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Men's Swimming & Diving Falls To Cleveland State

Booher's career-best 20.77 in 50 free win highlights regular season finale.

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Cleveland, Ohio- In a battle for momentum going into the Horizon League Swimming & Diving Championships later this month, the UIC men's swimming and diving team put up a strong fight on the road but came up short against Cleveland State as the Vikings took a 137-104 win at Busbey Natatorium on Saturday.

Cleveland State, who took defending Horizon League champion Wright State down to the wire before losing in the final event on Friday, jumped out to an early lead and held off a late Flames rally at the end of the meet.

Leading the way for the Flames were the usual suspects on the sprint-freestyle front. [Blake Booher](#) continued his jump as one of the Horizon League's elite speedsters with another win in the 50 free, taking the event in a career-high 20.77. The win marked the third time this year that Booher finished the event in a sub-21 second time during the regular season.

Booher was already leading the league in the event with his previous career-best, a 20.82. His Saturday showing left him only .04 short of tying Dan Pienta's eight-year-old UIC record.

The sophomore from Barrington, Ill. also finished second in the 100 free with a season-best 46.43.

Winning the 100 free was junior [LeRoy Stevens](#), taking the event in 46.41.

Stevens and Booher then teamed up with [Bill Hare](#) and [Athanasios Lamprou](#) for a 2005-best time of 1:23.60 in the 200 free relay, just .3 away from equaling the school record.

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Sophomore Blake Booher continued his career year with a 50 free win with a personal-best 20.77.

[Dan Hare](#) chalked up the other UIC individual victory, winning the 200 IM in a career-best 1:55.76.

The Flames return to action on February 23rd for the first day of the 2005 Horizon League Championships at the Schroeder YMCA in Milwaukee, Wis.

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