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Chicago, Ill. - The UIC men's basketball team's second-half rally came up short on Wednesday night as the host Flames dropped a 74-73 decision to Saint Xavier in the home opener at the UIC Pavilion.

UIC (2-2), which trailed by 14 in the first half and 12 early in the second stanza, climbed all the way back to take a 73-72 lead with :28 left after a driving lay-up by [Karl White](#). After a timeout, the Cougars (5-2) ran a well-executed in-bounds play, which found a streaking Jason Reiter all alone for a lay-up and 74-73 Saint Xavier advantage.

The Flames had the final shot, but White's baseline jumper at the horn was off the mark.

Senior [Justin Bowen](#), the reigning Horizon League Player of the Week, led UIC in defeat with his second straight double-double, posting 17 points and 10 rebounds. The 6-foot-7 forward was 8-for-8 from the field on the night.

Flames freshman [Josh Mayo](#) recorded a career-high 18 points, 13 in the second half, while sophomore [Othyus Jeffers](#) tabbed a career-best 17 points.

Saint Xavier was paced by Jason Genova's game-high 20 points. Genova connected on five three-pointers, all of which came

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in the first half as the Cougars built an early lead.

Reiter added 19 points in the win and Dan Bolger was also in double figures with 11.

The loss spoiled a season-high 51% shooting night for the Flames, who also out-rebounded Saint Xavier, 33-24.

UIC will now head back out on the road with its next contest at Georgia Tech on Friday, November 25th, at 6:30 p.m. CST.



Xavier on Wednesday night.

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