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Men's Basketball Finishes Dell BCA Classic With 75-64 Victory Over Mercer

Flames take third in the tournament as Cedrick Banks tabs a double-double with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

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[Box Score](#)

Cincinnati, Ohio - The UIC men's basketball team secured a third-place finish at the 2003 Dell BCA Classic on Monday night with a 75-64 victory over Mercer at Xavier University's Cintas Center.

The Flames (2-1) controlled the paint versus the Bears (1-2), who are the preseason favorites in the Atlantic Sun Conference. UIC outrebounded Mercer 41-31 while outscoring the Bears 38-18 in the paint.

Senior [Cedrick Banks](#) paced the Flames with his first double-double of the season, finishing with 22 points and 10 rebounds. Senior [Joe Scott](#) had his best outing of the year, tallying 15 points and eight rebounds.

[Aaron Carr](#) (12 points) and [Armond Williams](#) (10 points, 4 rebounds, 5 steals) also reached double figures for UIC.

The Flames owned a 37-27 lead at intermission, closing the first half on a 10-0 run as senior [Rickey Dominguez](#) netted eight points during the surge.

Mercer would claw back in the second half and eventually build a four point advantage, 51-47 with just under 12

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minutes remaining. UIC still trailed by three, 54-51 at the 10:23 mark, but five straight points by Carr gave the Flames 55-54 lead they would never relinquish

The Bears were led by Scott Emerson's 22 points and seven rebounds.

The Flames will be back in action on Friday night as they travel to meet Evansville at 7:00 p.m., in the first of a back-to-back home-and-home series.

Cedrick Banks led the Flames with 20 points and 10 boards on Monday versus Mercer.

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