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Soccer Moves Up To Fifth In NSCAA/adidas Midwest Regional Rankings

Undefeated performance at UC Irvine College Classic helps Flames move past Memphis, Saint Louis and Bradley.

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Chicago, Ill.- An outstanding undefeated weekend at the UC Irvine College Classic, highlighted by a 2-0 victory over No. 24 Loyola Marymount, earned the University of Illinois at Chicago soccer team some big-time regional recognition as the Flames jumped up to the fifth spot in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America/adidas Midwest Regional Rankings this week.

The Flames moved ahead of usual regional powers Memphis (6th), Saint Louis (7th) and Bradley (9th).

Missouri State turned up at the top spot, followed by Creighton, Oral Roberts, Vanderbilt, and UIC. Rounding out the top ten were Memphis, Saint Louis, Northern Illinois, Bradley, and Loyola.

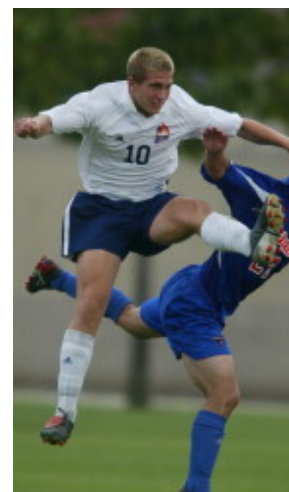
The Flames play three teams in this week's NSCAA/adidas Midwest Regional Top Ten this season, including No. 2 Creighton on October 5th in Omaha, Neb. UIC also takes on Loyola on September 23rd and Bradley on November 1st.

UIC earned the ranking after shutting out the 24th-ranked Lions this past Saturday and keeping host UC Irvine scoreless in a 0-0 tie on Labor Day.

UIC returns to action this Saturday at UMKC beginning at 1:00 p.m. Central.

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Junior Tonci Skroce, one of four Flames named to the UC Irvine College Classic All-Tournament Team, and the UIC soccer team earned the