

2008 UIC VOLLEYBALL NOTES

THIS WEEK IN UIC VOLLEYBALL

UIC (10-12) vs. Western Illinois (7-14)

Tuesday, Oct. 21 * Macomb, Ill. - 7 p.m.

UIC (10-12, 4-6 HL) vs. Loyola (15-7, 5-5 HL)

Saturday, Oct. 25 * Chicago, Ill. - 7 p.m.

TOTAL DOMINANCE:

The Flames recorded back-to-back Horizon League victories over the weekend to extend their winning streak to three. Katerina Hanackova and Casie Sullivan posted strong performances in the two matches with the sophomore leading UIC with a .354 attack percentage and averaged 3.43 kills, 3.14 digs and 0.86 blocks per set. Hanackova totaled a team-best 28 kills, averaging 4.00 per set. Katarina Nedeljkovic was productive on defense with 4.00 digs per set. Lana Lobdell averaged a team-best 1.43 blocks per set.

PLAYER OF THE WEEK:

Junior Lana Lobdell's impressive stance at the net last week earned the middle blocker Horizon League Player of the Week honors. Lobdell averaged 1.60 blocks per set, ranking second in the league on the week. In addition to totaling at least five blocks in each match, Lobdell also tallied 20 kills and recorded a .326 attack percentage.

SWEEPIN' THE FLOOR:

UIC recorded its second sweep in a weeks time against Youngstown State on Oct. 18. The Flames' first three-set victory came four days earlier against Bradley on Oct. 14. With the 3-0 win over the Penguins, UIC has totaled five sweeps on the season.

DOUBLE VISON:

Casie Sullivan recorded consecutive double-doubles last week against Cleveland State and Youngstown State. The sophomore totaled 12 kills and 12 digs in UIC's 3-1 win over the Vikings on Oct. 17, followed by 12 kills and 10 digs in a sweep over the Penguins on Oct. 18. Sullivan also averaged 0.86 blocks in those matches, ranking second on the team behind

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)
19 kills, 11 digs vs. Cleveland State (10/17)

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)

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)

Horizon League Defensive Player of the Week Lana Lobdell.

KAT'S KILLIN' THE OPPOSITION:

Katerina Hanackova has totaled at least nine kills in UIC last eight matches. The outside hitter has picked up three double-doubles in those eight contests, while also totaling eight services aces. She owns eight double-doubles on the season. She has earned double-digits in kills on 10 occasions. Hanackova has totaled 13 double-figure dig matches in 2008. The junior recorded a season-high 19 kills in UIC's win over Cleveland State on Oct. 17.

LAST TIME OUT:

UIC handed Western Illinois a five-set loss last season on Nov. 11 at the Flames Athletic Center. The Flames recorded a .571 offensive clip in the fifth set to down the Westerwinds, 15-8. Four players tallied double-digits in kills with Kat-

erina Hanackova leading the squad with 19 on the night. Epiphany Davis guided the team at the net with three block assists and one solo block.

A BLOCK ABOVE THE REST:

Sophomore Epiphany Davis ranks ninth in the league with 0.91 blocks per set. Davis has totaled 71 total blocks on the season.

FOR THE RECORD:

Katarina Nedeljkovic continues to move up the UIC career record book in kills and service aces during her senior campaign. Currently ranking fifth, Nedeljkovic is just seven kills from taking over fourth place (1,309). The senior also owns eighth place with 153 total service aces in her career.

IN THE LEAGUE:

Setter Dana Van Syckle ranks eighth in the league with 6.17 assists per set. 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 1.40 service aces per set.

SCOUTING WESTERN ILLINOIS:

Western Illinois is coming off a sweep over Summit League foe Oakland on Oct. 18. Monique Houston paces WIU's attack with 2.77 kills per set. Elise Crnjak averages a team-best 4.93 digs per set, while Cait Hagan has totaled 61 blocks on the season. The win over Oakland snapped the squad's four-match losing streak.

UP NEXT:

UIC plays its final regular season road match at Wright State on Saturday, Nov. 1. The Flames then return home for five straight at the Flames Athletic center before battling in the 2008 Horizon League Tournament on Nov. 19-23 in Cleveland, Ohio.

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	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

STATISTICAL COMPARISON:

Team	Record	Conf.	K/S	Pct.	Opp Pct.	A/Set	SA/S	D/S	B/S
UIC	10-12	4-6	11.84	.180	.193	11.13	1.40	15.73	1.82
W. Illinois	7-14	3-5	11.91	.174	.190	11.04	1.11	17.76	1.54
Loyola	157	5-5	12.56	.211	.166	11.51	1.38	14.64	1.89



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: 484-475 (.504)
NCAA Appearance: N/A

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Nancy Mueller
Alma Mater/Year: Tennessee/1993
Record at UIC/Years: 64-85/Fifth season
Career Record/Years: 170-142/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	8-1	15-5
Wright State	6-4	10-13
Butler	5-4	15-6
Valparaiso	5-4	13-6
Loyola	5-5	15-7
Green Bay	4-5	8-11
UIC	4-6	10-12
Youngstown State	3-7	10-11
Cleveland State	3-7	4-15

LEADING THE LEAGUE

Hitting %: (.317) Ruth Boscaljon - YSU
Assists: (10.84) Kim Bukowski -- Valpo
Blocks: (1.16) Ruth Boscaljon - YSU
Kills: (4.72) Angie Porche - Valpo
Service Aces: (0.41) Lauren Ditscheit - Loyola
Digs: (5.60) 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.	0.06	0.00	0.17	2.03	0.11
3	Keri Hee	DS	5-9	Sr.	Honolulu, Hawaii	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.75	0.50
4	Dana Van Syckle	S	5-10	So.	Palos Heights, Ill.	0.12	0.08	6.17	2.33	0.29
5	Jessica Dalke *	S	5-9	So.	Millstadt, Ill.	0.17	0.03	4.84	1.97	0.27
7	Katarina Nedeljkovic *	OH/RS	5-10	Sr.	Kragujevac, Serbia	2.09	0.39	0.18	2.82	0.11
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	2.56	0.28	0.15	3.05	0.34
10	Casie Sullivan *	OH	5-11	So.	Kewanee, Ill.	2.69	0.32	0.17	2.39	0.17
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	0.78	0.21	0.37	0.10
16	Christin Hunt *	MH/RS	6-1	Sr.	Freeburg, Ill.	1.39	0.49	0.15	0.55	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.	1.55	0.91	0.21	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	13 vs. Youngstown State (10/18)	13 vs. Youngstown State (10/18)
ASSISTS	2 - 3 times - last vs. Youngstown State (10/18)	2 - 3 times - last vs. Youngstown State (10/18)
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	CAREER	
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 - 3 times - last vs. Youngstown State (10/18)	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	3 - 4 times - last vs. Youngstown State (10/18)	7 vs. Cleveland State (10/27/07)

#11 CHELSEA SLOAN

SEASON	CAREER	
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 (11/6/07)

#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 - 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)	
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 DISMUKU

SEASON	CAREER	
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 %	.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)