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## Swimming & Diving Debuts With Wins Over Eastern Illinois

UIC men's and women's teams down Panthers in season opener on Saturday.

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**Charleston, Ill.-** The UIC men's and women's swimming and diving teams opened the season in style on Saturday as each picked up a dual meet victory over Eastern Illinois at the Lantz Natatorium.

The UIC men's team secured a 132-107 win, while the ladies garnered a 131-112 decision over the Panthers.

The Flames kicked off the season with wins in the 200-yard medley relay. The foursome of [Jessica Darud](#), [Aisha Williams](#), [Kelly Hyatt](#) and [Colleen Dougherty](#), the same four who set a new school record in the event at last year's Horizon League Championships, opened the season with a winning 1:53.46.

The men's 200 medley relay followed with a win as [Adan Jimenez](#), [Stefan Staev](#), [Kris Simos](#) and [Blake Booher](#) raced to a 1:36.14.

Junior [Emily Biancalana](#) gave UIC its first individual win of the year with a victory in the 200 freestyle, swimming a 2:00.80 for a near-three second win. Biancalana would go on to clinch her second win of the day later in the meet with a 100 free victory (55.34).

Giving the men their first individual win of the year was freshman [Sean Dawson](#), who swam to a 1:45.89 in the 200 free.

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Junior Emily Biancalana picked up two wins against Eastern Illinois.



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In 50 free action, Booher continued where he left off at the 2005 Horizon League Championships by taking the title against Eastern Illinois. The defending league champion in the event swam a 21.15 on Saturday to earn the win.

Sophomore [Andrea Giczewski](#) bashed her previous career best in the 50 free with a 24.90 to take the win. Giczewski also swam a 1:01.47 in the 100 backstroke to claim the win.

[Mike Conroy](#) took the 200 IM crown with a 2:01.56, while [Ari Bernstein](#) (52.37) grabbed a 100 fly victory.

Four-time 2005 All-Horizon League honoree [LeRoy Stevens](#) started the season off on a strong note with a 100 free win in 47.49.

[Jason Dews](#) also picked up a 500 freestyle win with 5:03.64.

The diving corps picked up three wins on the day as [Sarah Economides](#) (one-meter/231.98), Mark Pappalardo (one-meter/258.46) and [Miranda Ambuske](#) (three-meter/199.58).

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