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Softball Falls Short In IU Classic Championship Game

The Flames' (10-17) home opener is set for Thursday, March 29 against Bradley

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[Box Score](#)

Bloomington, Ind. - Despite topping Buffalo, 13-0, in five innings to advance in tournament play of the IU Classic on Sunday afternoon, the UIC softball team fell short in the championship game against Eastern Michigan (8-5).

Sophomore [Sarah Clynes](#) recorded a 1-1 mark with one shutout and three strikeouts in nine innings pitched.

Junior [Brittany Dixon](#) posted a .667 batting average (4-for-6) with two runs, two doubles and five RBI. Freshman [Brooke Frydendall](#) was 4-for-7 with three runs and two RBI. Freshman [Stephanie Chavez](#) picked up her second collegiate home run versus Buffalo with a three run homer.

UIC 13, Buffalo 0 (5 innings)

Clynes notched her third shutout on the season to move her overall record to 9-7. The sophomore totaled three strikeouts in five innings pitched.

Frydendall was 3-for-3 with two runs and two RBI. Chavez was 1-for-3 with one run, three RBI and one home run. Dixon posted a .666 batting average (2-for-3) with one double, one run and a team-high four RBI.

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Junior Brittany Dixon was 4-for-6 on the day with two doubles and four RBI

Buffalo's Marcy Hanser was 1-for-3, while Sharon Barr and Dana Carter each picked up a hit against the Flames. Barr moves to 1-9 on the season in the circle.

The Flames took an early lead against the Bulls with an RBI single to left field from Frydendall with the bases loaded.

[Nicole Robinson](#) then sent [Ashlee Ackerman](#) home on a hard hit to the shortstop, followed by an RBI from [Mallory Studzinski](#). Dixon then ripped a three-run RBI double to left field to give the Flames a 6-0 lead.



UIC tacked on two more runs in the second inning on a Frydendall RBI single and two Buffalo errors. Clynes gave the Flames an eight-run advantage in the third on an RBI double to left field.

The Flames continued to dominate offensively, adding four runs in the fourth on a three-run homer from Chavez and an RBI single to right field by Dixon.

UIC held Buffalo in the top of the fifth to clinch the 13-0 win after five innings. The Flames totaled 13 runs on 13 hits and committed zero errors to advance to the championship game versus Eastern Michigan.

Eastern Michigan 8, UIC 5

Despite a fourth-inning comeback against Eastern Michigan on Sunday afternoon, the Flames fell, 8-5.

Michelle Lloyd (2-5) picked up the win in the circle, while Clynes moves to 9-8 on the season.

Dixon was 2-for-3 with one run, one double and one RBI. Clynes was 1-for-3 with two RBI. [Becky Moran](#) totaled one hit and one RBI against the Eagles.

Eastern Michigan's Heather Han was 1-for-2 with a three-run home run. Jessica Scherer was 3-for-4 with one run and two RBI. Heather Giroux totaled two hits and two RBI in the win.

Eastern Michigan grabbed a 2-0 lead in the top of the third inning on an RBI single to center field by Scherer.

Clynes replaced [Lauren Brennan](#) in the circle for the Flames.

The Flames responded in the fourth and took a 4-2 advantage on five hits. With runners on second and third, Moran drilled a single to right field, sending Robinson home. Dixon ripped a two-run RBI double to right center, followed by a two-run RBI double from Clynes.

Eastern Michigan regained the lead on a three-run homer to left field by Han in the top of the fifth. UIC knotted it at 5-5 on

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an eagle error in the bottom half of the inning.

Jessica Grant singled to third base with the bases loaded in the top of the seventh (6-5). Giroux then singled to left center, sending two across home plate for an 8-5 lead.

Eastern Michigan held UIC in the bottom of the seventh for the title game victory.

UIC hosts its home opener on Thursday, March 29 in a doubleheader versus Bradley starting at 4:30 p.m.

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