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## Softball Opens Fall Preseason By Hosting Three-Team Tournament On Saturday

Flames open versus Lewis University at 9:00 a.m., then take on IPFW at 1:30 p.m. in tournament finale.

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**Chicago, Ill.** - Saturday will be an exciting day for UIC co-head softball coaches [Tom Gray](#) and [Sarah O'Malley-Fisher](#).

The third-year head coaches will finally get to see how their core group of talented veterans mixes with a fresh crop of newcomers in real game situations, as the Flames host the three-team UIC Fall Tournament.

"We have a lot of new people and we are excited to see what they can do, as well as how they mesh with our returning players," O'Malley-Fisher said. "We have been practicing very hard, so it will be very interesting to see how it all works out."

UIC will open the event on Saturday morning by taking on Lewis at 9:00 a.m. at Flames Field. Lewis will then taken on IPFW at 11:15 a.m., before the Flames wrap things up by battling the Mastodons at 1:30 p.m.

UIC will be looking to even the score with Lewis, after the Flyers edged the Flames, 4-3, in their last meeting back on October 5th, 2002, in the final game of the Battle in the Windy City Tournament.

Lewis hurler Mary Jaszczak, who is back for the Flyers, kept the UIC offense at bay on that evening, allowing just one earned run in six innings of work to earn the victory.

The Flames had better success against IPFW last season, topping the Mastodons 10-0 in five innings in their lone meeting

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Senior Amanda Rivera and the UIC softball team will be back in action on Saturday.

on February 21st, 2003, in Las Cruces, N.M., at the New Mexico State Tournament.

Sophomore [Joyce Cathey](#) had a career day versus IPFW, going 3-for-3 with a home run and a single-game best five RBI. [Amanda Rivera](#) also added a two-run homer in the contest.

Then rookie [Brittany McIntyre](#) picked up her first collegiate win versus the Mastodons, allowing just one hit in five innings of work.

This is the first of two tournaments UIC is hosting during the brief fall preseason slate. The Flames welcome DePaul, Loyola and Northwestern to Flames Field on Saturday, October 11th, for the 3rd Annual Battle in the Windy City Tournament.

UIC, which endured a 20-37 record last season, has plenty of talent returning for the 2004 campaign with eight of the nine regular starters back in the lineup, including All-Horizon League performers [Amanda Rivera](#), [Alison Aguilar](#), [Sara Hernandez](#), [Cameron Astiazaran](#) and [Joyce Cathey](#).

This group will get support from nine newcomers, who will all make their UIC debuts on Saturday.

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