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Softball Wins USD Tournament

Flames down San Diego and San Diego State to capture title.

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San Diego, Calif.-The 22nd-ranked UIC softball team started its 2000 campaign by winning the USD Round Robin Tournament with back-to-back shutouts in San Diego, Calif. The Flames defeated San Diego State, 2-0, and the University of San Diego, 1-0, to take the tournament title.

The Flames return to action Saturday morning at the San Diego State Tournament. UIC will face host San Diego State at 11:00 a.m., CDT, and will then play No. 15 Long Beach State at 4:30, p.m., CDT.

#22 UIC 2, San Diego State 0

UIC opened the day against San Diego State, with All-American pitcher and San Diego-native [Samantha Luli](#) recording the team's first win of the season. Luli held the Aztecs to just two hits to help the Flames pull out the victory. The game was limited to six innings because of the tournament's time constraints.

UIC scored both of its runs in the second inning, which would prove to be all that the Flames would need. After reaching base on a double, [Amber Stachura](#) gave UIC a 1-0 lead two batters later when she scored on a wild pitch. [Julie Bumgardner](#) gave the Flames some extra breathing room with a sacrifice bunt that drove in [Abby Booth](#), making the score 2-0.

Luli held SDSU to just two hits, both of which came in the second inning. The Aztecs went without a hit over the final five innings.

#22 UIC 1, San Diego 0

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All-American Samantha Luli earned the win in the first game while driving in the winning run and earning the save in the second contest.



UIC survived a seventh-inning scare to win the USD Round Robin Tournament by beating host San Diego, 1-0. [Samantha Luli](#) hit a bases-loaded single to drive in [Jennifer Tiffany](#) for the game-winning RBI.

Sophomore [Rory Gonzales-Gould](#) allowed three hits in six innings to pick up the win. Luli made a relief appearance in the seventh inning to pick up the save.

With UIC clinging to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the seventh, the host Torreros mounted their most serious challenge of the game. Two UIC errors and a bunt single loaded the bases for San Diego with no outs in the inning. But Luli quickly closed the door on any Torrero rally, fanning the next two batters before forcing a short pop-up fly to end the game.

The win boosted UIC's record to 2-0 on the season while San Diego fell to 2-1.

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