



# UIC WOMEN'S TENNIS

TEN-TIME HORIZON LEAGUE CHAMPIONS  
EIGHT NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES

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## SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Jan. 28	vs. Colorado St.	L, 7-0
Jan. 29	at Nebraska	L, 6-1
Feb. 1	at Marquette	W, 5-2
Feb. 4	at Illinois	L, 7-0
Feb. 8	at Western Mich.	L, 7-0
Feb. 19	at Detroit#	W, 5-2
Feb. 19	at Bowling Green	L, 6-1
Feb. 25	at UW-Milwaukee#	W, 7-0
Feb. 26	at UW-Green Bay#	W, 6-1
Mar. 3	at Iowa State	L, 6-1
Mar. 4	at Northern Iowa	W, 5-2
Mar. 10	at Wright State#	W, 6-1
Mar. 11	at Xavier	W, 4-3
Mar. 18	at Cal St. Fullerton	L, 6-1
Mar. 20	at Cal St. Northridge	L, 7-0
Mar. 21	at Long Beach St.	L, 7-0
Apr. 2	Youngstown State#	W, 6-1
Apr. 8	Louisville	L, 4-0
Apr. 9	Butler#	W, 7-0
Apr. 15	Cleveland State#	W, 7-0
Apr. 22	vs. UW-Milwaukee*	W, 5-0
Apr. 22	vs. Wright State*	W, 4-0
Apr. 23	vs. Butler*	W, 4-1
May 12	vs. Northwestern^	10 am

# - Horizon League match

\* - Horizon League Championship match

^ - NCAA Tournament

## UIC FLAMES (13-10, 10-0 Horizon) vs. No. 11 Northwestern (21-4, 13-0 Big Ten)

2006 NCAA Women's Tennis Championships

First Round

Friday, May 12

10:00 a.m. Central

Vandy Christie Tennis Center

Evanston, Ill.



### MEDIA ADVISORY:

John Jaramillo of the UIC Sports Information Office will be on site with the UIC women's tennis team on Friday and can be reached via cellular phone at (773) 820-1820.

**2006 UIC WOMEN'S TENNIS NCAA POSTSEASON NOTES**

## FLAMES NOTES:

### THE CLASS OF THE HORIZON LEAGUE:

For the tenth consecutive season, the UIC women's tennis team proved to be the dominant team in the Horizon League by wrapping up the league championship in a 4-1 win over Butler in the Horizon League finals on April 23. Since the 1997 season, the Flames have conquered the Horizon League (known as the Midwestern Collegiate Conference until 2001) ten straight years, earned the automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament for the past eight seasons, and posted an 81-0 dual match record against league foes during that span.

### QUICK POINTS ON UIC WOMEN'S TENNIS:

- 13-10 overall dual match record in 2006
- 10-0 dual match record against Horizon League opponents in 2006
- Last lost a match to a conference opponent in the 1996 MCC finals against UW-Green Bay
- Ten consecutive Horizon League titles is all-time best championship streak in league history
- 76-47 overall record in five seasons under Shannon Tully, highlighted by a 49-0 league record
- 38 all-conference selections, four conference Player of the Year honorees and four conference Newcomer of the Year selections since 1996
- Faced a Top 20 seed in the NCAA Tournament every year
- Friday marks the fourth time in eight years that UIC and Northwestern have met in the NCAA Tournament

### DANCING MACHINES:

2006 marks the eighth straight season that the Flames have earned a berth to the NCAA Tournament. Each year they have faced a Top 20 seed in the tournament, including this season at No. 11 Northwestern.

### THEIR KIND OF TOWN:

Chicago is a wondrous metropolis that has helped attract top-notch talent from all over the globe to UIC. Of UIC's seven players, only three were born in the United States and none come from Chicago.

#### *From Out-of-Towners To Chicago's Own: UIC Regulars and Hometowns*

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>HOMETOWN</b>
Grace Gill-Morlis	Lima, PERU
Melanie Humphrey	Harpenden, ENGLAND
Iris Jaklin	Fischbach, AUSTRIA
Christina Oum	St. Laurent, Quebec, CANADA
Callan Smith	Leawood, Kansas, USA
Molly Smith	Leawood, Kansas, USA
Corey Steven	Wichita, Kansas, USA

### NCAA HISTORY:

UIC is still in search of its first victory in the NCAA Tournament. Seeding has not been kind to the Flames, who have faced a Top 20 seed in the first round of the tournament every season.

#### *UIC Women's Tennis All-Time NCAA Tournament Results*

<b>Year</b>	<b>Opp. Seed</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Result</b>
1999	12	Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.	L, 9-0
2000	13	Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.	L, 5-0
2001	9	Northwestern	Evanston, Ill.	L, 4-0
2002	15	Northwestern	Evanston, Ill.	L, 4-0
2003	18	Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.	L, 4-0
2004	10	Northwestern	Evanston, Ill.	L, 4-0
2005	7	USC	Los Angeles, Calif.	L, 4-0

### KANSAS CONNECTION:

Shannon Tully's first two recruits have made a huge impact at UIC. Juniors **Molly Smith (Leawood, Kan./Notre Dame de Sion)** and **Corey Steven (Wichita, Kan./Kapaun Mt. Carmel)** have produced a combined 124 singles wins and 121 doubles victories in the past three seasons, garnering six All-Horizon League selections between the two. UIC's other Kansas native, **Callan Smith (Leawood, Kan./Pembroke Hill/Marquette)** earned All-League First Team accolades in her first season with the Flames in 2006.

## 2006 UIC WOMEN'S TENNIS NCAA POSTSEASON NOTES

# UIC HEAD COACH SHANNON TULLY

## Fifth Season

Finishing off her fifth season as head women's tennis coach of the University of Illinois at Chicago, Shannon Tully continues to cultivate a program engrained in excellence at UIC.

One of the brightest young head coaches in collegiate tennis today, Tully has already made a huge mark on a program that has set the bar high in the Horizon League. In just five years at the helm of the Flames, Tully has led the team to five consecutive Horizon League titles and five straight NCAA bids, the longest streaks under one coach during UIC's incredible championship run.

Tully has challenged the Flames with a rigorous non-conference schedule that included the likes of Western Michigan, Nebraska, and Long Beach State, three of this year's NCAA Tournament qualifiers, and other top teams on the road this past season.

Under Tully, UIC has posted an undefeated dual match record in Horizon League play, going 49-0 against conference foes in five seasons.

All in all, Tully has coached three Horizon League Player of the Year selections, three league Newcomer of the Year winners, and 19 All-Horizon League honorees, the most a league school has had during that span. Tully also coached the school's first-ever ranked player when Beatriz Cabrera broke through the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's weekly rankings at No. 104 on May 3, 2004. Cabrera finished the 2004 season as the tenth-ranked player in the Midwest Region.

The superb coaching exhibited by Tully has garnered her Horizon League Coach of the Year honors three times in the past four seasons, earning her second straight league Coach of the Year award in 2006.

Tully has helped the collegiate game in two profound leadership roles, serving on the ITA Midwest Regional Committee and on the NCAA Regional Committee.

A 1996 graduate of Wisconsin, Tully played four seasons for the Badgers from 1992-1995 and served as the team's captain for the 1994 and 1995 seasons. In 1993 Tully was honored as the Big Ten's Sportswoman of the Year and received Academic All-Big Ten recognition every season she played.

<b>Tully's Career Record</b>			
<b>Season</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Losses</b>	<b>League Finish</b>
2001-02	17	12	1st
2002-03	17	7	1st
2003-04	16	7	1st
2004-05	13	11	1st
2005-06	13	10	1st
<b>Totals</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>Five League Titles</b>

## 2006 UIC Women's Tennis Roster

<b>Name</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Hometown/High School/Last School</b>
Grace Gill-Morlis	So.	Lima, Peru/Villa Maria
Melanie Humphrey	Sr.	Harpenden, England/Millfield/Washington State
Iris Jaklin	Sr.	Fischbach, Austria/BORG-Birkfield/Texas Christian
Christina Oum	Jr.	St. Laurent, Quebec/Dawson College
Callan Smith	Jr.	Leawood, Kan./Pembroke Hill/Marquette
Molly Smith	Sr.	Leawood, Kan./Notre Dame de Sion
Corey Steven	Sr.	Wichita, Kan./Kapaun Mt. Carmel

Head Coach: Shannon Tully

Assistant Coach: Abby Smith

## 2006 UIC WOMEN'S TENNIS NCAA POSTSEASON NOTES

**Grace Gill-Morlis**  
**Sophomore**  
**Lima, Peru**

**2006 Highlights:** Stellar in sophomore season...posted 17-13 overall record...went 13-9 in dual match play...undefeated against Horizon League foes with a 7-0 regular season mark and a 2-0 ledger in the league tourney...went 13-7 in dual match doubles with Molly Smith...posted 4-1 doubles mark in the fall...went undefeated in league doubles with Smith, going 7-0 in regular season dual matches and winning two more with Smith in the conference tourney...downed Butler's Ashley Harrison, 6-0, 6-1, in the Horizon League Tournament finals...defeated Elizabeth Angel of UW-Milwaukee, 6-2, 6-3, in the first round of the Horizon League Tournament...rallied to defeat Nebraska's Milena Schultz-Gartner by a 3-6, 6-2, 10-7 score...won over Marquette's Andrea Bucacek in two sets, 6-2, 6-0...downed Kelly Davis of Detroit in a 6-0, 6-0 shutout...defeated Elizabeth Angel of UW-Milwaukee by a 6-4, 6-1 count...won 6-1, 6-1 over Kristin Leeder of UW-Green Bay...defeated Meredith Esbeck of Northern Iowa by a 6-2, 6-3 score...beat Xavier's Alicia Papa 6-0, 6-2...downed Wright State's Karina Presti by a 6-1, 6-3 decision...won 6-4, 6-3 over Nicole Haralambopoulos of Youngstown State...beat Butler's Carrie Rachon, 6-1, 6-0.

Career Record	Singles	Doubles
2004-05	14-10	14-11
2005-06	17-13	17-8
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31-23</b>	<b>31-19</b>

**Melanie Humphrey**  
**Senior**  
**Harpenden, England**

**2006:** Sat out the season to recover from shoulder surgery.

Career Record	Singles	Doubles
2002-03 (WSU)	5-8	9-3
2003-04	10-6	8-6
2004-05	16-18	19-16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31-33</b>	<b>36-26</b>

**Iris Jaklin**  
**Senior**  
**Fischbach, Austria**

**2006 Highlights:** Earned second consecutive All-Horizon League First Team honor...went 6-7 at No. 1 singles...was 6-3 against Horizon League singles foes...posted 6-14 dual match singles record...teamed with Christina Oum to go 14-5 in No. 2 doubles...undefeated in league doubles play, going 9-0 against conference duos...beat Tiffani Foster of Wright State, 6-3, 6-4, in the semifinals of the Horizon League Tournament...easily defeated UW-Milwaukee's Margie Van Lieshout at No. 1 singles, 6-3, 6-2...rallied from a first-set defeat to beat Heather Harding of UW-Green Bay, 1-6, 7-6(4), 6-3...picked up a 6-3, 6-2 No. 1 singles win over Youngstown State's Emily Thayer...beat Butler's Alaina Griffin in No. 1 singles action, winning 6-7(6), 6-0, 10-1...downed Sarah Galon of Cleveland State, 6-2, 6-3.

Career Record	Singles	Doubles
2002-03 (TCU)	6-13	2-2
2003-04	17-18	21-12
2004-05	15-21	19-20
2005-06	7-20	16-11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45-62</b>	<b>58-45</b>

**Christina Oum**  
**Junior**  
**St. Laurent, Quebec**

**2006 Highlights:** Strong junior season...went 10-10 in dual match singles...turned in 12-12 singles record overall...went 10-8 in No. 6 singles...undefeated in league singles with 8-0 record...went 14-5 with Iris Jaklin at No. 2 doubles...teamed with Jaklin to go undefeated in league doubles at 9-0...earned a 6-2, 6-1 win over Megan Laux of Wright State in the Horizon League Tournament semifinals...defeated Stephanie Hill of Detroit, 6-3, 6-1...picked up an easy 6-0, 6-0 win over UW-Milwaukee's Samantha Drews...earned a second consecutive shutout win with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over UW-Green Bay's Kari Petrashek...downed Cal State Fullerton's Chip Dunbar in two sets, 7-5, 6-3...teamed with Iris Jaklin at No. 2 doubles to earn a hard-fought 8-7 (12-10) win over the Cal State Fullerton duo of Dunbar and Shelly Inejikian...defeated Christa Ames of Wright State by a 6-2, 6-0 score...beat Irena Lanc of Youngstown State, 6-4, 6-1...defeated Butler's Chelsey Casperson, 6-2, 6-4.

Career Record	Singles	Doubles
2003-04	5-8	7-9
2004-05	16-18	18-17
2005-06	12-12	15-12
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21-26</b>	<b>25-26</b>

**Callan Smith  
Junior  
Leawood, Kan.**

**2006 Highlights:** All-Horizon League First Team selection after strong first season at UIC...went 11-11 in dual match singles...10-3 at No. 2 singles...played nine matches at No. 1 singles...went 3-4 in fall singles...teamed with Corey Steven to go 12-8 at No. 1 doubles...8-1 with Steven in league doubles action...clinched the Flames' Horizon League Championship with a 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 comeback win over Tayo Bailey at No. 2 singles in the conference finals...also won a No. 2 singles match over Shayna Illiningworth of UW-Milwaukee in the first round of the Horizon League Tournament...won in both doubles and singles play, including a No. 1 singles win over Lauren Little, against Marquette... teamed with Corey Steven to earn a No. 1 doubles win over Bowling Green's Ashley Jakupcin and Jenna Nussbaum, 8-6...scored a 6-1, 6-1 win over UW-Milwaukee's Traci Litscher at No. 2 singles...earned a 6-1, 6-1 win over UW-Green Bay's Jennifer Tan...defeated Carolina Hannes of Northern Iowa in a 6-1, 6-0 No. 2 singles match...defeated Wright State's Jessica Lee in a 2-6, 6-4, 6-3 win at No. 2 singles...teamed with Corey Steven to down then-No. 18 Long Beach State's No. 1 doubles tandem of Sandra Rocha and Katy Williams, 8-1...spurred UIC's 4-3 road win over Xavier with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Jackie Vilines at No. 2 singles...beat Youngstown State's Whitney Thomas by a 6-3, 6-1 score...downed Tayo Bailey of Butler, 6-7(8), 6-3, 10-6...blanked Cleveland State's Morgan Ungerott, 6-0, 6-0.

Career Record	Singles	Doubles
2003-04 (MU)	7-25	7-23
2004-05 (MU)	11-20	8-20
2005-06	14-15	14-16
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32-50</b>	<b>29-59</b>

**NCAA Tournament Lineup**

**DOUBLES**

1. Callan Smith/Corey Steven
2. Iris Jaklin/Christina Oum
3. Molly Smith/Grace Gill-Morlis

**SINGLES**

1. Iris Jaklin
2. Callan Smith
3. Corey Steven
4. Molly Smith
5. Grace Gill-Morlis
6. Christina Oum

**Molly Smith  
Senior  
Leawood, Kan.**

**2006 Highlights:** All-Horizon League Second Team selection for third time in four years...12-10 in dual match singles...12-8 in No. 4 singles...6-1 in regular season Horizon League play and 2-0 against foe during the league tournament...went 13-7 in doubles play with Grace Gill-Morlis...undefeated with Gill-Morlis in league doubles (9-0)...defeated Butler's Chelsey Casperson, 6-0, 6-1 in the finals of the Horizon League Tournament...helped UIC advance to the Horizon League Tournament finals with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Christa Ames of Wright State in the semifinals...defeated Marquette's Robin Metzler at No. 4 singles, 6-2, 6-3...won over Detroit's Ashley Cummins, 6-0, 6-2...defeated Lauren Fenley of UW-Milwaukee, 6-0, 6-2...defeated Iowa State's Elizabeth Chermel by a 7-5, 6-1 score...earned a 6-0, 6-2 win over Taynara Mores of Northern Iowa...beat Emily Tuchscherer of Xavier in a 6-0, 6-2 win...beat Laura Culbertson of Wright State 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-2)...earned a 6-4, 6-1 win over Michelle Fuleky of Youngstown State...won a 6-1, 6-3 match over Butler's Shaden Dowiat...blanked Cleveland State's Christine Vogelgesang, 6-0, 6-0.

Career Record	Singles	Doubles
2002-03	21-7	9-3
2003-04	14-4	8-11
2004-05	14-12	15-10
2005-06	12-10	13-7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>61-33</b>	<b>45-31</b>

**Corey Steven  
Senior  
Wichita, Kan.**

**2006 Highlights:** Went 7-1 against Horizon League opponents in singles play...compiled an 8-13 record in dual match singles...went 12-8 at No. 1 doubles with Callan Smith...teamed with Smith to go 8-1 against Horizon League duos...beat Traci Litscher of UW-Milwaukee by a 6-2, 6-1 count in the first round of the Horizon League Tournament...defeated Detroit's Amy Inman, 6-1, 6-0...teamed with Callan Smith to to down then-No. 18 Long Beach State's No. 1 doubles tandem of Sandra Rocha and Katy Williams, 8-1...blanked Shayna Illingworth of UW-Milwaukee, 6-0, 6-0...won over UW-Green Bay's Megan Gregory, 6-3, 6-1...downed Mariana Muraca of Northern Iowa in a 6-1, 6-0 match...beat Butler's Michelle Hawes in two sets, 6-0, 6-3.

Career Record	Singles	Doubles
2002-03	17-12	23-10
2003-04	17-12	20-10
2004-05	19-20	17-20
2005-06	11-18	13-15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>64-62</b>	<b>73-40</b>