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Volleyball Head Coach Don August's Contract Not Renewed For 2004 Season

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Chicago, Ill. - University of Illinois at Chicago Athletics Director Jim Schmidt announced on Tuesday that the contract of Women's Volleyball Head Coach [Don August](#) would not be renewed for the 2004 campaign.

The Flames finished the 2003 season with a record of 2-12 in the Horizon League and 11-21 overall. UIC, which has had just one winning conference campaign since joining the Horizon League (formerly Midwestern Collegiate Conference) in 1994, was eliminated in first round of the league tournament last week by Cleveland State.

"I would like to thank Don for his untiring service to UIC," Schmidt said. "He has served in the Flames family with great integrity and graduated his athletes."

"The history of volleyball under [Don August](#) has been a positive one for the University," Schmidt continued. "We wish him success in the future."

August finished his career at UIC with an overall mark of 421-392, spanning over 23 seasons at the Division I level.

"I cannot explain how much UIC has meant to me, not only during my career, but my collegiate experience," August, a 1975 graduate of UIC, said. "I leave coaching here with a lot of good friends and good memories."

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During August's tenure, UIC has posted seven 20-win seasons, including a UIC Division I record 30-win campaign in 1984. In 1988, August was honored as the North Star Conference Coach of the Year, after leading the Flames to a regular-season title.

The Flames will return nine scholarship student-athletes for the 2004 campaign.

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