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Swimming & Diving Splits With Saint Louis On Saturday

Fast performances help Flames go 3-1 overall during the weekend.

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Chicago, Ill.- The University of Illinois at Chicago swimming and diving team capped off the first half of their season on Saturday, splitting a dual meet with visiting Saint Louis at the UIC Natatorium.

The UIC men downed the Billikens 142-93, while the Flames women's team dropped a close 134-105 decision. On the men's side, the Flames have beaten their last five opponents, while the women had a two-meet unbeaten streak snapped.

Both UIC squads continued to show tremendous balance, with the sprinters getting the Flames going as both the men's and women's 50 and 100 freestyle events were taken by UIC. [Kelly Hyatt's](#) 50 free win in 25.26 was complemented by [Colleen Dougherty's](#) victory in the 100 free (54.23), while [Blake Booher](#) swept the men's 50 (21.29) and the 100 (47.54) freestyle races.

[LeRoy Stevens](#) added another 200 freestyle victory, this time in 1:43.82 that beat the second-place finisher by nearly four seconds. Stevens has now won the 200 free event the last two times he has competed in the race.

UIC entered today's meet after earning men's and women's team wins at Western Illinois on Friday night in Macomb, Ill.

"Going 3-1 this weekend, it's a nice way to end this phase of the season," said UIC head coach [Paul Moniak](#). "Overall this marks the halfway point of our season, and we're very happy with our progress."

Moniak was very pleased with all of his swimmers, especially the sprinters who set the stage for the team's success early

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Sophomore Blake Booher had another outstanding day at the pool, taking both the 50 and 100 free races on Saturday.

and often.

"Our sprinters on both the men's and women's sides are racing consistently fast, and that's setting the tone for the rest of the team," Moniak said.

On the diving side, [Tara Goodwin](#) and [Ryan Fitzer](#) chalked up outstanding three-meter diving victories.

Other victorious performances included Kris Simos' 200 IM win, freshman [Jason Dews](#) taking a close 200 butterfly race over Simos by a mere .03, a 200 breaststroke win by the emerging [Edi Georg](#), and a great distance swim by [Ari Bernstein](#) in the 500 freestyle.

UIC will take a break from dual meet competition and head off to their annual winter training trip in Islamorada, Florida, from December 14-22. The Flames return to NCAA action on January 8th for a bout against Valparaiso and Ball State in Valparaiso, Ind., beginning at 2 p.m.

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