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Swimmer Paul Torres Has Strong First Day At USA Junior Nationals

Sophomore sets school record in the 200-yard breaststroke.

March 23, 2000

Orlando, Fla. - UIC sophomore [Paul Torres](#) turned in a strong showing in the pool during the first day of competition at the 2000 USA/Speedo Junior National Championships on Wednesday as he captured an eighth-place finish in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Torres, one of four Flames' swimmers competing at the Junior Nationals this week, finished 13th in the 200 breast preliminary swim Wednesday morning with a time of 2:06.07. In the afternoon, he dropped his time down to a school record mark of 2:02.75 and finished in eighth place in the consolation final.

The previous 200 breast school record was set less than a month ago at the MCC Championships as [Diego Lora Coronado](#) touched with a time of 2:02.90 en route to a first-place finish in that event.

"Paul turned in an excellent swim and his eighth-place showing is the highest finish a swimmer has had since I've been here," fourth-year head coach [John Christie](#) said. "If he could've finished a little faster in the morning and qualified for the finals, his time would've placed him third overall. It was just a great swim."

Torres is scheduled to compete Thursday in the 400-yard IM while Friday, all four of UIC's competitors, Torres, [David Kimmerly](#), [Tom Schwingen](#) and [Bobby Allison](#) are scheduled to hit the pool.

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UIC Swimming Sends Four to Junior Nationals

Flames to compete with the country's best.

March 21, 2000

Chicago, Ill. - Flames' swimming is going national this week and a quartet of men will represent UIC at the United States Swimming Junior Nationals in Orlando, Fla.

Beginning Wednesday, March 22, Bob Allison, Dave Kimmerly, [Tom Schwingen](#) and [Paul Torres](#) will be competing among the cream of the country's crop and possibly draw the national scope to focus on UIC.

"We are going there to compete against the best in the country," Head Coach [John Christie](#) said. "We had a great conference meet and our best season, so this is just the icing on the cake."

After sending three divers to the NCAA Zone competition two weeks ago, the Flames' aquatics program has enjoyed its most successful season to date under Christie in his four years. In the Zone meet at the University of Minnesota, Chuck Rock placed 17th in the 3m board, while finishing 22nd in the 1m. Andrea Bove and Shannon Joseph, the MCC Diver of the Year, tallied 32nd and 41st place finishes, respectively, on the women's side.

The Junior Nationals create a scene where the UIC name will become visible, an asset to the program according to Christie.

"This is a great recruiting tool and we're very excited about going."

Allison, a freshman from the state capital, will compete in the 100 fly. Dave Kimmerly, a Lockport H.S. grad, will look to make waves in the 100 and 200 backstroke.

Possibly the two best hopes for the Flames will come down to Schwingen and Torres. Schwingen, a rookie out of Fenton

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