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Maurice Brown & Theandre Kimbrough Earn MCC Post-Season Accolades

Brown among top newcomers, Kimbrough one of the best defenders

March 1, 2000

The UIC men's basketball team has landed two players on the Midwestern Collegiate Conference's post-season squads as freshman [Maurice Brown](#) (Syracuse, NY/Henninger) earned a spot on the All-Newcomer Team while senior [Theandre Kimbrough](#) (Zion, Ill./Zion-Benton) was voted to the All-Defensive Squad.

Brown, a starter in 24 games this season, enters the MCC Tournament this weekend at UIC with averages of 9.3 ppg and 6.6 rpg. He upped his production, however, to 12.9 ppg and 8.2 rpg against MCC foes, including career-highs of 22 points and 18 rebounds in a win over Detroit on Jan. 6. The 6-foot-7 forward recorded six "double-doubles" during the season while also breaking the UIC rookie scoring record with 269 points.

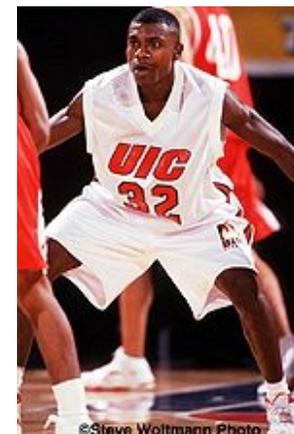
Joining Brown on the all-newcomer team are Damon Stringer (Cleveland State), Clay Tucker (UW-Milwaukee), Terrell Riggs (Detroit) and Mike King (UW-Green Bay).

Kimbrough, the Flames' leading scorer with an average of 13.5 ppg, leads the league with 51 steals and enters the post-season action this weekend ranked eighth on the all-time thefts list. UIC's top point man in 12 outings this season, Kimbrough has averaged 16.9 ppg in the last eight contests while scoring 20 or more points five times this year. He becomes the first-ever Flames player to earn a place on the all-defensive team.

Kimrough is joined on the all-defensive squad by Mike Marshall (Butler), Rashad Phillips (Detroit), Earl Brown (Loyola)

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Theandre Kimbrough, who leads the league in steals, earned a spot on the MCC's All-Defensive Team

and Jerry Carstensen (UW-Green Bay).

Brown and Kimbrough will lead UIC against Cleveland State in the first round of the 2000 Nokia/MCC Men's Basketball Tournament which begins this weekend at the UIC Pavilion. The Flames will take on the Vikings at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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PROFILE

- ▶ **Class:** Sophomore
- ▶ **Height / Weight:** 6-7 / 226
- ▶ **Hometown:** Syracuse, N.Y.
- ▶ **Position:** Forward
- ▶ **High School:** Henninger H.S.

2000-01 Highlights: Was voted to the All-MCC Second Team following his sophomore campaign) picked up 19 starts during the season while playing in all 28 games) finished first on the team in both scoring (10.4 ppg) and rebounding (8.5 rpg) while his boards total was also first in the MCC) averaged 11.6 ppg and 8.4 rpg in conference action) scored in double digits 14 times and collected double figure rebounds in 11 outings while tallying eight double-doubles) led the Flames in scoring four times while collecting game-high rebounding honors in 18 outings) led UIC with 19 points and 10 rebounds versus Detroit on Jan. 3) tallied a career-high 25 points and 11 rebounds against UW-Milwaukee on Jan. 11) had

17 points and a season-best 14 boards against Oregon on Dec. 12) put together a double-double of 11 points and 11 rebounds in the season opener at Saint Louis) earned a spot on the pre-season All-MCC Second Team.

1999-00 Highlights: Earned a spot on the MCC's All-Newcomer Team after averaging 9.5 ppg and a team-leading 6.7 rpg) improved to 12.9 ppg and 8.2 rpg against conference foes) played in all 31 games last season while earning the starting nod in 26 contests) led UIC with a 51% field goal percentage as he hit 125-of-245) finished fifth in the MCC for both rebounding and field goal percentage) set a new UIC freshman record with 208 total rebounds while his 295 points ranked second on the list) scored in double figures 14 times and grabbed 10 or more rebounds in seven outings) tallied career-highs of 22 points and 18 rebounds in a home victory over Detroit on Jan. 6) was equally impressive with a 22-point, 17-rebound effort at Loyola on Jan. 22) had 17 points and 14 rebounds at Chicago State on Dec. 7) averaged 13.0 ppg and 9.0 rpg at the MCC Tournament, including a "double-double" of 12 points and 11 rebounds in UIC's quarterfinal win over Cleveland State on March 4.

1998-99 Highlights: Sat out the season after transferring to UIC in the fall.

Prior to UIC: Attended Rutgers University during the fall of 1997, but did not play basketball.

Prep/Personal Highlights: As a senior at Henninger High School, he helped the Black Knights to a 22-2 record and a third consecutive sectional and league championship with team-bests of 22.5 ppg and 15.0 rpg) also contributed 3.0 assists, 2.9 steals and 4.8 blocks a game) scored a career-high 35 points against West Genesee High School and finished the year as an all-state player and the Herald Journal Player of the Year) as a junior, led the Black Knights in scoring and rebounding with averages of 21.1 ppg and 15.0 rpg while the team compiled a 21-2 overall record) tallied a season-high 30 points in a win over Utica Procter High School) finished his career at Henninger as the school's all-time leading scorer) born September 23, 1977) son of Morris Brown and Luzette Bradley) majoring in Kinesiology.

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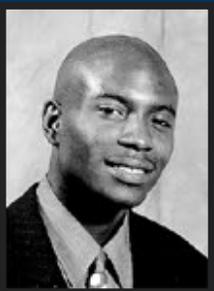
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PROFILE

- ▶ **Class:**
Senior
- ▶ **Height / Weight:**
6-2 / 155
- ▶ **Hometown:**
Zion, Ill.
- ▶ **Position:**
Guard/Forward
- ▶ **High School:**
Zion-Benton H.S.

1998-99 Highlights: Did not play basketball at UIC due to academic restrictions.

1997-98 Highlights: One of the Flames' first men off the bench...earned the starting nod in four outings during the year...UIC's fifth-highest scorer as he averaged 6.5 ppg...his 83.3% (30-of-36) free throw shooting was second on the squad while his 26 steals is third-most on the team...registered back-to-back-to-back double digit scoring outings with 11 points in the regular-season finale against Loyola, 10 points versus Wright State in the first round of the MCC Tournament and 10 point against UNC Charlotte in the first round of the NCAA Tournament...hit in double figures seven times during the year, including a season-high 16 points as well as four steals and three rebounds versus Western Illinois at the KYLT/Coca-Cola Classic in Missoula, Mont....added 10 points and three rebounds to UIC's

nationally-televised win over Detroit on Jan. 11...contributed 15 points and five rebounds to the home win over Louisiana Tech on Dec. 20...chipped in 14 points, two rebounds and three assists to the defeat of Illinois State on Dec. 16...first start of the season was at Wisconsin-Milwaukee on Jan. 15.

1996-97 Highlights: In his sophomore season, played in 28 of 29 games while earning the starting nod at Oral Roberts...averaged 4.2 ppg and 1.3 rpg in just over 11 minutes of action an outing...hit in double figures three times with a season-high 12 points against Grambling and Butler...against the Bulldogs, had a perfect evening, hitting 3-of-3 from the field, 2-of-2 from three-point range and 4-of-4 at the line in addition to two rebounds and two assists...had 10 points at Loyola and was one of five UIC players to score in double figures.

1995-96 Highlights: As a rookie, played in all 28 games while starting in 17...finished fourth on the team in scoring with an average of 7.0 ppg...accumulated 72 rebounds, 59 assists and 28 steals...shot 37.1% from three-point range which ranked third on the Flames' squad and seventh in the MCC...one of his best outings of the season came at Northern Illinois when he connected on eight field goals, including six from three-point range, to finish the game with a career-high 22 points...was equally impressive in the win over the Huskies at the Pavilion as he put in 15 points on 6-of-10 shooting from the field and 3-of-6 accuracy beyond the arc...had his personal high and led the team with 8 rebounds against Butler...led the Flames in scoring with 14 points against Drexel at the Boilermaker Invitational...scored in double figures eight times.

Prep Highlights: As a senior, helped Zion-Benton to a 25-4 record...led the squad with a scoring average of 21.6 points along with 4.2 rebounds, 4.6 assists and 2.4 steals...shot 44% from the field and 69% from the free throw line while hitting 76 three-pointers...helped Zion-Benton to a first-place finish in the North Suburban Conference with a 13-3 record...scored a season-high 39 points against Warren in mid-January...voted to the North Suburban All-Conference squad and All-County (Lake) team as both a junior and senior...earned Associated Press All-State honorable mention as a junior and Illinois Basketball Coaches Association honorable mention as a senior.

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