

2008 UIC VOLLEYBALL NOTES

THIS WEEKEND IN UIC VOLLEYBALL

UIC (11-14, 4-8 HL) vs. Butler (18-7, 8-5 HL)

Friday, Nov. 7 * Chicago, Ill. * Flames Athletic Center * 7 p.m.

UIC (11-14, 4-8 HL) vs. Valparaiso (18-6, 9-4 HL)

Saturday, Nov. 8 * Chicago, Ill. * Flames Athletic Center * 4 p.m.

NATIONALLY-RANKED:

UIC enters its third week in the national rankings in digs. Since last week, the Flames have bumped up three spots into 42nd place from 45th. UIC averages 16.0 digs per set. The Flames totaled a season-best 98 digs versus Milwaukee on Oct. 8.

IN THE HOME STRETCH:

UIC plays its final five regular season matches at the Flames Athletic Center. The odds are in UIC's favor since the Flames are 5-2 at home this season. UIC is averaging over 3.4 kills, 2.4 assists, 0.5 service aces, 0.8 digs and 0.1 more blocks than its opponents at FAC in 2008.

LAST TIME OUT:

Butler - The Flames will be looking to even up the score against Butler on Friday after falling to the Bulldogs in three sets on Oct. 12 at Hinkle Fieldhouse. Katarina Nedeljkovic totaled a match-high 13 kills. Epiphany Davis recorded a team-best six block assists on the afternoon.

Valparaiso - On the other end of the token, the Flames are battling for a regular season sweep over Valpo on Saturday. UIC upset the Crusaders in five sets in Indiana on Oct. 11. Three players recorded double-doubles in the five-set win. Setter Dana Van Syckle totaled 22 assists and 11 digs, while Katerina Hanackova tallied 14 kills and 17 digs.

FOR THE RECORD:

Katarina Nedeljkovic tied for seventh place in career service aces (155) after notching her ninth ace of the season against Wright State on Nov. 1. The senior already took over fifth place in career kills (1,320) last week.

THE LAST SEVEN:

The Flames own a higher attack

STATISTICAL COMPARISON:

Team	Record	Conf.	K/S	Pct.	Opp Pct.	A/Set	SA/S	D/S	B/S
UIC	11-14	4-8	11.8	.179	.195	11.1	1.3	16.0	1.8
Butler	18-7	8-5	12.9	.209	.161	11.8	1.1	16.6	2.4
Valparaiso	19-6	9-4	15.2	.228	.180	14.1	1.0	16.7	1.5

2008 Double-Doubles

Jessica Dalke

32 assists, 11 digs vs. NDSU (9/5)
17 assists, 10 digs vs. Loyola (9/26)
35 assists, 10 digs vs. Milwaukee (10/8)
17 assists, 10 digs vs. W. Illinois (10/21)
26 assists, 12 digs vs. Wright State (11/1)

Katerina Hanackova

17 kills, 23 digs vs. DePaul (8/30)
13 kills, 12 digs vs. UTEP (9/5)
17 kills, 19 digs vs. Youngstown State (9/19)
10 kills, 13 digs vs. Central Michigan (9/23)
10 kills, 10 digs vs. Wright State (10/4)
14 kills, 20 digs vs. Milwaukee (10/8)
14 kills, 17 digs vs. Valparaiso (10/11)
19 kills, 11 digs vs. Cleveland State (10/17)
14 kills, 15 digs vs. W. Illinois (10/21)
12 kills, 16 digs vs. Wright State (11/1)

Katarina Nedeljkovic

14 kills, 14 digs vs. Youngstown State (9/19)
10 kills, 15 digs vs. Wright State (10/4)
18 kills, 23 digs vs. Milwaukee (10/8)

Casie Sullivan

13 kills, 12 digs vs. Illinois State (9/13)
12 kills, 10 digs vs. Youngstown State (9/19)
17 kills, 13 digs vs. Wright State (10/4)
11 kills, 19 digs vs. Valparaiso (10/11)
12 kills, 12 digs vs. Cleveland State (10/17)
12 kills, 10 digs vs. Youngstown State (10/18)
10 kills, 13 digs vs. W. Illinois (10/21)
14 kills, 17 digs vs. Wright State (11/1)

Dana Van Syckle

42 assists, 23 digs vs. DePaul (8/30)
32 assists, 13 digs vs. UTEP (9/5)
35 assists, 14 digs vs. Chicago State (9/8)
22 assists, 14 digs vs. Green Bay (9/30)
22 assists, 11 digs vs. Valparaiso (10/11)
35 assists, 14 digs vs. Wright State (10/4)
23 assists, 10 digs vs. W. Illinois (10/21)

percentage (.219) and block average (2.2) than their opponents in the last seven matches. UIC's defense has also forced its foes to commit 31 more errors. In those seven matches, Katerina Hanackova has averaged a team-high 3.4 kills per set. Katarina Nedeljkovic stepped up her defensive game with a team-best 3.8 digs per set. Epiphany Davis has been solid for the Flames at the net with 0.8 blocks per set.

LEADING THE WAY:

Katerina Hanackova ranks second in the league in service aces (0.4). The junior also ranks 10th in digs (3.1 dps). The junior has recorded double-doubles in three of the UIC's last six matches with a season-high 19 kills in a three-set sweep over Cleveland State on Oct. 17.

DIGGIN' FOR WINS:

Katarina Nedeljkovic has recorded 12 double-figure dig matches in 77 sets. Ranking second on the team with 3.0 per set, Nedeljkovic has led the Flames in digs on eight occasions this season. The senior has recorded double-digit dig contests in four of UIC's last five matches.

IN THE LEAGUE:

Lana Lobdell continues to be steady offensive presence for the Flames late in the season with a team-best .264 attack percentage. As UIC's most efficient hitter, the junior ranks ninth in the league. As a squad, the Flames rank third in service aces with 1.3 per set.

BLOCKIN' BUDDIES:

Epiphany Davis and Lana Lobdell have a combined 149 total blocks this season. Averaging a team-high 0.9 blocks per set, Davis ranks ninth in the league. Lobdell is not far behind with 0.8 blocks per set.

PROVING HER TALENT:

Casie Sullivan has really proved her talent this season after several years of injuries that never allowed her to get into a rhythm. The sophomore ranks 10th in the league with 2.7 kills per set. Sullivan has recorded double-doubles in eight matches this season, while notching a double-double in four of UIC's last five outings.

UP NEXT:

The Flames continue their homestand next with a non-league match against SIU-Edwardsville on Nov. 11. UIC then wraps up its final weekend of regular season play on Nov. 14 and 15 against Milwaukee and Green Bay. The program will celebrate Senior Day prior to the contest against the Phoenix on Saturday.

2008 UIC Volleyball Schedule

AUGUST

29	Chicago Challenge @ Loyola	
	UIC vs. Northwestern %	L, 3-0
30	DePaul %	W, 3-2

SEPTEMBER

5	@ Doublewood Inn Classic	
	vs. Texas-El Paso !	L, 3-1
	at. North Dakota St. !	W, 3-0
6	@ Doublewood Inn Classic	
	vs. Northern Colorado !	L, 3-0
9	Chicago State	W, 3-0
12	@ Chicago Classic	
	vs. Penn State #	L, 3-0
13	@ Chicago Classic	
	vs. Louisville #	L, 3-1
	vs. Illinois State #	L, 3-1
19	at Youngstown State *	W, 3-1
20	at Cleveland State *	L, 3-0
23	@ Central Michigan	W, 3-2
26	Loyola *	L, 3-2
30	at Green Bay *	L, 3-0

OCTOBER

4	Wright State *	L, 3-1
5	Quinnipiac	W, 3-0
8	at Milwaukee *	L, 3-2
11	at Valparaiso *	W, 3-2
12	at Butler *	L, 3-0
14	Bradley	W, 3-0
17	Cleveland State *	W, 3-1
18	Youngstown State *	W, 3-0
21	at Western Illinois	W, 3-1
25	at Loyola *	L, 3-0

NOVEMBER

1	at Wright State *	L, 3-1
7	Butler *	7 p.m.
8	Valparaiso *	4 p.m.
11	SIU Edwardsville	7 p.m.
14	Milwaukee*	7 p.m.
15	Green Bay *	4 p.m.
19-23	@ HL Tournament (CSU)	TBA

* Homes Games in Bold

* Denotes Horizon League Matches



2008 QUICK FACTS

GENERAL

Location: Chicago, Ill.
Enrollment: 24,541
Nickname: Flames
School Colors: Navy Blue and Fire Engine Red
Facility (Capacity): Flames Athletic Center (500)
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
President: B. Joseph White
Interim Chancellor: Dr. Eric Gislason
Director of Athletics: James W. Schmidt

UIC VOLLEYBALL HISTORY

First Year of Division I Volleyball: 1981
All-Time Record: 485-477 (.505)
NCAA Appearance: N/A

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Nancy Mueller
Alma Mater/Year: Tennessee/1993
Record at UIC/Years: 65-87/Fifth season
Career Record/Years: 171-144/Nine
Volleyball Phone: 312-996-2056
Assistant Coach: Katie Schumacher-Cawley
Alma Mater/Year: Penn State/2002
Assistant Coach: Sara Hughes
Alma Mater/Year: Valparaiso/2008

TEAM INFORMATION

2007 Overall Record: 15-16
Horizon League Record/Finish: 6-10/Sixth
Starters Returning/Lost: 6/1
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4

SPORTS INFORMATION

Volleyball Contact: Beth Usewicz
Office Phone: 312-996-5881
Email: bethu@uic.edu
Fax: 312-996-8349

HORIZON LEAGUE STANDINGS

School	HL	Overall
Milwaukee	9-3	16-8
Valparaiso	9-4	18-6
Wright State	9-5	13-14
Butler	8-5	18-7
Loyola	6-6	17-8
Cleveland State	5-8	6-17
UIC	4-8	11-14
Green Bay	4-8	8-14
Youngstown State	3-10	10-14

LEADING THE LEAGUE

Hitting %: (.306) Ruth Boscaljon - YSU
Assists: (11.2) Kim Bukowski -- Valpo
Blocks: (1.2) Ruth Boscaljon - YSU
Kills: (4.6) Angie Porche - Valpo
Service Aces: (0.4) Lauren Ditscheit - Loyola
Digs: (5.6) Megan Elfering - Green Bay

2008 UIC VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown	K/S	B/S	A/S	D/S	SA/S
2	Emily Schaffer *	DS	5-7	So.	Roswell, Ga.	0.04	0.02	0.13	2.17	0.11
3	Keri Hee	DS	5-9	Sr.	Honolulu, Hawaii	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.60	0.40
4	Dana Van Syckle	S	5-10	So.	Palos Heights, Ill.	0.11	0.08	6.13	2.29	0.28
5	Jessica Dalke *	S	5-9	So.	Millstadt, Ill.	0.16	0.02	4.89	2.05	0.25
7	Katarina Nedeljkovic *	OH/RS	5-10	Sr.	Kragujevac, Serbia	2.01	0.36	0.19	3.01	0.12
8	Taylor Szatkowski	DS	5-4	So.	Cary, Ill./Cary-Grove	0.00	0.00	0.15	2.86	0.20
9	Katerina Hanackova *	OH	5-9	Jr.	Zlín, Czech Republic	2.61	0.26	0.14	2.76	0.36
10	Casie Sullivan *	OH	5-11	So.	Kewanee, Ill.	2.71	0.36	0.13	2.51	0.14
11	Chelsea Sloan	MH/RS	6-0	RsFr.	Farmington Hills, Mich.	1.00	0.76	0.06	0.12	0.00
12	Lana Lobdell *	MH	6-1	Jr.	Lena, Ill.	2.00	0.78	0.22	0.34	0.09
16	Christin Hunt *	MH/RS	6-1	Sr.	Freeburg, Ill.	1.46	0.51	0.13	0.55	0.00
18	Kate Eldred	OH/RS	5-9	Fr.	Greenwood, Ind.	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00
24	Epiphany Davis	MH	6-1	So.	Chicago, Ill.	1.49	0.89	0.23	0.25	0.00
25	Janise Dismuke	MH	6-1	Fr.	Peoria, Ill.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Head Coach: Nancy Mueller; Assistant Coach: Katie Schumacher-Cawley, Sara Hughes; Volunteer Assistant Coach: Tim Walenga

* Starters in UIC's last match

PLAYER CAREER & SEASON-HIGHS

#2 EMILY SCHAFER

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS 1 - twice - last vs. Butler (10/12)	1 - twice - last vs. Butler (10/12)
ATTEMPTS 2 vs. Butler (10/12)	3 vs. Winthrop (9/10/7)
ATTACK % .500 vs. Butler (10/12)	N/A
DIGS 13 - twice - last vs. W. Illinois (10/21)	13 - twice - last vs. W. Illinois (10/21)
ASSISTS 2 - 4 times - last vs. Wright State (11/1)	2 - 3 times - last vs. Youngstown State (10/18)
ACES 1 - 3 times - last vs. W. Illinois (10/21)	2 vs. Towson (9/1/07)
TOTALS BKS 1 vs. Wright State (11/11)	N/A

KERI HEE

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS N/A	10 vs. Wright State (10/8/05)
ATTEMPTS 1 vs. Wright State (10/4)	60 vs. W. Illinois (11/16/07)
ATTACK % N/A	.467 vs. Youngstown State (9/29/06)
DIGS 6 vs. Wright State (10/4)	26 vs. Wright State (10/2/07)
ASSISTS N/A	3 vs. Green Bay (11/4/06)
ACES 2 vs. Wright State (10/4)	6 vs. Butler (11/17/06)
TOTAL BLKS N/A	4 vs. Green Bay (11/4/06)

#4 DANA VAN SYCKLE

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS 5 vs. Northwestern (8/29)	6 - twice - last vs. Green Bay (10/12/07)
ATTEMPTS 8 vs. Northwestern (8/29)	11 - twice - last versus Green Bay (10/12/07)
ATTACK % .125 vs. DePaul (8/30)	.545 vs. Green Bay (10/12/07)
DIGS 23 vs. DePaul (8/30)	23 vs. DePaul (8/30)
ASSISTS 42 vs. DePaul (8/30)	58 vs. Green Bay (10/12/07)
ACES 3 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	3 - 4 times - last vs. Chicago State (9/9)
TOTALS BKS 4 vs. DePaul (8/30)	6 vs. Valparaiso (9/21/07)

#5 JESSICA DALKE

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS 3 vs. Penn State (9/12)	3 vs. Penn State (9/12)
ATTEMPTS 6 vs. Penn State (9/12)	6 vs. Penn State (9/12)
ATTACK % .500 vs. Penn State (9/12)	.500 vs. Penn State (9/12)
DIGS 10 - 3 times - last vs. W. Illinois (10/21)	10 - 3 times - last vs. W. Illinois (10/21)
ASSISTS 36 - twice - last vs. Central Michigan (9/23)	36 - twice - last vs. Central Michigan (9/23)
ACES 3 - twice - last vs. Loyola (9/26)	3 - twice - last vs. Loyola (9/26)
TOTALS BKS N/A	N/A

#7 KATARINA NEDELJKOVIC

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS 18 - twice - last vs. Butler (10/12)	31 vs. Youngstown State (10/14/05)
ATTEMPTS 44 - twice - last vs. Butler (10/12)	73 vs. Bowling Green (9/2/05)
ATTACK % .385 vs. Quinnipiac (10/5)	.414 vs. Green Bay (9/24/05)
DIGS 23 vs. Milwaukee (10/8)	23 vs. Milwaukee (10/8)
ASSISTS 2 - 3 times - last vs. Wright State (11/1)	7 vs. Loyola (10/28/05)
ACES 1 - 5 times - last vs. Wright State (11/1)	8 vs. Youngstown State (9/24/04)
TOTALS BKS 3 - 3 times - last vs. Bradley (10/14)	4 - 3 times - last vs. YSU (10/14/05)

#8 TAYLOR SZATKOWSKI

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS N/A	1 - 4 times - last vs. Bradley (10/22/07)
ATTEMPTS 1 - 3 times - last vs. Cleveland St. (9/20)	3 - twice - last vs. North Dakota (9/7/07)
ATTACK % N/A	N/A
DIGS 16 - 3 times - last vs. Milwaukee (10/8)	21 vs. Butler (10/3/07)
ASSISTS 2 - twice - last vs. N. Colorado (9/6)	2 - 8 times - last vs. Northern Colorado (9/6)
ACES 2 - 3 times - last vs. Quinnipiac (10/5)	6 vs. Youngstown State (10/26/07)
TOTALS BKS N/A	N/A

#9 KATERINA HANACKOVA

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS 19 vs. Cleveland State (10/17)	24 vs. McNeese State (9/8/07)
ATTEMPTS 54 vs. DePaul (8/30)	60 vs. Western Illinois (11/16/07)
ATTACK % .371 vs. Youngstown State (9/19)	.467 vs. Youngstown State (9/29/06)
DIGS 23 vs. DePaul (8/30)	26 vs. Wright State (10/2/07)
ASSISTS 2 vs. Loyola (9/26)	3 vs. Green Bay (11/4/06)
ACES 4 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	6 vs. Butler (11/17/06)
TOTALS BKS 4 vs. DePaul (8/30)	4 - twice - last DePaul (8/30)

#10 CASIE SULLIVAN

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS 17 vs. Loyola (9/26)	17 - twice - last vs. Loyola (9/26)
ATTEMPTS 48 vs. Valpo (10/11)	48 vs. Valpo (10/11)
ATTACK % .533 vs. Bradley (10/14)	.571 vs. Bradley (10/22/07)
DIGS 19 vs. Valpo (10/11)	19 vs. Valpo (10/11)
ASSISTS 3 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)	66 vs. Western Illinois (11/11/07)
ACES 3 - twice - last vs. Valpo (10/11)	5 vs. Wright State (11/3/07)
TOTALS BKS 4 vs. W. Illinois (10/21)	7 vs. Cleveland State (10/27/07)

#11 CHELSEA SLOAN

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS 5 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)	5 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)
ATTEMPTS 14 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)	14 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)
ATTACK % .286 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)	.286 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)
DIGS 1 - twice - last vs. N. Colorado (9/6)	1 - twice - last vs. N. Colorado (9/6)
ASSISTS N/A	N/A
ACES N/A	N/A
TOTALS BKS 6 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)	6 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)

#12 LANA LOBDELL

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS 18 vs. UTEP (9/5)	18 vs. Green Bay (9/18/07)
ATTEMPTS 42 vs. UTEP (9/5)	45 vs. Green Bay (9/18/07)
ATTACK % .750 vs. Quinnipiac (10/5)	.750 vs. Quinnipiac (10/5)
DIGS 3 - twice - last vs. Butler (10/12)	8 vs. Wright State (10/2/07)
ASSISTS 3 vs. Milwaukee (10/8)	5 vs. Wright State (10/20/07)
ACES 3 - twice - last vs. Louisville (9/13)	4 - twice - last vs. McNeese State (9/8/07)
TOTALS BKS 6 vs. Bradley (10/14)	9 - twice - last vs. Wright State (11/16/07)

#16 CHRISTIN HUNT

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS 14 vs. DePaul (8/30)	24 vs. Youngstown State (10/6/07)
ATTEMPTS 38 vs. DePaul (8/30)	47 vs. Youngstown State (10/6/07)
ATTACK % .500 vs. Quinnipiac (10/5)	.500 - 4 times - last vs. Quinnipiac (10/5)
DIGS 4 - twice - last vs. Wright State (11/1)	5 vs. Green Bay (10/6/07)
ASSISTS 2 - twice - last vs. Youngstown State (10/18)	2 - 2 times - last vs. Col. of Charleston (8/31/07)
ACES N/A	N/A
TOTALS BKS 5 vs. Valpo (10/11)	7 vs. Milwaukee (10/7/07)

#18 KATE ELDRED

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS 2 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	2 vs. Chicago State (9/9)
ATTEMPTS 7 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	7 vs. Chicago State (9/9)
ATTACK % .143 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	.143 vs. Chicago State (9/9)
DIGS 2 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	2 vs. Chicago State (9/9)
ASSISTS N/A	N/A
ACES N/A	N/A
TOTALS BKS N/A	N/A

#25 JANISE DISMUKE

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS N/A	N/A
ATTEMPTS N/A	N/A
ATTACK % N/A	N/A
DIGS N/A	N/A
ASSISTS N/A	N/A
ACES N/A	N/A
TOTALS BKS N/A	N/A

#24 EPIPHANY DAVIS

SEASON	CAREER
KILLS 13 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	15 vs. Cleveland State (10/15/07)
ATTEMPTS 23 - twice - last vs. C. Mich. (9/23)	39 vs. Loyola (10/19/07)
ATTACK % .643 vs. Youngstown State (10/18)	2 - 3 times - last vs. Youngstown State (10/18)
DIGS 3 - twice - last vs. Valpo (10/11)	3 - 4 times - last vs. Valpo (10/11)
ASSISTS 3 - twice - last vs. Bradley (10/14)	6 - twice - last vs. McNeese State (9/8/07)
ACES N/A	N/A
TOTALS BKS 9 vs. Valpo (10/11)	9 vs. Valpo (10/11)