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## Softball Moves Into First-Place Tie In The Horizon League With Sweep Of Loyola

Flames take out Ramblers, 6-1 and 3-1.

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[Box Score](#)

**Chicago, Ill.** - UIC moved into a first-place tie in the Horizon League as they swept a doubleheader from league-leading Loyola on Saturday afternoon at Flames Field.

The Flames took the first game 6-1, then scored two runs in the seventh to take the nightcap, 3-1.

With the sweep, UIC (36-20) is now 10-2 in the league and will earn a share of the regular-season title and the top seed in next week's Horizon League Tournament with a sweep at UW-Green Bay tomorrow afternoon. The Ramblers (19-22), meanwhile, also sit at 10-2 in the league and take on Wright State in Indianapolis, Ind., tomorrow.

Senior [Jennifer Tiffany's](#) three-run double in the bottom of the sixth inning proved to be the gamebreaker in UIC's 6-1 triumph in game one.

UIC sophomore [Alison Aguilar](#) won the battle of the Horizon League's two top pitchers, improving to 6-0 in league play on the year, 18-9 overall. Aguilar scattered six hits in the contest while striking out eight Ramblers.

Sarah Smith fell to 6-1 in the league, 10-12 overall. Smith gave up nine hits and surrendered six runs, three earned.

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Senior Jennifer Tiffany notched career hit No. 300 with her three-run double in game one

With the Flames clinging to a 2-1 lead, Tiffany, who went 4-for-4 in the contest, cleared the bases with a drive over the rightfielder's head.

Senior [Amber Stachura](#) would later add an insurance run, plating Tiffany with a single.

Loyola was thwarted from tying the game in the top of the frame when senior centerfielder [Edel Leyden](#) threw out Susan Scott at the plate trying to score from second on a Rambler single.

Scott provided Loyola with its only run of the contest with a solo home run in the third inning.

In game two, UIC stranded six runners through the first four frames until sophomore [Amanda Rivera](#) delivered a two-out single to plate Leyden to give the Flames a 1-0 lead.

Loyola tied the game in the bottom of the sixth on a two-out RBI single by Stephanie Schneider. The Flames avoided further damage when Natalie Martin was thrown out at the plate trying to score on the play.

UIC would get the lead back in the top of the seventh, benefiting from a pair of errors by Rambler second baseman Martin. Leyden scored on one of the errors, then Rivera drove in the other with a sacrifice fly to put the Flames up 3-1.

Flames starter [Alycia Creese](#), who went the distance allowing just three hits, would set down the Ramblers in order in the bottom of the seventh to pick up the win, moving to 13-5 on the year.

UIC will wrap up the 2002 regular season tomorrow afternoon as they travel to meet UW-Green Bay for a scheduled doubleheader at 1:00 p.m. With a sweep, the Flames would secure a share of the Horizon League regular-season title and earn the top spot in next weekend's tournament.

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