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Baseball Rallies, Then Pours On Offense In 19-10 Victory Over Butler

Flames outscore Butler 15-2 in final five frames to take opener of Saturday twinbill.

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[Box Score](#)

Indianapolis, Ind.- After trailing by four runs in the early going, the UIC baseball team posted 15 runs in the final five innings to topple host Butler in a 19-10 slugfest in the two team's doubleheader opener at Bulldog Park on Saturday.

The Flames (20-14, 12-4 Horizon League) posted 20 hits during the twinbill opener to win their 20th game of the year.

Butler (15-22, 8-11 Horizon League) scored two quick runs in the bottom of the first to go ahead 2-0, but the Flames answered back with four runs in the top of the second inning. UIC's first four hitters of the inning reached base, with [Ted Rosinski](#) and [Chad Schroeder](#) hitting RBI singles to tie the game.

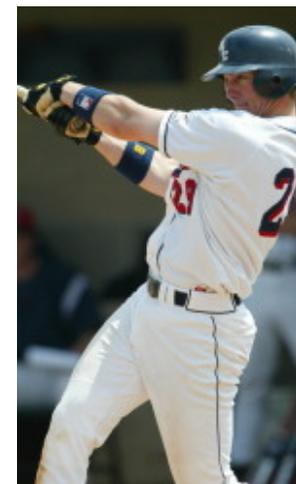
Schroeder eventually reached third base and scored on a wild pitch unleashed by Bulldog starter Josh Vollmer. Two batters later, [Mark Hallberg](#) roped an RBI double to left center that plated [Bryan Nolte](#) all the way from first base.

Butler reclaimed the lead in the bottom of the fourth, as Tony Barnes hit a three-run homer to highlight a six-run frame that gave the Bulldogs an 8-4 advantage.

The game continued its back-and-forth offensive pace in the top of the fifth inning, as two consecutive singles hit off the bats

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Justin Johnson went 3-for-3 with three walks, three RBI and three runs scored

of Hallberg and [Larry Gempp Jr.](#) to start the inning were turned into runs on [Bart Babineaux's](#) three-run blast over the right field wall that trimmed Butler's lead to 8-7.

Babineaux's homer was his league-leading 14th of the season. The blast extended Babineaux's hitting streak to 18 games and his RBI streak to 17 straight contests.

UIC then knotted the game at 8-8 in the sixth on Hallberg's RBI single that plated [Nick Rainwater](#). After Babineaux was intentionally walked and [Justin Johnson](#) drew an unintentional free pass to load the bases, [Ben Trotter](#) smacked a single up the middle to drive in two runs and give the Flames a 10-8 lead.



The Bulldogs got one back in their half of the sixth on Barnes' RBI groundout to cut the UIC lead to 10-9.

UIC would not relent. In the Flames' half of the seventh, Rainwater, who reached base on his second straight bunt single, scored after Bulldog reliever Pat Feeney threw two wild pitches. That was followed by Nolte's first homer of the season, a towering solo shot over the left field fence to extend the UIC lead to 12-9.

Johnson added another run to UIC's cause in the top of the eighth, looping a double into left center to score Babineaux all the way from first.

Three batters later Rainwater singled up the middle to plate Johnson

and give the Flames a 14-9 advantage.

Butler plated a run in the eighth to trim the Bulldog deficit to four runs, but the Flames got that run back when Hallberg scored on Gempp's RBI double in the ninth. UIC then tacked on two more when Johnson rifled a two-out, two-run shot to right that made the score 17-10 in UIC's favor.

After Trotter walked and pinch hitter [Jon Brown](#) hit a double to right field, Schroeder drove in the final two runs of the game on a sharp single.

[Zach Wright](#) pitched 2.2 innings of scoreless relief to pick up his first collegiate victory.

The Flames had their leadoff hitter reach base safely in every inning but two. Every Flames starter but one scored a run.

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