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## Flames Top Southern Utah 4-1

UIC's next stop is the Palm Spring Classic February 26-28th

Feb. 12, 2006

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**Las Vegas, Nev.** - The Flames wrapped up their opening weekend at the Alexis Resort Classic in Las Vegas versus Southern Utah University. UIC entered today's match-up 0-4 in the tournament, looking to pick up its first win in 2006.

### Game Five - UIC vs. Southern Utah

Scoreless following two innings, senior [Joyce Cathey](#) kicked things off for the Flames with a single to the shortstop.

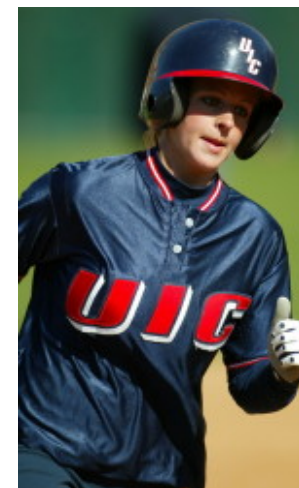
A Southern Utah error and two RBI singles from freshman [Melissa Marinacci](#) and sophomore [Nicole Robinson](#) gave the Flames a 3-0 lead.

With two on and one out in the bottom of the fifth innings, Southern Utah threatened to cut the deficit when the Thunderbird's Carli Rodeo hit a line drive to UIC pitcher [Sarah Clynes](#) who fired the ball to second baseman [Nicole Robinson](#) for a double play.

SUU's Marci Pratt ripped an RBI single in the sixth to cut the lead to two runs, but Clynes closed out the inning with two consecutive strikeouts.

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Sophomore Nicole Robinson went 2-for-3 with one RBI for UIC

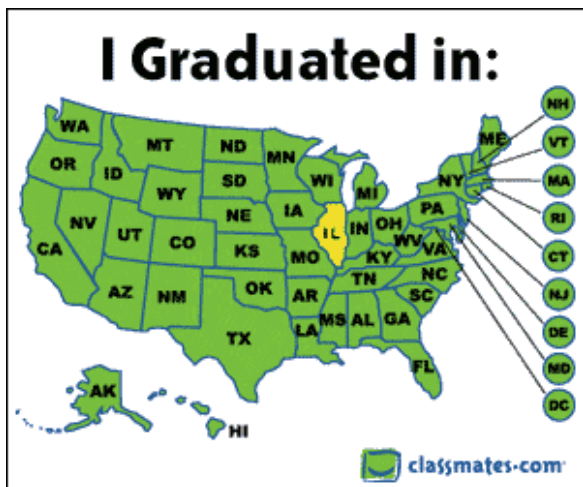
An RBI from junior Liz Jacoby extended UIC's advantage to three runs heading into the bottom of the seventh.

Sophomore [Mercedes Lovato](#) entered the game to pitch for the Flames, helping UIC pick up win number one on the 2006 season.

The Flames wrapped up the Vegas Classic on a high note with 4-1 victory over the Southern Utah Thunderbirds.

UIC pitcher [Sarah Clynes](#) worked six innings, striking out six, to pick up the win and move to 1-1 on the season.

Thunderbird pitcher Stephanie Christiansen allowed nine hits on three runs in seven innings for Southern Utah.



The Flames play in the Palm Springs Classic in California February 24-26th before returning to the Midwest to Challenge three teams at the Southern Illinois Tournament in Carbondale, Ill. March 3-5th.

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