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Softball Closes Out Regular Season With Pivotal Three-Game Series Versus Horizon League Leader Youngstown State

Series opens at Flames Field with a doubleheader on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

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Chicago, Ill. - With the Horizon League title still up for grabs, the UIC softball team welcomes league-leading Youngstown State to Flames Field this weekend for a three-game series to close out the regular season.

The series gets underway with a doubleheader on Saturday at 1:00 p.m., then concludes with a single game on Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

UIC, which currently sits in third place at 9-6 in the league, still has an outside shot at claiming the regular-season crown, but needs to sweep the series with the Penguins while also getting a little help from Detroit, which must sweep a series versus visiting Loyola.

Youngstown State (33-13-1, 12-3-1), meanwhile, needs to take two-of-three from the Flames to claim its first-ever Horizon League softball title.

Following this weekend, both teams will head to the 2003 Horizon League Tournament in Cleveland, Ohio, which

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Junior Amanda Rivera is a career .500 hitter versus Youngstown State.

begins Thursday, May 8th. The winner of that event earns an automatic bid to NCAA Regional play.

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