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## Men's Basketball Earns City Bragging Rights With Win At Northwestern

Junior Cedrick Banks pours in a season-high 31 points as the Flames tame the Wildcats, 70-53.

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[Box Score](#)

**Evanston, Ill.** - UIC junior [Cedrick Banks](#) helped UIC earn a little city bragging rights on Thursday night.

The 6-foot-2 forward came off the bench to score a season-high 31 points, knocking in 12-of-18 shots, to pace the Flames to a 70-53 victory over Northwestern at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

"Cedrick is a tremendous player," UIC Head Coach [Jimmy Collins](#) said after the game. "But this was a great team win.

"We came out aggressive and this was the best we've rebounded the ball all year."

UIC (5-2) dominated Northwestern (5-3) on the glass on Thursday, outrebounding the Wildcats, 42-15. The Flames also outscored Northwestern 26-10 in the paint and shot 58% from the field in the game.

Junior [Armond Williams](#) led UIC on the boards with a career-high 11 rebounds while junior center [Joe Scott](#) chipped in with nine points and five rebounds.

The Flames held Wildcats' leading scorer Aaron Jenning without a point in the game while rookies Evan Seacat (16) and T.

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Armond Williams dunks the ball in the second half against Northwestern.

J. Parker (15) led Northwestern in the scoring column.

With UIC trailing 9-8 early in the first half, Banks entered the game and went on a personal 13-4 run, netting his first five shots, three of which came from behind the three-point line, to stake the Flames to a nine-point lead, 21-12.

He would go on to tally 20 points in the opening period (7-for-8 FG) as UIC took an 11-point lead (36-25) into intermission.

After Parker opened the half with a three-pointer to cut the Flames' lead to eight, UIC went on a 14-0 run over the next seven minutes for a 22-point lead they would never relinquish.

The win proved to be UIC's second ever on the road versus a Big 10 opponent with the last coming in Champaign in the 1990-91 season opener.

The Flames will be back in action on Saturday night as they open Horizon League play at UW-Green Bay at 7:00 p.m.

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