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## Flames Return To Midwest For SIU Tournament In Carbondale, Ill.

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**Chicago, Ill.** - The UIC softball teams returns to the Midwest after playing in two consecutive tournaments out West. The Flames will battle Northern Illinois, Southern Illinois and Iowa at the SIU Tournament in Carbondale, Ill. March 4-5th. UIC will take on Northern Illinois in game one of the two-day event on Saturday, March 4th at 10 am.

UIC enters the competition with a 1-9 record after competing against three Top 25 schools.

**NORTHERN ILLINOIS (2-2) All-Time vs. UIC:** UIC leads the series 21-19. Northern Illinois is coming off a 2-2 showing in its opening weekend of 2006 at the IUPUI Dragon's Dome Invitational in Perkin, Ill. In game one of the two-day tournament, the Huskies topped Northern Iowa, 4-3, on six hits and two RBI. After splitting the next two games versus Bradley and IUPUI, the Huskies fell to Northern Iowa in the final game of the tournament, 4-1. After four games, the Huskies are led by Elyse Jamrozy with a .375 batting average. The senior catcher is 3-for-8 this season and has knocked in one RBI and belted one homer.

**IOWA (6-6) All-Time vs. UIC:** Iowa leads the series 3-1. The Hawkeyes enter this weekend's play with three tournaments under their belt. February 17-19th, Iowa was 2-3 at the Littlewood Classic in Tempe, Ariz. The Hawkeyes

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Senior Nikki Shepard was named the first 2006 Player of the Week after

then traveled to Columbus, Georgia on February 24-26 to play in the NFCA Leadoff Classic where Iowa only got in two games due to inclement weather. In the only day of competition, the Hawkeyes challenged #14 Louisiana-Lafayette and #2 Tennessee, falling in both match-ups. Second baseman Erin Riemersa leads the Hawkeyes with a .553 batting average and nine hits, four RBI, one double and two home runs.

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**SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (7-1) All-Time vs. UIC:** Southern Illinois leads the series 4-3. The Salukis have battles in three tournaments this season with two of the events cut short due to inclement weather. Like Iowa, Southern Illinois played in the NFCA Leadoff Classic in Georgia where the games on February 24th were the only day of competition. The Salukis topped Michigan State, 6-3, and Seton Hall by two runs (6-4). After eight games this season, the Salukis are led by freshman Jayme Wamsley with a .421 batting average. The catcher has eight hits, four runs, seven RBI and one homer this season.

Senior Nikki Shepard was named the first Horizon League Player of the Week of 2006 after posting a .778 batting average at the Palm Springs Classic in California last weekend. The outfielder was 7-

for-8, knocking in three runs.

Following the SIU event, the Flames will travel to the Tampa area to play in two consecutive tournament hosted by the University of South Florida in the Tampa area.

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