

2008 UIC VOLLEYBALL NOTES

THIS WEEKEND IN UIC VOLLEYBALL

UIC (13-15, 5-9 HL) vs. Milwaukee (18-8, 11-3 HL)
 Friday, Nov. 14 * Chicago, Ill. * Flames Athletic Center * 7 p.m.
UIC (12-15, 5-9 HL) vs. Green Bay (8-16, 4-10 HL)
 Saturday, Nov. 15 * Chicago, Ill. * Flames Athletic Center * 4 p.m.

NATIONALLY-RANKED:

UIC enters its fourth week ranked nationally in digs. The Flames are ranked 48th. UIC averages 15.9 digs per set. The Flames totaled a season-best 98 digs versus Milwaukee on Oct. 8. Other Horizon League schools ranked include Green Bay (7th), Milwaukee (16th), Valparaiso (30th), Butler (31st) and Wright State (50th).

SANK SIUE:

UIC handed Southern Illinois Edwardsville at four-set loss on Tuesday night at the Flames Athletic Center. After struggling in set one, UIC bounced back in the next three sets for the match victory. Casie Sullivan continued her hot streak on both sides of the net with 13 kills and 10 digs. Setter Jessica Dalke recorded a season-high 51 assists and picked up the double-double with a team-high 12 digs on the night.

HORIZON LEAGUE TOURNEY:

Following UIC's final three regular season matches at the Flames Athletic Center this week, the team heads to Cleveland, Ohio for the 2008 Horizon League Tournament, hosted by Cleveland State next week. The tournament starts on Wednesday, Nov. 19. The seeds will be announced following Saturday's Horizon League contests.

THE FINAL TWO:

UIC wraps up its regular season this week with two Horizon League contests this weekend at the Flames Athletic Center. The Flames are 7-3 at home this season. UIC is averaging over 1.4 kills, 1.3 assists, 0.7 service aces, 0.2 digs and 0.3 more blocks than its opponents at FAC in 2008.

LAST TIME OUT:

Milwaukee - The Flames were defeated in a heartbreaking five-set match against Milwaukee at

STATISTICAL COMPARISON:

Team	Record	Conf.	K/S	Pct.	Opp Pct.	A/Set	SA/S	D/S	B/S
UIC	13-15	5-9	11.9	.181	.198	11.2	1.4	15.8	1.8
Milwaukee	18-8	11-3	12.8	.182	.156	12.0	1.2	17.1	2.1
Green Bay	8-16	4-10	12.4	.174	.196	11.5	1.2	17.7	1.7

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 (11/11)
 51 assists, 12 digs vs. SIUE (11/11)

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 (11/11)
 11 kills, 13 digs vs. Butler (11/7)

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 (11/11)
 14 kills, 18 digs vs. Butler (11/7)
 13 kills, 10 digs vs. SIUE (11/11)

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. Valparaiso (10/11)
 35 assists, 14 digs vs. Wright State (10/4)
 23 assists, 10 digs vs. W. Illinois (10/21)

Klotche Center on Oct. 8. Down two sets, UIC fought back to take the match into a final set, but lost by three points. Katerina Hanackova, Katarina Nedeljkovic and Jessica Dalke each recorded double-doubles against the Panthers.

Green Bay - The Flames are looking to split the series against Green Bay on Nov. 15. UIC fell to the Phoenix in three sets on Sept. 30. Katerina Hanackova totaled a team-best eight kills. Four players recorded double-digit dig contests with Taylor Szatkowski leading the squad with 16 on the night.

FOR THE RECORD:

Katarina Nedeljkovic took over sole

possession of seventh place in the UIC career record book (159) after totaling a season-high four service aces against Butler on Nov. 7. Nedeljkovic is now just six service aces from moving into sixth place with two more regular season matches and Horizon League Tournament left on the schedule. The senior already took over fifth place in career kills (1,352) two weeks ago.

DOUBLE VISION:

Katerina Hanackova and Casie Sullivan have dominated for the Flames on both sides of the net late in the season. Hanackova and Sullivan have combined for 21 double-doubles this season. The duo averages 2.7 kills and 2.9 digs per set. Averaging 2.8 kills per set, Sullivan ranks ninth in the league, while Hanackova owns ninth in digs (3.1 dps).

DIGGIN' FOR WINS:

Katarina Nedeljkovic has recorded 11 double-figure dig matches in 87 sets. Ranking second on the team with 2.9 per set, Nedeljkovic has led the Flames in digs on eight occasions this season.

IN THE LEAGUE:

Lana Lobdell continues to be a steady offensive presence for the Flames late in the season with a team-best .246 attack percentage. As UIC's most efficient hitter, the junior ranks 10th in the league. UIC moved into second place from third this week with 1.4 service aces per set.

BLOCKIN' BUDDIES:

Epiphany Davis and Lana Lobdell have a combined 163 total blocks this season. Averaging a team-high 0.9 blocks per set, Davis ranks ninth in the league. Lobdell is right on Davis' heels with 0.8 blocks per set in 2008.

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 *** **W, 3-0**
 8 **Valparaiso *** **L, 3-0**
 11 **SIU Edwardsville** **W, 3-1**
 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: 487-478 (.504)
NCAA Appearance: N/A

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Nancy Mueller
Alma Mater/Year: Tennessee/1993
Record at UIC/Years: 67-88/Fifth season
Career Record/Years: 173-145/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	11-3	18-8
Valparaiso	11-4	20-6
Wright State	9-5	14-14
Butler	8-7	18-9
Loyola	7-7	18-9
Cleveland State	6-9	7-18
UIC	5-9	13-15
Green Bay	4-10	8-16
Youngstown State	4-11	11-15

LEADING THE LEAGUE

Hitting %: (.299) Ruth Boscaljon - YSU
Assists: (11.4) Kim Bukowski -- Valpo
Blocks: (1.2) Ruth Boscaljon - YSU
Kills: (4.7) 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	0.11	2.02	0.12
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.	0.10	0.08	6.06	2.22	0.25
5	Jessica Dalke *	S	5-9	So.	Millstadt, Ill.	0.18	0.02	5.24	2.06	0.27
7	Katarina Nedeljkovic *	OH/RS	5-10	Sr.	Kragujevac, Serbia	2.15	0.38	0.18	2.93	0.15
8	Taylor Szatkowski	DS	5-4	So.	Cary, Ill./Cary-Grove	0.00	0.00	0.14	2.72	0.18
9	Katerina Hanackova *	OH	5-9	Jr.	Zlín, Czech Republic	2.64	0.26	0.14	3.06	0.37
10	Casie Sullivan *	OH	5-11	So.	Kewanee, Ill.	2.82	0.37	0.16	2.60	0.16
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.	1.95	0.77	0.22	0.33	0.08
16	Christin Hunt *	MH/RS	6-1	Sr.	Freeburg, Ill.	1.39	0.53	0.12	0.53	0.00
18	Kate Eldred	OH/RS	5-9	Fr.	Greenwood, Ind.	0.50	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.00
24	Epiphany Davis	MH	6-1	So.	Chicago, Ill.	1.52	0.91	0.27	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 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 (9/10/7)
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 - 6 times - last vs. Wright State (11/1)
ACES 1 - 5 times - last vs. SIUE (11/11)	2 vs. Towson (9/1/07)
TOTALS BKS 1 vs. Wright State (11/1)	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 - twice - last vs. SIUE (11/11)	3 - twice - last vs. SIUE (11/11)
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 12 - twice - last vs. SIUE (11/11)	12 - twice - last vs. SIUE (11/11)
ASSISTS 51 vs. SIUE (11/11)	51 vs. SIUE (11/11)
ACES 3 - twice - last vs. SIUE (11/11)	3 - twice - last vs. SIUE (11/11)
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 % .419 vs. SIUE (11/11)	.419 vs. SIUE (11/11)
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 4 vs. Butler (11/7)	8 vs. Youngstown State (9/24/04)
TOTALS BKS 3 - 4 times - last vs. Valpo (11/8)	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 % .591 vs. Butler (11/7)	.591 vs. Butler (11/7)
DIGS 19 vs. Valpo (10/11)	19 vs. Valpo (10/11)
ASSISTS 3 - twice - last vs. Butler (11/7)	66 vs. Western Illinois (11/11/07)
ACES 3 - 3 times - last vs. SIUE (11/11)	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)