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## Softball Falls To #25 Long Beach State At Las Vegas Classic

49ers run-rule Flames, 9-0, in five innings.

March 4, 2005

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**Las Vegas, Nev.** - The UIC softball team suffered its fourth consecutive defeat and fourth loss this season to a nationally ranked squad as the Flames fell, 9-1, in five innings to #25 Long Beach State on Friday morning at Eller Media Field in second-day action at the Las Vegas Classic.

UIC, which is now 7-8 on the year, will continue its run versus Top 25 competition later this afternoon when it tangles with #11 Oklahoma.

The Flames stayed within striking distance on Friday morning versus the 49ers (10-6), trailing by just a 2-1 margin after a third-inning RBI double by senior [Cameron Astiazaran](#).

Long Beach State would get to UIC starter [Mercedes Lovato](#) over the next three frames, though, tallying a single run in the bottom of the third, before three-run outbursts in both the fourth and fifth innings led to the final 9-1 margin.

LBSU senior Lauren Johnson, who was 3-for-3 at the plate on the day, ended the contest with a three-run homer in the fifth. It was her fourth home run of the season.

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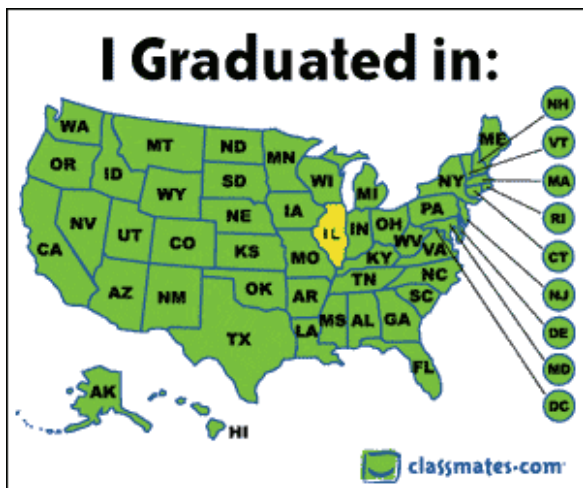
Senior Cameron Astiazaran went 2-for-2 with an RBI double versus #25 Long Beach State on Friday.

Lovato allowed nine runs, eight earned, on 10 hits in 4 2/3 innings. She is now 5-2 this season.

Marcel Torres picked up the win for the 49ers, allowing just one run on four hits to move to 5-4 on the year.

Astiazaran led the Flames at the plate, going 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Freshman [Nicole Robinson](#) and junior [Joyce Cathey](#) also recorded hits for UIC.



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