 on floor exercise at NCAA Qualifiers ... Competed in every Illini meet this season as a regular on floor, parallel bars, high bar and vault ... Registered eight top-three finishes on the year ... Fell just short of All-America honors on floor after finishing ninth during NCAA Event Finals ... Highest finish of second came on floor twice, his first when he tied for second at the Pacific Coast Classic and then grabbed second all alone during NCAA Team finals ... Named to the 2007 World University Games team that finished seventh.

## SOPHOMORE 2006

Regular on floor exercise, parallel bars, vault, pommel horse and high bar ... Qualified for parallel bar finals at Big Tens ... Earned season bests of 9.200 on vault at the Big Ten Championships (3/24) and 9.250 on high bar at home against Army (3/11) ... Earned first event title on vault against Temple (2/11) ... Finished in the top three 10 times in 2006: floor exercise (three times), pommel horse (twice), vault (once), parallel bars (once) and high bar (three times) ... CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete ... Selected to the Academic All-Big Ten team ... George Huff Award winner.

## FRESHMAN 2005

Set a career-high 9.300 on high bar during NCAA Qualifying... Qualified for NCAA Event finals on vault with a career-high 9.400 during NCAA Team Finals ... Finished ninth in the vault finals ... Notched a 9.225 on high bar at his first Big Ten Championships ... Set a career high on the floor exercise with a 9.600 at the Big Ten Team Finals to qualify for event finals ... Scored a 9.187 on the floor exercise to place sixth at conference ... Regular in the Illini floor, vault and high bar lineup ... Carded a top vault of 9.400 against Penn State ... Also appeared in the Illini pommel horse lineup in the last five regular season meets, setting a career-high 9.100 against Illinois-Chicago.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

U.S. Champion on high bar at the 2004 USA Nationals competition ... Finished fourth in the all-around competition at Junior Olympic Nationals in 2002 ... Has performed four times at the USA Championships, meaning he was within the top 18 in the nation ... Coached by Yuejin Sun ... Named an Academic All-American from 2001-2004 ... Competed for the Alamo Gymnastics club.

## PERSONAL

Born Chris Andrew Silcox on August 24, 1986 ... Son of Andrew and Laurie Silcox ... Majoring in theatre ... After finishing school, he plans on pursuing a career with Cirque du Soliel ... Favorite athlete is Russia's Alexi Nemov, because he is a talented gymnast who pays great attention to his style and technique.

## SILCOX'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Floor Exercise	9.650	at NCAA Qualifiers	April 12, 2007
Pommel Horse	9.100	Illinois-Chicago	March 12, 2005
Vault	9.400	(Twice) last at NCAA Championships	April 8, 2005
Parallel Bars	9.250	at Big Ten Individual Finals	March 31, 2007
High Bar	9.350	at NCAA Finals	April 13, 2007

## SILCOX'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2007	All-American	High Bar	Fifth
2007	Academic All-Big Ten	--	--
2006	Academic All-Big Ten	--	--
2006	CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete	--	--
2004	US National Champion	High Bar	First



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# TYLER YAMAUCHI

SENIOR

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SUGARLAND, TEXAS

ELKINS

ALL-AROUND



## JUNIOR 2007

2007 All-American on floor with a seventh-place outing ... Qualified for NCAA Event Finals on vault, finishing 10th ... Earned All-Big Ten and Academic All-Big Ten honors ... Big Ten vault champion ... Received the team's Most Outstanding Gymnast Award ... 2007 Co-Captain ... Set a career-high 9.650 on floor twice during the 2007 campaign, his last at NCAA Finals to help Illinois set a school-record (38.450) ... Ranked in the top-10 nationally on rings the entire season ... Carded Illinois' top-five scores on vault, including a team-high 9.600 against UIC ... Notched a season-high 8.550 on horse at NCAA Finals ... Claimed eight event titles ... Earned co-Big Ten Gymnast of the Week honors (3/7) ... Named to the 2007 World University Games team that finished seventh ... Posted 17 top-three finishes on the season, tied for the second most on the team with freshman Chad Wiest.

## SOPHOMORE 2006

2006 All-American on rings with eight-place finish ... Academic All-Big Ten team selection ... Fighting Illini Attitude Team Award recipient ... Competed for the Illini in every meet on pommel horse, rings and parallel bars ... Notched eight event titles between pommel horse (once), still rings (five times) and vault (twice) ... Posted season highs of 9.550 on floor at Iowa (3/05) and 9.550 on rings against Army (3/11) ... Had 19 top-three finishes on the season ... Finished the season ranked 13th nationally on rings ... CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete ... George Huff Award winner.

## FRESHMAN 2005

Lone Illinois freshman to earn All-American honors with fourth-place finish on rings ... Big Ten runner-up on rings ... Took home the rings title with a then-best 9.725 against Minnesota ... Also claimed the parallel bars title (9.400) against the Gophers ... Carded a 9.800 on rings to take home the title at the Aquafina Pacific Coast Classic ... Winner on rings against Temple and tied for second on pommel horse ... Set a career-best 9.850 on the rings against Iowa and the Japan All-Stars ... Big Ten Gymnast of the Week for the week (3/11) ... Claimed floor title at the season-opening Windy City Invite ... Finished the season ranked No. 5 in the nation on rings.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Three-time U.S. National Team member ... Finished first on pommel horse and second on still rings at the Dominican Republic competition ... Part of the winning team at the USA, Canada and Germany competition, as well as the Dominican Republic competition ... Competed for Houston Gymnastics club.

## PERSONAL

Born Tyler Shigeo Yamauchi on May 16, 1985 ... Son of Toshio and Joyce Yamauchi ... Majoring in kinesiology ... Chose Illinois because he could stay close to his family while still competing at one of the nation's top programs ... Favorite movie is "Boondock Saints" ... Favorite athlete is Bill Russell.

## YAMAUCHI'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Floor Exercise	9.650	(Twice) last at NCAA Team Finals	April 13, 2007
Pommel Horse	9.550	vs. Penn State	Feb. 12, 2005
Still Rings	9.850	vs. Iowa	March 5, 2005
Vault	9.600	vs. UIC	March 17, 2007
Parallel Bars	9.550	at Windy City Invitational	Jan. 8, 2005

## YAMAUCHI'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2007	All-American	Floor Exercise	Seventh
2007	Big Ten Champion	Vault	First
2007	All-Big Ten	--	--
2007	CGA All-American Scholar-Athlete	--	--
2007	Big Ten Gymnast of the Week (3/7)	--	--
2006	All-American	Still Rings	Eighth
2006	CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete	--	--
2006	Academic All-Big Ten	--	--
2005	All-American	Still Rings	Fourth
2005	Big Ten Gymnast of the Week (3/11)	--	--





# CHRIS LUNG

**JUNIOR**

**5-8 // 135**

**LEXINGTON, MASS.**

**LEXINGTON**

**ALL-AROUND**



## SOPHOMORE 2007

2007 Academic All-Big Ten selection ... Set a career-high 8.900 on high bar at NCAA Qualifiers ... Tallied a season-high on pommel horse (8.700) at NCAA Qualifiers ... Competed on pommel horse in every Illini meet this season ... Had two top-three finishes on pommel horse ... CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete.

## FRESHMAN 2006

Excelled in his first collegiate season, earning All-America status with a fifth-place finish on pommel horse (8.925) ... Took second on pommel horse at Big Tens (8.825) ... Set career highs on four events: 9.000 on pommel horse and 8.500 on rings at NCAA Team Finals (4/7), 8.850 on parallel bars at Ohio State (1/28) and a season-high of 8.800 on high bar at NCAA Team qualifying (4/6) ... Earned two event titles on pommel horse at Illinois-Chicago (2/25) and one against Army (3/11) ... Consistent competitor for the Orange and Blue on pommel horse, still rings, parallel bars and high bar ... CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete ... George Huff Award winner.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

2005 National team member ... 2005 Junior Olympic National pommel horse champion ... 2005 Massachusetts state champion ... Competed for the Massachusetts Gymnastics Center ... 2005 regional champion ... Coached by Cal Booker.

## PERSONAL

Born Christopher Brian Lung on May 11, 1987 ... Son of Victor and Janet Lung ... Majoring in business ... Has two sisters, Kristen and Tiffany ... Favorite athlete is Michael Jordan because he's one of the greatest players of all time ... Biggest thrill in sports is winning ... Hobbies include playing all sports and following the Red Sox, Patriots and Celtics ... Past summer jobs include coaching gymnastics.

## LUNG'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Pommel Horse	9.000	(Twice) last at NCAA Championships	April 7, 2006
Still Rings	8.500	(Twice) last at NCAA Championships	April 7, 2006
Parallel Bars	8.850	at Ohio State	Jan. 14, 2006
High Bar	8.900	at NCAA Qualifiers	April 12, 2007

## LUNG'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2007	Academic All-Big Ten	--	--
2007	CGA All-American Scholar-Athlete	--	--
2006	All-American	Pommel Horse	Fifth
2006	Big Ten Runner-Up	Pommel Horse	Second
2006	CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete	--	--



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# KYLE PADERA

**JUNIOR**

**5-7 // 155**

**WINFIELD, ILL.**

**WHEATON NORTH**

**ALL-AROUND**



## SOPHOMORE 2007

2007 Academic All-Big Ten selection ... Recorded a career-high 7.800 on rings at the Windy City Invitational ... Saw limited action but competed at the Windy City Invitational and Illinois' meet against Minnesota on vault and rings ... CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete.

## FRESHMAN 2006

Competed twice on rings and three times on vault ... Set a career-high 9.000 on vault against Illinois-Chicago on 2/25 ... George Huff Award winner.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Competed on the state championship team at Wheaton North ... Member of the national champion Illinois team ... 2005 IHSA all-around champion ... Coached by Chris McKee ... Competed for the Midwest Academy & Bartlett Gymnastics club.

## PERSONAL

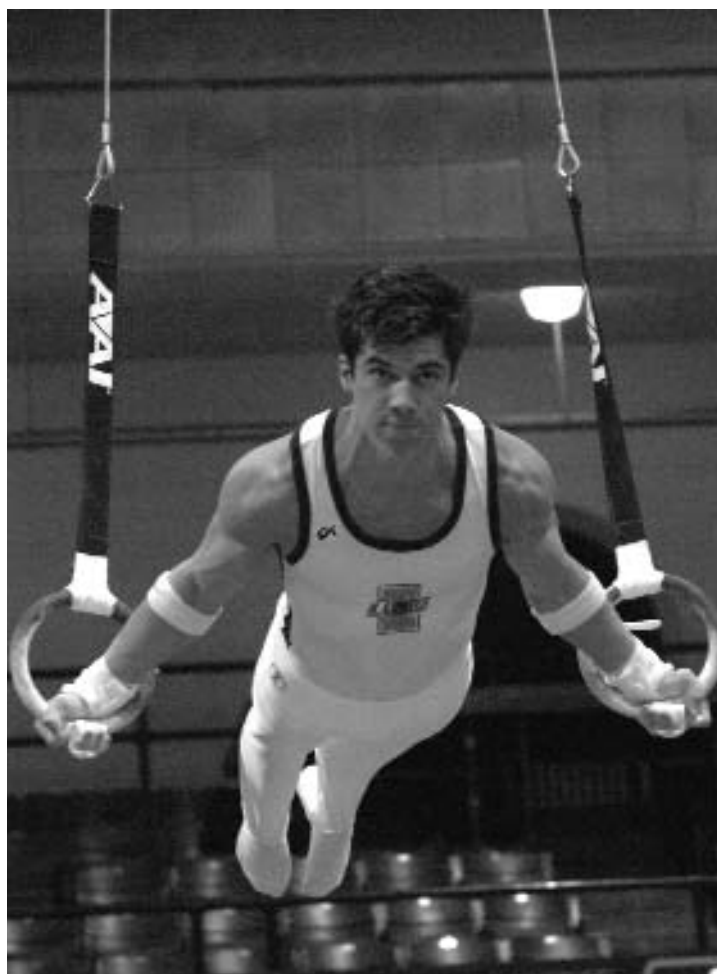
Born Kyle Garrett Padera on October 27, 1986 ... Son of Craig and Ellen Padera ... Has two sisters, Nikki and Kelly, and one brother, C.J. ... Cites the biggest thrill in sports being the celebration ... Majoring in history ... Fighting Illini hero growing up was Chris McKee.

## PADERA'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Still Rings	7.800	at Windy City Invitational	Jan. 13, 2007
Vault	9.000	at Illinois-Chicago	Feb. 25, 2006

## PADERA'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2007	CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete	--	--
2007	Academic All-Big Ten	--	--
2006	CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete	--	--
2005	Illinois State Champion	All-Around	First





# NICK STANGO

**JUNIOR**

**5-4 // 140**

**CHESHIRE, CONN.**

**CHESHIRE**

**ALL-AROUND**



## SOPHOMORE 2007

Set a career-high 9.100 on rings at NCAA Qualifiers ... 2007 Academic All-Big Ten ... Finished third on rings against UIC ... Solid representative for the Illini in every meet on rings ... CGA All-America Scholar Athlete.

## FRESHMAN 2006

Competed in every meet for the Illini on rings ... Set a career-high 8.700 on rings at Iowa (3/05) ... George Huff Award winner.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

2004 Connecticut state all-around champion ... Coached by Robin Artz ... Competed for the American Gymnastics club.

## PERSONAL

Born Nicholas Stango on August 21, 1986 ... Son of Albert and Marianna Stango ... Is majoring in aerospace engineering ... Has one brother, Chris ... Past summer jobs include coaching gymnastics.

## STANGO'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Still Rings	9.100	at NCAA Qualifiers	April 12, 2007

## STANGO'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2007	CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete	--	--
2007	Academic All-Big Ten	--	--
2004	Connecticut State Champion	All-Around	First



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# TYLER WILLIAMSON

JUNIOR

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LAKE FOREST, CALIF.

ORANGE LUTHERAN

ALL-AROUND



## SOPHOMORE 2007

Made a name for himself in 2007, becoming a regular in the lineup by competing in every meet for the Illini on floor and rings ... Competed in eight meets for Illinois on vault ... Voted the recipient of the Most Improved Award by his teammates ... Tied career-high 9.100 on rings and notched career-best 8.500 on vault at NCAA Qualifiers ... Set a career-high 9.200 on floor against Iowa ... Carded two top-three finishes on floor ... Competed for the Illini in every meet on floor and rings.

## FRESHMAN 2006

Member of the U of I gymnastics squad.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

2005 state and regional team member ... In 2005, placed fourth on parallel bars at Nationals ... Received All-America honors for his performance ... Coached by Guonian Wu ... Competed for the South Coast Gymnastics club.

## PERSONAL

Born Tyler Browning Williamson on May 26, 1987 ... Son of Rick and Kathy Williamson ... Pursuing a degree in geography ... Hobbies include gymnastics, fishing, hunting, surfing, skateboarding and snow boarding ... Biggest thrill in sports is the rush he gets from competing ... Favorite athlete is club coach Guonian Wu because he has brought me to where I am today.

## WILLIAMSON'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Floor Exercise	9.200	vs. Iowa	March 3, 2007
Still Rings	9.100	(Twice) last NCAA Qualifiers	April 12, 2007
Vault	8.500	at NCAA Qualifiers	April 12, 2007

## WILLIAMSON'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2005	High School All-American	Parallel Bars	Fourth





# BRIAN HULBERT

SOPHOMORE

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MOKENA, ILL.

LINCOLN-WAY EAST

ALL-AROUND



## FRESHMAN 2007

Member of the U of I Gymnastics squad.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

A 2006 high school all-around national champion ... Competed for the Gym-Kinetics and Premier Gymnastics Academy ... Coached by Skip Adamson ... A two-sport athlete at Lincoln-Way East, earning two varsity letters in golf and three in gymnastics ... Tabbed a gymnastics all-conference and all-state member his sophomore, junior and senior years by the *Chicago Tribune* ... Led Lincoln-Way East to a high school state championship while finishing in the top 10 in every event during his senior year ... Math, Spanish and History Honors Society member.

## PERSONAL

Born Brian Patrick Hulbert on Aug. 22, 1988 ... Son of Rick and Karen Hulbert ... Has an older brother, Chris ... Enjoys playing ping-pong, pool, ultimate Frisbee, golf and sand volleyball ... Credits his father for being the most influential person in his athletic career for always encouraging him to try everything and work his hardest ... Favorite athlete and Fighting Illini hero is Justin Spring because of his amazing talent ... Past summer jobs include coaching gymnastics.

## HULBERT'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
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## HULBERT'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2006	High School National Champion	All-Around	First



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# BRIAN LISCOVITZ

SOPHOMORE

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HILLSBOROUGH, N.J.

IMMACULATA (SOMERVILLE, N.J.)

ALL-AROUND



## FRESHMAN 2007

Had an immediate impact on the Illini roster as a freshman, competing on pommel horse in every Illini meet on the year ... Saw action on parallel bars in 10 meets and on high bar in four ... Set a season-high 8.450 on pommel horse at NCAA Finals ... Jumped out to a quick start, setting season bests at his first collegiate competition of the year at the Windy City Invitational by notching a 9.100 on parallel bars and a 8.700 on high bar ... His mark on parallel bars at Windy City held as the fifth-highest score for an Illini on the season.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Competed for the Surgent's Elite club ... Coached by Matt Stevenson and Rich Pulsfort ... In 2006, placed fourth on parallel bars at Junior Olympic Nationals ... Two-time New Jersey all-around state champion (2004, 2006) ... Three-time state champion on parallel bars (2004-06) ... Region 7 team member ... J.O. 2004 parallel bars national champion ... Graduate of Immaculata High School in Somerville, N.J.

## PERSONAL

Born Brian Liscovitz on Aug. 28, 1987... Son of Michael and Joanne Liscovitz ... Father works in the computer software industry, while his mother works in real estate ... Has one sister, Meredith ... Hobbies include golf and playing video games ... Biggest thrill in sports came when he won parallel bars at the 2004 Junior Olympic Nationals ... Past summer jobs include owning and running his own lawn mowing business ... Majoring in speech communications ... Plans to pursue a career in real estate investment after graduation ... The most influential people in his life are his parents, because of all the support and encouragement they have provided ... The most influential people in his athletic career are Ted Brown and David Durante, because they always had the odds against them and still seemed to come out on top.

## LISCOVITZ'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Pommel Horse	8.450	at NCAA Team Finals	April 13, 2007
Parallel Bars	9.100	at Windy City Invitational	Jan. 13, 2007
High Bar	8.700	at Windy City Invitational	Jan. 13, 2007

## LISCOVITZ'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2006	Junior Olympics All-American	Parallel Bars	Fourth
2004-06	Three-Time State Champion	Parallel Bars	--
2004 & 2006	Two-Time New Jersey State Champion	All-Around	First
2004	Junior Olympics National Champion	Parallel Bars	First





# ANDRES SAAVEDRA

SOPHOMORE

5-6 // 145

BELLEVILLE, N.J.

BELLEVILLE

ALL-AROUND



## FRESHMAN 2007

Charted a career-best 8.300 on horse at NCAA Qualifiers ... Competed for the Illini on floor, pommel horse, vault and parallel bars ... His highest finish on the season of second on parallel bars (8.800) came against UIC ... Recorded two top-three finishes on the year ... In international competition, competed at 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro and 2007 World Championships in Stuttgart, Germany.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Coached by his father Eduardo at Henderson's Gymnastics Academy ... Has a multitude of international experience, including a third-place finish on floor at the South American Games (2003) ... Placed sixth on vault at the World Cup in 2004 ... Took third on parallel bars at the 2005 Bolivarian Games ... Qualifier for the 2005 Pan-American Games ... Finished seventh on vault at the 2006 South American Games ... At Belleville High School, was a 2000 state champion in the all-around, floor exercise, pommel horse, parallel bars and high bar ... Advanced to the national competition that year where he placed 11th on vault.

## PERSONAL

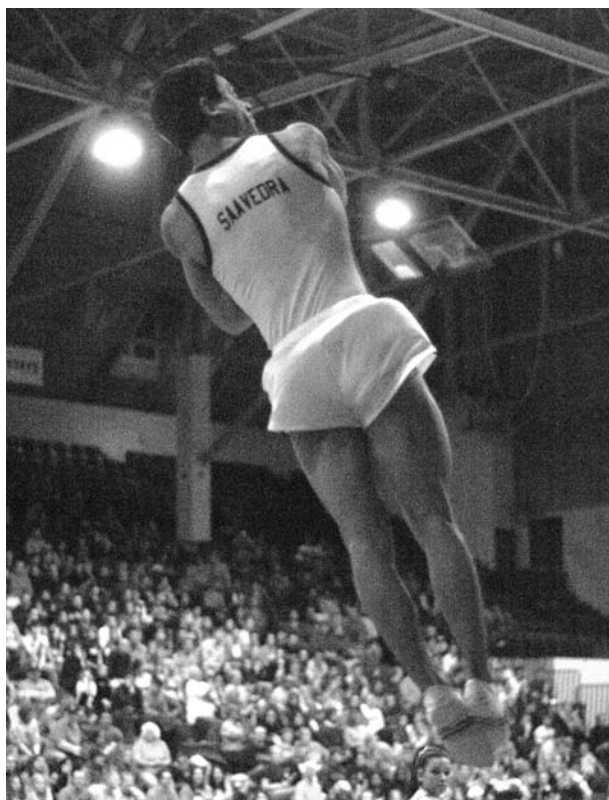
Born Andres Eduardo Saavedra on Dec. 26, 1985 ... Son of Eduardo and Maria Saavedra ... Has one older brother, Michael ... His father, Eduardo, also competed on the 1980 Ecuadorian men's gymnastics Olympic team ... Played drums for his local church band and enjoys drawing ... Studying kinesiology ... Credits his family with being the most influential force in his athletic career ... Names his father as the most influential person in his life because he is a hard worker and does not give up when he sets his mind to something.

## SAAVEDRA'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Floor Exercise	8.300	vs. Iowa	March 3, 2007
Pommel Horse	8.300	at NCAA Qualifiers	April 12, 2007
Vault	8.750	vs. Iowa	March 3, 2007
Parallel Bars	8.800	vs. UIC	March 17, 2007

## SAAVEDRA'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2007	Pan American Games Participant	--	--
2007	World Championships Participant	--	--
2006	South American Games	Vault	Seventh
2005	Bolivarian Games Medalist	Parallel Bars	Third
2004	World Cup Participant	Vault	Sixth
2003	South American Games Medalist	Floor Exercise	Third
2000	Nationals Participant	Vault	11th
2000	New Jersey State Champion	All-Around, Pommel Horse	First
2000	New Jersey State Champion	Floor Exercise, Parallel Bars	First
2000	New Jersey State Champion	High Bars	First



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# LUKE STANNARD

SOPHOMORE

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WAUKEGAN, ILL.

WARREN TOWNSHIP

ALL-AROUND



## FRESHMAN 2007

Opened his debut season recovering from an early injury ... Upon his return, became a mainstay in the lineup on pommel horse and high bar ... Set team and career-high 9.100 on pommel at NCAA Qualifiers ... Only Illini to qualify for Big Ten Event Finals on pommel horse ... Had four top-three finishes on pommel throughout the season ... Set a career-high 8.650 on high bar against Iowa.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

During his senior year at Warren Township, carded six top-10 finishes at state, four top-10 finishes at the Region 5 Championship and took the crown on pommel horse, while finishing second in the all-around competition at the Illinois state championships ... Finished third on floor exercise and tabbed eighth on pommel horse at the Midwest Regional Championships ... At the national level, finished 13th and 18th on the floor exercise and the all-around, respectively ... With his all-around finish at Regionals, punched his ticket onto the Midwest Regional team that finished second at the national competition ... Trained with the Ultimate Gymnastics club in Gurnee, Ill., where he led his team to a bronze-medal finish at the Illinois state championships during his senior year ... Has been coached by Jon Klemens and Raul Rodriguez.

## PERSONAL

Born Robert Luke Stannard on Sept. 13, 1987 ... Son of Clint, who works in transportation, and Diane Stannard, a retired teacher and guidance counselor ... Has one sister, Sarah ... Past jobs include coaching at Ultimate Gymnastics ... Hobbies include listening to music, watching movies and playing sports ... Names Lance Armstrong as his favorite athlete ... Credits his coach, Raul Rodriguez, for being the most influential person in his athletic career because he was a former Illini and taught him everything he needed to know about the sport and what it would take to be an Illini gymnast.

## STANNARD'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Pommel Horse	9.100	at NCAA Qualifiers	April 12, 2007
High Bar	8.650	vs. Iowa	March 3, 2007

## STANNARD'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2006	Illinois State Champion	Pommel Horse	First
2006	Illinois State Runner-Up	All-Around	Second





# CHAD WIEST

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**SOPHOMORE**


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**5-8 // 170**


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**BUTLER, PA.**


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**MONITEAU**


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**ALL-AROUND**


## FRESHMAN 2007

2007 All-American on floor with a tied for third-place performance ... Big Ten runner-up on floor ... His tied for third-place on floor was the highest finish of any Illini during NCAA Event Finals ... The feat also marked the second-highest overall finish by an Orange and Blue gymnast at the championships behind Wes Haagensen's second-place finish in the all-around ... Carded five event titles on floor, the most on the squad on the apparatus ... Set career-bests in vault (9.050) and high bar (8.950) at NCAA Team Finals ... His mark on vault ranked 10th during NCAA Team Finals, coming just short of advancing the freshman into NCAA Event Finals ... Notched a career-best 9.700 on floor during NCAA Qualifiers ... Ranked top-five in the nation on floor heading into NCAA Championships ... Helped Illinoise set a school-record 38.450 on floor at NCAA Team Finals ... Had 17 top-three finishes between floor, vault, parallel bars and high bar, the second-most top-three finishes on the team ... Competed in every Illini meet on floor, vault and high bar ... Became the fourth straight Illini to earn All-America honors during his freshman campaign.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Coached by Kevin Hallinan at Butler Gymnastics club ... Led his club to a state championship during his senior season ... State champion in the all-around in 2006 ... Took the title on vault, floor exercise and parallel bars and finished third in all-around at the regional competition ... Finalist in the all-around at Junior Olympic Nationals ... A regional team member from 2004-06 ... Competed at the Winter Cup in 2005 and 2006 ... At 2005 nationals, finished fifth on floor ... Named MVP and Most Consistent Gymnast by his club team in his final two seasons ... Named first team Academic All-American at Junior Olympic Nationals, while also being on the Honor Roll throughout his high school career.

## PERSONAL

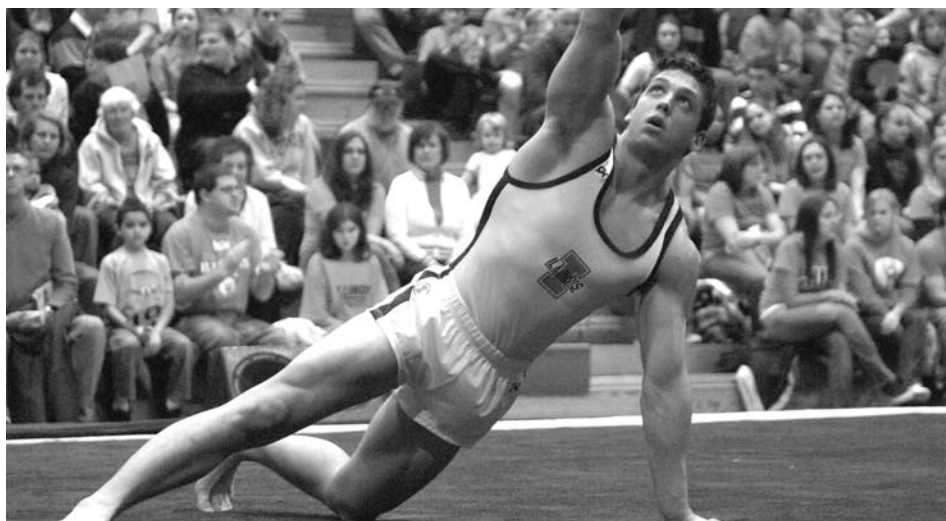
Born Chad Robert Wiest on Feb. 4, 1988 ... Son of Scott and Shari Wiest ... Has one brother, Scotty, and one sister, Cassie ... Father was an All-American linebacker for Slippery Rock University ... Hobbies include hanging out with friends, playing volleyball, horseshoes, swimming and camping with his family ... His biggest thrill in gymnastics is the high he gets when he does a new skill for the first time ... Credits his old coach, Dave McKinnis, as being the most influential person during his athletic career.

## WIEST'S CAREER HIGHS

EVENT	SCORE	OPPONENT/MEET	DATE
Floor Exercise	9.700	at NCAA Qualifiers	April 12, 2006
Vault	9.050	(Three Times) last at NCAA Team Finals	April 13, 2007
Parallel Bars	8.700	(Twice) last vs. UIC	March 17, 2007
High Bar	8.950	at NCAA Team Finals	April 13, 2007

## WIEST'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

SEASON	HONOR	EVENT	FINISH
2007	All-American	Floor Exercise	Tied-Third
2006	Pennsylvania State Champion	All-Around	First
2006	Academic All-American	Junior Olympics Nationals	--



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# NATE LUKETIN

FRESHMAN

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ROSELLE, ILL.

LAKE PARK

ALL-AROUND



## FLIPPIN' ILLINI GYMNASTICS CLUB

A member of the Flippin' Illini Gymnastics club at the University of Illinois from 2006-07 ... 2007 pommel horse champion at the NAIGC nationals.

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Graduate of Lake Park High School where he was a three-year varsity letterwinner in gymnastics ... Coached by Rick Orna and Keith Matune ... In 2004, state qualifier on pommel horse ... Given the honor of team captain during his stint at Lake Park ... 2005 state qualifier on high bars and parallel bars, while placing 18th on pommel horse.

## PERSONAL

Born Nathan Lester Luketin on May 23, 1987 ... Son of Scott and Teresa Luketin ... Has one brother, Jake, who currently attends the University of Illinois ... Hobbies include playing tennis ... Biggest thrill in sports is the anticipation before each competition ... Academic honors include the Dean's List in 2005 and 2006 at Illinois ... Credits his mom as the most influential person in his life because of her independence ... The most influential person in his athletic career is Ted Brown because he has been a great coach and inspirational athlete ... Past summer jobs include coaching gymnastics.

## LUKETIN'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR	HONOR	EVENT
2007	NAIGC National Champion	Pommel Horse



# KYLE MOE

FRESHMAN

5-8 // 140

CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

CHAMPAIGN CENTRAL

ALL-AROUND



## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Graduate of Champaign Central High School ... Coached by Jonas Contakos ... Three-year varsity letterwinner in golf at Champaign Central ... Three-time Academic All-American ... Four-time Junior Olympics participant ... Notched an eighth-place individual finish in the all-around at the 2007 State Competition as the only representative from his club team.

## PERSONAL

Born Kyle S. Moe on Nov. 7, 1988 ... Son of Scott and Cathy Moe ... Has two sisters, Sarah and Ellen ... Hobbies include playing the guitar ... Biggest thrill in sports is fighting through fear and trying a new skill ... Favorite athlete is Tiger Woods ... Major is undecided ... Four-year member of National Honor Society in high school ... The most influential person in his life is his father because of how hard he works for everything ... The most influential people in his athletic career are Jonas Contakos and Kurt Hettinger because they are excellent coaches.

## MOE'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR	HONOR	EVENT
2007	Illinois State Eighth Place Finisher	All-Around
--	Four-Time Junior Olympics Participant	--
--	Three-Time Academic All-American	--



# ROGER PASEK

FRESHMAN

5-9 // 145

SLEEPY HOLLOW, ILL.

DUNDEE-CROWN

ALL-AROUND



senior ... Overall won 22 Illinois state medals during his high school career ... In 2007, won national titles on parallel bars, pommel horse, floor exercise and high bar at High School Nationals.

## PERSONAL

Born Roger Stanley Pasek on March, 23, 1989 ... Son of Greg and Kendra Pasek ... Is one of four sons in the Pasek family, including a twin brother Josh, who is a quarterback at Ripon College, Chase, who is in the Army Special Forces, and the youngest, Jake ... Hobbies include video games and drawing ... Biggest thrill in sports came when his team defeated Texas at High School Nationals in 2007 ... Past summer jobs include coaching gymnastics ... Was twice named to the Honor Roll ... Plans to continue his education with a graduate degree in graphic design ... Credits his gymnastics coaches for being the most influential people in his athletic career because they constantly pushed him to get better ... Is currently undecided in his major, but has plans to pursue graphic design.



## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Graduate of Dundee-Crown High School ... Coached by club and high school coaches Scott Sheridan, Mike Califf and Steve Merena ... Won varsity letters in gymnastics all four years at Dundee-Crown ... Took home the pommel horse state championship as a junior ... Three-time state champion as a senior on pommel horse, high bar and parallel bars ... Finished runner-up in the all-around at state as a junior and

### PASEK'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR	HONOR	EVENT
2007	High School National Champion	Parallel Bars
2007	High School National Champion	High Bar
2007	High School National Champion	Floor Exercise
2007	High School National Champion	Pommel Horse
2007	Illinois State Champion	Parallel Bars
2007	Illinois State Champion	High Bar
2006-07	Illinois State Runner-Up	All-Around
2006-07	Illinois State Champion	Pommel Horse
2003-07	22-Time Illinois State Medalist	--



# DANIEL RIBEIRO

FRESHMAN

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CHESTNUT RIDGE, N.Y.

NORTHERN HIGHLANDS REGIONAL

ALL-AROUND

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Coached by Genadi Shub at the US Gymnastics Development Center II ... In 2005, made his first finals appearance in the all-around at Junior Olympic Nationals, while finishing runner-up on pommel horse ... Backed up the performance by repeating in the all-around finals and took silver on pommel horse in 2006 ... Continued to dominate JO Nationals in 2007, making his third straight finals in the all-around before breaking through the ranks to seal his first crown on pommel horse ... Helped lead his team to the New Jersey State Championship in 2007.

## PERSONAL

Born Daniel Joseph Ribeiro on July 13, 1989 ... Son of João and Michele Ribeiro ... His parents are both owners of the US Gymnastics Development Center II ... His father was a college gymnast at East Stroudsburg (Pa.) University, helping his squad to the Division II National Championship in 1985 and was a 1980 Olympian for Brazil ... Has one younger sister,

Alexandra ... Enjoys watching baseball and football ... Biggest thrill in gymnastics is when he hits a set and puts up a high score for his team ... His favorite athlete is Derek Jeter ... Plans on majoring in business ... Plans to attend graduate school upon completing his bachelors ... Credits Genadi Shub as the most influential person in his athletic career and his father as the most influential person in his life ... Looked up to Fighting Illini gymnastics heroes Justin Spring and Ben Newman.

### RIBEIRO'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR	HONOR	EVENT
2007	Junior Olympics Finalist (Top-36)	All-Around
2007	Junior Olympics National Champion	Pommel Horse
2006	Junior Olympics Finalist (Top-36)	All-Around
2006	Junior Olympics National Runner-Up	Pommel Horse
2005	Junior Olympics Finalist (Top-36)	All-Around
2005	Junior Olympics National Runner-Up	Pommel Horse

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# PAUL RUGGERI

FRESHMAN

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MANLIUS, N.Y.

FAYETTEVILLE MANLIUS

ALL-AROUND

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Graduate of Fayetteville Manlius High School ... Coached by Jim Luttinger at CNY Gymnastics Club ... At 2006 Visa Championships, took home the gold on floor and high bar and the bronze on vault and in the all-around ... 2006-07 Junior U.S. National Team Member ... At the 2007 Winter Cup competition, tied for second on floor and finished 12th in the all-around ... At the 2005 Junior Olympics Nationals, placed third on floor ... Followed up the effort with a third-place finish on high bar and vault and a seventh-place outing on floor at the 2006 JO Nationals ... A three-time all-around finalist at JO Nationals from 2004-06.

### RUGGERI'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR	HONOR	EVENT
2006-07	Junior U.S. National Team Member	--
2006	Visa Championships Gold Medalist	Floor, High Bar
2006	Visa Championships Bronze Medalist	Vault, All-Around
2004-06	Three-time Finalist at Junior Olympics Nationals	All-Around



# JOHNNY SCHELL

FRESHMAN

5-7 // 135

GAITHERSBURG, MD.

GAITHERSBURG

ALL-AROUND

## HIGH SCHOOL/CLUB

Member of the swimming and diving team at Gaithersburg High School, where he was coached by Jill Milla ... Coached by Carlos Vazquez at Capital Gymnastics National Training Center ... Holds multiple pool records at Gaithersburg ... Led his swimming and diving team to a Divisional Title in 2004, while finishing fourth at Counties that same season ... Junior Olympics Nationals participant in gymnastics every year, except 2005 due to injury, since 2003 ... In 2003, was a finalist in the all-around and finished sixth during event finals on parallel bars ... Was a finalist on vault, parallel bars and high bar in 2004 ... Continued his streak of success in 2006, advancing to finals on floor, vault and high bar ... 2007 finalist on floor, vault and high bar.



## PERSONAL

Born Paul Ruggeri III on Nov. 12, 1988 ... Son of Paul II and Kathryn Ruggeri ... Has a sister, Morgan, and a brother, Chris ... Hobbies include painting, drawing, waterskiing, wakeboarding and jet skiing ... His biggest thrill in sports is achieving a new goal ... Past summer jobs include coaching at CNY gymnastics ... Two-time Academic All-American at Junior Olympic Nationals ... Member of the National and Science Honor Societies ... In art, has received the Silver Key, Gold Key awards and three honorable mentions for his portfolio from the Central New York Scholastic Art Association ... Plans to attend medical school after graduation ... The most influential person in his life is his grandfather, Paul Sr., because of he came to the U.S. from Italy and created a whole new life for his family.



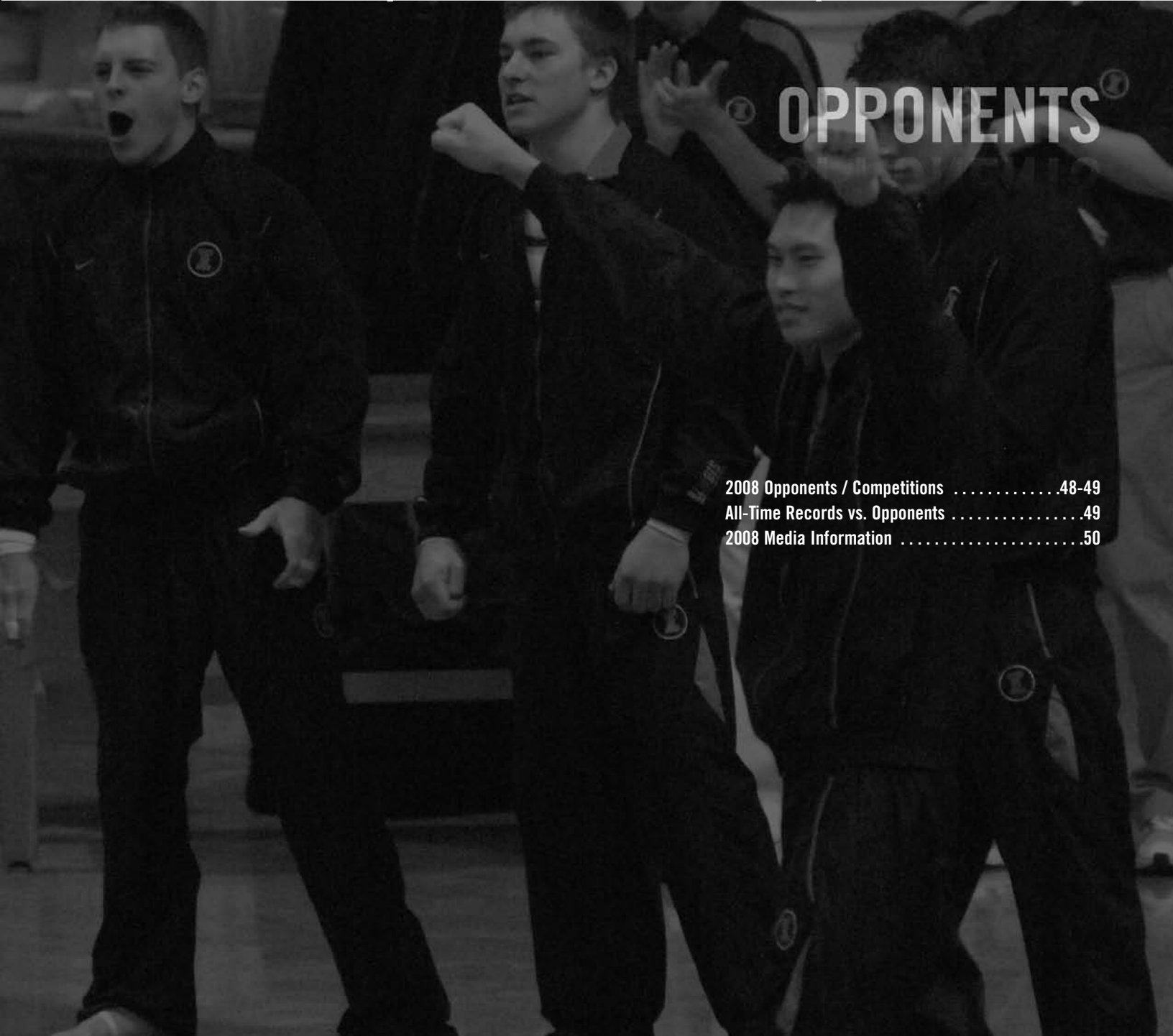
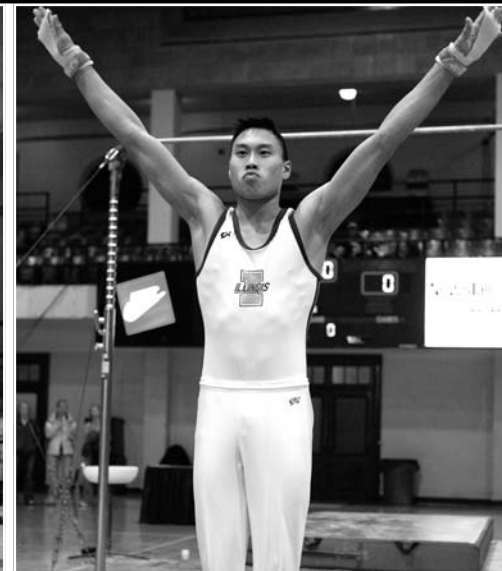
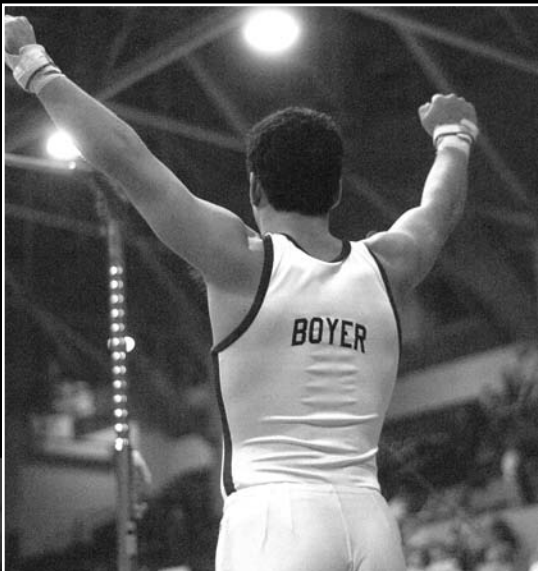
## PERSONAL

Born John Curtis Schell Jr. on Nov. 30, 1989 ... Son of John Sr. and Sharon Schell ... Father was a senior captain playing Division I lacrosse at Villanova ... Has two sisters, Jamie, a former gymnast and assistant coach at the University of Arizona, and Kari ... Hobbies include swimming and diving ... Past summer jobs include being a gymnastics instructor ... Has aspirations of become a veterinarian ... Major is animal sciences and pre-veterinarian ... The person that most influenced his athletic career is women's US National team member Dominique Dawes because they grew up in the gym together.

### SCHELL'S CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

YEAR	HONOR	EVENT
2007	Junior Olympics Finalist	Floor, Vault, High Bar
2006	Junior Olympics Finalist	Floor, Vault, High Bar
2004	Junior Olympics Finalist	Vault, Parallel Bars, High Bar
2003	Junior Olympics Finalist	All-Around

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- APRIL 4-5, 2008 • PENN STATE UNIVERSITY •
- STATE COLLEGE, PA. • MCGONIGLE HALL •
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- SESSION II - INDIVIDUAL EVENT FINALS • SATURDAY, APR. 5, 7 PM •



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2007 Big Ten Team Champion/Score	Ohio State/217.750
2007 Illinois Finish/Score	Fifth/211.900
<b>2007 Individual Champions by Event (School)/Illinois' Last Champion (Year)</b>	
Floor Exercise	Eddie Hay (OSU)/Justin Spring (2004)
Pommel Horse	Kit Beikmann(MINN)/Ted Brown & Ben Newman (2005)
Still Rings	Jacques Bouchard (IOWA)/Brian Kobylinski (1994)
Vault	<b>Tyler Yamauchi (ILL)/Tyler Yamauchi (2007)</b>
Parallel Bars	D.J. Bucher (OSU)/Justin Spring (2006)
High Bar	Aaron Rakes (MICH)/Travis Romagnoli (1998)
Illinois Big Ten Championships/Last	23/2004
Top Three Big Ten Champion Leaders/Number of Titles	<b>ILLINOIS/23</b>
	Minnesota/21
	Chicago/15

### NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

- APRIL 17-19, 2008 • STANFORD UNIVERSITY •
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- SESSION III - TEAM & ALL-AROUND FINALS / INDIVIDUAL PRELIMINARIES • SATURDAY, APRIL 18 •
- SESSION IV - INDIVIDUAL EVENT FINALS • SUNDAY, APRIL 19 •



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2007 National Team Champion/Score	Penn State/221.000
2007 Illinois Finish/Score	Fifth/217.300
<b>2007--- Individual Champions by Event (School)/Illinois' Last Champion (Year)</b>	
Floor Exercise	Jonathan Horton (OKLA)/Ray Hadley (1960)
Pommel Horse	Tim McNeill (CAL)/Bob Rogers (2004)
Still Rings	Alex Schorsch (STAN)/None
Vault	David Sender (STAN) & Pejman Ebrahimi (OSU)/Travis Romagnoli (1998)
Parallel Bars	Tim McNeill (CAL)/Justin Spring (2006)
High Bar	Jonathan Horton (OKLA)/Justin Spring (2006)
Illinois National Championships/Last	9/1989
Top Three National Champion Leaders/Number of Titles	Penn State/12
	<b>ILLINOIS/9</b>
	Nebraska/8

### ALL-TIME RECORDS VS. OPPONENTS

AA All-Stars	2-0	Navy	5-0
Air Force	7-1	Nebraska	24-23
Arizona State	21-5	New Mexico	12-8
Army	12-0	Northern Illinois	25-11
Ball State	9-0	Northern Iowa	1-0
Berwyn Sokol	1-0	Northwestern	9-0
Brazilian National Team	1-0	Ohio	7-1
Brigham Young	3-1	<b>Ohio State</b>	<b>80-69-1</b>
<b>California</b>	<b>10-12</b>	Ohio Wesleyan	2-1
California-Fullerton	6-3	<b>Oklahoma</b>	<b>5-28</b>
California- Santa Barbara	15-1	Oregon	0-7
Central Michigan	1-0	Pennsylvania	0-2
Central Missouri State	1-0	<b>Penn State</b>	<b>19-46</b>
Chicago	42-38	Pittsburgh	2-0
Chicago Sokol	2-0	Purdue	11-8
Chicago Turners	1-0	Purdue Club	1-0
Chicago YMCA	3-0	San Jose State	3-0
Cincinnati	2-0	Slippery Rock	1-0
Cleveland	0-1	<b>Stanford</b>	<b>14-7</b>
Colorado	2-1	St. Cloud State	1-0
Colorado State	1-0	St. Louis YMCA	2-0
Columbus YMCA	1-0	Southern Illinois-Carbondale	28-25-1
Denison	1-0	Southern Illinois-Normal	7-0
Denver	0-3	Soviets	0-1
Detroit	0-1	Swedish Olympic Team	0-2
Eastern Illinois	6-2	Swiss Club	0-2
Eastern Montana	1-0	Syracuse	5-0
Florida	1-0	<b>Temple</b>	<b>16-2</b>
Florida State	5-2	Triangular American Gym Union	1-0
George Williams	6-1	Turner-Normal	3-1
Germania-Turner	2-0	UCLA	8-16
Houston Baptist	6-3	USC	4-4
<b>Illinois-Chicago</b>	<b>49-16</b>	Washington	8-0
Illinois State	13-8	Western Illinois	3-0
Indiana	64-8	Western Michigan	21-0
Indiana State	20-16	Wheaton	10-0
<b>Iowa</b>	<b>120-78</b>	<b>William and Mary</b>	<b>3-0</b>
Iowa State	6-10	Wisconsin	91-30
Japanese All-Stars	0-4	Wisconsin- LaCrosse	1-0
Kansas	0-1	Wisconsin-Oshkosh	5-0
Kansas State	1-0	Wisconsin-Stout	2-0
Kent State	10-2		
Louisiana State	3-5		
Maryland	1-0		
Massachusetts	5-0		
Memphis State	3-0		
<b>Michigan</b>	<b>102-72</b>		
Michigan State	104-33		
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>124-90</b>		
Morton Junior College	3-0		

\*Note: Starting in 1982, UI-Chicago Circle became known as Illinois-Chicago after its medical campus and main campus joined to form one institution.

\*BOLD indicates active DI men's gymnastics programs.

\*According to Illinois records, the first year of organized men's gymnastics was in 1898. All-time results are as accurate as Illinois sports archives have allowed. For some seasons, accurate records of opponents and tournament fields were unavailable.

\* All-Time records against include invitational and postseason competitions (Big Tens, Regionals, NCAAs) as well as duals.

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### INTERVIEW POLICY

All media requests of coaches, student-athletes and administrators must be made through the Athletic Public Relations Office. Media personnel are asked not to call the student-athlete at his residence or on his cell phone. Student-athletes have been instructed not to talk to media who have not coordinated their requests with the Athletic Public Relations office. Generally, the most convenient opportunity for media interviews is before or after the team practice sessions, with head coach Yoshi Hayasaki available before or after practice

Monday-Thursday. Practice begins at 3 p.m. daily. Interviews with athletes will be conducted according to class and practice schedules.

### WORK-OUT TIMES

The Illini workout during the week on the second floor of Kenney Gym on the corner of Wright St. and Springfield Ave. Parking for Kenney is along Wright Street in metered areas. Illinois' practices start at 3 p.m. daily.



### WEEKLY RELEASE AND RESULTS

A weekly release – usually available by 9 a.m. on Thursday – and home results will be made available to the media and opponent SIDs by e-mail and on the internet at [fightingillini.com](http://fightingillini.com). If you wish to have your media agency added to the e-mail list, please contact Kevin Martinez in the Athletic Public Relations Office.

### FIGHTINGILLINI.COM

Media are encouraged to access [fightingillini.com](http://fightingillini.com), the official web site of University of Illinois athletics, for up-to-date information covering the Illinois men's gymnastics team. Event summaries, scores and season statistics are updated on the web site following each event.

### FIGHTINGILLINI.COM

The newly redesigned Fightingillini.com, the official website of the University of Illinois Athletic Department, is the fastest and easiest way for fans, alumni, students and parents to follow Illinois athletics. The new look, launched in August of 2007, is intended to make the search for information about Fighting Illini athletics easier.



Maintained by the UI Athletic Public Relations office, [fightingillini.com](http://fightingillini.com) provides viewers with not only the latest scores, game stories, photos and statistics from all Illinois varsity sports, but also feature stories on student-athletes and coaches who shape the headlines. Live radio broadcasts of volleyball, football, men's and women's basketball, softball and baseball, as well as selected audio interviews, video highlight clips and video features all are available at the click of the computer's mouse.

In addition, live in-game statistics are available for nearly all of Illinois' 19 varsity sports, including soccer. Assistant Sports Information Director Victor Cortez is the webmaster of [fightingillini.com](http://fightingillini.com).

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## 2007 SEASON REVIEW

In what was supposed to be a rebuilding year for head coach Yoshi Hayasaki and his 2007 Illinois men's gymnastics team, the Fighting Illini proved to critics and the national collegiate community why they should never be counted out as a NCAA title contender. After losing a standout 2007 graduating class that included 2008 Olympic hopeful and six-time national champion Justin Spring, eight-time All-American Adam Pummer, Big Ten and NCAA runner-up on pommel horse Ted Brown and a veteran leader in Anthony Russo, the Illini had large shoes to fill heading into the 2007 season.

Those expectations would have to be filled by a lineup that included no seniors and only four returning All-Americans (Ross Bradley, Wes Haagensen, Chris Lung, Tyler Yamauchi), who combined for a total of seven All-America honors between them. With a tough challenge ahead, the Illini met it head on. In fact, Illinois not only came together and peaked at just the right time, it advanced for the fifth straight year to the Super Six at NCAAs where the team finished fifth overall to mark its fifth straight top-five finish at nationals.

The tremendous story of the 2006-07 campaign began with the 37th Annual Windy City Invitational hosted by the University of Illinois-Chicago. Illinois entered the event ranked preseason No. 6 and finished second, taking down Big Ten powerhouse then No. 3 Ohio State.

In the second-place outing – Illinois' second straight runner-up finish – the Fighting Illini were led by junior Haagensen, who captured the all-around title and backed up the crown by grabbing the floor exercise title. For his efforts, Haagensen was named the Big Ten's Gymnast of the Week, followed by the nation's first National Gymnast of the Week as well. The event also served as the debut of Illinois' young and talented freshmen Chad Wiest and Brian Liscovitz.

Illinois then began the dual meet part of its schedule, opening with a road challenge against Minnesota followed by national title contender Ohio State at home. The meets proved to be tough setbacks for the young Illini, but learning experiences nonetheless for down the road. Moving on, Illinois took a break from collegiate competition to send Haagensen and Yamauchi to the 2007 Winter Cup, featuring some of the best competition the sport has to offer. There, Haagensen finished seventh in the all-around in a field that included International and US Senior National team members, while Yamauchi closed out the competition in 27th.

Returning to the college arena, Illinois suffered another tough loss to then No. 2 Penn State, before heading to the 2007 Pacific Coast Classic where it finished fifth overall. In the outing, Illinois gymnasts registered a total of 17 season highs, chanted six career highs and tied another, and finished the Classic with a combined 11 top-10 finishes.

From there, the Illini looked to close out the dual meet regular season on a high note with opponents Michigan and Illinois-Chicago. Despite a disappointing loss to then No. 1 Michigan on the road, the Illini turned their luck around as Illinois defeated UIC in their regular-season finale.

Heading to Big Tens on the coat tails of one of its best performances, Illinois' Haagensen captured the 2007 Big Ten all-around title, while the Orange and Blue advanced a total of five gymnasts to event finals. Illinois finished fifth as a team. After securing the 2007 Big Ten all-around title Friday night, Haagensen was named the 2007 Big Ten Gymnast of the Year, becoming the second straight Illini to take home the honor. Haagensen also claimed second-place finishes on parallel bars and high bar. Yamauchi did not go home empty handed either as he picked up his first Big Ten title on vault and a third-place performance on still rings. Overall, the Illini had a total of six top-three finishes, including both Haagensen and Yamauchi being named All-Big Ten selections. Wiest, who continued his freshman success on floor exercise, narrowly missed the event crown to finish second, while fellow freshman Luke Stannard, the lone Illini to qualify on pommel horse, finished seventh to wrap up the Illini superlatives.

With Big Tens behind them, the Illini looked towards the 2007 NCAA Championships, which were on the horizon. Ranked eighth heading into the championships hosted by Penn State, the Illini surprised everyone but themselves, putting up the highest team score of the year, a 217.300, and a school-record 38.450 on floor to finish fifth overall. Host PSU took home the team title for the 12th time in school history and still remains the only school with more titles than the Illini (nine).

From there, Illinois finished the season on a high note as Haagensen, Silcox, Yamauchi and Wiest combined for a total of five All-America honors between them. Haagensen brought his final total of All-America accolades to a career six, while Silcox was the second Illini to earn his first All-America accolade (high bar) along with Wiest, who captured the honor on floor along with Yamauchi.

So with a core group of juniors returning for their senior seasons next year, the Illini can only build from their top-five finish in 2007 and once again become a national threat as they look toward 2008.

## 2007 RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
1/13	AT WINDY CITY INVITE	2ND OF 6 (209.750)
1/20	AT MINNESOTA	L, 207.150- 204.750
1/27	OHIO STATE	L, 214.700- 211.050
2/9-10	AT WINTER CUP CHALLENGE	NO TEAM SCORES
2/17	AT PENN STATE	L, 220.150- 205.250
2/24	PACIFIC COAST CLASSIC	5TH OF 6 (213.500)
3/3	IOWA	W, 214.950-209.500
3/10	AT MICHIGAN	L, 216.350-212.500
3/17	ILLINOIS-CHICAGO	W, 210.000-193.050
3/30-31	BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS	5TH OF 6 (211.900)
4/12	NCAA SESSION I	2ND OF 6, 216.300
4/13	NCAA TEAM & ALL-AROUND FINALS	5TH OF 6, 217.300

## TOP TEAM SCORES

<b>Total</b>		
217.300	.....	at NCAA Finals (4/13/07)
216.300	.....	at NCAA Qualifiers (4/12/07)
214.950	.....	vs. Iowa (3/3/07)
<b>Floor Exercise</b>		
38.450	.....	at NCAA Finals (4/13/07)
37.950	.....	at NCAA Qualifiers (4/12/07)
37.850	.....	at Big Ten Championships (3/30/07)
<b>Pommel Horse</b>		
34.700	.....	at NCAA Qualifiers (4/12/07)
34.250	.....	vs. Iowa (3/3/07)
33.700	.....	at NCAA Finals (4/13/07)
<b>Rings</b>		
37.750	.....	at NCAA Qualifiers (4/12/07)
37.550	.....	vs. Iowa (3/3/07)
37.200	.....	at NCAA Finals (4/13/07)
<b>Vault</b>		
35.850	.....	at Michigan (3/12/07)
35.650	.....	at Pacific Coast Classic (2/24/07)
35.650	.....	vs. Ohio State (1/27/07)
<b>Parallel Bars</b>		
36.250	.....	at Windy City Invitational (1/13/07)
35.600	.....	at NCAA Finals (4/13/07)
35.500	.....	at Big Ten Championships (3/30/07)
<b>High Bar</b>		
36.850	.....	at NCAA Finals (4/13/07)
35.800	.....	vs. Iowa (3/3/07)
35.700	.....	at NCAA Qualifiers (4/12/07)

## TOP INDIVIDUAL SCORES

<b>All-Around</b>		
55.350	..... Wes Haagensen	at Pacific Coast Classic (2/24/07)
54.850	..... Wes Haagensen	at NCAA Qualifiers (4/12/07)
54.450	..... Wes Haagensen	at Big Ten Team Finals (3/30/07)
53.550	..... Wes Haagensen	at Michigan (3/12/07)
<b>Floor Exercise</b>		
9.700	..... Chad Wiest	at NCAA Qualifiers (4/12/07)
9.675	..... Chad Wiest	at Big Ten Individual Finals (3/31/07)
9.650	..... Wes Haagensen	at NCAA Qualifiers (4/12/07)
9.650	..... Tyler Yamauchi	at Big Ten Team Finals (3/31/07)
<b>Pommel Horse</b>		
9.100	..... Luke Stannard	at NCAA Qualifiers (4/12/07)
8.950	..... Luke Stannard	vs. Iowa (3/3/07)
8.900	..... Wes Haagensen	at Pacific Coast Classic (2/24/07)
8.800	..... Luke Stannard	at Pacific Coast Classic (2/24/07)
<b>Still Rings</b>		
9.750	..... Tyler Yamauchi	at Pacific Coast Classic (2/24/07)
9.700	..... Wes Haagensen	at NCAA Qualifiers (4/12/07)
9.600	..... Jon Drollinger	vs. Iowa (3/3/07)
9.600	..... Tyler Yamauchi	vs. Iowa (3/3/07)
<b>Vault</b>		
9.600	..... Tyler Yamauchi	vs. UIC (3/17/07)
9.575	..... Tyler Yamauchi	at Big Ten Individual Finals (3/31/07)
9.250	..... Tyler Yamauchi	at Michigan (3/12/07)
9.250	..... Tyler Yamauchi	at Pacific Coast Classic (2/24/07)
<b>Parallel Bars</b>		
9.475	..... Wes Haagensen	at Big Ten Individual Finals (3/31/07)
9.450	..... Wes Haagensen	at Big Ten Team Finals (3/31/07)
9.300	..... Tyler Yamauchi	vs. Iowa (3/3/07)
9.300	..... Wes Haagensen	at Windy City Invitational (1/13/07)
<b>High Bar</b>		
9.400	..... Wes Haagensen	vs. Iowa (3/3/07)
9.400	..... Wes Haagensen	at Pacific Coast Classic (2/24/07)
9.350	..... Wes Haagensen	at Big Ten Individual Finals (3/31/07)
9.300	..... Wes Haagensen	at NCAA Qualifiers (4/12/07)

# 2007 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS IN REVIEW



**2007 Big Ten Championships**  
 March 30-31, 2007  
 Sports Pavilion  
 Minneapolis, Minn.

## 2007 BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS REVIEW

The 2007 installment of the Big Ten Championships included six top-10 teams. The No. 7 Illinois men's gymnastics team took home fifth place overall, while junior Wes Haagensen claimed his first Big Ten Championship all-around title with a 54.450, securing the second consecutive all-around title for Illinois in as many years.

In what will go down as one of the most thrilling Big Ten Championships in the last 10 years, the Ohio State Buckeyes came from behind to capture a third consecutive title with a team total of 217.750, beoming the first team to post a three-peat since Minnesota (1990-92). Penn State narrowly missed another conference title by a 10th of a point, tallying 217.650. Minnesota, who led through the final rotation, finished in third 215.250. Michigan, who was slated number-two nationally, ended competition in fourth, followed by the Illini (211.900) and Iowa, who rounded-out the field with 210.000.

## ILLINOIS' BIG TEN HISTORY

The Illinois men's gymnastics program has been one of the most decorated in Big Ten history, winning a total 134 Big Ten individual championships since 1910. Most recently, Wes Haagensen took home the all-around (54.450), while Tyler Yamauchi captured the vault (9.575) title in 2007.

The last time the Big Ten Championships were hosted at Huff Hall came in 2004, which also marked the last time the Orange and Blue won a league crown, edging out Penn State for the title. The Illini have played host to the Big Ten Championships a total of 15 times (1912, 1920, 1929, 1931, 1935, 1939, 1947, 1956, 1965, 1972, 1978, 1986, 1992, 1995, 2004), winning the team title six times as host.

In terms of conference honors, Haagensen and Yamauchi each earned first team All-Big Ten honors in 2007, bringing the Illini's total to 40 selections by a total of 22 athletes since 1984. Head Coach Yoshi Hayasaki last garnered the Coach of the Year award in 2004 - his third accolade - after last winning it in back-to-back years from 1988 and 1989. Fred Roethlisberger of Minnesota and Hayasaki are the only three-time winners of the honor.

## 2007 BIG TEN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS STANDINGS

TEAM RESULTS	TOTAL	FX	PH	SR	V	PB	HB
OHIO STATE	*217.750	*38.250	33.450	37.750	35.500	37.100	*35.700
PENN STATE	217.650	36.600	*34.650	*38.300	*35.650	*37.350	35.100
MINNESOTA	215.250	37.900	34.550	36.050	*35.650	35.750	35.350
MICHIGAN	214.350	37.500	33.250	37.800	35.450	35.750	34.600
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>211.900</b>	<b>37.850</b>	<b>32.050</b>	<b>36.500</b>	<b>35.250</b>	<b>35.500</b>	<b>34.750</b>
IOWA	210.000	33.150	33.150	37.250	34.550	35.550	34.300

\* Indicates Team Event Winners

## BIG TEN CONFERENCE HONORS

**ALL-BIG TEN TEAM**  
**TYLER YAMAUCHI, ILL**  
**WES HAAGENSEN, ILL**  
 TAI LEE, OSU  
 EDDIE HAY, OSU  
 DJ BUCHER, OSU  
 ANDRE BERRY, MINN  
 JACOB LEE, MINN  
 KIT BEIKMANN, MINN  
 CASEY SANDY, PSU  
 DEREK HELSBY, PSU  
 JACQUES BOUCHARD, IOWA  
 AARON RAKES, MICH

**GYMNAST OF THE YEAR**  
**WES HAAGENSEN, ILL**

**FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR**  
 ANDRE BERRY, MINN

**CO-COACHES OF THE YEAR**  
 MILES AVERY, OSU  
 MIKE BURNS, MINN

## 2007 BIG TEN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

<b>ALL-AROUND</b>	<b>WES HAAGENSEN, ILL</b>
<b>FLOOR EXERCISE</b>	EDDIE HAY, OSU
<b>POMMEL HORSE</b>	KIT BEIKMANN, MINN
<b>STILL RINGS</b>	JACQUES BOUCHARD, IOWA
<b>Vault</b>	<b>TYLER YAMAUCHI, ILL</b>
<b>PARALLEL BARS</b>	D.J. BUCHER, OSU
<b>HIGH BAR</b>	AARON RAKES, MICH

## 2007 BIG TEN GYMNASTS OF THE WEEK

<b>JAN. 17</b>	<b>WES HAAGENSEN, ILL</b>	<b>MARCH 7</b>	<b>TYLER YAMAUCHI, ILL</b>
JAN. 24	MATT COHEN, PSU		ANDREW ELKIND, MICH
JAN. 31	DJ BUCHER, OSU	MARCH 14	JAKE LEE, MINN
FEB. 7	TOMMY RAMOS, PSU	MARCH 21	DJ BUCHER, OSU
FEB. 14	JIMMY WICKHAM, OSU	MARCH 27	JAKE LEE, MINN
FEB. 21	TOMMY RAMOS, PSU		
FEB. 28	WILLIE ITO, JR., OSU		

## BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS TITLE HISTORY

SCHOOL	TEAM / LAST	INDIVIDUAL	EVENT	ALL-AROUND
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>.23 / 2004</b>	<b>.134</b>	<b>.114</b>	<b>.19</b>
MINNESOTA	.21 / 1995	.99	.73	.26
*CHICAGO	.15 / 1934	.61	.51	.10
MICHIGAN	.14 / 2000	.85	.74	.10
OHIO STATE	.12 / 2007	.68	.58	.10
WISCONSIN	.8 / 1923	.26	.21	.5
IOWA	.7 / 1998	.95	.86	.8
PENN STATE	.1 / 1968	.51	.48	.7
MICHIGAN ST.	.1 / 2003	.15	.14	.1
*INDIANA	.0	.11	.11	.0
*PURDUE	.0	.5	.5	.0
*NORTHWESTERN	.0	.1	.1	.0

\* Chicago left the Big Ten Conference in 1946. Indiana, Purdue and Northwestern each have discontinued their men's gymnastics programs. The Hoosiers ended their program in 1983, the Boilermakers left the field in 1932, while the Wildcats last competed in 1959.

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## 2007 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN REVIEW



**2007 NCAA  
Championships**  
April 12-14, 2007  
Rec Hall  
University Park, Pa.

## 2007 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS REVIEW

The Big Ten supplied four of the six teams that advanced to the NCAA Men's Gymnastics Championship finals in University Park, Pa., and it was the Nittany Lions of Penn State who ended Oklahoma's two-year hold of the title, grabbing the crown for the first time since 2004 - also when they dethroned Oklahoma to deny the Sooners a third straight title. Defending champion Oklahoma took second, coming up just short of their fifth title in the last six years.

The Penn State men's gymnastics team won its NCAA-record 12th national championship in epic, come-from-behind fashion, thrilling a partisan home crowd of 2,409. The Nittany Lions posted a season high-score of 221.000 to secure 16-year head coach Randy Jepson's his third team title, while powerhouse Oklahoma (220.200) secured second, Stanford came in third with a score of 218.450. Big Ten teams Michigan (218.400), Illinois (217.300), and Minnesota (217.150) rounded out the super six field.

A total of 27 All-America accolades were handed out to Big Ten gymnasts during event finals at Rec Hall, led by seven for Minnesota, five each for Penn State and Ohio State, four for Illinois and Michigan and two for Iowa. Ohio State was the lone conference institution to claim a individual title, as Pejman Ebrahimi finished tied for first on vault (9.300). Big Ten Gymnast of the Year Wes Haagenen took second in the all-around (55.000).

The Big Ten has sent six teams to the national championships in six straight seasons for the first time since 1960, a year that marked the conclusion of seven straight years with six or more teams advancing to the NCAA Championships. That string of success included four national titles, with Illinois claiming solo crowns in 1955 and 1956, and the Illini splitting the national title with conference-foe Michigan State in 1958.

With Penn State's title performance in 2007, the Big Ten has either won or finished second at NAAs every year since 2000, when the structure of the championships moved to a six-team final.

## 2007 NCAA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS RESULTS

SESSION I RESULTS	TOTAL	FX	PH	SR	V	PB	HB
*STANFORD	216.350	37.150	35.600	38.250	35.500	34.000	35.850
*ILLINOIS	<b>216.300</b>	<b>37.950</b>	<b>34.700</b>	<b>37.750</b>	<b>35.350</b>	<b>34.850</b>	<b>35.700</b>
*MICHIGAN	215.350	37.150	34.250	37.400	35.450	35.350	35.750
OHIO STATE	215.250	36.500	34.900	37.950	35.450	36.850	33.600
IOWA	209.500	36.650	33.850	36.650	33.700	34.000	34.650
ARMY	194.800	34.300	29.850	32.600	32.450	32.800	32.800

SESSION II RESULTS	TOTAL	FX	PH	SR	V	PB	HB
*PENN STATE	218.900	37.350	36.500	37.300	36.050	36.200	35.500
*OKLAHOMA	218.600	37.700	34.500	36.750	35.700	36.200	36.300
*MINNESOTA	216.900	37.500	34.400	36.750	36.050	35.600	36.600
CALIFORNIA	216.550	36.800	32.500	37.700	35.700	37.250	36.600
NEBRASKA	209.100	35.050	34.550	35.100	34.700	34.950	34.750
TEMPLE	205.400	35.900	33.000	35.150	34.350	33.850	33.150

\* Top three teams from each session advanced to the team finals.

FINALS RESULTS	TOTAL	FX	PH	SR	V	PB	HB
PENN STATE	221.000	37.900	36.150	38.450	35.600	36.550	36.350
OKLAHOMA	220.200	38.350	34.050	38.300	36.050	36.100	37.350
STANFORD	218.450	37.650	35.800	38.650	35.800	34.100	36.450
MICHIGAN	218.400	37.300	34.750	38.150	35.350	36.700	36.150
<b>ILLINOIS</b>	<b>217.300</b>	<b>38.450</b>	<b>33.700</b>	<b>37.200</b>	<b>35.500</b>	<b>35.600</b>	<b>36.850</b>
MINNESOTA	217.150	38.150	34.150	35.750	35.850	36.550	36.700

## NCAA INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

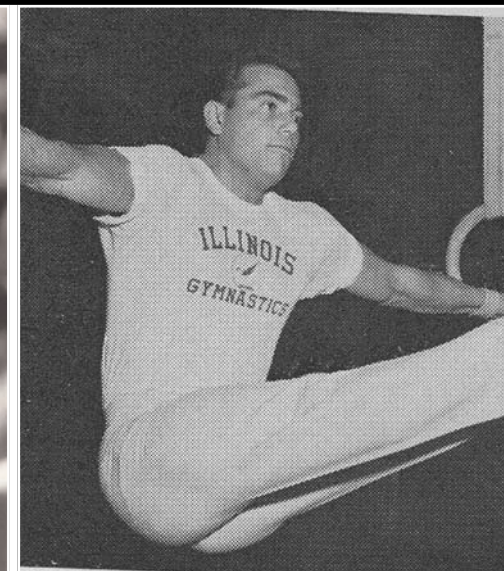
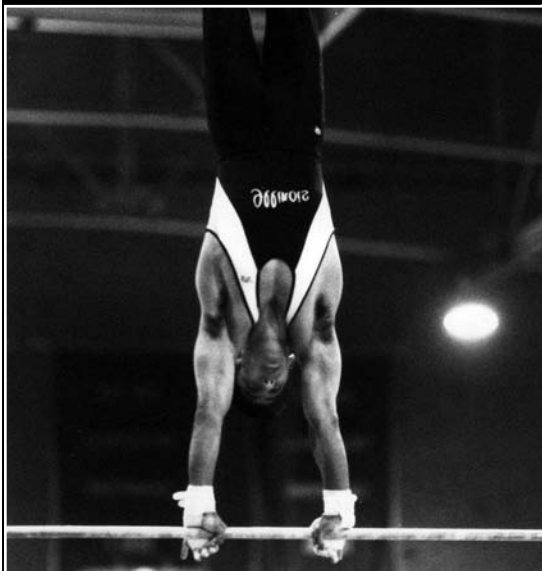
ALL-AROUND	.....TAQIY ABDULLAH-SIMMONS, OKLA (55.750)
FLOOR EXERCISE	.....JONATHAN HORTON, OKLA (9.650)
POMMEL HORSE	.....TIMOTHY McNEILL, CAL (9.650)
STILL RINGS	.....ALEX SCHORSCH, STANFORD (9.750)
Vault	.....DAVID SENDER, STANFORD (9.300)
PARALLEL BARS	.....TIMOTHY McNEILL, CAL (9.725)
HIGH BAR	.....JONATHAN HORTON (9.675)

## ILLINOIS ALL-AMERICANS

WES HAAGENEN	.....HIGH BAR, FLOOR EXERCISE
TYLER YAMAUCHI	.....FLOOR EXERCISE
CHRIS SILCOX	.....HIGH BAR
CHAD WIEST	.....FLOOR EXERCISE

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# ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS



## HEAD COACH

### DR. HARTLEY PRICE

19 YEARS

DUAL: 83-21 (.798) // OVERALL: 150-39 (.794)

FOUR BIG TEN TITLES

FOUR NCAA TITLES

YEAR	OVERALL	DUALS	BIG TEN	BIG TEN	REGIONAL	NCAA
1930	8-2	3-1	7-2	2nd	--	--
1931	8-2	3-0	8-2	3rd	--	--
1932	8-2	5-0	5-2	3rd	--	--
1933	5-4	4-2	2-3	3rd	--	--
1934	6-6	5-3	2-2	3rd	--	--
1935	14-2	9-0	9-1	1st	--	--
1936	8-2	6-1	2-3	3rd	--	--
1937	8-5	7-3	4-5	3rd	--	--
1938	10-4	8-3	4-4	2nd	--	--
1939!	14-0	6-0	4-0	1st	--	1st
1940	18-0	8-1	4-0	2nd	--	1st
1941!	15-0	6-0	4-0	1st	--	1st
1942!	18-4	8-2	3-1	1st	--	1st
1943-46	World War II - No Competition					
1947!	5-3	3-2	1-1	2nd	--	--
1948	5-3	2-3	2-3	2nd	--	3rd



## HEAD COACH

### CHARLIE POND

25 YEARS

DUAL: 150-78 (.658) // OVERALL: 319-152-1 (.677)

11 BIG TEN TITLES

FOUR NCAA TITLES

YEAR	OVERALL	DUALS	BIG TEN	BIG TEN	REGIONAL	NCAA
1949	17-4	7-1	4-0	2nd	--	3rd
1950	20-1	7-1	7-0	1st	--	1st
1951	17-1	7-0	7-0	1st	--	T-2nd
1952	12-2	4-1	4-1	1st	--	3rd
1953	21-1	5-2	5-1	1st	--	2nd
1954!	13-3	6-0	6-0	1st	--	2nd
1955	17-1	9-1	6-1	1st	--	1st
1956	11-3	4-3	4-3	1st	--	1st
1957	27-1	11-0	7-0	1st	--	2nd
1958	17-1	10-1	7-1	1st	--	T-1st
1959	17-8	10-1	6-1	1st	--	2nd
1960	17-5	8-3	6-2	1st	--	3rd
1961	14-7	7-2	6-1	2nd	--	5th
1962	13-5	7-0	6-0	3rd	--	4th
1963!	3-23	1-8	0-7	6th	--	*
1964	6-10	3-6	3-3	5th	--	*
1965@	1-8-1	1-8-1	1-6	6th	*	--
1966	10-6	5-3	5-2	3rd	4th	--
1967	14-9	9-2	4-2	4th	4th	*
1968\$	12-7	8-4	4-3	4th	--	*
1969	9-8	4-6	4-3	3rd	--	*
1970\$	11-5	6-3	6-1	3rd	--	*
1971	12-5	7-3	5-2	3rd	--	--
1972	4-11	2-7	2-4	6th	--	*
1973	4-17	2-12	1-6	6th	--	--



## HEAD COACH

### YOSHI HAYASAKI

31 YEARS

DUAL: 198-104-1 (.651) // OVERALL: 718-423-1 (.629)

FIVE BIG TEN TITLES

ONE NCAA TITLE

YEAR	OVERALL	DUALS	BIG TEN	BIG TEN	REGIONAL	NCAA
1974	12-12	8-9	2-6	4th	--	--
1975	20-22	10-8	6-3	4th	--	--
1976	24-19	5-8	3-2	3rd	--	--
1977	35-9	5-3	3-1	2nd	--	*
1978	39-14	6-3	6-2	2nd	--	*
1979	27-28	7-3	6-1	4th	--	--

1980	20-7	12-3	5-1	4th	--	*
1981	33-13	7-3	4-0	1st	--	8th
1982	23-13	8-5	3-2	2nd	--	*
1983	30-12	9-1	2-1	T-1st	--	6th
1984	27-25	8-3	3-2	4th	--	9th
1985	24-25	5-5	3-2	4th	--	*
1986	19-15	11-4	4-2	3rd	--	*
1987	25-12	8-3	4-1	4th	--	*
1988	46-2	11-0	4-0	1st	--	2nd
1989	41-3	7-1	3-0	1st	--	1st
1990	13-14	1-3	0-1	4th	5th	*
1991	12-27	4-4	0-3	5th	9th	*
1992	23-20	7-3	1-2	3rd	8th	*
1993	25-17	9-1	4-0	4th	3rd	6th



## HEAD COACH

### DON OSBORN

3 YEARS

DUAL: 11-15 (.423) // OVERALL: 47-58 (.447)

YEAR	OVERALL	DUALS	BIG TEN	BIG TEN	REGIONAL	NCAA
1994	20-22	3-4	3-4	6th	6th	*
1995	9-14	4-5	3-3	5th	*	*
1996	18-22	4-6	1-2	6th	*	*



## HEAD COACH

### YOSHI HAYASAKI

31 YEARS

DUAL: 198-104-1 (.651) // OVERALL: 718-423-1 (.629)

FIVE BIG TEN TITLES

ONE NCAA TITLE

YEAR	OVERALL	DUALS	BIG TEN	BIG TEN	REGIONAL	NCAA
1997	22-15	2-4	1-4	5th	4th	*
1998	21-13	4-3	9-3	5th	2nd	3rd
1999	13-16	6-5	4-8	6th	4th	*
2000	14-11	4-5	6-8	3rd	--	8th#
2001	22-7	7-2	8-4	4th	--	8th#
2002	29-6	6-1	5-2	5th	--	9th#
2003	12-14	3-5	1-4	6th	--	5th
2004	16-6	4-3	1-2	1st	--	3rd
2005	19-4-1	5-0-1	7-0-1	2nd	--	3rd
2006	19-4	7-1	11-3	2nd	--	2nd
2007	13-18	2-4	3-8	5th	--	5th

\* Indicates years in which Illinois did not advance as a team and only sent individuals to Regionals or NAAs.

# Indicates years where Illinois' championships finish was a NCAA statistical ranking.

! Indicates years where records are incomplete for some competitions.

@ In 1965, there was no Big Ten Championship. Instead, the conference champion was determined by each school's regular season conference dual match record.

\$ In 1968 and 1970, the Big Ten champion was determined by combining championship points earned at the season-ending meet, added to the amount of regular season conference dual match wins each team had.

## ALL-TIME COACHING DUAL RECORDS

COACH	SEASONS	YEARS	DUAL RECORD	PCT.
Dr. Hartley Price	1930-48	19	83-21	.798
Charlie Pond	1949-73	25	150-78	.658
<b>YOSHI HAYASAKI</b>	<b>1974-93, 97-PR.</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>198-104-1</b>	<b>.651</b>
R.C. Heidloff	1926-29	4	9-5	.643
Leo Hanna	1905, 1910-13	4	2-2	.500
Don Osborn	1994-96	3	11-15	.423
R.N. Fargo	1914-17	4	2-5	.286
J.C. Wagner	1924-25	2	1-4	.200
A.J. Schuettner	1921	1	0-1	.000
S.C. Staley	1922	1	0-1	.000
Adolph Kreikenbaum	1889, 1902	2	NA	NA

## ALL-TIME RESULTS (SINCE 1972)

All-Time results begin in 1971, starting with the first year the modern events of floor exercise, pommel horse, still rings, vault, parallel bars, high bar and the all-around became the seven NCAA recognized events. Before 1971, the NCAA recognized championships in flying rings until 1961, rope climb (1962), tumbling (1964) and trampoline until 1970.

\*Note: Illinois did not compete as a team at the NCAA Championships and only sent individuals during the following seasons: 1977-78, 80, 82, 85-87, 90-92, 94-97, 99, 2000.

### 1971-1972 HEAD COACH: CHARLIE POND

DUALS: 2-7	BIG TEN: SIXTH	NCAA: NA
12/4	at Big Ten Invitational	7th/11, 148.65
1/8	Indiana State	L, 158.65-150.75
1/15	at Minnesota	L, 156.50-153.60
1/28	Eastern Illinois	L, 147.90-141.60
1/29	Ohio State	W, 152.45-144.40
2/5	at Indiana	L, 157.75-153.10
2/12	Wisconsin	W, 144.15-126.30
2/18	at Illinois State	L, 155.55-154.70
2/19	Iowa	L, 160.25-155.20
2/26	at Michigan	L, 165.50-146.10
3/2-4	Big Ten Championships	6th/8, 147.075

### 1972-1973 HEAD COACH: CHARLIE POND

DUALS: 2-12	BIG TEN: SIXTH	NCAA: NA
1/12	at Eastern Illinois	L, 148.65-145.30
1/13	Minnesota	L, 154.95-148.30
1/26	Eastern Illinois	W, 140.20-124.30
1/27	at Iowa	3rd/4, 146.00
2/2	at Southern Illinois	L, 150.60
2/9	Illinois State	L, 149-128
2/10	at Wisconsin	L, 138.05-134.25
2/15	at Indiana State	L, 162.00-148.00
2/17	Iowa and Indiana	3rd/3, 112.40
2/24	at Michigan State	L, 158.65-140.30
3/3	Southern Illinois	L, 152.30-140.95
3/22-24	Big Ten Championships	6th/8, 291.85

### 1973-1974 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI

DUALS: 8-9	BIG TEN: FOURTH	NCAA: NA
11/24-25	Midwest Open	NA
11/30-12/1	Big Ten Invitational	NA
1/18	Eastern Illinois	W, 149.65-146.30
1/19	Eastern Illinois	W, 135.65-126.20
1/25	Indiana State	L, 162.90-151.80
1/26	at Iowa, Northern Illinois	3rd/3, 154.45
2/1-2	at Michigan, Indiana	3rd/3, 304.05
2/8	at Illinois State	L, 157.35-148.00
2/9	at Ohio State, Boise State	2nd/4, 152.15
2/15	Wisconsin, Wheaton	1st/3, 145.05
2/16	Indiana, Wheaton, Wisconsin	2nd/4, 152.25
2/23	at Minnesota	L, 160.45-156.20
3/2	Big Ten Championships	4th/8, 305.25

### 1974-1975 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI

DUALS: 10-8	BIG TEN: FOURTH	NCAA: NA
11/28-30	at Midwest Open (Chicago)	NA
12/2-7	at Big Ten Invitational	10th/18
12/21	Louisiana State	L, 211.70-149.65
1/10	Oregon, Wheaton	2nd/3, 185.50
1/17	Illinois State	L, 205.55-198.20
1/24	Eastern Illinois	W, 201.05-189.90
1/25	Oklahoma, Northern Illinois	2nd/3, 196.85
1/31	Michigan State	W, 199.45-196.35
2/7	Michigan, Indiana	3rd/3, 197.45
2/14	Wisconsin	W, 167.80-138.60
2/15	Wisconsin	W, 199.25-198.60
2/21	Indiana State	L, 215.00-202.35
2/22	Kansas	W, 201.25-188.70
2/28	Iowa, Minnesota	1st/3, 166.80
3/1	Iowa, Minnesota	2nd/3, 198.35
3/28-29	Big Ten Championships	4th/8, 375.30

### 1975-1976 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI

DUALS: 5-8	BIG TEN: THIRD	NCAA: NA
11/21-22	at Big Ten Invitational	5th/12
12/5-6	at Ball State Invitational	6th/13
1/9	at Wheaton, Oregon, LSU	3rd/4, 183.45
1/10	at UI-Chicago Circle	L, 195.50-185.00
1/17	at Michigan State	L, 187.95-186.85
1/23	Oklahoma	L, 202.20-197.10
1/30	at Illinois State, Southern Ill.	3rd/3, 191.69
1/31	at Iowa	W, 198.95-194.80
2/7	Indiana	W, 199.10-195.80
2/13	at Minnesota	L, 201.00-190.80
2/21	Wisconsin	W, 199.80-190.20
2/27	Northern Illinois	W, 205.10-200.35
3/26-27	Big Ten Championships	3rd/8, 408.05

### 1976-1977 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI

DUALS: 5-3	BIG TEN: SECOND	NCAA: NA
11/6	at Big Ten Classic	NA
11/13	at Windy City Invitational	NA
11/26-27	at Midwest Open	NA
12/3	at Indiana	W, 199.65-198.80
12/4	at Ball State All-Around Classic	4th/14, 147.60
1/7	at Wheaton Invitational	3rd/4, 196.60
1/15	at Northern Illinois	L, 206.40-197.15
1/21	Indiana State	L, 216.45-204.40
2/2	Indiana State	W, 211.00-207.20
2/5	UI-Chicago Circle	W, 209.00-193.05
2/11-12	at Titon International Invite	1st/11, 205.20
2/25-26	Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan State	2nd/4, 393.15
3/10-12	at Big Ten Championships	2nd/8, 405.85
3/30-4/1	at NCAA Championships (Steve Yasukawa, 15th-AA)	NA

### 1977-1978 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI

DUALS: 6-3	BIG TEN: SECOND	NCAA: NA
11/5	at Big Ten Classic	NA
11/18-19	at Windy City Invitational	4th/14, 409.20
11/25-26	at Midwest Open	NA
12/2-3	at Ball State All-Around Classic	4th/15, 302.65
1/6	at Wheaton Invitational	3rd/4, 202.80
1/13	at UI-Chicago Circle	L, 208.45-205.30
1/20	at Wisconsin	W, 205.30-192.75
1/21	at Minnesota	L, 209.35-203.65
1/28	Ohio State	W, 214.45-202.10
2/3-4	at Titon International Invite	3rd/6, 406.30
2/10-11	at Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin	1st/4, 400.40
2/17-18	at Michigan State	L, 203.05-198.70
2/21	Southern Illinois	W, 215.45-211.65
2/25	at Illinois State, Michigan State	1st/3, 213.20
3/10-11	at Big Ten Championships	2nd/8, 419.45
4/6-8	at NCAA Championships (Dave Stoldt, 2nd-PH; Butch Zurich, 10th-PH; John Davis, 21st-SR; Carl Antonioli, 21st-Overall; Steve Yasukawa, 23rd-Overall)	NA

### 1978-1979 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI

DUALS: 7-3	BIG TEN: FOURTH	NCAA: NA
11/11	at Big Ten Classic	NA
11/17-18	at Windy City Invitational	8th/14, 404.95
11/24-25	at Midwest Open	NA
12/1-2	at Ball State All-Around Classic	13th/16, 280.60
12/5	Southern Illinois	L, 213.65-210.30
12/9	Indiana	W, 208.45-190.45
1/5	at Wheaton Invitational	3rd/5, 204.55
1/19-20	Wisconsin	W, 405.30-362.75
2/2-3	at Titon International Invitational	2nd/3, 403.70
2/9	at Ohio State, Minnesota	1st/3, 212.35
2/16	Illinois State, Michigan State, Iowa	2nd/4, 207.00
2/20	Northern Illinois	L, 214.80-214.40
2/24	Indiana State	W, 216.80-212.65
3/9-11	at Big Ten Championships	4th/8, 418.05

### 1979-1980 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI

DUALS: 12-3	BIG TEN: FOURTH	NCAA: NA
11/10	at Big Ten Classic	NA
11/16-17	at Windy City Invitational	NA
11/19	Houston Baptist	L, 265.20-263.00
11/23-24	at Midwest Open	NA
12/1	at Northern Illinois	W, 258.55-257.85
1/7	at Wheaton, Oregon	1st/3, 247.00
1/19	at Michigan State	W, 250.95-242.25
1/20	at Michigan	L, 261.65-259.00
1/25	Ohio State, Iowa	1st/3, 261.85
1/27	Wisconsin	W, 261.75-257.50
2/2	Illinois Intercollegiate Champ.	2nd/6, 264.05
2/16	at Illinois State, UW-Stout	1st/3, 260.75
2/23	at Indiana	W, 257.20-250.90
2/24	UI-Chicago Circle	L, 268.00-263.50
3/2	at Indiana State, Southern Illinois	1st/3, 266.05
3/6-8	at Big Ten Championships	4th/8, 263.85
4/3-6	at NCAA Championships (Dave Stoldt, 1st-PH; Butch Zurich, 4th-PH; Kevin McMurchie, 5th-SR, 9th-HB; Jeff Mitchell, DNQ for finals in vault)	NA

### 1980-1981 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI

DUALS: 7-3	BIG TEN: FIRST	NCAA: EIGHTH
11/8	at Indiana College Classic	NA
11/14-15	at Buckeye Invitational	1st/5, 495.55
11/21-22	at Windy City Invitational	4th/12, 515.95
11/28-29	at Midwest Open	NA
12/4	Japanese All-Stars	L, 281.55-268.65
12/5	Triangular Meet	
	Memphis State	W, 262.50-227.80
	Indiana	W, 262.50-225.25
	at Houston Baptist	L, 270.05-262.20
1/18	Michigan	W, 265.30-260.35
1/23	Indiana State	W, 252.90-238.25
1/25	at Wisconsin	W, 250.80-237.60
1/30	Northern Illinois	L, 262.40-258.85
2/6-2/7	Illinois Intercollegiate Champ.	1st/6, 529.45
2/20	Michigan State	W, 267.20-255.75
2/27	at UI-Chicago Circle	L, 268.55-267.10
3/7	Southern Illinois	W, 271.60-265.60
3/13-14	at Big Ten Championships	1st/8, 539.50
4/2-4	at NCAA Championships	8th/10, 529.80

### 1981-1982 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI

DUALS: 8-5	BIG TEN: SECOND	NCAA: NA
11/7-8	at Wisconsin Open	NA
11/20-21	at Buckeye Invitational	3rd/6, 260.85
11/27-28	at Midwest Open	NA
12/4-5	at Windy City Invitational	7th/12, 262.65
12/11	Brazilian National Team	W, 269.15-265.70
1/7	at Cal State-Fullerton, UCLA	2nd/3, 264.65
1/9	at San Jose, Oklahoma	2nd/3, 255.80
1/13	at California	L, 270.15-213.50
1/16	at Michigan	L, 266.80-261.85
1/24	Iowa	W, 268.30-265.25
1/28	at Northern Illinois	L, 273.00-269.75
2/13	at Indiana, Indiana State	1st/3, 267.40
2/18	Southern Illinois	W, 269.45-266.35
2/28	UI-Chicago Circle, Wisconsin	1st/3, 273.80
3/7	at Big Ten Championships	2nd/8, 274.00
3/19-20	Illinois Intercollegiate	NA
4/1-3	at NCAA Championships (Kari Samstem, 4th-HB)	NA

\*Note: Beginning in 1982, UI-Chicago Circle became known as Illinois-Chicago when its medical campus and its main campus combined to form one institution.

### 1982-1983 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI

DUALS: 9-1	BIG TEN: T-FIRST	NCAA: SIXTH
11/5	at Buckeye Invitational	2nd/6, 272.35
11/12	at Bronco Classic	NA
	at Wisconsin Open	NA
11/19	at Windy City Invitational	5th/12, 268.85
11/26	at Midwest Open	NA
12/3	Soviets	L, 286.95-274.35
1/15	at Iowa	W, 274.65-273.55
1/22	Michigan	L, 274.00-263.80

# ALL-TIME RESULTS CONTINUED

1/27	Houston Baptist	W, 278.00-270.85
2/4	Northern Illinois	W, 278.70-277.40
2/10	at Southern Illinois	W, 280.05-278.30
2/12	at Memphis State	W, 269.75-250.75
2/17	at Illinois-Chicago	W, 274.45-259.00
2/20	Michigan State	W, 270.30-256.80
2/25	at Indiana State, Western Michigan	1st/3, 274.30
3/4-5	at Big Ten Championships	T-1st/8, 276.65
4/7-9	at NCAA Championships	6th/10, 277.10

**1983-1984 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 8-3 BIG TEN: FOURTH NCAA: NINTH**

11/4-5	at Buckeye Invitational	NA
11/18-19	at Windy City Invitational	10th/12, 263.95
11/25-26	at Midwest Open	NA
12/4	Japanese All-Stars	L, 278.30-276.85
1/13	at Michigan State	W, 273.90-262.20
1/14	at Michigan, Kent State	1st/3, 272.05
1/21	Iowa	L, 275.50-274.45
1/28	Indiana State, Memphis State	1st/3, 277.20
2/3	at Northern Illinois	W, 271.55-270.95
2/10	at UCLA Invitational	3rd/7, 275.70
2/17	Illinois-Chicago	W, 271.85-269.60
2/25	at Wisconsin, Minnesota	2nd/3, 275.90
3/3	Southern Illinois	L, 275.45-273.65
3/9-10	at Big Ten Championships	4th/7, 275.70
3/17	at Chicagoland Invitational	1st/7, 277.50
3/24-25	Illini Open	1st/4, 284.05
4/12-14	at NCAA Championships	9th/10, 275.50

**1984-1985 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 5-5 BIG TEN: FOURTH NCAA: NA**

11/2-13	Big Eight Invitational	4th/7, 269.20
11/16-17	Windy City Invitational	5th/12, 269.70
1/18	at Iowa, Ohio State	3rd/3, 263.95
1/31	at Indiana State	L, 269.65-269.55
2/2	Wisconsin, Michigan	1st/3, 271.05
2/7	Northern Illinois	W, 273.05-263.25
2/9	New Mexico	L, 277.10-275.50
2/17	at Southern Illinois	L, 277.30-270.70
2/20	Cal. State-Fullerton Invite	5th/6, 237.65
2/22	UCLA Invitational	6th/6, 274.85
3/2	Michigan State, BYU	1st/3, 274.50
3/10	Illinois Open	2nd/7, 275.95
3/23-24	Big Ten Championships	4th/7, 271.75
4/12-13	at NCAA Championships	NA (Charles Lakes, 14th-AA, 1st-VT, 1st-PB)

**1985-1986 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 11-4 BIG TEN: THIRD NCAA: NA**

11/22-23	Windy City Invitational	9th/11, 250.65
12/31	Kamehameha Invite	2nd/3, 266.15
1/3	Kamehameha Invite	2nd/3, 265.40
1/11	Japan Jr. All-Stars Team	L, 276.70-272.10
1/17	Michigan State	W, 266.55-256.40
1/18	at Michigan, Minnesota	2nd/3, 262.35
1/25	at Wisconsin	W, 269.35-260.60
2/1	Iowa	W, 275.15-273.70
2/6	Northern Illinois	W, 265.80-255.00
2/15	Southern Illinois, Illinois-Chicago	1st/3, 274.60
2/21	at Brigham Young, Montana	1st/3, 276.20
2/22	at New Mexico, California State	2nd/3, 273.80
3/1	Ohio State, Indiana State	2nd/3, 273.45
3/14-15	Big Ten Championships	3rd/7, 276.95
4/4-5	at NCAA Championships	NA (David Romero, 34th-PH; David Zeddies, 9th-HB; Joe Ledvora, 9th-PH; Tigran Mkchyan 44th-AA)

**1986-1987 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 8-3 BIG TEN: FOURTH NCAA: NA**

12/7	Japan All Stars	L, 279, 80-279.30
1/9-10	Windy City Invite	4th/11, 262.50
1/24	Michigan State	W, 273.80-270.15
1/31	Michigan	W, 273.70-268.05
2/6	UC-Santa Barbara Invite	3rd/6, 276.75
2/8	UCLA Invitational	2nd/6, 278.50
2/15	at Illinois-Chicago	W, 272.50-260.80
2/20	UCLA	L, 283.40-276.05
2/27	New Mexico	W, 277.80-275.35

2/28	Wisconsin	W, 276.20-270.15
3/7	at Southern Illinois	L, 276.70-276.35
3/14	at Michigan, Western Michigan	1st/3, 276.80
3/20	at Iowa	L, 281.90-277.15
3/28	Northern Illinois	W, 279.50-270.40
4/3-4	Big Ten Championships	4th/7, 278.95
4/23-25	at NCAA Championships	NA (David Romero, 22nd-AA; David Zeddies, 50th-HB; Chris McKee, 38th-FX; Tigran Mkchyan, 14th-PH)

**1987-1988 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 11-0 BIG TEN: FIRST NCAA: SECOND**

11/14	Intrasquad Meet	NA
12/5-6	at Wisconsin Open	NA
1/15-16	at Windy City Invitational	1st/11, 284.70
1/23	at Michigan	W, 278.95-258.60
1/24	at Michigan State	W, 280.00-270.50
1/30	Wisconsin	W, 279.40-269.60
2/5	Houston Baptist	W, 284.50-280.75
2/12	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite	1st/7, 282.75
2/13	at UCLA Invitational	2nd/7, 282.15
2/19	at Northern Illinois, Iowa State	1st/3, 284.45
2/26	Iowa	W, 285.85-278.05
3/5	at New Mexico, Penn State, Western Michigan	1st/4, 283.85
3/12	Southern Illinois	W, 284.45-258.45
3/25-26	at Big Ten Championships	1st/7, 286.70
4/14-15	at NCAA Championships	2nd/10, 287.15

**1988-1989 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 7-1 BIG TEN: FIRST NCAA: FIRST**

1/14	at Iowa	W, 269.40-265.70
1/20-21	at Windy City Invite	3rd/11, 268.95
1/27	Michigan State	W, 273.80-251.45
2/4	Michigan and Northern Illinois	1st/3, 275.35
2/10	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite	1st/7, 277.40
2/11	at UCLA Invitational	1st/6, 279.20
2/18	at Houston Baptist	L, 278.55-278.00
2/25	New Mexico	W, 279.50-268.30
3/11	at Oklahoma	W, 280.90-188.05
3/17	at Southern Illinois	W, 275.70-264.15
3/24-25	at Big Ten Championships	1st/7, 285.55
4/7	at NCAA Championships	1st/10, 283.40

**1989-1990 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 1-3 BIG TEN: FOURTH NCAA: NA**

1/19-20	at Windy City Invite	8th/11, 256.40
2/3	Houston Baptist	W, 272.15-259.20
2/8	at Titan Invite-Santa Barbara	4th/5, 262.15
2/10	at UCLA Invitational	5th/5, 269.95
2/24	Iowa	L, 274.65-270.90
3/2-3	at Big Ten Championships	4th/7, 271.70
3/16	at Oklahoma	L, 274.70-271.70
3/18	at New Mexico	L, 274.05-274.95
4/7	at NCAA East Regionals	5th/10, 272.70
4/19-20	at NCAA Championships	NA (Dan Petritis, 12th-FX)

**1990-1991 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 4-4 BIG TEN: FIFTH NCAA: NA**

1/18-19	at Windy City Invite	7th/12, 267.10
1/25	at Michigan State	L, 271.55-266.00
1/27	at Michigan	L, 274.75-272.65
2/2	Oklahoma	L, 278.90-271.35
2/8	at Iowa	L, 277.65-273.25
2/16	New Mexico	W, 274.35-274.05
2/23	at Houston Baptist	W, 270.50-262.35
3/2-3	at UCLA Invite	6th/6, 272.15
3/9	Illinois-Chicago, Army	1st/3, 278.75
3/22-23	at Big Ten Championships	5th/7, 277.00
4/6	at NCAA East Regionals	9th/10, 274.75
4/18-20	at NCAA Championships	NA (Lee Wolochuk, T-4th-PH; Ricardo Cheriell, 9th-AA)

**1991-1992 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 7-3 BIG TEN: THIRD NCAA: NA**

1/11	at Spartan Invitational	3rd/5, 270.35
1/18	at Windy City Invite	4th/10, 272.40
1/25	Michigan, Michigan State	2nd/3, 272.15
2/22	Penn State	L, 281.35-278.35
2/28	at UC-Santa Barbara	1st/4, 274.45
2/29	at UCLA Invite	4th/6, 274.70
3/7	at Illinois-Chicago, Army	1st/3, 279.50
3/14	at New Mexico, Air Force	2nd/3, 280.45
3/28	Big Ten Championships	3rd/7, 283.15
4/11	at NCAA East Regionals	8th/10, 278.20
4/23-24	at NCAA Championships	NA (Emilio Marrero, Sean Henderson, Matt White, Vutnik Chhay and Brian Kobylinski all competed but did not qualify for their respective individual event finals)

**1992-1993 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 9-1 BIG TEN: FOURTH NCAA: SIXTH**

1/15-16	at Windy City Invite	4th/12, 264.05
1/23	New Mexico	W, 274.35-262.05
1/29	at Michigan State	W, 273.10-273.05
1/30	at Michigan	W, 273.40-270.30
2/13	Illinois-Chicago, Iowa	1st/3, 275.90
2/19	at UC-Santa Barbara, Michigan	1st/3, 274.20
2/20	at UCLA Invite	4th/6, 274.90
2/26	Western Michigan	W, 276.90-256.35
3/7	at Oklahoma	L, 277.80-275.15
3/12	at Arizona State	W, 276.60-276.55
3/19-20	at Big Ten Championships	4th/7, 275.75
4/3	at NCAA East Regionals	3rd/6, 279.32
4/16-17	at NCAA Championships	6th/6, 277.80

**1993-1994 HEAD COACH: DON OSBORN**

**DUALS: 3-4 BIG TEN: SIXTH NCAA: NA**

1/14-15	at Windy City Invitational	6th/12, 264.45
1/22	Michigan State	W, 274.90-262.45
1/29	Michigan	W, 271.40-267.95
2/4	at Winter Nationals	NA
2/11	at Iowa, UW-Oshkosh	2nd/3, 276.70
2/19	at UCLA Invitational	2nd/6, 274.50
2/25	Oklahoma	L, 275.45-275.30
3/4	at Illinois-Chicago	L, 281.75-278.30
3/6	at New Mexico	L, 281.80-278.80
3/12	at Michigan Invitational	3rd/8, 275.80
3/26-27	at Big Ten Championships	6th/7, 274.525
4/9	at NCAA East Regionals	6th/6, 275.075
4/22-23	at NCAA Championships	NA (Goncalo Macedo, 19th-AA, 16th-PH; Greg McGlaun, 12th-HB)

**1994-1995 HEAD COACH: DON OSBORN**

**DUALS: 4-5 BIG TEN: FIFTH NCAA: NA**

1/13-14	Windy City Invitational	6th/9, 218.700
1/22	Illinois-Chicago	W, 217.650-216.750
2/3	at Michigan State	W, 222.650-222.200
2/4	at Michigan State, Ohio State	1st/3, 227.650
2/10	Iowa	L, 227.300-223.400
2/18	at Minnesota	L, 228.000-224.100
2/25	Ohio State	L, 226.600-224.150
3/4	Oklahoma	L, 226.675-220.050
3/11	Stanford	L, 227.200-226.975
3/25-26	Big Ten Championship	5th/7, 226.725
4/8	at NCAA East Regionals	NA (Jeremiah Landry, Qualified for NCAAs-PH)
4/20-22	at NCAA Championships	NA (Jeremiah Landry, 2nd-PH)

# ALL-TIME RESULTS CONTINUED

**1995-1996 HEAD COACH: DON OSBORN**

**DUALS: 4-6 BIG TEN: SIXTH NCAA: NA**

1/19-20	at Windy City Invitational	5th/12, 214.650
1/27	Michigan State	W, 221.850-220.500
2/10	Penn State	L, 224.850-222.950
2/17	at Iowa	L, 223.875-222.000
2/24	Oklahoma, New Mexico	2nd/3, 222.375
3/2	at Illinois-Chicago	W, 227.375-227.200
3/9	at Stanford, California	4th/5, 219.050
	Oklahoma, UCLA	
3/15	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite	4th/8, 220.600
3/23	at Michigan Invitational	5th/8, 221.650
3/30-31	at Big Ten Championships	6th/7, 218.875
4/13	at NCAA East Regionals	NA
	(Yuval Ayalon, 8th-AA; Greg McGlaun, 1st-HB; Matt Redman, DNP-HB)	
4/25-27	at NCAA Championships	NA
	(Greg McGlaun, 9th-HB; Yuval Ayalon, 12th-AA)	

**1996-1997 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 2-4 BIG TEN: FIFTH NCAA: NA**

1/18	at Windy City Invitational	2nd/9, 223.450
1/25	at Michigan State	L, 227.750-224.500
1/26	Michigan	W, 220.500-216.000
2/1	Illinois-Chicago	W, 225.950-221.350
2/8	at Penn State	L, 229.550-224.150
2/22	Iowa	L, 230.550-227.750
2/27	at UCLA Invitational	2nd/5, 222.200
3/1	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite	3rd/9, 225.800
3/8	Ohio State	L, 231.75-228.925
3/22	at Big Ten Championships	5th/7, 227.200
4/5	at NCAA East Regionals	4th/6, 224.825
4/17-19	at NCAA Championships	NA
	(Travis Romagnoli, 3rd-AA, 7th-FX, 3rd-VT; Greg McGlaun, 5th-HB)	

**1997-1998 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 4-3 BIG TEN: FIFTH NCAA: THIRD**

1/17	at Windy City Invitational	2nd/7, 223.800
1/24	at Ohio State	L, 226.800-223.050
1/31	Penn State and Michigan	1st/3, 226.975
2/7	at Minnesota	L, 221.075-216.650
2/21	Michigan State	W, 229.175-226.050
2/28	Illinois-Chicago	W, 227.575-220.875
3/7	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite	3rd/6, 227.110
3/14	Iowa	L, 231.600-228.000
3/20	at Big Ten Championships	5th/7, 227.575
4/4	at NCAA East Regionals	2nd/6, 227.925
4/8-9	at NCAA Championships	3rd/6, 228.000

**1998-1999 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 6-5 BIG TEN: SIXTH NCAA: NA**

1/16	at Windy City Invitational	4th/7, 223.400
1/29	at Michigan, Ohio State	3rd/3, 222.950
1/31	at Michigan State	L, 226.900-225.475
2/6	Iowa	L, 226.850-224.725
2/14	at Illinois-Chicago	W, 227.000-223.400
2/20	at Penn State	L, 224.200-222.900
2/27	Minnesota	W, 225.950-215.500
3/6	Ohio State	W, 230.000-227.750
3/12	at California	W, 228.025-225.225
3/18	at UC-Santa Barbara, Army	1st/3, 225.300
3/26-27	Big Ten Championship	6th/7, 223.725
4/10	NCAA East Regionals	4th/7, 227.950
4/22-24	at NCAA Championships	NA
	(Kyle Zak, 24th-FX; Leo Oka, 11th-PH, 7th-SR, 12th-VT, 12th-PB, 9th-HB, 7th-AA)	

**1999-2000 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 4-5 BIG TEN: THIRD NCAA: EIGHTH\***

1/8	at Illinois-Chicago	W, 225.325-219.650
1/15	at Windy City Invitational	3rd/7, 223.450
1/22	at Minnesota	W, 222.250-220.325
1/29	Michigan State	W, 225.825-220.825
2/5	at Ohio State, Michigan	3rd/3, 225.350
2/19	Penn State	L, 227.000-224.850
2/26	Michigan	L, 230.350-227.200
3/3	at Iowa, Michigan State	2nd/3, 225.200

3/11	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite	3rd/6, 223.875
3/17-18	at Big Ten Championships	3rd/7, 228.075
3/30	NCAA Team Qualifier DNA	(8th/12), 227.900

**2000-2001 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 7-2 BIG TEN: FOURTH NCAA: EIGHTH\***

1/13	at Windy City Invitational	2nd/7, 207.200
1/20	Minnesota	W, 208.150-204.350
1/26	at Michigan	L, 214.000-208.350
1/27	at Michigan State, Illinois-Chicago	1st/3, 209.300
2/3	Ohio State	L, 211.800-211.350
2/16	Illinois-Chicago	W, 212.150-195.300
2/22	at UCLA Invitational	1st/5, 212.900
2/24	at Stanford, Arizona State	1st/3, 211.150
3/3	Iowa	W, 216.150-212.400
3/10	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite	2nd/5, 213.600
3/23-3/24	at Big Ten Championships	4th/7, 214.175
4/5-4/7	at NCAA Team Qualifier	DNA(8th/12), 212.050

**2001-2002 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 6-1 BIG TEN: FIFTH NCAA: NINTH\***

1/12	at Windy City Invitational	2nd/6, 207.025
1/19	Nebraska	W, 210.500-205.500
1/26	Minnesota	W, 214.250-208.800
2/2	at Penn State	L, 215.600-213.950
2/10	at Illinois-Chicago	W, 207.900-204.200
2/15	at Ohio State	W, 214.375-213.525
2/21	at UCLA Invitational	1st/6, 213.200
2/23	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite	1st/4, 213.625
3/2	at Iowa	W, 214.050-212.925
3/9	Illinois-Chicago	W, 214.700-203.400
3/22-23	at Big Ten Championships	5th/6, 213.575
4/4-6	at NCAA Team Qualifier	DNA(9th/12), 212.375

**2002-2003 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 3-5 BIG TEN: SIXTH NCAA: FIFTH**

1/11	at Windy City Invitational	4th/6, 207.050
1/25	at Minnesota	L, 208.450-206.800
2/1	Ohio State	L, 215.850-212.300
2/15	at Temple, Penn State	2nd/3, 213.350
2/22	at Illinois-Chicago	W, 210.350-208.950
3/1	Penn State, Iowa	2nd/3, 216.450
3/6	at Peter Vidmar Invite	2nd/5, 208.300
3/8	at Southwest Cup	2nd/5, 214.075
3/15	Oklahoma	L, 219.600-214.850
3/28-29	at Big Ten Championships	6th/6, 211.850
4/11	NCAA Team Qualifier	3rd/6, 217.675
4/12	NCAA Team Finals	5th/6, 217.125

**2003-2004 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 4-3 BIG TEN: FIRST NCAA: THIRD**

1/10	at Windy City Invitational	2nd/6, 214.425
1/17	at Penn State	L, 219.150-212.775
1/25	Minnesota	W, 218.900-208.250
1/31	at Ohio State	L, 220.200-219.000
2/6-7	at Winter Cup Challenger	NTS
2/14	Illinois-Chicago	W, 221.575-211.375
2/21	at Iowa	W, 216-825-216.800
2/27	Temple	W, 221.550-210.900
3/6	at Oklahoma	L, 225.200-221.975
3/19	at Big Ten Championships	1st/6, 221.975
4/2	NCAA Team Qualifier	3rd/6, 218.525
4/3	NCAA Team Finals	3rd/6, 222.225

**2004-2005 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 5-0-1 BIG TEN: SECOND NCAA: THIRD**

1/8	at Windy City Invitational	1st/6, 221.800
1/22	at Minnesota	W, 219.075-214.375
1/29	Ohio State	T, 223.400
2/4-5	at Winter Cup Challenge	NA
2/12	Penn State	W, 221.825-221.350
2/19	at Pacific Coast Classic	2nd/4, 218.850
2/26	at Temple	W, 221.075-203.900
3/5	Iowa	W, 223.90-219.025
3/12	Illinois-Chicago	W, 221.550-209.450
3/25	at Big Ten Championships	2nd/6, 224.125
4/6	NCAA Team Qualifier	1st/6, 225.250
4/7	NCAA Team Finals	3rd/6, 223.750

**2005-2006 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 7-1 BIG TEN: SECOND NCAA: SECOND**

1/14	at Windy City Invitational	2nd/6, 210.500
1/21	Minnesota	W, 207.300-201.650
1/28	at Ohio State	L, 213.350-206.900
2/3-4	at Winter Cup Challenge	NA
2/11	Temple	W, 209.650-191.150
2/18	at Iowa, Michigan	1st/3, 211.850
2/25	at UIC	W, 210.300-193.650
3/5	at Iowa	W, 217.600-214.400
3/11	Army	W, 220.000-196.100
3/24	at Big Ten Championships	2nd/6, 214.800
4/6	NCAA Team Qualifier	2nd/6, 214.775
4/7	NCAA Team Finals	2nd/6, 220.975

**2006-2007 HEAD COACH: YOSHI HAYASAKI**

**DUALS: 3-8 BIG TEN: FIFTH NCAA: FIFTH**

1/13	at Windy City Invitational	2nd/6, 209.750
1/20	at Minnesota	L, 207.150-204.750
1/27	Ohio State	L, 214.700-211.050
2/9-10	at Winter Cup Challenge	NTS
2/17	at Penn State	L, 220.150-205.250
2/24	Pacific Coast Classic	5th/6, 213.500
3/3	Iowa	W, 214.950-209.500
3/10	at Michigan	L, 216.350-212.500
3/17	Illinois-Chicago	W, 210.000-193.050
3/30	at Big Ten Championships	5th/6, 211.900
4/12	NCAA Team Qualifier	2nd/6, 216.300
4/13	NCAA Team Finals	5th/6, 217.300

All-Time Results Key

NA: Not Applicable; either there were insufficient results and records kept for the specific season or the event was not a team scoring event.  
 DNA: Did Not Advance; at NCAAs after 1968, a select number of teams had to qualify before advancing to the final round where the national champion was decided. In 1968, four teams advanced to the final round. From 1969-99, three teams advanced, while in 2000, the format changed to the present day system of six teams advancing to the final round to contend for the team national title.

\* NCAA Statistical ranking.

# INTERNATIONAL HONORS

## ILLINOIS OLYMPIANS

COMPETITOR	YEAR
*Paul Fina	1940
Abie Grossfeld	1956
Abie Grossfeld	1960
Don Tonry	1960
Dominick Minicucci	1988
Charles Lakes	1988
Dominick Minicucci	1992

\*Fina made the Olympic team, but because of WWII, the Olympics were cancelled.

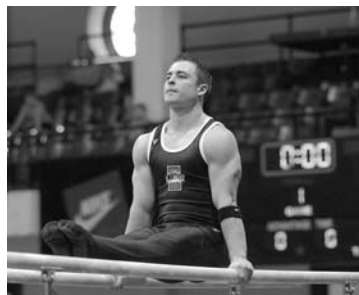
## INTERNATIONAL COMPETITORS

NAME	COMPETITIONS
Gilberto Albuquerque	1980 World Championships
	1981 Pan American Games
Yuval Ayalon	1994, '96 European Championships
	1994, '96, '97 World Championships
	1996 European Championships
	1997 World University Games
Victor Feinstein	1978 World Championships
	1978 European Championships
Steve Juengart	1984 South African Cup
Charles Lakes	1985 Chunichi Cup
	1986 Goodwill Games
	1986 Hungarian International Invite
	1987 World Championships
	1988 Summer Olympics
Goncalo Macedo	1993, '94 World Championships
	1993, '95 World University Games
	1994 European Championships
Emilio Marrero	1989 World Sports Fair
	1989 Golden Sands Invitational
Dominick Minicucci	1988 China Cup International
	1988, '92 Summer Olympics
Tigran Mkchyan	1985 Canada International Inv.
	1986 Monaco Cup
Ben Newman	2005 Maccabiah Games
Leo Oka	1999 China International Motor Cup
David Pearlstein	1993 Maccabiah Games
Adam Pummer	2004 Taipai International Invitational
Raul Rodriguez	1983 Pan American Games
Travis Romagnoli	1997 World Championships
David Romero	1982 Central American Games
	1983 World Championships
	1983 Pan American Games

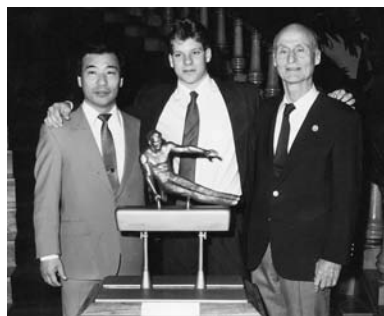


Dominick Minicucci is one of the Illini's most talented gymnasts and had great success outside of the collegiate arena. Minicucci became one of two Orange and Blue gymnasts (Abie Grossfeld) to make multiple appearances in the Olympics, competing in back-to-back Games in 1988 and 1992.

2006 Illinois graduate Adam Pummer garnered international experience during his time with the Fighting Illini, competing at the 2004 Taipai International Invitational.

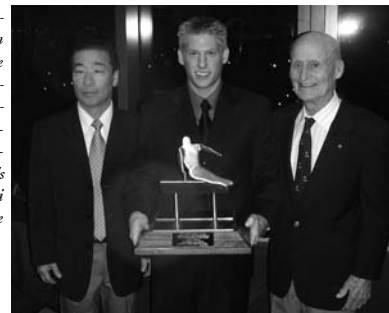


Kari Samsten	1978 European Championships
	1978 World Championships
	1979 Scandinavian Championships
	1981 World Championships
Gilmarcio Sanches	1981 Pan American Games
	1981 World Championships
	1982 Central American Games
Andres Saavedra	2004 World Cup
	2005 Bolivarian Games
	2005, '06 South American Games
	2007 Pan American Games
	2007 World Championships
Chris Silcox	2007 World University Games
Justin Spring	2003 World University Games
	2005 American Cup
	2005 World Championships
	2006 Ghent World Cup (Belgium)
	2007 Moscow World Cup (Russia)
	2007 Pan American Games
Tyler Yamauchi	2007 World University Games
Kyle Zak	1999 China International Motor Cup
David Zeddies	1988 World Sports Fair



David Zeddies (center) became the first Illini to be awarded the most prestigious honor in men's gymnastics when he took home the 1989 Nissen-Emery Award as the nation's top collegiate senior gymnast. He is pictured with head coach Yoshi Hayasaki (left) and George Nissen (right), the founder of the Nissen-Emery Award.

Ending his career as one of the most decorated gymnasts in Illinois history, Justin Spring snapped a 17-year drought for the Illini when he accepted the program's second-ever selection for collegiate gymnastics' top honor. Spring's career culminated with his selection as the 2006 Nissen-Emery Award winner. Spring (center), is pictured with head coach Yoshi Hayasaki (left) and George Nissen (right), the founder of the Nissen-Emery Award.



## ILLINOIS' NISSEN-EMERY AWARD NOMINEES

(The Nissen-Emery Award is given annually, since 1966, to the nation's top senior male gymnast)

GYMNAST	YEAR
Butch Zunich	1980
Steve Lechner	1981
Joe Ledvora	1986
Tigran Mkchyan	1988
<b>DAVID ZEDDIES</b>	<b>1989</b>
Ricardo Cheriell	1993
Brian Kobylinski	1995
Jon Corbitt	1998
Kyle Zak	1999
Travis Romagnoli	2000
Leo Oka	2001
J.G. Ketchen	2002
Bob Rogers	2004
Ben Newman	2005
<b>JUSTIN SPRING</b>	<b>2006</b>

\* BOLD indicates award winners

# NCAA HONORS

## NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

(Since 1938)

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YEAR	NAME	EVENT
1938	Joseph Giallombardo	All-Around
	Joseph Giallombardo	Tumbling
	Joseph Giallombardo	Flying Rings
1939	Joseph Giallombardo	All-Around
	Joseph Giallombardo	Tumbling
1940	Paul Fina	All-Around
	Harry Koehnemann	Side Horse
1941	Joseph Giallombardo	Tumbling
	Joseph Giallombardo	All-Around
1942	Caton Cobb	Side Horse
	Caton Cobb	Parallel Bars
	Jack Adkins	Tumbling
1948	Gay Hughes	Trampoline
	Joe Calvetti	High Bar
1950	Irving Bedard	Tumbling
	Frank Bare	Side Horse
1952	Bob Sullivan	Tumbling
	Bob Sullivan	Floor Exercise
1954	Dick Browning	Tumbling
	Don Tonry	All-Around
1956	Dan Lirot	Tumbling
	Frank Hailand	Tumbling
1957	Abie Grossfeld	High Bar
	John Davis	Side Horse
1958	Abie Grossfeld	High Bar
	Abie Grossfeld	All-Around
1959	Abie Grossfeld	Floor Exercise
	Frank Hailand	Tumbling
1960	Don Tonry	Floor Exercise
	Alvin Barasch	Tumbling
1962	Ray Hadley	Floor Exercise
	Mike Aufrecht	Side Horse
1963	Hal Holmes	Tumbling
	John McCarthy	Long Horse
1969	Dave Stoldt	Pommel Horse
	Charles Lakes	High Bar
1998	Travis Romagnoli	All-Around
	Travis Romagnoli	Vault
2004	Bob Rogers	Pommel Horse
	Justin Spring	High Bar
2005	Justin Spring	Parallel Bars
	Justin Spring	Parallel Bars
2006	Justin Spring	Parallel Bars
	Justin Spring	High Bar



One of the greatest gymnasts in U.S. history, Joseph Giallombardo was a seven-time NCAA champion and a 13-time All-American from 1938-40.

## ALL-AMERICANS

(Since 1938)

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YEAR	NAME	EVENT
1938	Joseph Giallombardo	All-Around
	Joseph Giallombardo	Tumbling
	Joseph Giallombardo	Flying Rings
1939	Joseph Giallombardo	Rope Climb
	Joseph Giallombardo	Long Horse
1940	John Cress	Rope Climb
	John Cress	High Bar
	John Cress	Tumbling
1941	Jack Adkins	Tumbling
	Jim Baley	Long Horse
1942	Jack Adkins	Tumbling
	Jack Adkins	All-Around
1948	Gay Hughes	Trampoline
	Joe Calvetti	High Bar
1949	Frank Dolan	All-Around
	Frank Dolan	Parallel Bars



Abie Grossfeld left Illinois as one of the greatest gymnasts to ever don the Orange and Blue. Grossfeld earned the Big Ten Medal of Honor, was the first non-football or basketball player to be selected Dike Eddleman Athlete of the Year, won seven NCAA Championships and was a 13-time All-American. He also won four Big Ten titles and made two U.S. Olympics, two World Championships and three Pan-American teams.

1950	William Barnes	Tumbling
	Irving Bedard	Tumbling
	Irving Bedard	Tumbling
1951	Edwin Houser	Rope Climb
	Bruce Sidlinger	Trampoline
1952	Bob Sullivan	Tumbling
	Bob Sullivan	Long Horse
1953	Jeff Austin	Trampoline
	Jeff Austin	Floor Exercise
1954	Tom Gardner	Side Horse
	Tom Gardner	Parallel Bars
1955	Tom Gardner	All-Around
	Tom Gardner	Still Rings

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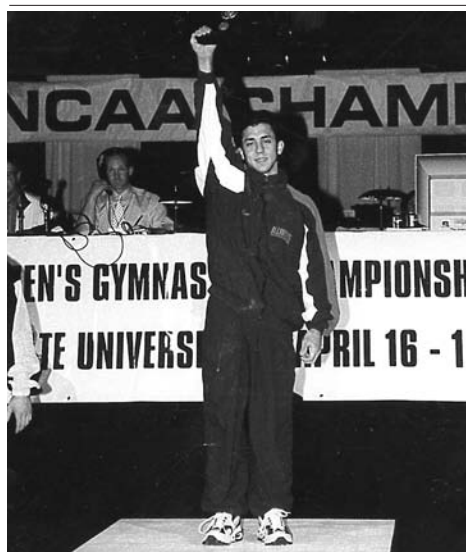
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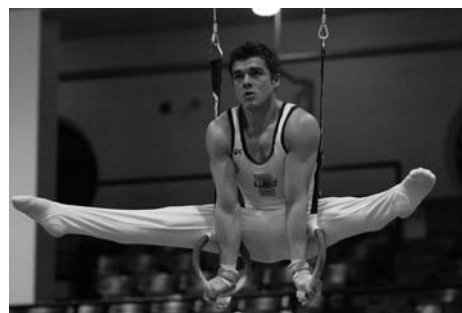
# NCAA HONORS



Travis Romagnoli is the most heralded Illini gymnast of the '90s. He finished his Illini career a nine-time All-American and a two-time national champion.

	Richard Jirus	Parallel Bars
	Don Liront	Tumbling
1956	Eric Statten	Rope Climb
	Gavin Blair	All-Around
	Gavin Blair	Side Horse
	Gavin Blair	High Bar
	Jon Culbertson	Side Horse
	Jon Culbertson	High Bar
	Frank Hailand	Tumbling
	Frank Hailand	Trampoline
	Mike Karon	Trampoline
	Dan Liront	Tumbling
	Eric Statton	Rope Climb
	Don Tonry	Parallel Bars
	Don Tonry	All-Around
	Don Tonry	High Bar
1957	John Davis	Side Horse
	Abie Grossfeld	High Bar
	Abie Grossfeld	Parallel Bars
	Abie Grossfeld	All-Around
	Abie Grossfeld	Floor Exercise
	Frank Hailand	Tumbling
	Allan Harvey	Tumbling
	Mike Karon	Tumbling
1958	John Davis	Side Horse
	Abie Grossfeld	High Bar
	Abie Grossfeld	All-Around
	Abie Grossfeld	Floor Exercise
	Abie Grossfeld	Parallel Bars
	Frank Hailand	Tumbling
	Allan Harvey	Tumbling
1959	Abie Grossfeld	Floor Exercise
	Abie Grossfeld	Parallel Bars
	Abie Grossfeld	Still Rings
	Abie Grossfeld	All-Around
	Don Tonry	Floor Exercise
	Don Tonry	Side Horse
	Don Tonry	High Bar
	Don Tonry	Parallel Bars
	Don Tonry	Still Rings
1960	Alvin Barasch	Tumbling
	Pat Bird	Still Rings
	Ray Hadley	Floor Exercise
	Ray Hadley	Side Horse
	Ray Hadley	Parallel Bars
	Bill Lawler	Side Horse
1961	Dale Grace	Free Exercise
	Bob Cason	Tumbling
	John Salter	Long Horse
1962	Mike Aufrecht	Side Horse

	Bob Clomb	Tumbling
	Ray Hadley	All-Around
	Ray Hadley	Long Horse
	Ray Hadley	Free Exercise
	Ray Hadley	Side Horse
	Hal Holmes	Tumbling
	Hal Holmes	Tumbling
1963	John McCarthy	Long Horse
1969	Ken Barr	Side Horse
1970	Gene Kalin	Parallel Bars
	Dave Stoldt	Pommel Horse
1978	John Davis	Still Rings
1979	Butch Zunich	Pommel Horse
	Dave Stoldt	Pommel Horse
1980	Butch Zunich	Pommel Horse
	Kevin McMurchie	Still Rings
1982	Kari Samsten	High Bar
1983	Kevin McMurchie	Still Rings
1984	Charles Lakes	High Bar
	Charles Lakes	All-Around
	Joe Levдора	Pommel Horse
1985	Charles Lakes	Parallel Bars
1987	David Romero	Still Rings
1988	David Zeddies	All-Around
	Dominick Minicucci	Pommel Horse
	Chris McKee	Floor Exercise
1989	David Zeddies	Floor Exercise
	David Zeddies	Still Rings
	David Zeddies	High Bar
	Chris McKee	Floor Exercise
	Chris McKee	Vault



Senior Wes Haagensen has already accumulated six All-America honors during his time with the Illini. Haagensen enters the 2008 season as one of the Illini's top returnees.

1991	Lee Wolochuk	Pommel Horse
1993	Brian Kobylinski	Still Rings
1995	Jeremiah Landry	Pommel Horse
1997	Greg McGlaun	High Bar
	Travis Romagnoli	All-Around
	Travis Romagnoli	Vault
1998	Travis Romagnoli	All-Around
	Travis Romagnoli	Vault
	Travis Romagnoli	High Bar
	Travis Romagnoli	Parallel Bars
	Travis Romagnoli	Floor Exercise
	Kyle Zak	Floor Exercise
2000	Travis Romagnoli	All-Around
	Travis Romagnoli	High Bar
	Leo Oka	All-Around
2001	Leo Oka	All-Around
	Linh Hoang	Still Rings
2002	J.G. Ketchen	Still Rings
	Peter Shostchuk	Pommel Horse
2003	Bob Rogers	Floor Exercise
	Peter Shostchuk	Pommel Horse
	Justin Spring	Floor Exercise
	Justin Spring	Parallel Bars
	Scott Wetterling	High Bar
2004	Ben Newman	Pommel Horse
	Adam Pummer	Floor Exercise
	Adam Pummer	Vault



Peter Shostchuk (left) and Justin Spring (right) are the only Illini to garner All-America status four consecutive years. Shostchuk concluded his career in 2005, while Spring ended his illustrious time at Illinois in 2006.

	Bob Rogers	Pommel Horse
	Peter Shostchuk	Pommel Horse
	Justin Spring	Parallel Bars
	Justin Spring	High Bar
2005	Adam Pummer	Floor Exercise
	Adam Pummer	Vault
	Adam Pummer	Parallel Bars
	Adam Pummer	High Bar
	Justin Spring	Parallel Bars
	Justin Spring	High Bar
	Justin Spring	All-Around
	Peter Shostchuk	Pommel Horse
	<b>Tyler Yamauchi</b>	<b>Still Rings</b>
2006	<b>Ross Bradley</b>	<b>High Bar</b>
	Ted Brown	Pommel Horse
	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>	<b>All-Around</b>
	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>	<b>Floor Exercise</b>
	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>	<b>Parallel Bars</b>
	<b>Chris Lung</b>	<b>Pommel Horse</b>
	Adam Pummer	Floor Exercise
	Adam Pummer	Pommel Horse
	Justin Spring	All-Around
	Justin Spring	Floor Exercise
	Justin Spring	Vault
	Justin Spring	Parallel Bars
	Justin Spring	High Bar
	<b>Tyler Yamauchi</b>	<b>Still Rings</b>
2007	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>	<b>All-Around</b>
	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>	<b>High Bar</b>
	<b>Chad Wiest</b>	<b>Floor Exercise</b>
	<b>Tyler Yamauchi</b>	<b>Floor Exercise</b>

## NCAA GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

by Inside Gymnastics Magazine

2004	Justin Spring	3/1/04
	Justin Spring	2/17/04
	Justin Spring	2/3/04
2005	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>	<b>1/24/05</b>
2007	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>	<b>1/17/07</b>

## NATIONAL ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

2004 Jon Valdez



2004 National Assistant Coach of the Year winner Jon Valdez with 12-time All-American Justin Spring.

# BIG TEN HONORS

## BIG TEN CHAMPIONS

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YEAR	NAME	EVENT
1910	E.B. Styles	All-Around
1911	E.B. Styles	All-Around
1912	E.B. Styles	All-Around
1920	A.W. Ziegler	All-Around
1928	W.J. Fulton	Tumbling
1929	Richard C. Oeler	Pommel Horse
1930	E.L. Reiter	Parallel Bars
1931	W. Cherry	Tumbling
1932	Joseph Rehor Jr.	High Bar
	E. Zitzler	Pommel Horse
	R. Cadle	Tumbling
1933	R. Cadle	Tumbling
1935	Joseph Rehor Jr.	High Bar
	Leonard Wayman	Parallel Bars
	Arthur Fisher	Tumbling
1936	Arthur Fisher	Tumbling
1938	Joe Giallombardo	Tumbling
	Joe Giallombardo	All-Around
1939	Paul Fina	High Bar
	Paul Fina	Parallel Bars
	Joe Giallombardo	Tumbling
	Joe Giallombardo	All-Around
	Harry Koehnemann	Side Horse
1940	Harry Koehnemann	Side Horse
	Joe Giallombardo	Tumbling
	Joe Giallombardo	Parallel Bars
1941	John Cress Jr.	High Bar
	Earl Shanken	Long Horse
	Caton Cobb	High Bar
	Caton Cobb	Parallel Bars
	Harry Koehnemann	Side Horse
	Paul Fina	Flying Rings
1942	Jack Adkins	Tumbling
	Caton Cobb	Side Horse
	Caton Cobb	High Bar
	Caton Cobb	Parallel Bars
	Jack Adkins	Tumbling
	Paul Fina	Long Horse
1947	Vito Zinzi	Side Horse
	J. O'Heron	Long Horse
1948	Joe Calvetti	High Bar
	Vito Zinzi	Side Horse
	Vito Zinzi	Long Horse
	Joe Fina	Floor Exercise
1949	Irvin Bedard	Tumbling
	Joe Calvetti	High Bar
	Jack Sharp	Flying Rings
1950	Frank Dolan	Pommel Horse
	Frank Dolan	All-Around
	Frank Dolan	High Bar
	Irv Bedard	Tumbling
	Richard Palmer	Flying Rings
1951	Bob Sullivan	Long Horse
	Bob Sullivan	Tumbling
	Bruce Sidlinger	Trampoline
	Frank Dolan	Pommel Horse
1952	Bob Sullivan	Tumbling
	Bob Sullivan	All-Around
	Bob Sullivan	Floor Exercise
	Frank Bare	Pommel Horse
1953	Bob Sullivan	Floor Exercise
	Bob Sullivan	Long Horse
	Tom Gardner	Still Rings
	Tom Gardner	Parallel Bars
	Jeff Austin	Floor Exercise
1954	Frank Bare	Pommel Horse
	Tom Gardner	Parallel Bars
	Jeff Austin	Floor Exercise
1955	Jeff Austin	Tumbling
	Jeff Austin	Floor Exercise
	Tom Gardner	Parallel Bars
1956	Dan Lirot	Tumbling
	Don Tonny	All-Around
	Gavin Blair	Pommel Horse
1957	Abie Grossfeld	All-Around
	Abie Grossfeld	Floor Exercise
	Abie Grossfeld	High Bar

1958	Frank Hailand	Tumbling
	Abie Grossfeld	Parallel Bars
	Abie Grossfeld	All-Around
1959	Frank Hailand	Tumbling
	Abie Grossfeld	All-Around
	Abie Grossfeld	Still Rings
	Don Tonny	Floor Exercise
1960	Ray Hadley	All-Around
	Ray Hadley	Floor Exercise
	Al Barasch	Tumbling
	Pat Bird	Still Rings
1961	Ray Hadley	Floor Exercise
	Hal Holmes	Tumbling
	Bill Lawler	Pommel Horse
1962	Ray Hadley	All-Around
	Ray Hadley	High Bar
	Hal Holmes	Tumbling
	Bill Lawler	Pommel Horse
1963	Hal Holmes	Tumbling
1965	Tom Hurt	Long Horse
1966	Hal Shaw	Long Horse
1967	Hal Shaw	Long Horse
1969	Jack McCarthy	Long Horse
1970	Ken Barr	Pommel Horse
1971	Ken Barr	Pommel Horse
	Paul Hunt	Floor Exercise
1972	Ken Barr	Pommel Horse
	Gregg Fenske	Parallel Bars
1973	Gregg Fenske	Parallel Bars
1975	Howard Beck	Pommel Horse
1978	Steve Yasukawa	High Bar
	Butch Zunich	Pommel Horse
	John Davis	Still Rings
1979	Dave Stoldt	Pommel Horse
1980	Dave Stoldt	Pommel Horse
1982	Gilberto Albuquerque	Vault
	Kevin Oltendorf	Pommel Horse
1983	Kevin Oltendorf	Pommel Horse
	Frank Rosch	Still Rings
1984	Charles Lakes	All-Around
	Charles Lakes	Vault
	Joe Ledvora	Pommel Horse
1985	Charles Lakes	All-Around
	Charles Lakes	Parallel Bars
	Charles Lakes	High Bar
	Charles Lakes	High Bar
1986	Joe Ledvora	Pommel Horse
	Steve Juengert	Still Rings
	David Zeddies	High Bar
1988	Dominick Minicucci	All-Around
	Dominick Minicucci	Pommel Horse
1989	David Zeddies	Still Rings
	David Zeddies	Parallel Bars
	Mike Mingle	High Bar
	Chris McKee	Vault
	Chris McKee	Floor Exercise
	David Romero	Still Rings
1992	Ricardo Cheriell	High Bar (tie)
1994	Brian Kobylynski	Still Rings
1995	Jeremiah Landry	Pommel Horse
1997	Travis Romagnoli	Vault
1998	Travis Romagnoli	High Bar
2003	Ben Newman	Pommel Horse
2004	Ben Newman	Pommel Horse
	Justin Spring	Floor Exercise
2005	Ted Brown	Pommel Horse
	Ben Newman	Pommel Horse
2006	Justin Spring	All-Around
	Justin Spring	Parallel Bars
2007	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>	<b>All-Around</b>
	<b>Tyler Yamauchi</b>	<b>Vault</b>

## BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE YEAR

Since 1988

1988	David Zeddies
1998	Travis Romagnoli
2006	Justin Spring
2007	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>

## BIG TEN COACH OF THE YEAR

Since 1988

1988	<b>Yoshi Hayasaki</b>
1989	<b>Yoshi Hayasaki</b>
2004	<b>Yoshi Hayasaki</b>

## BIG TEN FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Since 1988

1988	Dominick Minicucci
1995	Yuval Ayalon
2005	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>

## ALL-BIG TEN

Since 1984

1984	Joe Ledvora, Gilmarcio Sanchez, Charles Lakes
1985	Charles Lakes
1986	Steve Juengert, David Romero, David Zeddies
1987	David Romero, Chris McKee
1988	David Zeddies, Chris McKee, Dominick Minicucci, Tigran Mkchyan
1989	David Romero, David Zeddies, Chris McKee, Mike Mingle
1990	David Romero
1991	Ricardo Cheriell
1992	Ricardo Cheriell
1993	Ricardo Cheriell
1994	Brian Kobylynski
1995	Yuval Ayalon, Jeremiah Landry
1996	Yuval Ayalon
1997	Yuval Ayalon, Travis Romagnoli
1998	Travis Romagnoli
1999	Leo Oka
2001	Linh Hoang, Leo Oka
2003	Ben Newman
2004	Ben Newman, Justin Spring
2005	Ted Brown, Ben Newman, Justin Spring
2006	<b>Wes Haagensen</b> , Justin Spring
2007	<b>Wes Haagensen</b> , Tyler Yamauchi

## BIG TEN GYMNAST OF THE WEEK

Since 1994

1994	Brian Kubylynski	1/1994
	Brian Kubylynski	2/1994
1998	Travis Romagnoli	1/1998
	Travis Romagnoli	2/1998
1999	Leo Oka	3/17/99
	Travis Romagnoli	3/9/99
	Travis Romagnoli	2/17/99
	Travis Romagnoli	2/10/99
2000	Leo Oka	1/12/00
2001	Leo Oka	1/17/01
2002	Bob Rogers	2/11/02
2004	Justin Spring	3/8/04
	Justin Spring	3/1/04
	Justin Spring	2/18/04
	Justin Spring	2/4/04
	Justin Spring	1/28/04
2005	Ben Newman	2/16/05
	<b>Tyler Yamauchi</b>	<b>3/8/05</b>
2006	Justin Spring	3/01/06
	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>	<b>3/08/06</b>
	Adam Pummer	3/15/06
2007	<b>Wes Haagensen</b>	<b>1/17/07</b>
	<b>Tyler Yamauchi</b>	<b>3/17/07</b>

# ACADEMIC HONORS

Illinois gymnastics is a program not only full of competitive tradition, but of academic excellence as well. While the Fighting Illini have continued to produce one of the best teams in the country year-after-year, Illinois' success in the classroom is second to none.

For the third straight year, the University of Illinois men's gymnastics team garnered a top-10 ranking in the national academic team standings as awarded by the College Gymnastics Association, grabbing the honor with a team 3.100 GPA. In back-to-back years, head coach Yoshi Hayasaki has led the Illini to a fifth-place finish in 2005-06 and a ninth place finish in 2007, while seven individual gymnasts earned first or second team All-America Scholar-Athlete accolades. Earning first team nods were redshirt sophomore Michael Boyer (3.783), and junior Jon Drollinger (3.561). Second team selections included junior Chris Silcox (3.291), sophomore Kyle Padera (3.388), sophomore Chris Lung (3.291) and junior Tyler Yamauchi (3.426). Drollinger earned his third straight academic honor. Boyer, Silcox, Padera, Lung and Yamauchi all made their second appearances on the national list, while Stango was a first time recipient.

## COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

- 1999 Travis Romagnoli (GTE/CoSIDA)
- 2000 Travis Romagnoli (GTE/CoSIDA)  
Leo Oka (GTE/CoSIDA)
- 2004 Bob Rogers (First Team CoSIDA)

## COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

- 2004 Bob Rogers (First Team)  
Ben Newman (Second Team)
- 2005 Ben Newman (Second Team)

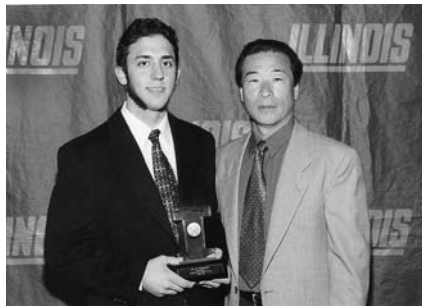
## CGA ALL-AMERICA SCHOLAR-ATHLETE

(Began in 1990)

- 1990 Mark Wolochuk, Lee Wolochuk
- 1991 George Linhart, Mark Wolochuk,  
Lee Wolochuk
- 1992 William Zopf
- 1993 Sean Henderson
- 1994 David Elkin
- 1995 Jeremiah Landry, Greg McGlaun, Jon Corbitt,  
Chris McGlone
- 1996 Jon Corbitt, Chris McGlone, Brad Panozzo,  
Greg McGlaun
- 1997 Jon Corbitt, Chris McGlone, Greg McGlaun,  
Brandon Tucker, Travis Romagnoli, Brad  
Panozzo
- 1998 Jon Corbitt, Brad Panozzo, Brandon Tucker,  
Travis Romagnoli, Greg Cook
- 1999 Travis Romagnoli, Greg Cook
- 2000 Travis Romagnoli, Leo Oka, Forest Flodin
- 2001 Leo Oka
- 2002 Erik Garnett, Ben Newman, Bob Rogers, Bob  
Spelic
- 2003 Erik Garnett, Ben Newman, Bob Rogers, Bob  
Spelic, Anthony Russo, Casey Hayasaki
- 2004 Erik Garnett, Ben Newman, Bob Rogers,  
Anthony Russo
- 2005 **Jon Drollinger**, Ben Newman, Anthony Russo
- 2006 **Michael Boyer**, Anthony Russo, **Jon Drollinger**,  
**Chris Silcox**, **Kyle Padera**, **Chris Lung**, **Tyer Yamauchi**
- 2007 **Michael Boyer**, **Jon Drollinger**, **Chris Lung**, **Kyle Padera**,  
**Luke Stannard**, **Nick Stango**, **Tyler Yamauchi**

## BIG TEN MEDAL OF HONOR

- 1930 Richard C. Oeler
- 1936 Arthur Fische
- 1959 Abie Grossfeld
- 1968 Paul Gary Shapin
- 1974 Howard Beck
- 1975 Howard Beck
- 1978 Steve Yasukawa



Travis Romagnoli garnered Big Ten Medal of Honor accolades at the 2000 Scholar-Athlete banquet.

- 1979 John Davis
- 1980 Dave Stoldt
- 2000 Travis Romagnoli

## UI DIKE EDDLEMAN ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARD

(Awarded to the top male and female UI Athlete each year)

- 1959 Abie Grossfeld
- 1963 Harold Holmes
- 1985 Charles Lakes
- 1989 David Zeddies
- 2004 Justin Spring
- 2006 Justin Spring

## FIGHTING ILLINI SPIRIT AWARD

(Awarded annually at the UI Scholar-Athlete Banquet)

- 2004 Erik Garnett

## ILLINOIS OUTSTANDING SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

(Awarded to a UI athlete with the highest GPA in each class)

- 2002 Erik Garnett - Sophomore Award
- 2003 Erik Garnett - Junior Award
- 2004 Erik Garnett - Senior Award



Ben Newman finished his career at Illinois as a four-time CGA All-America Scholar-Athlete.

## ACADEMIC ALL-BIG TEN

- 1987 Gary Anderson  
Andrew Dillon
- 1990 Lee Wolochuk
- 1991 Alan Hirsch  
Jeff Hoppe  
George Linhart  
Lee Wolochuk  
Matt Wolochuk
- 1992 David Elkin  
Bill Zopf
- 1993 David Elkin  
Kenneth Su
- 1994 David Elkin
- 1995 David Elkin  
Greg McGlaun  
Kenneth Su
- 1996 Jon Corbitt  
Yuval Ayalon  
Greg McGlaun  
Brad Panozzo
- 1997 Jon Corbitt  
Phillip Jones  
Greg McGlaun  
Chris McGlone  
Brad Panozzo  
Brandon Tucker
- 1998 Yuval Ayalon  
Cory Block  
Jon Corbitt  
Linh Hoang  
Phillip Jones  
Brad Panozzo  
Travis Romagnoli  
Brandon Tucker  
Eric Wills
- 1999 Greg Cook  
Matt Gill  
Paul Linnenburger  
Eric Nishimoto  
Leo Oka  
Travis Romagnoli  
Eric Wills
- 2000 Greg Cook  
Matt Gill  
Paul Linnenburger  
Eric Nishimoto  
Leo Oka
- 2001 Greg Cook  
Forest Flodin  
Paul Linnenburger  
Leo Oka  
Bob Spelic  
Travis Romagnoli
- 2002 Erik Garnett  
Johnathon Plante  
Bob Rogers  
Bob Spelic
- 2003 Erik Garnett  
Casey Hayasaki  
Ben Newman  
Bob Rogers  
Bob Spelic
- 2004 Erik Garnett  
Casey Hayasaki  
Ben Newman  
Adam Pummer  
Bob Rogers  
Anthony Russo
- 2005 Ben Newman  
Anthony Russo
- 2006 **Michael Boyer**  
**Jon Drollinger**  
**Wes Haagensen**  
Anthony Russo  
**Chris Silcox**  
**Tyler Yamauchi**
- 2007 **Michael Boyer**  
**Jon Drollinger**  
**Chris Lung**  
**Kyle Padera**  
**Chris Silcox**  
**Nick Stango**  
**Tyler Yamauchi**

# ILLINI RECORDS (THROUGH 2000) (Under College Code Scoring System)

## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

### ALL-AROUND

1.	58.350	Charles Lakes	UCLA Invitational, 2/22/85
2.	58.325	Travis Romagnoli	Michigan/PSU, 1/31/98
3.	58.275	Travis Romagnoli	Big Ten Championships, 3/20/98
	58.275	Travis Romagnoli	Michigan State, 2/21/98
5.	58.250	David Zeddies	Big Ten Championships, 3/26/88

### FLOOR EXERCISE

1.	9.900	Chris McKee	Big Ten Champships, 3/24/89
	9.900	Chris McKee	UCLA Invitational, 2/13/88
	9.900	David Zeddies	Houston Baptist, 2/5/88
	9.900	David Zeddies	Windy City Invitational, 1/16/88
5.	9.850	Chris McKee	Oklahoma, 3/11/89
	9.850	Chris McKee	Northern Illinois, 2/19/88
	9.850	Chris McKee	UC-Santa Barbara Invite, 2/12/88

### POMMEL HORSE

1.	9.950	Jeremiah Landry	Big Ten Championships, 3/25/95
2.	9.900	Jeremiah Landry	Big Ten Championships, 3/24/95
	9.900	Dominick Minicucci	at Michigan, 1/23/88
4.	9.875	Jeremiah Landry	NCAA Regionals, 4/8/95
5.	9.850	Jeremiah Landry	at Stanford, 3/11/95
	9.850	Ricardo Cheriell	at Illinois-Chicago, 3/7/92
	9.850	Dominick Minicucci	Quad Meet, 3/5/88
	9.850	Dave Stoldt	Big Ten Championships, 3/7/80

### STILL RINGS

1.	9.90	Brian Kobylinski	at Minnesota, 2/18/95
	9.90	Brian Kobylinski	at Michigan, 2/4/95
	9.90	Brian Kobylinski	at Michigan, 3/12/94
	9.90	Brian Kobylinski	at New Mexico, 3/6/94
	9.90	Brian Kobylinski	at Illinois-Chicago, 3/4/94
	9.90	David Romero	Big Ten Championships, 3/24/89

### VAULT

1.	9.900	Linh Hoang	at Ohio State, 2/5/2000
2.	9.850	Travis Romagnoli	NCAA East Regionals, 4/4/98
3.	9.800	Travis Romagnoli	Big Ten Championships, 3/20/98
	9.800	Travis Romagnoli	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite, 3/7/98
	9.800	Travis Romagnoli	Illinois-Chicago, 2/28/98
	9.800	Travis Romagnoli	Michigan/Penn State, 1/31/98
	9.800	Travis Romagnoli	Iowa, 2/22/97
	9.800	Charles Lakes	Nebraska Invitational, 11/3/84

### PARALLEL BARS

1.	9.90	Greg Cook	Michigan State, 1/29/2000
2.	9.85	Travis Romagnoli	Michigan State, 2/21/98
3.	9.80	Leo Oka	NCAA East Regionals, 4/10/99
	9.80	Travis Romagnoli	at California, 3/6/99
	9.80	Travis Romagnoli	at Illinois-Chicago, 2/14/99
	9.80	Travis Romagnoli	Michigan/Penn State, 1/31/98
	9.80	Dominick Minicucci	Big Ten Championships, 3/25/88
	9.80	Travis Romagnoli	Ohio State, 1/24/98
	9.80	Charles Lakes	Illinois Open, 3/10/85

### HIGH BAR

1.	10.00	Charles Lakes	UCLA Invitational, 2/22/85
	10.00	Charles Lakes	Wisconsin, 2/2/85
3.	9.95	David Zeddies	Iowa, 2/26/88
4.	9.90	Travis Romagnoli	Windy City Invitational, 1/15/2000
	9.90	Travis Romagnoli	Ohio State, 3/16/99
	9.90	Travis Romagnoli	at Illinois-Chicago, 2/14/99
	9.90	Travis Romagnoli	Michigan State, 2/21/98
	9.90	Travis Romagnoli	NCAA East Regionals, 4/4/98
	9.90	Travis Romagnoli	Illinois-Chicago, 2/1/97
	9.90	Greg McGlaun	at Michigan, 2/4/95
	9.90	Greg McGlaun	at Michigan, 3/12/94
	9.90	David Zeddies	Southern Illinois, 3/12/88
	9.90	Charles Lakes	at Southern Illinois, 2/17/85
	9.90	Charles Lakes	Northern Illinois, 2/7/85
	9.90	Charles Lakes	at Indiana State, 1/31/85
	9.90	Charles Lakes	Midwest Open, 11/24/84

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### TEAM TOTAL

1.	230.000	vs. Ohio State	3/6/99
2.	229.175	vs. Michigan State	2/21/98
3.	228.925	vs. Ohio State	3/8/97
4.	228.425	at NCAA Championships Qualifying	4/16/98
5.	228.075	at Big Ten Championships	3/17/00

### FLOOR EXERCISE

1.	38.775	vs. Ohio State	3/8/97
2.	38.750	vs. Iowa	2/22/97
3.	38.675	at Windy City Invite	1/15/00
4.	38.625	at Big Ten Championships	3/25/95
5.	38.500	vs. Ohio State	3/6/95

### POMMEL HORSE

1.	38.675	at NCAA East Regional	4/10/99
2.	38.400	at NCAA Championships Qualifying	3/30/00
3.	38.200	at Big Ten Championships	3/25/95
	38.200	at Michigan State	1/25/97
	38.200	Michigan	2/26/00

### STILL RINGS

1.	39.000	at Minnesota	2/18/95
2.	38.850	at Michigan, Ohio State	2/4/95
3.	38.750	at Big Ten Championships	3/25/95
4.	38.725	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite	3/7/98
5.	38.575	Michigan	2/26/00

### VAULT

1.	38.700	Illinois-Chicago	2/28/98
2.	38.675	at NCAA East Regional	4/4/98
3.	38.625	at Big Ten Championships	3/20/98
4.	38.600	at California	3/12/99
5.	38.475	at NCAA Championship Finals	4/17/98

### PARALLEL BARS

1.	38.550	at Illinois-Chicago	2/14/99
2.	38.500	Michigan State	2/21/98
3.	38.475	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite	3/11/00
	38.475	at Big Ten Championships	3/17/00
5.	38.450	Ohio State	3/6/99

### HIGH BAR

1.	39.100	Illinois-Chicago	2/1/97
2.	38.800	at Michigan, Ohio State	2/4/95
3.	38.725	at NCAA Championship Finals	4/17/98
4.	38.650	at Windy City Invitational	1/18/97
	38.650	at UC-Santa Barbara Invite	3/1/97
	38.650	at NCAA Championships Qualifying	4/16/98

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### ALL-AROUND

1.	<b>55.950</b>	<b>Wes Haagensen</b> ..... at Minnesota, 1/22/05
2.	55.850	Justin Spring ..... vs. Illinois-Chicago, 3/12/05
3.	55.600	Justin Spring ..... at NCAA Team Final, 4/7/06
	<b>55.600</b>	<b>Wes Haagensen</b> ..... at Temple, 2/26/05
	55.600	Justin Spring ..... at Big Ten Championships, 3/19/04
	55.600	Justin Spring ..... at NCAA Team Finals, 4/7/06

### FLOOR EXERCISE

1.	9.800	Justin Spring ..... vs. Temple, 2/27/04
2.	9.750	Justin Spring ..... at NCAA Team Finals, 4/7/06
	9.750	Justin Spring ..... at Iowa, 2/21/04
	9.750	Justin Spring ..... at Ohio State, 1/31/04
5.	<b>9.700</b>	<b>Chad Wiest</b> ..... at NCAA Qualifiers 4/12/07

### POMMEL HORSE

1.	9.800	Ben Newman ..... at Big Ten Event Finals, 3/20/04
	9.800	Ben Newman ..... vs. Illinois-Chicago, 2/14/04
	9.800	Ben Newman ..... vs. Minnesota, 1/25/04
	9.800	Ben Newman ..... at Windy City Invite, 1/10/04
5.	9.775	Ben Newman ..... at Big Ten Championships, 3/25/05
	9.775	Ben Newman ..... at Windy City Invite, 1/8/05
	9.775	Bob Rogers ..... at NCAA Event Finals, 4/4/04
	9.775	Ben Newman ..... at NCAA Team Finals, 4/3/04

### STILL RINGS

1.	<b>9.850</b>	<b>Wes Haagensen</b> ..... at Big Ten Championships, 3/25/05
	<b>9.850</b>	<b>Tyler Yamauchi</b> ..... vs. Iowa, 3/5/05
3.	<b>9.800</b>	<b>Tyler Yamauchi</b> ..... at Pacific Coast Invite, 2/19/05
4.	9.725	Ben Newman ..... at NCAA Qualifying Round, 4/7/05
	<b>9.725</b>	<b>Tyler Yamauchi</b> ..... at Minnesota, 1/22/05
	<b>9.725</b>	<b>Tyler Yamauchi</b> ..... at Windy City Invite, 1/29/05

### VAULT

1.	9.650	Adam Pummer ..... vs. Iowa, 3/5/05
	9.650	Adam Pummer ..... at Temple, 2/26/05
	9.650	Adam Pummer ..... NCAA Team Finals, 4/3/04
	9.650	Justin Spring ..... at Ohio State, 1/31/04
5.	9.637	Adam Pummer ..... NCAA Event Finals, 4/4/04

### PARALLEL BARS

1.	9.825	Justin Spring ..... at NCAA Event Finals 4/8/06
2.	9.800	Justin Spring ..... vs. Temple, 2/11/06
3.	9.775	Adam Pummer ..... at NCAA Team Finals, 4/8/05
	9.775	Adam Pummer ..... vs. Ohio State, 1/29/05
5.	9.750	Justin Spring ..... at NCAA Team Finals, 4/8/05
	9.750	Justin Spring ..... vs. Illinois-Chicago, 3/12/05

### HIGH BAR

1.	9.900	Justin Spring ..... at NCAA Team Finals, 4/8/05
2.	9.800	Justin Spring ..... vs. Temple, 2/27/04
	9.800	Justin Spring ..... vs. Illinois-Chicago, 2/14/04
4.	9.775	Justin Spring ..... NCAA Event Finals, 4/4/04
5.	9.750	Adam Pummer ..... vs. Army, 3/11/06
	9.750	Adam Pummer ..... at NCAA Team Finals, 4/8/05
	9.750	Justin Spring ..... vs. Iowa, 3/5/05
	9.750	Justin Spring ..... at Ohio State, 1/31/04

• **Bold** names indicate current Illini

## TEAM RECORDS

### TEAM TOTAL

1.	225.250	at NCAA Qualifying Round ..... 4/7/05
2.	224.125	at Big Ten Championships ..... 3/25/05
3.	223.400	vs. Ohio State ..... 1/29/05
4.	222.225	NCAA Team Finals ..... 4/3/04
5.	221.975	Big Ten Championships ..... 3/19/04
6.	221.975	at Oklahoma ..... 3/6/04
7.	221.825	vs. Penn State ..... 2/12/05
8.	221.575	vs. Illinois-Chicago ..... 2/14/04
9.	221.550	vs. Temple ..... 2/27/04
10.	220.975	at NCAA Team Finals ..... 4/7/06

### FLOOR EXERCISE

1.	<b>38.450</b>	<b>at NCAA Finals</b> ..... <b>4/13/07</b>
2.	<b>37.950</b>	<b>at NCAA Qualifiers</b> ..... <b>4/12/07</b>
3.	<b>37.850</b>	<b>at Big Ten Championships</b> ..... <b>3/30/07</b>
4.	37.475	Big Ten Championships ..... 3/19/04
5.	37.425	at NCAA Qualifying Round ..... 4/2/04

### POMMEL HORSE

1.	38.450	NCAA Team Finals ..... 4/3/04
2.	38.400	Big Ten Championships ..... 3/19/04
3.	38.250	at NCAA Qualifying ..... 4/7/05
4.	38.150	vs. Illinois-Chicago ..... 2/14/04
5.	37.900	vs. Minnesota ..... 1/25/04

### STILL RINGS

1.	38.600	at Big Ten Championships ..... 3/25/05
2.	38.300	vs. Iowa ..... 3/5/05
3.	38.200	vs. Illinois-Chicago ..... 3/12/05
4.	37.950	at NCAA Qualifying Round ..... 4/7/05
5.	<b>37.750</b>	<b>at NCAA Qualifiers</b> ..... <b>4/12/07</b>

### VAULT

1.	37.650	NCAA Team Finals ..... 4/3/04
2.	37.450	at Big Ten Championships ..... 3/24/06
3.	37.400	at NCAA Team Finals ..... 4/8/05
4.	37.350	vs. Iowa ..... 3/5/05
	37.350	Big Ten Championships ..... 3/19/04

### PARALLEL BARS

1.	37.975	at NCAA Team Finals ..... 4/7/06
2.	37.900	at Windy City Invite ..... 1/8/05
3.	37.600	at Oklahoma ..... 3/6/04
4.	37.350	vs. Iowa ..... 3/5/05
5.	37.300	at NCAA Team Finals ..... 4/8/05

### HIGH BAR

1.	38.350	vs. Temple ..... 2/27/04
2.	38.250	at NCAA Team Finals ..... 4/8/05
3.	38.200	vs. Army ..... 3/11/06
4.	38.050	at NCAA Team Qualifier ..... 4/6/06
5.	38.000	vs. Illinois-Chicago ..... 2/14/04

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