



## MEN'S SWIMMING & DIVING

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### Men's Swimming & Diving Picks Up Impressive Victory Over Ball State

Booher, Simos and Staev add individual wins while relay teams go perfect 2-for-2 on the evening.

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**Chicago, Ill.-** Backed by an overwhelming 200-yard freestyle relay victory and three individual victories, the UIC men's swimming and diving team defeated a strong Ball State squad by a 134-109 tally at the UIC Natatorium on Friday night.

UIC notched its fifth straight dual win to improve to 6-1.

The Flames kicked things off right with a big 200 medley relay win by the team of [Adan Jimenez](#), [Stefan Staev](#), [Kris Simos](#) and [Blake Booher](#), who combined for a 1:34.78.

Booher went on to continue his dominance in the 50 freestyle, winning the event in 21.18.

Simos and Staev also succeeded in individual events. Simos edged out teammate [Ari Bernstein](#) by a mere .02 to win an exciting 100 butterfly in 51.28. Staev rounded out his day with a win in the 100 breaststroke, taking the race with the only time under a minute (59.65).

In an unusually-long home meet that took over four hours and thirty minutes to complete, the Flames ended the evening in the only way they could: in a blur.

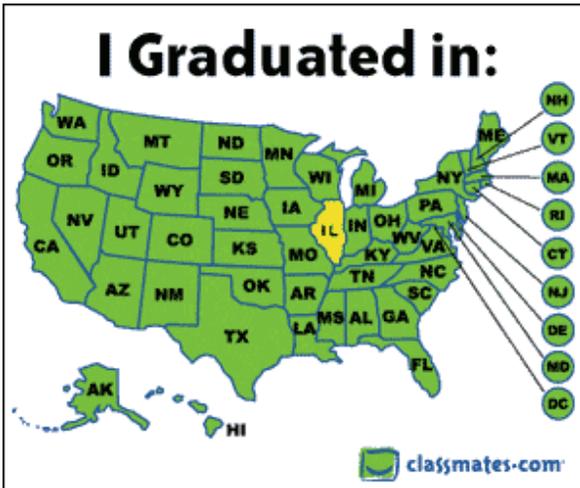
That's because the 200 free relay concluded the day's events, and the Horizon League record-setting quartet of Booher, [LeRoy Stevens](#), [Athanasios Lamprou](#) and [Bill Hare](#) did not disappoint. The foursome left no doubt, winning the race in a season-best 1:23.38 to down their next closest competitors by over six seconds.

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Senior Stefan Staev was part of a relay win and notched a 100 breaststroke victory.



Stevens had a strong day individually as well, placing second in the 100 free (46.91) and 200 free (1:44.07).

Mark Pappalardo continued to pace the diving corps, winning the three-meter board with a score of 272.10 and taking second in the one-meter event (266.40).

Mike Conroy posted a runner-up finish in the 100 backstroke (54.61) while Jimenez picked up a second-place showing in both the 500 freestyle (4:47.63).

Head Coach Paul Moniak was pleased with the victory, knowing it was going to be a difficult match-up against a strong Mid-American Conference foe.

"Hard-fought meet on both sides," said Moniak. "We knew that going in."

"It's a milestone of sorts, beating a very solid MAC team," said Moniak. "It sets us up for another tough Horizon League matchup at UW-Green Bay tomorrow."

UIC returns to action Saturday afternoon, taking a trip to Green Bay, Wis., to face off against Horizon League rivals UW-Green Bay at 1:00 p.m.

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