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Men's Basketball Vies For Fifth Straight Win As They Head To Youngstown State

Flames and Penguins battle at 1:00 p.m. CST, on Saturday in Youngstown, Ohio.

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UIC (11-4, 5-1) vs. Youngstown State (6-9, 2-3)

Saturday, January 25, 2003 * 2:00 p.m. EST

Beeghly Center (6,500)

TV/Radio: ESPN Radio 1000 AM

SETTING THE SCENE: UIC will look for a season-best fifth straight win on Saturday afternoon as they venture into the Beeghly Center to lock horns with Youngstown State. The Flames are coming off an emotional win over city-rival Loyola on Wednesday night, and currently sit in a tie for first place in the Horizon League with Butler at 5-1. UIC is 5-3 on the road this season and has yet to lose to a team not from the state of Indiana (11-0). The Penguins, meanwhile, fell to Detroit at home on Thursday night and are vying for their third league win of the season. Youngstown State has posted all six of its wins at home this year (6-2).

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THE SERIES: UIC has never lost to Youngstown State, winning all six meetings between the two schools. The Flames are 3-0 in Youngstown, including a 63-57 triumph last season at the Beeghly Center on Feb. 4, 2002.

SCOUTING THE PENGUINS: Youngstown State is 6-10 this season and 2-4 in the Horizon League with all six of its wins coming at the Beeghly Center where they are 6-2. The Penguins two league wins already matches the two they won all of last year, their first season in the Horizon League. On the floor, Youngstown State is paced by 6-foot-3 sophomore guard Doug Underwood, who is averaging a team-best 12.9 ppg. The Penguins are also getting strong play from 6-foot-8 center Adam Baumann. Baumann is averaging 12.4 points and 7.9 rebounds per outing, which is third-best in the league. Point guard Marlon Williamson drives the Penguins' offense, tallying 5.2 assists per game. As a unit, Youngstown State boasts the second-best scoring defense in the Horizon League, allowing just 63.9 points per contest.

LAST TIME WE MET: UIC 63, Youngstown State 57 Feb. 4, 2002 (Youngstown, OH) [Cedrick Banks](#) tallied a game-high 17 points and [Jonathan Schneiderman](#) came off the bench to add 15 as the Flames posted a 63-57 road win at Youngstown State. The Flames overcame a 31-29 halftime deficit, shooting 56% from the field in the second stanza. Ryan Patten led the Penguins with 15 points while Doug Underwood struggled to find his shot, going 1-for-11 from the field in the game.

DOING WELL ON THE ROAD: UIC, which posted just three wins on the road en route to a 20-14 record last season, has fared much better in enemy territory this year. Through the first eight road games, the Flames are a solid 5-3, including wins at Detroit, Northwestern and Northern Illinois.

Junior Cedrick Banks leads UIC against Youngstown State on Saturday.

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