

2008 UIC VOLLEYBALL NOTES

THIS WEEKEND IN UIC VOLLEYBALL

UIC (6-11, 1-5) vs. Valparaiso (11-5, 4-1 HL)

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

UIC vs. Butler (14-4, 4-2 HL)

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

A LOOK BACK:

Trailing two sets, UIC evened the score against Milwaukee with two straight set victories following the 10-minute break to push the match into a deciding set on Oct. 8. Although the Flames fell to the Panthers in a heartbreaking fifth set on Wednesday night, the team seemed to turn the corner with improvements in every category. The Flames totaled a season-best 20 blocks against UWM, including 10 team blocks. UIC tied its season-best with 62 total kills and totaled a season-high 98 digs and 62 assists.

CAREER-HIGH:

Katarina Nedeljkovic turned on the heat against Milwaukee on Oct. 8 with her third double-double this season. The senior totaled a season-best 18 kills and recorded a career-high 23 digs versus the Panthers. The outside hitter has totaled double-digit dig matches in all six Horizon League contests. Nedeljkovic has also registered three block assists in UIC's last two matches.

BLOCK PARTY:

Sophomore Epiphany Davis and junior Lana Lobdell continue to challenge each other at the net with similar blocking numbers on the year. Last season, the teammates each led UIC in blocks at different points in the season. Currently, Davis ranks first on the squad in blocks with 46 after recording her second six-block match against Milwaukee on Oct. 8.

DIGGIN' DALKE:

When Jessica Dalke isn't setting for the Flames, the sophomore transfer has been a solid defensive presence for the team with 2.08 digs per set. Dalke has recorded three double-doubles for the Flames this season in assists and

STATISTICAL COMPARISON:

Team	Record	Conf.	K/S	Pct.	Opp Pct.	A/Set	SA/S	D/S	B/S
UIC	6-11	1-5	11.64	.176	.199	10.86	1.44	15.45	1.52
Valparaiso	11-5	3-3	12.0	.212	.193	11.12	0.78	12.65	1.05
Butler	14-4	4-2	12.93	.218	.152	11.67	1.06	15.80	2.41

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)
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)
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)

digs. Dalke recorded a season-high 11 digs on two occasions this season.

WITHIN REACH:

With 13 regular season matches left on UIC's schedule, senior Katarina Nedeljkovic is just 36 kills from moving into sixth place in the UIC career record book. The senior started out the season in eighth place with 1,265 total kills in three seasons. The outside hitter is also two services aces shy of taking over eighth place in career record book.

SEASON SWEEPS:

The Flames recorded their third sweep of the season against Quinnipiac on Oct. 5. UIC posted a .571 attack percentage and allowed the Bobcats just seven points in the third set. The Flames totaled 10 service aces and posted a season-high .326 attack percentage against QU. UIC held the Bobcats to a .065 clip and forced the squad

to commit 17 errors in just three sets.

ACES ARE WILD:

Katerina Hanackova ranks third in the league with 0.33 service aces per set. The junior has totaled 22 in 2008, already surpassing her previous season-high of 21 in 2006.

KEEP IT UP:

Junior Lana Lobdell not only leads the Flames, but ranks eighth in the Horizon League with a .294 attack percentage in 2008. Lobdell has recorded a .260 or better attack percentage in 10 of UIC's 17 matches. The middle blocker has recorded a .447 clip in UIC's last two matches with 20 kills and five blocks. Lobdell also ranks second on the squad with 40 blocks in 63 sets.

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: Valparaiso (11-5, 3-3 HL)

The Crusaders enter this weekend's Horizon League action with four straight wins. Valparaiso swept Wright State on Oct. 7 on the road. Angie Porche leads Valpo's offense with 4.66 kills per set, earning her the top spot in the league. Crusader setter Kim Bukowski also ranks first in the league with 10.24 assists per set.

Butler (14-4, 4-2 HL)

Butler suffered a setback at Wright State on Oct. 8 with a four-set loss in Dayton. With the loss, the Bulldogs fell into second place in the league. Jalesa Lee leads the league at the net with 1.16 blocks per set.

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 *	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



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: 480-474 (.503)
NCAA Appearance: N/A

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Nancy Mueller
Alma Mater/Year: Tennessee/1993
Record at UIC/Years: 60-82/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
Milwaukee	4-1	11-5
Butler	4-2	14-4
Green Bay	4-2	8-8
Wright State	5-2	7-11
Loyola	3-3	13-5
Valparaiso	3-3	11-5
Cleveland State	2-4	3-12
Youngstown State	1-5	8-8
UIC	1-5	6-11

UPCOMING HORIZON LEAGUE MATCHES

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.	0.15	0.11	6.30	2.46	0.31
5	Jessica Dalke *	S	5-9	So.	Millstadt, Ill.	0.20	0.03	4.76	2.08	0.29
7	Katarina Nedeljkovic *	OH/RS	5-10	Sr.	Kragujevac, Serbia	2.04	0.25	0.19	2.62	0.29
8	Taylor Szatkowski *	DS	5-4	So.	Cary, Ill./Cary-Grove	0.00	0.00	0.16	2.91	0.20
9	Katerina Hanackova *	OH	5-9	Jr.	Zlín, Czech Republic	2.33	0.25	0.11	3.08	0.33
10	Casie Sullivan *	OH	5-11	So.	Kewanee, Ill.	2.69	0.22	0.20	2.19	0.15
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.	2.10	0.63	0.24	0.41	0.13
16	Christin Hunt *	MH/RS	6-1	Sr.	Freeburg, Ill.	2.10	0.45	0.09	0.54	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.	1.53	0.77	0.22	0.25	0.22
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 BKS	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 BKS	N/A	

#7 KATARINA NEDELJKOVIC

SEASON	CAREER	
KILLS	18 vs. Milwaukee (10/8)	31 vs. Youngstown State (10/14/05)
ATTEMPTS	44 vs. Milwaukee (10/8)	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 - twice - last vs. Milwaukee (10/8)	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	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	15 vs. Milwaukee (10/8)	15 - 3 times - last vs. Milwaukee (10/8)
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	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	4 - twice - last vs. Milwaukee (10/8)	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	1 vs. Northwestern (8/29)	2 - 2 times - last vs. Col. of Charleston (8/31/07)
ACES	N/A	N/A
TOTALS BKS	4 - twice - last vs. Milwaukee (10/8)	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 %	.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 - twice - last vs. Milwaukee (10/8)	8 - 3 times - last vs. Loyola (10/19/07)