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Women's Basketball Roars Past Chicago State For 55-48 Overtime Victory

Flames extend home-winning streak to six games.

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Chicago, Ill. - It wasn't pretty - but it was effective.

UIC overcame a dismal shooting performance of 33 percent and 28 turnovers to defeat Chicago State, 55-48 in overtime, at the newly renovated UIC Pavilion on Saturday evening.

Junior guard [LeKesha Williams](#) scored seven of her team-high 14 points in the extra session while [Consuela Hall](#) added all five of her points to help the Flames to the victory.

"When we got to the overtime, I told the kids 'We've got five minutes, we have to go ahead and go,' UIC head coach [Tim Eatman](#) said. "I was so proud of them.

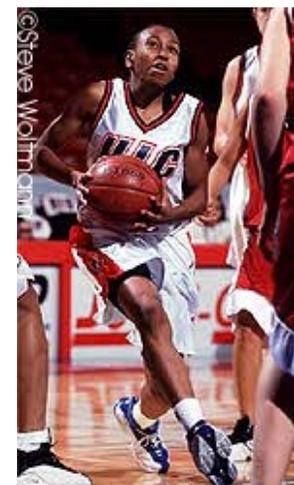
"I told the upperclassmen after the game that they won the basketball game because of their toughness."

The Flames also received solid contributions from junior forward [Jaysie Chambers](#) (14 points) and junior center [Zsuzsa Tarnai](#) (10 points).

With the victory UIC improves to 6-2 while Chicago State falls to 3-6 on the season. The win extends the Flames home-winning streak to six games which

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marks the longest since the 1994-95 campaign.

In the extra session, the Cougars took a 42-40 lead on a Tiffany Green lay-up. The Flames answered with a 8-foot jumper by [Josie Cole](#) to tie it up at 42.

UIC took the lead for good as Hall scored on a circus shot to give the Flames the lead for good at 44-42.

"My coach always talks about living for the moment and always be ready when your time comes because you never know when your moment will be," Hall said. "I saw an opportunity and I jumped on it."

UIC also played the game without the services of senior forward [Stesha Rhodes](#) and junior guard [Kristin Cheairs](#) as both sat out with injuries.

UIC held a 36-24 lead with 9:40 remaining in the second half when Chicago State went on a 14-2 run to tie that game up at 38 with 2:22 left in the game.

Chicago State guard Carrie Klimson gave the Cougars a 40-38 lead with 49 seconds left as she scored on a lay-up. UIC quickly answered as junior forward [Jaysie Chambers](#) ripped down an offensive rebound and laid it in to knot the game up at 40.

Chicago State had a final chance with 3.4 seconds left in the game as Klimson missed a jumper at the buzzer.

Kathy Coleman led Chicago State with a game-high 18 points, while Loretta Ellul added 10.

UIC will be back in action on Monday evening, as they will host the IP-Fort Wayne Mastodons at 7:00 PM.

on Saturday.

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