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Volleyball Holds Off Tulane, 30-25, 30-28, 28-30, 30-27

Flames extend season-high winning streak to five matches.

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Madison, Wis. - The University of Illinois at Chicago volleyball team won't get any points for style, but they'll take a victory any day.

The Flames held off the Tulane Green Wave for a 30-25, 30-28, 28-30, 30-27 victory in the first day of the Badger Invitational at the UW-Fieldhouse on Friday evening.

"It wasn't the prettiest win, but it was a win," UIC head coach [Don August](#) said. "Any win is a good win."

With the victory, UIC extends and matches its season-high winning streak to five games to improve its record to 11-2 on the campaign, while Tulane falls to 7-6 on the season.

"We were pleased with the win against a good team like Tulane," August said. "We knew they were good and they were as good as we expected and the match was as hard fought as we expected."

Junior outside hitter [Teaha Shepperd](#) led UIC with 17 kills and 15 digs, while teammates [Lara Clarkson](#) and [Lindsey Filkins](#) each chipped in 12 kills for the Flames.

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Junior outside hitter Teaha Shepperd led UIC with 17 kills on Friday night.

"I thought Teaha had an outstanding match, just an outstanding match," August said. "Both offensively and defensively, made some really big plays."

Junior setter [Meghan Keck](#) was three kills away from a triple-double as the Western Springs, Ill., native poured in seven kills and 11 digs, while dishing out 55 assists on the evening.

The opening game of the night was hotly contested as neither team took a lead bigger than two points for the majority of the contest. The Flames held a narrow 25-24 lead over Tulane and closed them out with a pair of Keck kills and three Green Wave errors to clinch the victory.

The second game was a carbon copy of the first as both teams battled to a 28-28 tie, but a kill by sophomore middle hitter [Kristi Herrington](#) (9 kills) and a hitting error by Tulane helped put UIC ahead 2-0 in the match.

"I liked the way we hung very tough in the very first two games," August said. "We trailed most of the game by a couple of points and we caught them in the 20's somewhere and put the game away."

UIC dropped a 30-28 decision to the Green Wave in game three and seemed to be in control of game four as they jumped out to a 25-18 lead.

Tulane, however, would not go away quietly as they narrowed the Flames' lead to 28-25. A costly ball-handling error by Deva Fowler (18 kills) and a Clarkson kill helped clinch the victory for the Flames.

Britney Hurst led Tulane with 22 kills, while Fowler (18 kills) and Kim Swafford (11 kills) each turned in solid performances for the Green Wave.

UIC will be back in action on Saturday morning as they will square off with Bowling Green State (10:00 a.m.) followed by a nightcap against the host No. 16 Wisconsin Badgers (7:00 p.m.).

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