

UIC FLAMES BASEBALL

2009 SEASON MEDIA INFORMATION

GAMES 1-4: UIC (0-0) vs. #4 TEXAS (0-0)

February 20-22 - UFCU Disch-Falk Field - Austin, Texas

SCHEDULE/RESULTS

2/20	at #4 Texas	3:00 p.m.
2/21	at #4 Texas (DH)	12:30 p.m.
2/22	at #4 Texas	12:30 p.m.
2/27	at Alabama	6:30 p.m.
2/28	at Alabama (DH)	1:00 p.m.
3/1	at Alabama	1:00 p.m.
3/5	at Vanderbilt	4:00 p.m.
3/6	at Vanderbilt	4:00 p.m.
3/7	at Vanderbilt	2:00 p.m.
3/8	at Vanderbilt	1:00 p.m.
3/12	NORTHWESTERN	4:05 p.m.
3/13	NORTHWESTERN	4:05 p.m.
3/14	NORTHWESTERN	1:05 p.m.
3/17	PURDUE	4:05 p.m.
3/18	PURDUE	4:05 p.m.
3/20	CLEVELAND ST.#	4:05 p.m.
3/21	CLEVELAND ST.# (DH)	12:05 p.m.
3/24	at Missouri	6:30 p.m.
3/25	at Missouri	4:00 p.m.
3/27	YOUNGSTOWN ST.#	4:05 p.m.
3/28	YOUNGSTOWN ST.#(DH)	12:05 p.m.
4/1	BRADLEY	6:05 p.m.
4/3	at Milwaukee#	1:00 p.m.
4/4	at Milwaukee# (DH)	12:00 p.m.
4/7	at Central Michigan	2:00 p.m.
4/10	at Butler#	2:00 p.m.
4/11	at Butler# (DH)	11:00 a.m.
4/15	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	5:05 p.m.
4/17	at Creighton	4:00 p.m.
4/18	at Creighton*	12:00 p.m.
4/19	at Creighton	1:00 p.m.
4/21	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	7:35 p.m.
4/24	at Wright State# (DH)	12:00 p.m.
4/25	VALPARAISO# (DH)	1:05 p.m.
4/28	at Notre Dame	5:05 p.m.
5/1	WRIGHT STATE#	6:05 p.m.
5/2	WRIGHT STATE#(DH)	12:05 p.m.
5/5	TRINITY INTERNATIONAL	7:35 p.m.
5/8	MILWAUKEE# (DH)	2:05 p.m.
5/10	at Cleveland St.# (DH)	12:00 p.m.
5/13	at Purdue	3:00 p.m.
5/15	at Valparaiso#	3:00 p.m.
5/16	at Valparaiso# (DH)	12:00 p.m.
5/19-24	at Horizon League Championship	

- Horizon League game
(DH) - Doubleheader
Home games in ALL CAPS
Home games played at Les Miller Field
(901 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago, IL 60608)

LEADING OFF:

UIC begins its 61st season of baseball this Friday, Feb. 20 against fourth-ranked Texas at the refurbished UFCU Disch-Falk Field in Austin, Texas...The Flames enter the 2009 season having won seven consecutive Horizon League regular season championships and two straight Horizon League tournament titles (giving the Flames four tourney crowns in the last six seasons)...UIC has advanced to NCAA Regional play four times since 2003 (2003, 2005, 2007, 2008)...The Flames return 23 members of last year's roster, including 17 letterwinners, eight starting position players and four pitchers who started at least four games last season... This weekend is the first meeting between UIC and Texas...Following the weekend UIC will have played its last seven games in the Lone Star State after rounding out last season at the NCAA College Station Regional... The Flames' season-opening series against the Longhorns begins a 12-game road stretch to start the 2009 campaign.

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PITCHING PROBABLES:

	UIC	Texas
Feb. 20	LHP Chris Kovacevich (2-4, 5.72)	RHP Chance Ruffin (8-3, 1.96)
Feb. 21 (Game 1)	RHP Brad Riegler (4-0, 6.10)	RHP Taylor Jungmann (N/A)
Feb. 21 (Game 2)	RHP Mike Kool (6-5, 4.07)	RHP Cole Green (3-7, 5.28)
Feb. 22	RHP Adam Worthington (2-4, 3.99)	RHP Brandon Workman (5-2, 5.06)

UIC HEAD COACH MIKE DEE:

Mike Dee begins his 11th season as head coach of the Flames. Dee is 339-223-1 all-time as the Flames' skipper and is an eight-time Horizon League Coach of the Year.

FLAMES PROJECTED TO THREE-PEAT:

UIC was pegged to successfully defend its Horizon League championship this season according to the annual Horizon League Preseason Coaches Poll and preseason surveys published by *Baseball America*, *Rivals.com*, *CollegeBaseballInsider.com*.

WATCH THESE TWO FLAMES FOR THE BROOKS WALLACE AWARD:

UIC's top returning hitters are candidates for one of the nation's most prestigious individual prizes, as senior 1B/DH Brett Schaefer (Orland Park, Ill./Brother Rice H.S.) and sophomore CF Steve McGuiggan (Burnsville, Minn./Appley Valley H.S.) were named to the 2009 Brooks Wallace National Player of the Year Award Watch List.

ABOUT THE LONGHORNS:

Texas is coming off a 39-22 campaign in 2008 in which the Longhorns advanced to the NCAA Houston Regional at Rice. Texas is ranked as high as fourth in the preseason by *Baseball America*, while the Longhorns are eighth in the NCBWA poll, ninth in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches Poll and 10th in the *Collegiate Baseball* Newspaper poll.



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