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Jeffers' Second-Half Outburst Leads Men's Basketball To 84-62 Victory Over Central Michigan

Junior scores 24 second-period points to pace big effort by Flames.

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Chicago, Ill.- [Othyus Jeffers](#) scored a game-high 24 points, all in the second half, to pace the UIC men's basketball team in a decisive 84-62 victory over Central Michigan at the UIC Pavilion as part of the O'Reilly ESPNU BracketBusters series.

The Flames (11-17) shot 59 percent (17-for-29) in the final 20 minutes of play to score 55 points in the second stanza, their best point total in a period this season.

Jeffers, who also pulled down a game-best nine rebounds, was one of four Flames to score in double figures. [Josh Mayo](#) pitched in 16 points to go along with a game-high eight assists, while [T.J. Gray](#) also scored 16. [Robert Bush](#) chipped in 12.

[Scott VanderMeer](#) scored six while blocking five Chippewa shots.

Jeffers was unstoppable in the final half, shooting 8-for-11 and going perfect at the charity stripe (8-for-8) to score all 24 of his points. The junior's second-half effort was the first time a UIC player scored 20 or more points in a period since [Cedrick Banks](#) accomplished the feat with 23 points in the first half against Wright State on Feb. 23, 2005.

Holding on to a 44-37 lead with 13:21 left, the Flames went on 16-6 run in just over a four-minute span to take a double-

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Othyus Jeffers

digit command they would hold the rest of the way.



The Flames turned 22 turnovers by Central Michigan (10-15) into 29 points.

UIC closes out its regular-season home schedule against UW-Milwaukee this Wednesday at the Pavilion at 7:00 p.m.

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