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Wright State Rallies For Five-Game Victory Over Volleyball

Raiders rally from a 14-10 deficit in Game Five to claim 30-22, 21-30, 30-26, 27-30, 19-17 victory over Flames.

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[Box Score](#)

Chicago, Ill. - University of Illinois at Chicago volleyball coach [Don August](#) called it one of the worst losses in his career.

Wright State rallied from a 14-10 deficit in Game Five to claim the 30-22, 21-30, 30-26, 27-30, 19-17 marathon Horizon League victory over UIC at the Flames Athletic Center on Friday night.

"This is one of the toughest losses that I've had in a long time," August said. "When you have a lead like that and don't finish it off.

"That just hurts."

With the victory, Wright State improves to 9-5 overall and 1-0 in Horizon League action, while the Flames fall to 7-9 on the campaign and 0-1 in league play.

Senior outside hitter Teaha Shepperd recorded a 20/20 of 23 kills and 21 digs to lead the Flames' offensive attack. Her 20/20 was the first for UIC since senior outside hitter [Lindsey Filkins](#) posted 20 kills and 21 digs against Butler on November 10, 2000.

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Senior outside hitter Teaha Shepperd posted a 20/20 of 23 kills and 21 digs on Friday night.

Junior middle hitters [Kristi Herrington](#) (18 kills) and [Megan Hoffman](#) (12 kills) both posted career-bests in kills for UIC on Friday, while senior setter [Meghan Keck](#) added a season-high 62 assists for the Flames.

UIC was also done in by 13 service errors on the night, led by seven from freshman [Camille Mankus](#).

After capturing Game Four, UIC built an 11-6 lead over the Raiders following a kill by junior outside hitter [Jordan Studzinski](#). The Flames extended that lead to 14-10 after a Herrington kill.

"We had three plays to make one side out," August said. "We had the match in the bag and we didn't finish it.

"And that's what hurts the most."

Wright State, however, would not budge the rest of the way as the Raiders scored four consecutive points behind two UIC errors and a kill and a block assist by Alison Sipiorski (11 kills) to square things up at 14-apiece.

Both teams would trade a pair of points before Sipiorski put the Raiders ahead with another kill to give Wright State the 17-16 advantage. Hoffman would tie things up for UIC at 17-apiece with a kill, before Tricia Naseman (30 kills) put the Flames and the match away with two kills.

McKenzie Tiffin (12 kills, 13 digs) and Eboni Kidd (8 kills, 11 total blocks) also turned in impressive performances for Wright State on Friday evening.

UIC will be back in action on Saturday, as they will host Horizon League rival, Butler, at 4:00 p.m. in the Flames Athletic Center.

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