

2008 UIC VOLLEYBALL NOTES

THIS WEEK IN UIC VOLLEYBALL

UIC (6-10, 1-4 HL) vs. Milwaukee (10-5, 3-1 HL)

Wednesday, Oct. 8 * Milwaukee, Wis. * 7 p.m.

UIC vs. Valparaiso (10-5, 3-1 HL)

Saturday, Oct. 11 * Valparaiso, Ind. * 7 p.m.

UIC vs. Butler (14-3, 4-1 HL)

Sunday, Oct. 12 * Indianapolis, Ind. * 1 p.m.

A LOOK BACK:

The Flames ended last week with an impressive sweep over Quinnipiac on Sunday afternoon. UIC posted a .571 attack percentage in the third set and allowed the Bobcats just seven points. The Flames totaled 10 service aces and posted a season-high .326 attack percentage against Quinnipiac. UIC held the Bobcats to a .065 clip and forced the squad to commit 17 errors in just three sets.

MOVIN' ON UP:

After a year of because off due to shoulder surgery, senior Katarina Nedeljkovic is 53 kills from tying for sixth place in the UIC career record book. Nedeljkovic has totaled 1,245 in her career. The outside hitter also ranks eighth with 148 career service aces as well.

LEADING UIC'S OFFENSE:

Casie Sullivan has been a solid offensive player for the Flames this season with a team-best 2.86 kills per set. The outside hitter also ranks ninth in the Horizon League. Sullivan has recorded three double-doubles on the season, including back-to-back double-doubles in the Chicago Classic @ Mother McAuley on Sept. 12-13. The sophomore has recorded seven double-digit kills matches in 14 contests.

DOUBLE DUTY FOR DVS:

Not only does Dana Van Syckle rank eighth in the league with 6.49 assists per set, but the sophomore also ranks third on the team with 2.55 digs per set. Van Syckle has recorded five double-doubles this season in assists and digs. She recorded a career-high 23 digs versus DePaul on Aug. 30.

2008 Double-Doubles

Jessica Dalke

32 assists, 11 digs vs. NDSU (9/5)
17 assists, 10 digs vs. Loyola (9/26)

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)

Katarina Nedeljkovic

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

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)

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

ACES ARE WILD:

Katerina Hanackova ranks third in the league with 0.36 service aces per set. The junior has totaled 21 in 2008, already tying her previous season-high of 21 in 2006.

COUNT ON LOBDELL:

Junior Lana Lobdell is UIC's most efficient hitter this season with a team-best .269 attack percentage in 16 matches, ranking eighth in the Horizon League. The middle blocker has posted a .260 or better hitting percentage in nine of UIC's 16 matches.

IN THE LEAGUE:

UIC moved into first place in the Horizon League in service aces after totaling 10 against Quinnipiac on Oct. 5. The Flames average 1.51 service aces per set.

SLOAN EARNS PLAYING TIME:

Suffering from an injury for most of the season, redshirt freshman Chelsea Sloan stepped into the third set against Quinnipiac and totaled two kills and two of UIC's

six block assists.

UP NEXT:

Following a weekend on the road, the Flames return to Chicago for three straight at home. UIC starts with a matchup against Bradley on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.

SCOUTING THE OPPONENT:

Milwaukee (10-5, 3-1 HL)

The Panthers are coming off five-set loss to Green Bay on Oct. 3. Prior to the loss, Milwaukee has won two straight Horizon League contests at home. Becky Peters leads Milwaukee on offense and ranks second in the league with 3.92 kills per set.

Valparaiso (10-5, 2-3 HL)

Valparaiso enters this week's action with a three-match winning streak. In addition to Cleveland State and Youngstown State, Valpo downed Bradley last week. Angie Porche leads the league with 4.69 kills per set.

Butler (14-3, 4-1 HL)

Butler moved into first place in the league this week after beating Youngstown State and Cleveland State last weekend. Porshia Allen ranks seventh in the league with 2.94 kills per set, while Kelsey Labrum is close behind in eighth with 2.86 kills per set.

LEAGUE MATCHES:

The Flames average 12.53 kills per set against Horizon League foes this season. In five matches, UIC has totaled 54 blocks, 337 digs and 30 service aces in 19 sets.

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 *	7 p.m.
11	at Valparaiso *	7 p.m.
12	at Butler *	1 p.m.
14	Bradley	7 p.m.
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



STATISTICAL COMPARISON:

Team	Record	Conf.	K/S	Pct.	Opp Pct.	A/Set	SA/S	D/S	B/S
UIC	6-10	1-4	11.58	.175	.205	10.73	1.51	15.10	1.47
Milwaukee	10-5	3-1	12.68	.186	.142	11.97	1.21	16.90	1.99
Valparaiso	10-5	2-3	14.98	.210	.193	13.85	0.97	15.69	1.30
Butler	14-3	4-1	12.92	.221	.146	11.63	1.11	15.78	2.45

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: 480-473 (.503)
NCAA Appearance: N/A

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Nancy Mueller
Alma Mater/Year: Tennessee/1993
Record at UIC/Years: 60-81/Fifth season
Career Record/Years: 166-141/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
Butler	4-1	14-3
Milwaukee	3-1	10-5
Green Bay	4-2	8-8
Wright State	4-2	6-11
Loyola	3-2	13-4
Valparaiso	2-3	10-5
Youngstown State	1-4	8-7
UIC	1-4	6-10
Cleveland State	1-4	2-12

UPCOMING HORIZON LEAGUE MATCHES

Wednesday, Oct. 8
 Butler @ Wright State - 6 p.m.
 UIC @ Milwaukee - 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Loyola @ Butler - 1 p.m.
 Green Bay @ Cleveland State - 3 p.m.
 Milwaukee @ Youngstown State - 3 p.m.
 Wright State @ Robert Morris - 4 p.m.
 UIC @ Valparaiso - 7 p.m.

LEADING THE LEAGUE

Hitting %: (.348) Ruth Boscaljon - YSU
Assists: (10.24) Kim Bukowski -- Valpo
Blocks: (1.16) Jalesa Lee - Butler
Kills: (4.69) Angie Porche - Valpo
Service Aces: (0.42) Lauren Ditscheit - Loyola
Digs: (5.66) 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	0.22	1.28	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.	0.16	0.12	6.49	2.55	0.31
5	Jessica Dalke	S	5-9	So.	Millstadt, Ill.	0.20	0.04	4.56	2.09	0.30
7	Katarina Nedeljkovic *	OH/RS	5-10	Sr.	Kragujevac, Serbia	1.86	0.21	0.21	2.40	0.09
8	Taylor Szatkowski *	DS	5-4	So.	Cary, Ill./Cary-Grove	0.00	0.00	0.17	2.88	0.22
9	Katerina Hanackova *	OH	5-9	Jr.	Zlín, Czech Republic	2.29	0.24	0.12	3.00	0.36
10	Casie Sullivan *	OH	5-11	So.	Kewanee, Ill.	1.23	0.24	0.12	2.10	0.16
11	Chelsea Sloan	MH/RS	6-0	RsFr.	Farmington Hills, Mich.	1.23	0.92	0.20	0.00	0.00
12	Lana Lobdell *	MH	6-1	Jr.	Lena, Ill.	2.03	0.92	0.21	0.43	0.14
16	Christin Hunt *	MH/RS	6-1	Sr.	Freeburg, Ill.	1.59	0.41	0.10	0.53	0.10
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.	1.64	0.73	0.22	0.24	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 vs. Northwestern (8/29)	1 vs. Northwestern (8/29)
ATTEMPTS	1 vs. Northwestern (8/29)	3 vs. Winthrop (9/1/07)
ATTACK %	N/A	N/A
DIGS	7 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)	10 vs. Towson (9/1/07)
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)	10 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 vs. Loyola (9/26)	
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	14 vs. Youngstown State (9/19)	31 vs. Youngstown State (10/14/05)
ATTEMPTS	38 vs. Loyola (9/26)	73 vs. Bowling Green (9/2/05)
ATTACK %	.385 vs. Quinnipiac (10/5)	.414 vs. Green Bay (9/24/05)
DIGS	14 vs. Youngstown State (9/19)	22 vs. Green Bay (11/14/06)
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 vs. Quinnipiac (10/5)	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 - twice - last vs. Green Bay (9/30)	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	42 vs. Illinois State (9/13)	41 - twice - last vs. Loyola (9/26)
ATTACK %	.267 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	.571 vs. Bradley (10/22/07)
DIGS	10 - twice - last vs. Youngstown State (9/19)	15 - twice - last vs. Loyola (10/19/07)
ASSISTS	3 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)	66 vs. Western Illinois (11/11/07)
ACES	3 vs. Quinnipiac (10/5)	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	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 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	8 vs. Wright State (10/2/07)
ASSISTS	2 - 3 times - last vs. Quinnipiac (10/5)	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	4 vs. Central Michigan (9/23)	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	1 vs. Northwestern (8/29)	2 - 2 times - last vs. Col. of Charleston (8/31/07)
ACES	N/A	N/A
TOTALS BKS	4 vs. Loyola (9/26)	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 DISMUKE

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 %	.600 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	.393 vs. Cleveland State (10/15/07)
DIGS	3 vs. DePaul (8/30)	3 - 3 times - last vs. Youngstown State (10/6/07)
ASSISTS	3 vs. North Dakota State (9/5)	6 - twice - last vs. McNeese State (9/8/07)
ACES	N/A	N/A
TOTALS BKS	6 vs. DePaul (8/30)	8 - 3 times - last vs. Loyola (10/19/07)