

# 2008 UIC VOLLEYBALL NOTES

## THIS WEEKEND IN UIC VOLLEYBALL

**UIC (5-9, 1-3 HL) vs. Wright State (5-9, 3-1 HL)**  
 Saturday, Oct. 4 \* Chicago, Ill. (Flames Athletic Center) \* 4 p.m.  
**UIC vs. Quinnipiac**  
 Sunday, Oct. 5 \* Chicago, Ill. (Flames Athletic Center) \* 2 p.m.

### A LOOK BACK:

UIC fell to Green Bay in three sets on Tuesday night at the Kress Events Center. Junior Katerina Hanackova led the Flames' attack with eight kills. Libero Taylor Szatkowski recorded her fifth double-digit dig match with a team-best 16.

### MOVIN' ON UP:

After totaling seven kills against Green Bay on Sept. 30, senior Katarina Nedeljkovic moved into seventh place in the UIC career record book with 1,229 total. The outside hitter also took over ninth place in the career record book after recording one service ace versus the Phoenix. Nedeljkovic has totaled 148 service aces in her career.

### QUEEN OF ACES:

Katerina Hanackova leads the team with 20 service aces this season. The junior has recorded at least one service ace in 12 of UIC's 14 matches. Hanackova has totaled two more service aces in four matches. The outside hitter picked up a season-high four service aces in a three-set sweep over Chicago State on Sept. 9.

### KAT ATTACK:

Junior Katerina Hanackova has been productive offensively for the Flames this season with four double-doubles in 14 matches. The outside hitter picked up her fourth double-double with 10 kills and 13 digs in a five-set win over Central Michigan on Sept. 23. Hanackova has totaled 29 double-doubles since her freshman season.

### STEADY ON OFFENSE:

Junior Lana Lobdell has been UIC's most efficient hitter this season with a team-best .269 attack percentage in 14 matches. In addition to leading the squad, Lobdell also ranks seventh in the Horizon League. The

middle blocker has posted a .260 or better hitting percentage in eight of UIC's 14 matches. Lobdell has been named to two all-tournament teams this season for impressive offensive performances.

### IMPRESSIVE COMEBACK:

Redshirt sophomore Casie Sullivan has made an amazing comeback following two seasons of injuries. Since returning to the court against UTEP on Sept. 5, the outside hitter has totaled six double-digit kill contests and three double-figure dig outings. Sullivan also recorded back-to-back double-doubles against Illinois State and Youngstown State in September. Averaging 2.82 kills per set, Sullivan ranks ninth in the league.

### DALKE DISHES OUT:

Jessica Dalke has made a positive impact for the Flames since her arrival this season. The redshirt sophomore has been sharing time with sophomore Dana Van Syckle as the setter for the team. Dalke has appeared in at least one set in 10 of UIC's 14 matches. In her UIC setting debut, Dalke totaled 32 assists, four kills, one service ace and 11 digs in a sweep over North Dakota State at the Doublewood Inn Classic in Fargo, North Dakota on Sept. 5.

### IN THE LEAGUE:

Averaging 6.23 assists per set, sophomore setter Dana Van Syckle ranks ninth in the Horizon League. Katerina Hanackova ranks ninth with 3.02 digs per set. As a team, the Flames are second in service aces (1.41).

### BLOCK PARTY:

The Flames have totaled more blocks than their opponents in five matches this season. UIC averages 1.48 blocks per set. The Flames have totaled a season-high nine team blocks on three occasions,

most recently in a five-set win over Central Michigan on Sept. 23. Overall, the team accumulated a season-high 18 blocks versus DePaul on Aug. 30.

### UP NEXT:

The Flames play their next three Horizon League contests on the road, starting with a matchup against Milwaukee on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m. UIC then heads to Valparaiso on Oct. 11 and Butler on Oct. 12.

### SCOUTING THE OPPONENT:

#### Wright State (5-9, 3-1 HL)

The Raiders enter Saturday's match ranked second in the league behind Milwaukee. Following three straight league victories, Wright State fell to IPFW on Sept. 30 in five sets. Becca Awaa leads WSU's offensive attack with 2.15 kills per set and 13 service aces on the season.

#### Quinnipiac (2-16)

Quinnipiac is coming off a five-set loss to Hartford on Sept. 28. The Bobcats are led by Alyssa Naylor with 2.10 kills per set and 38 total blocks on the season. Crista Valentino averages a team-high 2.61 digs per set.

### DOUBLE VISION:

Katerina Hanackova has totaled a team-best nine double-figure dig matches this season. The junior recorded more than 12 digs on six occasions. Hanackova picked up a season-high 23 digs in UIC's second match of the season against DePaul on Aug. 30.

### LEAGUE MATCHES:

The Flames average 12.0 kills per set against Horizon League foes this season. In four matches, UIC has totaled 48 blocks, 246 digs and 23 service aces in 15 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 \*** **4 p.m.**  
 5 **Quinnipiac** **2 p.m.**  
 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	5-9	1-3	11.21	.169	.211	10.37	1.38	14.69	1.48
Wright State	5-10	3-1	11.20	.166	.213	10.44	1.07	14.64	2.20
Quinnipiac	2-16	0-0	9.49	.129	.220	8.25	1.78	8.61	0.95

## 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:** 59-81/Fifth season  
**Career Record/Years:** 165-141/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	3-0	10-4
Wright State	3-1	5-10
Butler	2-1	12-3
Loyola	2-1	11-3
Youngstown State	1-2	8-5
Green Bay	2-2	6-8
<b>UIC</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>5-9</b>
Cleveland State	1-2	2-10
Valparaiso	0-3	8-5

### UPCOMING HORIZON LEAGUE MATCHES

**Saturday, Oct. 4**  
 Cleveland State @ Butler - 3 p.m.  
 Wright State @ UIC - 4 p.m.  
 Youngstown State @ Valparaiso - 4 p.m.

### Sunday, Oct. 5

Quinnipiac @ UIC - 2 p.m.

### LEADING THE LEAGUE

**Hitting %:** Ruth Boscaljon - YSU  
**Assists:** Karia Everhart - YSU  
**Blocks:** Jalesa Lee - Butler  
**Kills:** Angie Porche - Valpo  
**Service Aces:** Dana VanDiggelen - Loyola  
**Digs:** 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	RsSo.	Roswell, Ga.	0.06	0.00	0.24	1.29	0.12
3	Keri Hee	DS	5-9	Sr.	Honolulu, Hawaii	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.00
4	Dana Van Syckle *	S	5-10	So.	Palos Heights, Ill.	0.19	0.14	6.31	2.55	0.26
5	Jessica Dalke	S	5-9	RsSo.	Millstadt, Ill.	0.23	0.04	4.48	2.10	0.31
7	Katarina Nedeljkovic *	OH/RS	5-10	Sr.	Kragujevac, Serbia	2.33	0.12	0.21	2.12	0.06
8	Taylor Szatkowski *	DS	5-4	So.	Cary, Ill./Cary-Grove	0.00	0.00	0.19	2.85	0.19
9	Katerina Hanackova *	OH	5-9	Jr.	Zlín, Czech Republic	2.23	0.27	0.12	3.06	0.37
10	Casie Sullivan *	OH	5-11	RsSo.	Kewanee, Ill.	2.74	0.26	0.14	1.98	0.10
11	Chelsea Sloan	MH/RS	6-0	RsSo.	Farmington Hills, Mich.	1.17	0.83	0.00	0.17	0.00
12	Lana Lobdell *	MH	6-1	Jr.	Lena, Ill.	2.10	0.61	0.20	0.41	0.16
16	Christin Hunt *	MH/RS	6-1	Sr.	Freeburg, Ill.	1.48	0.43	0.07	0.41	0.16
18	Kate Eldred	OH/RS	5-9	Fr.	Greenwood, Ind.	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.67	0.00
24	Epiphany Davis	MH	6-1	RsSo.	Chicago, Ill.	1.61	0.78	0.24	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 %	.355 vs. Youngstown State (9/19)	.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	2 vs. Green Bay (9/30)	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 - twice - last vs. Youngstown State (9/19)	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	2 vs. Youngstown State (9/19)	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 %	.444 vs. Louisville (9/14)	.625 vs. Northern Illinois (9/11/07)
DIGS	3 vs. Chicago State (9/9)	8 vs. Wright State (10/2/07)
ASSISTS	2 - twice - last vs. Chicago State (9/9)	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 (11/16/07)

### #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 %	400 vs. Northwestern (8/29)	.500 - 3 times - last vs. Winthrop (9/1/07)
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 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 vs. DePaul (8/30)	8 - 3 times - last vs. Loyola (10/19/07)