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Senior Point Guard Consuela Hall Returns To Home Sweet Home

Childersburg, Alabama native makes her return this weekend as the Flames will take on Troy State and Alabama.

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Table setting 101 is not in the UIC curriculum, but if the class timetable included it, Flames' senior point guard [Consuela Hall](#) would ace every exam.

Hall, a 5-4 guard from Childersburg, Alabama, sets the table for the 5-1 UIC women's basketball team at the point at both ends of the court. Although quiet and polite outside of competition, Hall doesn't mind speaking her mind on the hardwood as she orchestrates the Flames new offense, while intensifying the Flames defense under the direction of first-year head coach, [Lisa Ryckbosch](#).

"Coach Lisa and the rest of the coaching staff have done a terrific job as far as putting in an offense that helps the players play to their strengths," Hall explained. "I think what we do gives me more flexibility to score, or drive to the basket and dish the ball."

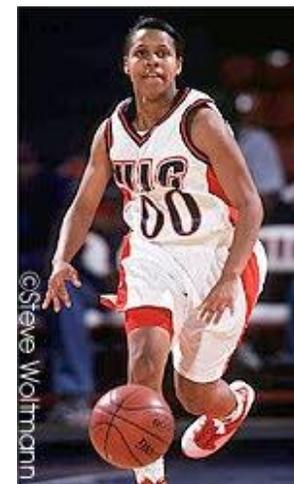
A decisive caretaker of the basketball, Hall involves everyone on offense, but her strength lies in her defensive ability. Hawking and disrupting the opposing point guard for 94 feet is her forte, while supplying easy scoring opportunities for her teammates.

"We have more energy now, especially when you're winning," Hall said. "The coaches are really stressing defense and like Coach says, you have to have a party on defense to be able to party on offense and that way we will get easy baskets."

This weekend, Hall will bring her identifying style of play home to Alabama for the last time. The former Childersburg High standout will roll into her home state to play Troy State on December 14, and travel to Tuscaloosa to tangle with Alabama on December 16.

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Senior point guard Consuela Hall is averaging 7.0 points a game for the

"I'm pretty excited to go down there and play in front of my friends and family," Hall said. "There are some of my friends from home who have never seen me play in college, so that will be exciting."

This season, Hall has stepped up her all-around game as she is averaging seven points per contest, 3.2 assists per game and has racked up 16 steals in the Flames' first six games. Prior to this season, Hall had a career scoring average of 3.1 points per game, but the new style of play installed by Ryckbosch and her staff has boosted her confidence.

"I am more confident this year," said Hall. "The style of play has allowed me to feel more comfortable out there."

Hall and the Flames firmly believe that a Horizon League championship is within reach and UIC's first ever bid to the NCAA Tournament.

"We are looking to win the Horizon League Tournament...but we have to stay focused, stay positive and keep working hard," Hall said. "In the three years I've been here, we haven't won."

"This year I can see that we have a long way to go, but we have seen that we can compete with anyone."

After basketball, Hall-who is a two-time winner of the squad's highest GPA award and a double major in Psychology and Communications-has not yet decided what she wants to do following graduation.

"Right now I am leaning towards clinical psychology, but I'm really not sure what I am going to do," Hall said.

One thing she is sure of, is that she wants to move closer to home, preferably the city of Atlanta, Georgia.

"I'll probably take a semester off after I graduate and I really want to go to grad school at Georgia State in Atlanta, because I want to be in the South closer to my family," Hall said.

Either way you look at it, Hall has a bright future ahead of her, both on and off the court.

Flames this season, more than double her career average.

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