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## Softball Slips A Spot In Latest USA Today/NFCA Coaches Poll

Flames in at No. 23 after 4-2 week.

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**Chicago, Ill.** -The University of Illinois at Chicago softball team slipped one spot in the USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Poll released earlier this morning, falling to No. 23 in the country.

The Flames went 4-2 last week, improving to 46-23 on the season. UIC sandwiched doubleheader sweeps of Valparaiso and league foe UW-Green Bay around a pair of losses at No. 19 Notre Dame.

Mike McGovern's squad has a pair of key doubleheaders this week as they strive for their fourth straight 50-win season. The Flames battle UAB at Flames Field tomorrow, May 4, at 3:00 p.m., then travel to Dayton, Ohio, on Saturday, May 6, for a battle for the regular-season conference crown with Wright State at 1:00 p.m.

### USA TODAY/NFCA COACHES POLL

The USA Today/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Top 25 is voted on by 27 Division I softball coaches representing all areas of the USA. First place votes are in parentheses. Records are through games of April 30.

School	Record	Pts.	LW
1. Washington (27)	50-5	675	1
2. Arizona	47-7	647	2
3. UCLA	35-8-1	617	3

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20.	Nebraska	42-18	163	20
21.	Mississippi State	40-22	96	21
22.	Florida Atlantic	51-15	85	24 (tie)
23.	Illinois-Chicago	46-23	78	22
24.	Oklahoma State	33-20	63	23
25.	South Carolina	33-25	40	24 (tie)

Dropped Out: None Others Receiving Votes: Penn State (21), New Mexico (17), Pacific (15), Florida State (13), DePaul (10), East Carolina (7), Hofstra (7), North Carolina (6). Eight other schools (totaling 34 points) were mentioned on just one ballot and are not included among others receiving votes.

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