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Men's Basketball Looks To Bounce Back At Wright State

Flames and Raiders tangle on Wednesday night at 6:00 p.m., in Dayton, Ohio.

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UIC (12-5, 6-2) vs. Wright State (7-10, 1-6)

Wednesday, January 29, 2003 * 6:00 p.m. CST

Ervin J. Nutter Center (10,632)

TV/Radio: ESPN Radio 1000 AM

THE SETUP: UIC wraps up a stretch of three games in five days on Wednesday night as they head back to Ohio to take on Wright State at the Nutter Center. The Flames had their five-game winning streak snapped on Monday night with an 80-73 home loss to Detroit, after opening this stretch with a win at Youngstown State on Saturday. UIC is currently tied for second in the Horizon League with UW-Milwaukee at 6-2. Wright State, meanwhile, has dropped five straight league contests with four coming on the road. The Raiders are 6-2 at home this season, though, and have won the last four meetings with the Flames at the Nutter Center.

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Jonathan Schneiderman and the UIC Flames venture to take on Wright State on Wednesday night.

THE SERIES: UIC leads the closely contested series, taking 13 of the 23 all-time meetings between the two schools. The Flames, who split the season series with the Raiders last year, have struggled at the Nutter Center of late, though, losing their last four contests to Wright State and once in the building in the quarterfinals of the 2001 conference tournament. UIC is 7-6 versus the Raiders under [Jimmy Collins](#).

SCOUTING THE RAIDERS: Wright State enters Wednesday night's tilt in the midst of a five-game losing streak and sitting in ninth place in the Horizon League at 1-6. The Raiders, who are 6-2 at home this season, have had a tough schedule of late with eight of their last 10 games on the road. Wright State features one of the best one-two scoring punches in the league with Seth Doliboa and Vernard Hollins. Doliboa leads the league in scoring, averaging 22.4 ppg, and also adds 7.8 rebounds per outing. Hollins averages 18.8 ppg and leads the team with 68 assists this year.

LAST TIME WE MET: Wright State 63, UIC 62 February 21, 2002 Nutter Center (Dayton, Ohio) UIC's game-winning shot attempt by [Jordan Kardos](#) lipped out as time expired as Wright State handed the Flames a 63-62 loss at the Nutter Center. [Cedrick Banks](#) led UIC with a game-high 25 points while adding eight rebounds. The Raiders had three players in double figures, led by Jesse Deister's 16, and shot 47% from the field in the win.

WRIGHT STATE AND UIC KEEP IT CLOSE: Last season's two meetings between UIC and Wright State couldn't have been any more closely contested as the games were decided by a combined three points. The Flames held off a late Raider rally for a 68-66 triumph at the UIC Pavilion, then Wright State pulled out a 63-62 triumph at the Nutter Center when Jordan Kardos' game-winning shot attempt rimmed out.

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 nine road games, the Flames are a solid 6-3, including wins at Detroit, Northwestern and Northern Illinois.

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