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## Men's Basketball Rolls Past Northern Illinois, 77-45

Armond Williams tallies first career double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

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**DeKalb, Ill.** - Behind junior Armond Williams' first career double-double, UIC rolled to a 77-45 victory over host Northern Illinois on Saturday night at the Huskies new Convocation Center.

Williams finished the night with a season-high 21 points and 10 rebounds in just 24 minutes on the floor. He was one of four UIC (7-3) players to finish in double figures with [Aaron Carr](#) (14 pts, 8 reb.), [Jonathan Schneiderman](#) (15 pts.) and [Martell Bailey](#) (13 pts.) reaching the mark.

The key to the Flames win on this night, though, was defense, as they outrebounded Northern Illinois 48-28 while holding the Huskies to 31% shooting from the field.

"I applaud my teams defensive effort tonight," UIC Head Coach [Jimmy Collins](#) said after the game. "Armond really battled out there, but this was a true team win."

UIC, which led 40-29 at intermission, put the game away early in the second stanza, going on a 15-6 run for a 55-35 lead at the 13:37 mark. The Flames lead would grow to as many as 37 points later in the half, before the Huskies tallied the final five points of the game for the final 77-45 tally.

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Armond Williams led the Flames with 21 points and 10 rebounds at Northern Illinois.

P.J. Smith led NIU (4-6) with 14 points.

UIC has now gone 5-0 this season against Illinois universities with wins over Eastern Illinois, Illinois State, Southern Illinois, Northwestern and Northern Illinois.

The Flames will be back in action on Saturday, January 4, 2003, when they welcome Horizon League rival Butler at 3:00 p. m., to open a three-game homestand at the UIC Pavilion.

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