

UIC BASEBALL

2008 GAME INFORMATION

SCHEDULE & RESULTS

2/22	at Tulane	L, 6-0
2/23	at Tulane	L, 4-3
2/24	at Tulane	L, 9-2
2/29	vs. Stephen F. Austin!	W, 9-3
3/1	at Baylor!	L, 5-4
3/2	vs. Illinois!	W, 7-4 (6 inn.)
3/6	at Vanderbilt	W, 2-1
3/7	at Vanderbilt	L, 5-4
3/9	at Vanderbilt	L, 9-3
3/13	NORTHWESTERN	W, 9-8 (10 inn)
3/14	NORTHWESTERN (Game 1)	L, 6-3
3/14	NORTHWESTERN (Game 2)	W, 5-3
3/19	PURDUE NORTH CENTRAL (Game 1)	W, 9-7
3/19	PURDUE NORTH CENTRAL (Game 2)	W, 6-3
3/22	MILWAUKEE##	W, 9-8
3/23	MILWAUKEE (Game 1)#	W, 2-1
3/23	MILWAUKEE (Game 2)#	W, 5-4
3/25	ST. FRANCIS	W, 12-8
3/26	ILLINOIS TECH	W, 14-1
3/29	at Wright State (Game 1)#	L, 12-5
3/29	at Wright State (Game 2)#	W, 3-2
3/30	at Wright State##	W, 6-2
4/1	CHICAGO STATE	W, 6-1
4/2	at Bradley	L, 5-1
4/4	BUTLER#	W, 2-1
4/5	BUTLER (Game 1)#	W, 11-6
4/5	BUTLER (Game 2)#	W, 7-6 (13 inn)
4/8	at Central Michigan	L, 8-7 (10 inn)
4/9	ROCKFORD	7:05 p.m.
4/11	at Youngstown State##	6 p.m.
4/12	at Youngstown State (Game 1)#	12 p.m.
4/12	at Youngstown State (Game 2)	3 p.m.
4/15	at Illinois State	6 p.m.
4/18	at Valparaiso (Game 1)#	12 p.m.
4/18	at Valparaiso (Game 2)#	3 p.m.
4/20	WRIGHT STATE (Game 1)#	12:05 p.m.
4/20	WRIGHT STATE (Game 2)#	3:05 p.m.
4/22	at Northern Illinois+	6 p.m.
4/23	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	6:05 p. m.
4/25	TRINITY INTERNATIONAL	7:05 p.m.
4/26	TRINITY INTERNATIONAL (Game 1)	1:05 p.m.
4/26	TRINITY INTERNATIONAL (Game 2)	4:05 p.m.
4/30	CHICAGO STATE	7:05 p.m.
5/2	at Cleveland State##	5 p.m.
5/3	at Cleveland State (Game 1)#	11 a.m.
5/3	at Cleveland State (Game 2)#	2 p.m.
5/9	at Milwaukee (Game 1)#	2 p.m.
5/9	at Milwaukee (Game 2)#	5 p.m.
5/20	CLEVELAND ST. (Game 1)#	12:05 p.m.
5/20	CLEVELAND ST. (Game 2)#	3:05 p.m.
5/14	at Purdue	3 p.m.
5/16	VALPARAISO#	6:05 p.m.
5/17	VALPARAISO (Game 1)#	1:05 p.m.
5/17	VALPARAISO (Game 2)#	4:05 p.m.
5/20-5/24	Horizon League Tournament&	

* - QTI Baylor Classic (Waco, Texas); # - Horizon League game

+ - at Elfstrom Stadium (Geneva, Ill.);

Home games in **BOLD CAPS**; Home games played at Les Miller Field

& - Horizon League Championship at Niles, Ohio (hosted by Youngstown State)

UIC FLAMES (18-10, 8-1)

MID-WEEK NOTES: APRIL 9

GAME 29: ROCKFORD COLLEGE AT UIC [WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 - 7:05 PM]

TBA VS. TBA

RADIO: Live Audio on uicflames.com (Mike Cassidy - Play-By-Play)

UIC TAKES ON ROCKFORD COLLEGE IN SOLE HOME GAME THIS WEEK

Flames meet Regents before heading to Youngstown for three-game set against Penguins.

SETTING THE TABLE:

UIC hosts Rockford College at Les Miller Field on Wednesday night...The Flames have won 12 in a row at home... UIC's last two games have gone into extra innings, with the Flames winning a 7-6 13-inning affair over Butler on April 5 at Les Miller Field and falling on the road in the bottom of the 10th at Central Michigan, 8-7, on Tuesday... UIC is averaging 8.3 runs per game in the last three contests...Wednesday's game is the Flames' last home game before a stretch of six consecutive contests on the road.

FLAMES FALL IN EXTRAS AT CENTRAL MICHIGAN:

On Tuesday the Flames twice rallied from two-run deficits, eventually taking a two-run lead in the ninth after true freshman 3B **Jason Ganek (Mt. Prospect, Ill./Hersey H.S.)** hit a three-run homer, but Central Michigan tied the game in its half of the ninth on a two-run homer and won with a run in the 10th to take an 8-7 decision over UIC at Theunissen Stadium. True freshman shortstop **Rafael Garcia (Chicago, Ill./Clemente H.S.)** went 3-for-4 at the dish.

UIC SWEEPS BUTLER:

The Flames added to their Horizon League lead over the weekend with a three-game series sweep over visiting Butler at Les Miller Field. On Friday junior RHP **Derrick Miramontes (Durham, Calif./Durham H.S./Butte College)** went the distance for the second consecutive start, and a fly ball to right hit by **Jason Ganek** was dropped by the Butler rightfielder to allow the tying and winning runs to score in the bottom of the ninth as UIC walked off with a 2-1 comeback win. After a convincing 11-6 victory on Saturday in which junior RHP **Mike Kool (Davenport, Iowa/Central H.S./Black Hawk College)** recovered from a tough start to go eight innings, UIC clinched the series sweep in the nightcap of Saturday's twinbill when Ganek hit the game-winning RBI single in the bottom of the 13th for the 7-6 Flames' win.

GARCIA GETTING HOT:

No UIC hitter has been hotter at the plate in the last five games than rookie shortstop **Rafael Garcia**. In that stretch Garcia is hitting .500 (9-for-18) with a pair of doubles, four walks, five runs scored and an on-base percentage of .609.

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UIC BASEBALL QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location.....Chicago, Ill.
 Founded.....1896
 Enrollment.....24,541
 President.....B. Joseph White
 Interim Chancellor.....Eric Gislason
 Director of Athletics.....James W. Schmidt
 Conference.....Horizon League
 Nickname.....Flames
 Colors.....Navy Blue & Fire Engine Red

LAST SEASON

2007 Overall Record.....35-21
 Home.....20-4
 Away.....14-15
 Neutral.....1-2
 2007 League Record.....21-6
 2007 League Finish.....1st
 Starting Position Players Returning.....2
 Starting Pitchers Returning.....0
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....5/13
 Newcomers.....11

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Mike Dee
 Alma Mater/Year.....UW-La Crosse/'79
 Record at UIC/Years.....322-211-1/10
 Career Record/Years.....Same
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LES MILLER FIELD

Home Field.....Les Miller Field
 Capacity.....1,100
 Press Box Phone.....(312) 355-1190
 Field Dimensions.....Left - 325
Center - 395
Right - 325
Gaps - 375
 Turf.....FieldTurf (new for 2008)

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UPCOMING HOME GAME RADIO SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 9 - vs. Rockford
 Sunday, April 20 - vs. Wright State (Game 2 Only)

UIC PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP (BY POSITION)

POS.	NO.	NAME	YR.	HOMETOWN	AVG	HR	RBI
C	27	Kevin Coddington	Jr.	West Linn, Oregon	.294	0	9
1B	22	Brett Schaefer	Jr.	Orland Park, Illinois	.344	4	21
2B	3	Andy Leonard	RS Fr.	Palos Heights, Illinois	.295	2	11
3B	9	Jason Ganek	Fr.	Mount Prospect, Illinois	.233	2	22
SS	14	Rafael Garcia	Fr.	Chicago, Illinois	.293	0	7
LF	13	Jake Carr	Jr.	Frankfort, Illinois	.313	1	8
CF	5	Steve McGuiggan	Fr.	Burnsville, Minnesota	.381	3	20
RF	11	Ty Rubio	So.	Palatine, Illinois	.318	0	15
DH	7	Tony Altavilla	Jr.	Lakeville, Minnesota	.318	0	11

SPEAKING OF THE LAST FIVE GAMES:

Two other UIC hitters have had fine five-game stretches of late. Junior 1B **Brett Schaefer (Orland Park, Ill./Brother Rice)** is hitting .400 (6-for-15) while also taking six walks and slugging .800. Rookie **Jason Ganek** has driven in eight runs in UIC's last five outings.

DERRICK LIKES TO GO THE DISTANCE:

Junior RHP **Derrick Miramontes (Durham, Calif./Durham H.S./Butte College)** tossed the first complete game of his Division I career last Saturday against Wright State, allowing just two runs and holding the Raiders scoreless in the game's final six innings. How did he follow that start? With another complete game against Butler on Friday, keeping the Bulldogs off of the scoreboard until the ninth. He lowered his Horizon League-leading ERA to 1.69.

GANEK KEEPS HIS FOOT ON THE CLUTCH:

Freshman 3B **Jason Ganek** has proven to be the man UIC wants at the dish when the game is on the line. It's been Ganek's late-inning at-bats that have helped UIC earn walk-off wins in two of the last four games. Against Butler on April 4, Ganek hit the fly ball to right in the ninth that was misplayed in the outfield and allowed the tying and winning runs to score. The next day he hit the game-winning RBI single in the 13th against the Bulldogs. His most recent display of heroics came yesterday at Central Michigan, when his three-run homer in the ninth turned a 5-4 deficit into a 7-5 UIC lead. He also hit a game-tying home run in the ninth against Northwestern back on March 13.

ONE-RUN FUN:

The Flames have played in plenty of close games during their first 28 outings. UIC is 8-4 in 12 games decided by a single run, with three of its last four games decided by the slimmest of margins. In contests decided by two runs or less, UIC is 10-4, while the Flames are 12-5 in games with a final margin of three runs or less.

HOME SWEET HOME:

UIC has thrived at the friendly confines of Les Miller Field, winning 13 of 14 games and 12 in a row heading into tonight's game against Rockford. As a team UIC is hitting .334 (158-for-473) at home, while UIC's team earned run average is 3.85 on the Les Miller Field mound. UIC has outscored foes 100-63 in home games, while the basepaths at "The Mill" have become worn out by Flames feet; 34 of UIC's 47 stolen bases have come there.

STEVE A STANDOUT:

True freshman CF **Steve McGuiggan (Burnsville, Minn./Apple Valley H.S.)** continues to swing a hot bat. In the last 10 games McGuiggan is hitting .419 (18-for-43) with seven RBI and five stolen bases in six attempts. McGuiggan is the only UIC player to have started all 28 games at the same position this year.

ONE OF THE BEST STARTS IN RECENT MEMORY:

UIC's 18-10 record is the best mark for a Flames squad through 28 games since the 2004 team went 19-9.

LEONARD HAS SOME POP IN HIS BAT:

5-foot-10, 165-pound redshirt freshman 2B **Andy Leonard (Palos Heights, Ill./Stagg H.S.)** has flashed some power during his rookie campaign. Leonard has two homers and eight doubles in the first 28 games of his college career, slugging at a clip of .441.

HERE'S THE STEAL:

UIC already has 47 stolen bases this season, just seven shy of matching last year's total of 54.

FLAMES ON THE NATIONAL CHARTS:

In the most recent national ranking summary released by the NCAA this past Monday (April 6), the Flames were featured among the best in a variety of categories. **Derrick Miramontes** is ranked 21st in earned run average at 1.69, while **Jason Ganek** is No. 11 in the nation in total sacrifice bunts (eight). As a team UIC's pitching staff ranks 33rd nationally in walks allowed per nine innings (3.07), while offensively the Flames are 12th in the country in laying down sacrifice bunts (34).

WHAT'S ON TAP:

UIC heads to Niles, Ohio to face Youngstown State in a three-game set at Eastwood Field this weekend. The Flames swept the Penguins in the six-game regular season series last year, including all three in Ohio.

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Overall Statistics for UIC (as of Apr 08, 2008)

(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 18-10 Home: 13-1 Away: 3-9 Neutral: 2-0 Horizon: 8-1

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
5 MCGUIGGAN, Steve.	.381	28-28	113	20	43	5	3	3	20	63	.558	5	6	12	2	.429	2	2	9-13	89	1	0	1.000
22 SCHAEFER, Brett..	.344	27-27	96	24	33	5	1	4	21	52	.542	13	7	9	2	.449	2	0	3-3	201	14	2	.991
11 RUBIO, Ty.....	.318	28-24	88	16	28	5	0	0	15	33	.375	10	7	13	0	.429	0	7	7-12	44	7	5	.911
7 ALTAVILLA, Tony..	.318	27-24	85	16	27	5	1	0	11	34	.400	10	4	20	0	.406	2	2	11-16	60	8	1	.986
13 CARR, Jake.....	.313	22-21	80	16	25	5	2	1	8	37	.463	3	3	8	4	.352	2	3	4-6	39	4	3	.935
3 LEONARD, Andy....	.304	28-27	102	13	31	8	0	2	11	45	.441	8	0	6	4	.351	1	3	6-7	51	88	6	.959
27 CODDINGTON, Kevin	.294	28-28	102	12	30	7	1	0	9	39	.382	12	3	8	1	.385	0	3	1-2	145	18	3	.982
14 GARCIA, Rafael...	.293	25-23	82	13	24	4	0	0	7	28	.341	10	3	13	0	.389	0	2	1-3	44	72	9	.928
9 GANEK, Jason.....	.276	27-25	87	9	24	5	0	2	22	35	.402	3	1	22	0	.301	2	8	2-5	19	57	9	.894

32 RUTTA, Chris.....	.250	14-10	36	6	9	2	0	0	4	11	.306	3	5	6	1	.386	0	2	2-2	23	1	0	1.000
51 SCHWEIKERT, Ryan.	.200	6-4	10	2	2	0	0	1	1	5	.500	1	0	2	0	.273	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
6 HARWELL, Brandon.	.182	7-3	11	2	2	0	0	1	3	5	.455	1	1	3	0	.308	0	1	0-0	1	8	0	1.000
2 MELECIO, Devin...	.154	18-4	13	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	.154	6	0	5	0	.421	0	1	1-1	7	0	1	.875
50 MEEHAN, Ryan.....	.091	4-2	11	1	1	0	1	0	2	3	.273	0	0	4	1	.091	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
25 ROSINSKI, John...	.000	8-2	10	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	1	1	2	.231	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
Totals.....	.303	28-28	926	156	281	51	9	14	136	392	.423	87	41	132	17	.384	11	34	47-70	741	329	45	.960
Opponents.....	.280	28-28	964	138	270	44	4	16	131	370	.384	83	27	152	21	.351	9	20	22-31	726	374	42	.963

LOB - Team (217), Opp (224). DPs turned - Team (28), Opp (27). IBB - Team (2), SCHAEFER 1, GARCIA 1, Opp (5). Picked off - MCGUIGGAN 2, LEONARD 2, MELECIO 2, RUTTA 1, GANEK 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
31 WRIGHT, Zack.....	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	10	.100	0	2	0	0	0
20 MIRAMONTES, Derri	1.69	4-0	10	7	2	0/0	0	53.1	43	11	10	10	25	4	1	1	192	.224	0	7	0	0	4
33 WYMAN, Eric.....	1.69	1-0	5	1	0	0/0	0	10.2	8	4	2	8	12	2	0	1	39	.205	1	0	0	0	2
21 WORTHINGTON, Adam	3.06	1-1	13	0	0	0/0	3	17.2	14	6	6	4	15	1	0	0	64	.219	1	0	0	1	1
49 IFFT, Peter.....	4.05	1-0	5	2	0	0/0	0	13.1	7	6	6	7	9	0	0	1	44	.159	0	1	0	1	0
17 KOOL, Mike.....	4.46	3-2	9	7	0	0/0	0	40.1	48	24	20	12	15	15	0	3	159	.302	4	4	0	3	1
24 PHILLIS, Don.....	4.94	3-1	15	0	0	0/0	2	27.1	29	15	15	10	23	5	0	2	106	.274	1	3	2	2	2
29 KOHLSTAEDT, Grant	4.98	3-2	8	7	1	0/0	0	43.1	56	33	24	14	30	4	0	4	180	.311	4	4	0	0	6
18 KOVACEVICH, Chris	6.17	0-3	12	3	0	0/0	0	23.1	37	22	16	5	10	8	1	3	102	.363	2	5	1	1	3
37 RIEGLER, Brad....	7.56	2-0	7	1	0	0/0	0	8.1	14	7	7	7	6	4	0	0	36	.389	0	1	0	1	1
38 BJERKE, Mike.....	12.79	0-1	5	0	0	0/0	0	6.1	13	10	9	3	5	1	2	1	32	.406	1	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	4.19	18-10	28	28	3	0/0	5	247.0	270	138	115	83	152	44	4	16	964	.280	14	27	3	9	20
Opponents.....	4.57	10-18	28	28	2	1/1	3	242.0	281	156	123	87	132	51	9	14	926	.303	21	41	6	11	34

PB - Team (0), Opp (4). Pickoffs - Team (4), SCHAEFER 1, RIEGLER 1, IFFT 1, MIRAMONTES 1, Opp (8). SBA/ATT - CODDINGTON (22-29), MIRAMONTES (5-7), KOHLSTAEDT (5-7), KOVACEVICH (4-5), BJERKE (4-4), KOOL (1-3), RIEGLER (1-2), SCHAEFER (0-2), WYMAN (0-1), IFFT (1-1), PHILLIS (1-1).