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## Men's Basketball Falls At Miami (OH), 72-61

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**Oxford, Ohio** - The UIC men's basketball team dropped its third straight decision on Tuesday night, falling on the road to Miami (OH), 72-61, in front of 2,221 at Millett Hall.

All-Mid-American Conference forward Nathan Peavy led four RedHawks (2-2) in double figures with 18 points. Monty St. Clair totaled a game-high 10 rebounds, while guard Alex Mossmann dished out 10 assists.

Junior [Othyus Jeffers](#) paced the Flames (1-3) with 12 points and seven rebounds. Senior [Jovan Stefanov](#) added nine points and eight boards for UIC, which shot 37 percent from the field.

The Flames are now 0-2 in round-robin play in the inaugural Chicago Invitational Challenge. The RedHawks, meanwhile, are 2-0 in the tournament. Both teams will now head to the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates, Ill., for the final two rounds of the event Nov. 24-25.

Miami's defense thwarted a UIC offense that came in averaging 78.7 points per game. The Flames tabbed just three assists and committed 14 turnovers in the game with those miscues leading to 24 RedHawk points.

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Junior Othyus Jeffers tallied 12 points on Tuesday at Miami (OH).

UIC enjoyed an early lead in the contest, holding a slim 17-16 advantage with 6:28 left in the opening half.

Miami would take control of the game from that point, though, with a decisive 11-1 run over the next four minutes to build a nine-point (27-18) advantage. The Redhawks owned a 32-24 lead at the half.

The Flames opened the second half with back-to-back field goals to make the score, 32-28, but another 10-1 run by Miami (OH) put the RedHawks up 42-29 with 15:11 left.

UIC would make one final surge, cutting a 16-point deficit in the second half to as little as six in the final minute. Miami scored the game's last five points for the final 11-point margin of victory.



The Flames will be back in action on Friday, Nov. 24, when they take on Florida A&M at 2:30 p.m. at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates, Ill.

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