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## Men's Basketball Opens League Play On Saturday By Hosting Youngstown State

Flames and Penguins tip at 2 p.m. at the UIC Pavilion.

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**Chicago, Ill.** - The UIC men's basketball team looks for its third win in its last four games as the Flames open Horizon League play by welcoming Youngstown State to the Pavilion on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 2 p.m. The Flames (3-4) have never lost to the Penguins (2-5), owning a 15-0 record in the all-time series.

UIC enters the contest on the heels of a come-from-behind win over Murray State on Tuesday night and is a perfect 2-0 at home this season.

Junior [Othyus Jeffers](#) has paced the Flames' attack of late, as the 6-foot-5 guard/forward is averaging 15.5 points and 11.0 rebounds in his last four games.

UIC has played the last three games without injured point guard and second-leading scorer [Josh Mayo](#). The sophomore has been out with a strained Achilles tendon. Freshman [Spencer Stewart](#) has been nothing short of spectacular in his place, tallying 10.3 points, 5.7 assists and 3.0 rebounds per game as a starter. Stewart is now the team leader in assists (3.0 avg).

The Flames have also received strong play from 6-foot-11 center [Scott VanderMeer](#). The Horizon League leader in blocked

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Senior Jovan Stefanov and the UIC Flames tangle with Youngstown State on

shots is averaging 9.5 points, 7.0 rebounds and 3.5 blocks in his last two games.

Saturday.



The Penguins have dropped their last three games, including a 71-59 decision at home on Tuesday night to Canisius. Youngstown State is paced by All-Horizon League guard Quin Humphrey. Humphrey, who leads the team in scoring (18.9 ppg) and rebounding (5.9 rpg), scored 33 points and grabbed eight boards in his last outing at the Pavilion.

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