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Women's Basketball Storms St. John's For a 65-52 Victory

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Chicago, Ill. - The University of Illinois at Chicago women's basketball team earned a 65-52 victory over St. John's at the newly renovated UIC Pavilion on Sunday afternoon.

"I think the kids are trying to do what we asked them to do," UIC Head Coach [Tim Eatman](#) said. "We have a lot of work to do so we could get ready for our Thanksgiving tournament next weekend."

The victory marks the first time UIC has opened the season 2-0 since the 1995-96 season and the programs' first win over a Big East opponent. With the loss, St. John's drops to 0-2 on the season.

"We beat a Big East opponent and anytime you beat a Big East opponent, that's a big win for the program and for the Horizon League," Eatman said.

Rookie sensation [Zsuzsa Tarnai](#) (Budapest, Hungary/Casper CC) led the way for UIC with 19 points (7-for-9) tallying five three-pointers on the day.

"We have to take shots in rhythm," Eatman said. "If we take shots in rhythm, I don't care who takes it, as long as it's in rhythm."

"I thought we took real good shots tonight," Eatman continued. "But it could have been any given person and we're so thankful that (Tarnai) did in the

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first half."

UIC also received a solid performance from junior center/forward [Jaysie Chambers](#) (Pleasanton, Calif./Amador Valley) as she scored 11 of her 15 points in the second half.

St. John's forward Creasie Fowler led the Red Storm with 14 points, while Patrycja Gulak, Shemika Stevens, Sherri Brown and Mary Pat Statler each chipped in eight points apiece.

UIC will be back in action on Saturday, as they will take on the Air Force at 3:30 in the opening round of the Home Run Inn Thanksgiving Tournament. The consolation championship is set for 1:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, followed by the championship contest at 3:30 p.m.

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