2008 UIC VOLLEYBALL NOTES

THIS WEEKEND IN UIC VOLLEYBALL

UIC (8-12, 2-6 HL) vs. Cleveland State (4-13, 3-5 HL)
Friday, Oct. 17 * FAC - 7 p.m.
UIC vs. Youngstown State (9-10, 2-6 HL)
Saturday, Oct. 18 * FAC - 2 p.m.

THIRD SEASON SWEEP:
UIC coasted to a 3-0 sweep over Bradley at the Flames Athletic Center on Oct. 14. The Flames totaled 20 blocks, averaging 6.6 per set. Casie Sullivan recorded a season-high .533 attack percentage. The outside hitter registered nine kills and eight digs in the win. Katerina Hanackova led UIC on both sides of the net with 10 kills and nine digs. Epiphany Davis and Lana Lobdell each totaled six blocks, marking a season-best for Lobdell.

FLAMES VS. FIVE SETS:
UIC is 3-1 when playing to five sets this season. The Flames have handed DePaul, Central Michigan and Valparaiso five-set losses in 2008. UIC has totaled four more block assists, 30 less attack errors and two more service aces than their opponents in those four matches.

COMEBACK CITY:
The Flames recorded an impressive comeback against Valparaiso on Oct. 11 in Indiana. With the match tied at two each, UIC rallied in the fifth set to down the Crusaders in extra points for the Flames' fourth road win of the season. The Flames totaled a season-high 25 blocks, including five solo. UIC also tallied a match-high nine service aces in the win.

LAST TIME OUT:
UIC downed Cleveland State and Youngstown State in five sets apiece the last time the two teams met in 2007. Cleveland State enters Friday night's matchup with a four-set loss against Milwaukee at home on Oct. 31. Youngstown State suffered a setback against Pittsburgh on Tuesday night. The Penguins fell to Pitt in four sets in Pennsylvania.

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)

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)

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)

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. Valparaisoo (10/11)
35 assists, 14 digs vs. Wright State (10/4)

SEEING DOUBLE:
Senior Katarina Nedeljkovic continues to improve her numbers as the season progresses. The outside hitter led UIC in three matches last week with 39 kills, 50 digs and a .234 attack percentage in 13 sets. Nedeljkovic picked up double-doubles in two of UIC's three matches and finished third on the team with nine blocks. In UIC's last five matches, Nedeljkovic has averaged 2.75 kills, 3.50 digs and 0.60 blocks per set.

GETTIN' IT DONE:
Katerina Hanackova recorded her seventh double-double against Valparaiso on Oct. 11. The junior totaled 14 kills and 17 digs in the five-set win. Hanackova also totaled a team-best three service aces. Hanackova ranks second on the team with 2.60 kills per set, while also leading the Flames with 3.10 digs per set. The junior ranks third in the league with 0.35 service aces per set.

A BLOCK ABOVE THE REST:
Sophomore Epiphany Davis ranks eighth in the league with 0.94 blocks per set. Davis has totaled 67 total blocks on the season. Davis surpassed her single-match career-high with nine blocks in a five-set win over Valparaiso on Oct. 11.

FOR THE RECORD:
Senior Katarina Nedeljkovic moved up the UIC career record book in kills and service aces following last week's action. Nedeljkovic inched into fourth place with 1,370 career kills after totaling 45 in UIC's last four matches. The senior also owns eighth place with 152 total service aces in her career.

CAREER-HIGH:
Katarina Nedeljkovic turned on the heat against Milwaukee on Oct. 8 with a season-best 18 kills and a career-high 23 digs.

IN THE LEAGUE:
UIC setter Dana Van Syckle ranks eighth in the league with 5.94 assists per set. Van Syckle has recorded six double-doubles in assists and digs as a sophomore. Junior Lana Lobdell still remains UIC's most efficient hitter with a .262 attack percentage, ranking eighth in the league. As a team, the Flames lead the league with 1.41 service aces per set.

SWEEPIN' SULLIVAN:
When Casie Sullivan finally had the chance to prove her talent after two seasons of injuries, the sophomore didn't waste any time. Sullivan leads UIC's offense with 2.62 kills per set and has recorded four double-doubles in 2008.

UP NEXT:
UIC faces Western Illinois on the road on Oct. 21, followed by a match at Loyola on Oct. 25.

STATISICAL COMPARISON:

Team	Record	Conf.	K/S	Pct.	Opp Pct.	A/Set	SA/S	D/S	B/S
UIC	7-12	2-6	11.50	.168	.200	10.74	1.44	15.68	1.69
Cleveland St.	4-13	3-5	9.99	.190	.212	9.28	1.08	11.22	1.69
Youngstown St.	8-9	1-6	11.95	.210	.204	10.80	1.15	14.52	2.48

2008 UIC Volleyball Schedule

AUGUST		
29	Chicago Challlenge @ 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 ***	**7 p.m.**
18	**Youngstown State ***	**2 p.m.**
21	at Western Illinois	7 p.m.
25	at Loyola *	7 p.m.
NOVEMBER		
1	at Wright State *	6 p.m.
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: 482-475 (.503)
NCAA Appearance: N/A

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Nancy Mueller
Alma Mater/Year: Tennesee/1993
Record at UIC/Years: 62-85/Fifth season
Career Record/Years: 168-142/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

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HORIZON LEAGUE STANDINGS

School	HL	Overall
Milwaukee	7-1	14-5
Butler	5-3	15-5
Wright State	5-3	9-12
Loyola	4-4	14-6
Valparaiso	4-4	12-6
Green Bay	4-4	8-10
Cleveland State	3-5	4-13
Youngstown State	2-6	9-10
UIC	***2-6***	***8-12***

LEADING THE LEAGUE

Hitting %: (.333) Ruth Boscaljon - YSU
Assists: (10.65) Kim Bukowski -- Valpo
Blocks: (1.22) Ruth Boscaljon - YSU
Kills: (4.69) Angie Porche - Valpo
Service Aces: (0.41) Lauren Ditscheit - Loyola
Digs: (5.67) 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.	0.08	0.00	0.15	1.73	0.08
3	Keri Hee	DS	5-9	Sr.	Honoluli, Hawaii	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.75	0.50
4	Dana Van Syckle	S	5-10	So.	Palos Heights, Ill.	0.13	0.10	6.03	2.44	0.31
5	Jessica Dalke *	S	5-9	So.	Millstadt, Ill.	0.18	0.03	4.79	2.04	0.28
7	Katarina Nedeljkovic *	OH/RS	5-10	Sr.	Kragujevac, Serbia	2.12	0.32	0.18	2.73	0.09
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.	Zlin, Czech Republic	2.39	0.28	0.11	3.10	0.35
10	Casie Sullivan *	OH	5-11	So.	Kewanee, Ill.	2.60	0.24	0.19	2.29	0.18
11	Chelsea Sloan	MH/RS	6-0	RsFr.	Farmington Hills, Mich.	1.23	0.92	0.00	0.15	0.00
12	Lana Lobdell *	MH	6-1	Jr.	Lena, Ill.	2.00	0.66	0.21	0.41	0.11
16	Christin Hunt *	MH/RS	6-1	Sr.	Freeburg, Ill.	1.47	0.52	0.09	0.52	0.00
18	Kate Eldred	OH/RS	5-9	Fr.	Greenwood, Ind.	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00
24	Epiphany Davis	MH	6-1	So.	Chicago, Ill.	1.46	0.90	0.19	0.26	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 SCHAFFER

	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 (9/1/07)
ATTACK %	.500 vs. Butler (10/12)	N/A
DIGS	10 vs. Butler (10/12)	10 - twice - last vs. Butler (10/12)
ASSISTS	2 - twice - last vs. N. Dakota St. (9/5)	1 - twice - last vs. Milwaukee (10/13/07)
ACES	1 - twice - last vs. N. Dakota St. (9/5)	2 vs. Towson (9/1/07)
TOTALS BKS	N/A	N/A

#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 BLKS	4 vs. DePaul (8/30)	6 vs. Valparaiso (9/21/07)

#5 JESSICA DALKE

	SEASON
KILLS	3 vs. Penn State (9/12)
ATTEMPTS	6 vs. Penn State (9/12)
ATTACK %	.500 vs. Penn State (9/12)
DIGS	10 - twice - last vs. Milwaukee (10/8)
ASSISTS	36 - twice - last vs. Central Michigan (9/23)
ACES	3 - twice - last vs. Loyola (9/26)
TOTALS BLKS	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 - twice - last vs. Loyola (9/26)	7 vs. Loyola (10/28/05)
ACES	1 - twice - last vs. Green Bay (9/30)	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 - las 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	17 vs. DePaul (8/30)	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	3 - twice - last vs. Central Mich. (9/23)	7 vs. Cleveland State (10/27/07)

#11 CHELSEA SLOAN

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

#12 LANA LOBDELL

	SEASON	CAREER
KILLS	18 vs. UTEP (9/5)	19 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 vs. DePaul (8/30)	5 vs. Green Bay (10/6/07)
ASSISTS	2 vs. Bradley (10/14)	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
KILLS	2 vs. Chicago State (9/9)
ATTEMPTS	7 vs. Chicago State (9/9)
ATTACK %	.143 vs. Chicago State (9/9)
DIGS	2 vs. Chicago State (9/9)
ASSISTS	N/A
ACES	N/A
TOTALS BKS	N/A

#25 JANISE DISMUKE

	SEASON
KILLS	N/A
ATTEMPTS	N/A
ATTACK %	N/A
DIGS	N/A
ASSISTS	N/A
ACES	N/A
TOTALS BKS	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 %	.600 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	.600 vs. Chicago State (9/9)
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)