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Baseball Loses Late At Illinois State

Flames see two-run eighth-inning lead vanquish in 8-6 loss.

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[Box Score](#)

Normal, Ill.- The UIC baseball team saw a two-run lead evaporate in the eighth inning as Illinois State scored four times during the frame to defeat the Flames, 8-6, at a windy Duffy Bass Field on Tuesday night.

[Rafael Garcia](#) drove in a pair of runs and [Ryan Schweikert](#) went 2-for-3 at the plate for the Flames (20-13).

UIC took a 6-4 lead into the bottom of the eighth when reliever [Adam Worthington](#) hit Ronnie Calvird with a 3-2 offering to begin the inning. Two batters later Kevin Konsler hit an RBI double that trimmed the Flames' lead to one, and pinch hitter Anthony Ruffolo followed with a game-tying RBI single up the middle.

With two away and runners on first and second, Kevin Dubler hit a double to the left field wall that cleared the bases and put Illinois State (14-17) ahead for good.

UIC had rallied from an early two-run deficit by scoring twice in the fifth. [Jake Carr](#) hit a ground ball back to pitcher Ben Hays with two aboard, but Hays' throw to first went into foul territory in right and gave [Steve McGuiggan](#) enough time to score the tying run from second. [Brett Schaefer](#) followed by driving in [Ty Rubio](#) from third with the go-ahead run on a groundout to second.

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Ryan Schweikert

The Flames tacked on another run in the eighth when [Tony Altavilla](#) scored from third on McGuiggan's suicide squeeze bunt to build a two-run advantage prior to the fateful bottom part of the inning.

Each team committed three errors during Tuesday's game.

UIC takes on Valpo in a doubleheader this Friday at noon in Valparaiso, Ind.

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