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## Women's Basketball Recruiting Class Ranked 19th In The Country

Flames pegged ahead of all state schools with tall and talented newcomer group.

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**Chicago, Ill.** - The UIC women's basketball team's 2001-02 recruiting class garnered national recognition this afternoon as it was ranked 19th in the country by the *All Star Girls Report Newsletter*.

The Flames' ranking was the highest among any school in the state, finishing ahead of DePaul (24), Illinois (26) and Northwestern (35). Loyola (59) was the only other Midwestern Collegiate Conference program in the top 60. Tennessee's newcomer group was pegged as tops in the nation with Rutgers, North Carolina, Stanford and Louisiana State rounding out the top five.

With six seniors set to graduate this spring, head coach [Tim Eatman](#) bulked up the team for the 2001-02 season by signing Charissa Greene (Aliquippa, Pa.), Zsuzsa Tarnai (Budapest, Hungary), Dee Merriweather (Hanceville, Ala.), Teamber Derrick (Oklahoma City, Okla.) and Virginia Rand (Detroit, Mich.) to National Letters of Intent to play for the Flames.

Inked as immediate impact players, Eatman has brought in two of the top 20 junior college players in the country in Greene and Tarnai.

Greene, a 5-foot-11 forward out Trinity Valley Community College in Athens, Texas, originally signed with UIC two seasons ago. She was rated as the 17th best player in the country as a senior in high school and now has been tabbed the top small forward and the No. 7 overall junior college player in the nation by the *All-Star Girls Report Newsletter*.

Tarnai, a 6-foot-4 post who is currently at Casper Community College in Casper, Wyo., is ranked as the 20th best junior college player in the country.

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Head Coach Tim Eatman's recruiting class was ranked 19th in the country by the *All Star Girls Report*

The Flames added even more size to their frontline with a pair of 6-foot-4 incoming freshmen centers, Merriweather and Rand. Merriweather, who was ranked among the nation's top 100 players in the Blue Star Report, is an all-state performer at Hanceville High School in Hanceville, Ala. Rand is a senior at Henry Ford High School in Detroit, Mich.

Wrapping up the newcomer group is Derrick, a 5-foot-9 guard/forward out of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Star Spencer High School.

This is the second top 20 recruiting class Eatman has secured in his three years at the helm of the UIC program. His 1999-2000 group, which also earned national accolades, helped the Flames to one of their most successful years in school history last season and was pegged as one the top teams in the MCC in 2000-01.

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