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Softball Opens 2005 Season On Friday At Georgia Southern Tournament

Flames kick things off with NCAA Regional rematch versus #7 Tennessee on Friday at 1:00 p.m.

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Chicago, Ill. - The UIC softball team kicks off its 2005 campaign this weekend as they travel to Statesboro, Ga., to compete in the three-day, five-team Georgia Southern Invitational.

This is the first of five non-conference tournaments that the Flames will participate in this spring and the first of at least 33 games away from home to start the year.

UIC returns seven starters and four All-Horizon League honorees to the field this season off a squad that went 42-23 in 2004, capturing the league regular-season and tournament titles en route to its sixth NCAA Regional appearance in the last seven years.

The Flames will waste little time in testing their mettle at the Georgia Southern Tournament as they take on #7 Tennessee (8-0) in the season lid-lifter on Friday at 1:00 p.m. The contest is a rematch of last year's NCAA Regional showdown in which UIC eliminated the Lady Vols in a 6-5, come-from-behind victory.

The Flames follow that contest with a match-up versus host Georgia Southern (2-6) at 3:00 p.m. on Friday.

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Senior Cameron Astiazaran and the UIC Flames open the 2005 season on Friday versus #7 Tennessee.

UIC will conclude round-robin play on Saturday with games versus Mercer (3-6) and Charleston Southern (0-4).

Elimination play begins on Saturday evening and concludes with semifinal and championship games on Sunday.

For more on this weekend's action, check out the updated game notes.

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