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## Men's Basketball Hands UW-Milwaukee First Horizon League Loss

Flames top century mark for the first time since the 2001-02 campaign with a 102-92 victory over Panthers. .

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[Box Score](#)

**Chicago, Ill.** - Junior forward [Cedrick Banks](#) scored a career-high 35 points, including 21 in the second half, to help lead the University of Illinois at Chicago to the 102-92 Horizon League victory over UW-Milwaukee at the UIC Pavilion on Thursday night.

Banks' previous record of 32 was set against Loyola on January 17, 2002.

The victory marks the first time since the 2000-2001 season that the Flames have reached the century mark. Ironically, UIC defeated UW-Milwaukee 112-106 on January 11, 2001.

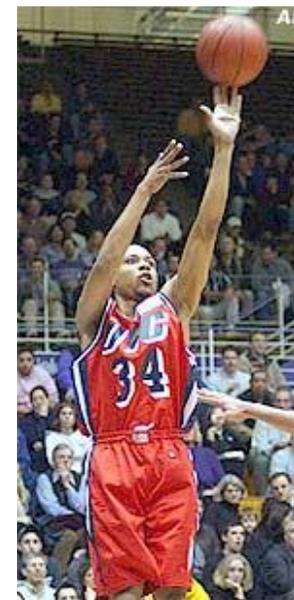
UIC was also able to secure the victory without the services of head coach [Jimmy Collins](#) as the Flames' skipper was tossed from the contest after picking up two technical fouls while arguing a foul with 6:12 remaining in the contest.

"It was a hard fought game and I was very, very happy and proud of our guys," Collins said. "We talk about overcoming adversity, continuing to play, whether you have to go over a hurdle, on the hurdle or around the hurdle.

"I'm proud of them, because they continued to play and they played hard."

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With the victory, UIC improves to 8-4 overall and 2-1 in Horizon League action, while the Panthers fall to 11-4 on the campaign and 3-1 in league play.

UIC also received a solid performance from junior guard [Aaron Carr](#) who notched his first career double-double with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Junior forward [Armond Williams](#) recorded 14 points and seven rebounds, while teammate [Jonathan Schneiderman](#) chipped in 13 points for the Flames, including a perfect 10-for-10 from the free throw line.

UIC was also solid on the boards as the Flames outrebounded UWM, 47-25, in total rebounds and 23-9 in offensive rebounds. The Flames also made the most of their free throw attempts as they converted 38-of-45 of their charity shots. The 38 free throws broke the school-record of 36 which was set last on March 2, 1996 against Butler.

Dylan Page and Clay Tucker each led UW-Milwaukee with 26 points apiece on nine-for-16 shooting from the field. The Panthers also received a solid performance from guard Jason Frederick, who chipped in 15 points.

"Obviously UIC understood the importance of this contest," UW-Milwaukee head coach Bruce Pearl said. "Their backs were against the wall and they played like it."

The second half was a see-saw affair that featured five lead changes and one tie in the opening eight minutes with the score tied at 55 apiece with 12:32 remaining. UIC put an end to that as the Flames went on a 16-5 run led by nine points from Banks to take a 71-60 lead with eight minutes remaining in the contest.

UWM narrowed the lead to 75-64 lead with 6:14 left in the period as Frederick converted a pair of free throws and the Flames promptly turned the ball over. Freshman [Josh Williams](#) was quickly whistled for an offensive foul on Tucker.

Collins argued the call vehemently and was quickly whistled for two technical fouls and was ejected from the contest with 6:12 left in the game. It was Collins' first ejection since November 29th at Southern Illinois.

Tucker hit two of the four free throws and nailed a 10-footer with 6:05 remaining to narrow UIC's lead to 75-68.

UIC, however, quickly responded with a 11-2 run, sparked by a pair of treys by Banks, to extend their advantage to 84-70 with 3:29 left in the contest and never looked back.

UIC opened up a 41-38 lead over UWM in the first half behind strong rebounding as the Flames recorded 27 caroms, including 14 offensive boards, to the Panthers 14 rebounds. Banks led UIC offensively with 14 points in the opening stanza, while Carr chipped in 11 and seven rebounds for the Flames. Page led the Panthers in the first half with 12 points, including two three pointers, and seven rebounds.

UIC will be back in action on Thursday, Jan. 16th as they will host the Cleveland State Vikings at 7:00 p.m. in the UIC Pavilion.

Junior forward Cedrick Banks scored a career-high 35 points against UW-Milwaukee on Thursday night.

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