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Men's Basketball Tames Northwestern, 90-71

Flames shoot a season-best 61.4% from the field.

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Chicago, Ill.- The UIC men's basketball team caught fire in the second half and used an overall hot shooting night en route to a 90-71 victory over Northwestern on Saturday evening at the UIC Pavilion.

Senior [Aaron Carr](#) led UIC's second-half charge, tallying 16 points in the period, including four three-pointers. Carr, who finished with 21 points, was one of five Flames (9-2) to score in double figures.

Senior [Martell Bailey](#) tallied his second straight double-double with 11 points and 12 assists, committing just one turnover on the night. Seniors [Cedrick Banks](#) and [Armond Williams](#) each tallied 20 points for the Flames, while sophomore forward [Elliott Poole](#) posted a career-high 11 points.

Northwestern's (5-4) Jitim Young paced all scorers with 27 points, while teammate Vedran Vukusic chipped in 23.

UIC owned just a two-point lead, 43-41, at intermission as both teams shot better than 50% from the field in the first half. But the Flames blew the game open in the second period, outscoring the Wildcats 47-30 in the final 20 minutes of the contest while shooting a blistering 68% from the floor.

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Senior forward Aaron Carr scored a team-high 21 points against Northwestern on Saturday.

For the game, UIC shot a season-best 61.4% (35-for-57) from the field. The Flames, also, put up strong numbers on both sides of the arc. UIC shot 57% from behind the three-point line, including a scorching 6-for-10 (60%) mark from three-point land in the second half, while getting 36 of their points in the paint.

UIC will be back in action on Tuesday night as they open Horizon League play versus arch-rival UW-Milwaukee at 7:00 p.m. at U.S. Cellular Arena in Milwaukee, Wis.

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