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UIC Tabs Chicagoan Lisa Ryckbosch As New Head Women's Basketball Coach

Veteran DePaul assistant to lead Flames

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Chicago, Ill. - University of Illinois at Chicago athletic director James Schmidt didn't have to look far from the great city of Chicago, announcing this morning the hiring of Lisa Ryckbosch as the tenth head women's basketball coach in school history.

She replaces [Tim Eatman](#), who resigned on March 13 after recording a 44-71 record in four seasons with the Flames.

Ryckbosch comes to UIC after spending the last 11 seasons on the coaching staff at DePaul University, where she served most recently as associate head coach under Doug Bruno. She has been instrumental in bringing top Chicagoland and national talent to the Blue Demons' successful women's basketball program.

"Lisa will bring our program instant credibility and a strong Chicago connection that will enable UIC to attract players to our campus," Schmidt said. "She is a proven recruiter, both locally and across the nation.

"Her connection to Chicago and the state of Illinois set her apart from the excellent pool of candidates," Schmidt continued. "Her enthusiasm and competitive desire to win will make her an outstanding head coach."

While at DePaul, Ryckbosch helped guide the Blue Demons to five NCAA Tournament appearances and three WNIT berths. DePaul owned a record of 186-140 during her tenure, while winning a pair of Great Midwest Conference titles (1989; 1991) and the first-ever Conference USA regular-season championship in 1996.

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Lisa Ryckbosch was named the 10th women's basketball coach in UIC history.

"I am absolutely thrilled at the opportunity to take the reins as the head women's basketball coach at UIC," Ryckbosch said. "This program has all the resources and support systems in place to be successful.

"We will build a winning program that this university, and this city can be proud of."

Prior to her stint with the Blue Demons, Ryckbosch, ironically, got her collegiate coaching start as a member of the UIC staff in 1990-91, serving under then-head coach Eileen McMahon.

Ryckbosch, who played three seasons of professional basketball in Belgium with DBC Aalst, enjoyed a standout collegiate career at Loyola (Ill.). She was a four-year starter and two-time team captain for the Ramblers from 1980-84 and still ranks fourth on the school's all-time scoring (1,296) and rebounding (765) charts.

Ryckbosch and her husband Bart have two sons, Steven and Peter, and reside on Chicago's North Side.

The Flames return four starters and a talented nucleus to the floor next season, including All-Horizon League Second Team honoree, senior [Jaysie Chambers](#).

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