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Softball's Regional Run Comes To An End With A 6-5 Loss To No. 22 Oregon State

Flames finish NCAA Region VI Championships with a 3-2 record and a 42-23 overall mark on the year.

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[Box Score](#)

Ann Arbor, Mich. - The UIC softball team's impressive run at the NCAA Region VI Championships came to an end on Sunday afternoon with a 6-5 heart-breaking loss to #22 Oregon State at Alumni Field.

The seventh-seeded Flames finish regionals with a 3-2 record, including wins over nationally ranked Notre Dame and Tennessee, and conclude the 2004 campaign with a 42-23 mark.

The third-seeded Beavers (43-27) move on to meet top-seeded Michigan in the regional title game at 2:30 p.m. EST.

Senior [Alison Aguilar](#) was unable to hold on to a 5-3 UIC lead in the sixth and was tagged with the loss. She went the distance and allowed six runs on nine hits to finish the year at 16-9.

OSU reliever Ta'Tyana McElroy tossed 2/3 of an inning of scoreless relief to earn the win. She is now 12-4 this season.

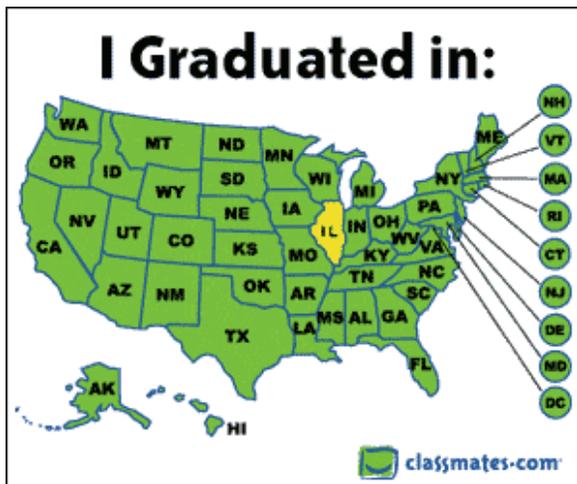
Starter Monica Hoffman re-entered in the bottom of the sixth inning with two runners on and one out and shut the door on any

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Senior Amanda Rivera



UIC dramatics, fanning two batters to get out of the jam. She then retired the side in order in the seventh to earn her team-high sixth save of the year.

Oregon State owned a 1-0 lead after plating a run on a grounder by Vanessa Iapala in the top of the third inning.

The Beavers extended their advantage to 2-0 in the fourth. With Alana Mendoza on first and Sherina Galvin on second, the Flames attempted to pick off Menodoza at first. Galvin broke for third on the play and eventually scored on a throwing error by first baseman [Alycia Creese](#).

The Flames cut Oregon State's lead in half in the bottom of the fourth when pinch-runner [Kathleen Mixan](#) scored from second on

an error by Beaver second baseman Mendoza.

Oregon State got that run right back in the top of the fifth on an RBI single by catcher Lisa Allen.

UIC put a runner on first with no outs in the bottom of the frame when the game was halted to due heavy rains. The rain delay lasted 1 hour and 24 minutes.

The rain didn't seem to douse the Flames, as UIC put together a two-out rally following the delay to take a 5-3 lead.

With Astiazaran on first and two outs in the fifth, junior [Sara Hernandez](#) started the surge with a double to left.

Senior [Amanda Rivera](#) followed with a single, which scored Astiazaran and cut the deficit to 3-2.

Creese then tied the game when she dumped a single into short centerfield, before a [Nicole Shepard](#) RBI single and a [Meghan Gallagher](#) bases-loaded walk gave the Flames a 5-3 lead.

The roller-coaster ride in this game continued in the top of the sixth as Oregon State put together a rally of its own to regain the lead, 6-5.

Adrienne Alo's RBI single to left tied the game and then with two outs Kelly Peterson laced a two-run single up the middle to put OSU in front.

UIC threatened in the bottom of the sixth, putting runners on first and second with one out for Rivera. Hoffman entered to pitch for OSU and fanned both Rivera and Creese to keep the Beavers in front.

Hoffman retired Cathey with the tying run on first in the seventh to end the Flames' season.

went 2-for-4 with an RBI in her UIC finale on Sunday.

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