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Shepard Receives Player of the Week Accolades

The Flames battle three Midwest universities at the SIU tournament on March 4-5th.

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Chicago, Ill. - UIC softball's [Nicole Shepard](#) was named the first Player of the Week for the 2006 season by the Horizon League on Tuesday, February 28th. In five games, the senior tabbed a .778 batting average with three RBI.

After missing the UIC's opening weekend on February 10-12th at the Alexis Resort Classic, the senior lit up the bats at the Palm Springs Classic last weekend. The California native posted a total of seven hits and three RBI for UIC at the five-game event.

Versus #11 Oregon State, Shepard went 3-for-3 and knocked in two runs. The senior also went 2-for-3 against Maryland in the Flames final contest at the tournament with one RBI.

Shepard and the Flames return to the Midwest to challenge Northern Illinois, Southern Illinois and Iowa on March 4-5th before traveling to the South to play in two Tampa area tournament hosted by the University of Southern Florida.

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