

2008 UIC VOLLEYBALL NOTES

THIS WEEKEND IN UIC VOLLEYBALL

UIC (11-13, 4-7 HL) vs. Wright State (11-14, 7-5 HL)
Saturday, Oct. 31 * Dayton, Ohio. - 3 p.m.

NATIONALLY-RANKED:

UIC enters its second week ranked 45th in the nation with 15.7 digs per set. The Flames have averaged 16.1 digs per set in their last five matches. UIC totaled a season-best 98 digs versus Milwaukee on Oct. 8.

LAST TIME OUT:

The Flames will be looking to even up the score against Wright State this weekend in Dayton. UIC fell to WSU at home on Oct. 4 in four sets. Sophomore Casie Sullivan paced UIC on the both sides of the net against the Raiders in the first matchup with a season-high 17 kills and 13 digs. Junior Lana Lobdell was solid at the net with a team-best four total blocks.

AT HOME:

UIC is 5-2 at the Flames Athletic Center this season. Following this weekend's final regular-season road match against Wright State on Nov. 1, the Flames will play their final five matches at home. UIC is averaging over 3.4 kills, 2.4 assists, 0.48 service aces, 0.76 more digs and 0.12 more blocks than its opponents at FAC this season.

FOR THE RECORD:

Katarina Nedeljkovic took over fifth place in the UIC career record book with four kills versus Loyola on Oct. 25. The outside hitter has totaled 1,310 kills in her career at UIC. The senior is also two services aces (153) from inching her way into seventh place in the career record book.

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

Despite UIC's four-match winning streak ending last weekend against Loyola at Alumni Gym, the Flames have still dominated in almost every category in the team's last five matches. UIC has averaged 13.0 kills, 16.1 digs and 2.3 blocks in those matchups.

LEADING THE WAY:

STATISTICAL COMPARISON:

Team	Record	Conf.	K/S	Pct.	Opp Pct.	A/Set	SA/S	D/S	B/S
UIC	11-13	4-7	11.8	.180	.191	11.0	1.4	15.7	1.8
Wright State	11-14	7-5	12.3	.199	.188	11.7	1.2	16.4	2.3

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)

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)

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)

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)

Katerina Hanackova has led the Flames' attack in their last five matches with 3.5 kills and 0.31 service aces per set. The junior has recorded double-doubles in two of the UIC's last five matches with a season-high 19 kills in a three-set sweep over Cleveland State on Oct. 17.

IN THE LEAGUE:

Lana Lobdell remains UIC's most efficient hitter with a .259 attack percentage, ranking seventh in the league. As a squad, the Flames rank third in service aces with 1.36 per set.

SERVIN' IT UP:

Katerina Hanackova's serving game has nearly doubled in 2008 with 13 more aces than her season-high total from 2007. Leading the Flames and ranking third in the league with 0.35 service aces

per set, the junior is just eight away from surpassing her career total with six regular season matches left on the schedule.

TOUGH AS NAILS:

In Casie Sullivan's first full season without any major injuries, the outside hitter leads the Flames with 2.7 kills per set. She has totaled seven double-doubles in 2008, including a three-match double-double streak that started on Oct. 17 against Cleveland State. Sullivan also averages 2.4 digs and 0.34 blocks per set.

DIGGIN' FOR WINS:

Katarina Nedeljkovic has recorded 11 double-figure dig matches in 73 sets. Ranking second on the team with 2.9 per set, Nedeljkovic has led the Flames in digs on seven occasions this season. The senior has recorded double-digit dig contests in three of UIC's last four matches.

NO SOPHOMORE SLUMP:

Epiphany Davis leads the Flames and ranks 10th in the league with 0.89 blocks per set. Davis recorded a career-best nine blocks in a five-set win over Valpo in Oct. 11. In UIC's last five matches, the junior has averaged 0.88 digs per set. Davis not only controls the Flames' game at the net, but she also has totaled 129 kills this season with four double-figure kill contests.

UP NEXT:

UIC hosts five straight matches at the Flames Athletic Center before heading to the 2008 Horizon League Championships in Cleveland, Ohio. The Flames kick off their five-match homestand with a matchup against Butler on Friday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m., followed by a contest on Saturday against Valparaiso at 4 p.m.

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 *	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: 485-476 (.505)
NCAA Appearance: N/A

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Nancy Mueller
Alma Mater/Year: Tennessee/1993
Record at UIC/Years: 65-86/Fifth season
Career Record/Years: 171-143/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	8-3	15-6
Butler	7-4	17-6
Valparaiso	7-4	16-6
Wright State	7-5	11-14
Loyola	6-5	16-7
UIC	4-7	11-13
Green Bay	4-7	8-13
Cleveland State	4-7	5-16
Youngstown State	3-8	10-12

LEADING THE LEAGUE

Hitting %: (.328) Ruth Boscaljon - YSU
Assists: (11.0) 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.	0.05	0.00	0.15	2.19	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.	0.11	0.09	6.25	2.30	0.29
5	Jessica Dalke	S	5-9	So.	Millstadt, Ill.	0.17	0.02	4.81	2.00	0.26
7	Katarina Nedeljkovic *	OH/RS	5-10	Sr.	Kragujevac, Serbia	2.00	0.37	0.18	2.88	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	2.59	0.26	0.15	3.06	0.34
10	Casie Sullivan *	OH	5-11	So.	Kewanee, Ill.	2.67	0.34	0.15	2.42	0.14
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.	1.99	0.77	0.20	0.35	0.20
16	Christin Hunt *	MH/RS	6-1	Sr.	Freeburg, Ill.	1.48	0.49	0.14	0.53	0.00
18	Kate Eldred	OH/RS	5-9	Fr.	Greenwood, Ind.	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.00
24	Epiphany Davis *	MH	6-1	So.	Chicago, Ill.	1.52	0.89	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 (9/10/7)
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 - 3 times - last vs. Youngstown State (10/18)	2 - 3 times - last vs. Youngstown State (10/18)
ACES 1 - 3 times - last vs. W. Illinois (10/21)	2 vs. Towson (9/1/07)
TOTALS BKS N/A	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 vs. Penn State (9/12)	3 vs. Penn State (9/12)
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 10 - 3 times - last vs. W. Illinois (10/21)	10 - 3 times - last vs. W. Illinois (10/21)
ASSISTS 36 - twice - last vs. Central Michigan (9/23)	36 - twice - last vs. Central Michigan (9/23)
ACES 3 - twice - last vs. Loyola (9/26)	3 - twice - last vs. Loyola (9/26)
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 % .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 - 4 times - last vs. W. Illinois (10/21)	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 - las 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 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)	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 (11/16/07)

#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 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)