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## Softball Moves On At NCAA Region VI Championships With Win Over Bowling Green

Seventh-seeded Flames clip #6 Falcons, 2-1, in 8 innings.

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**Ann Arbor, Mich.** - The UIC softball team advanced at the 2004 NCAA Region VI Championship on Thursday night with a 2-1, extra-inning victory over Bowling Green at Alumni Field.

The seventh-seeded Flames (40-22) will now meet the loser of #1 Michigan and #4 Notre Dame on Friday at 4:30 p.m. CST. The sixth-seeded Falcons finish the campaign at 34-30.

UIC starter [Brittany McIntyre](#), making her NCAA Regional debut, shook off a rough start to earn her career-high 11th win of the season. She tossed all eight innings, surrendering just one run on six hits with one strikeout.

Bowling Green reliever Liz Vrabel (15-16) was tagged with the loss, despite allowing just an unearned run on two hits in 3 2/3 innings.

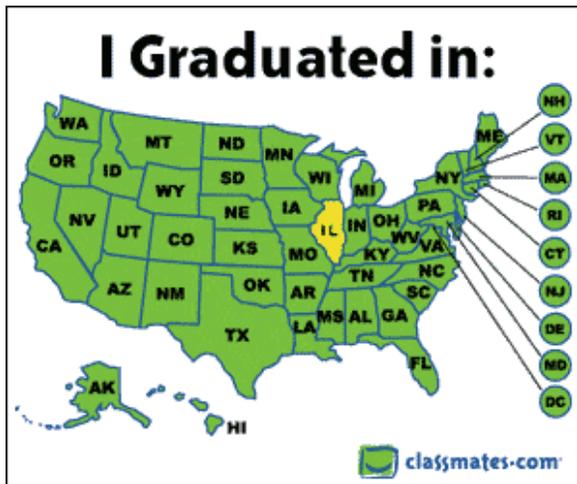
It took the Falcons one pitch on Friday to scratch the scoreboard as leadoff batter Jeanine Baca rocketed McIntyre's first offering over the left field wall for a 1-0 lead.

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Sophomore Brittany McIntyre picked up the win versus Bowling Green on Thursday.



UIC leveled the score in the top of the third inning on a one-out, RBI single with the bases loaded by Horizon League Player of the Year [Amanda Rivera](#). That would be all the Flames could manage in the frame, though, as Johnson fanned senior [Alycia Creese](#) and got sophomore [Nicole Shepard](#) to fly out to center to end the rally.

UIC had an opportunity to break things open over the next three frames, but stranded seven runners during the stretch.

The Falcons posted their own threat in the bottom of the sixth, putting runners on second and third with one out.

Kristen Anderson attempted to suicide squeeze the go-ahead run home, but McIntyre was able to flip the ball to catcher [Elizabeth Jacoby](#), who blocked the plate and put the tag on the runner.

McIntyre then got Jennifer Kernahan to ground out to end the inning.

In the top of the eighth, UIC put runners on the corners with one out as Jacoby singled and then advanced to third on an error by BGSU pitcher Liz Vrabel. Cathey followed with a chopper up the middle that resulted in a force at second, but allowed Jacoby time to score the go-ahead run.

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