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Soccer Advances In Horizon League Tournament With 5-1 Win Over Detroit

Third-seeded Flames advance to meet #2 Cleveland State on Friday, November 15, at 11:00 a.m., in Milwaukee, Wis.

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[Box Score](#)

Chicago, Ill. - The third-seeded UIC men's soccer team advanced in the 2002 Horizon League Soccer Tournament on Saturday afternoon with a 5-1 triumph over visiting #6 Detroit at Flames Field.

With the win, the Flames (10-7-2) move on to the tournament semifinals, where they will meet #2 Cleveland State on Friday, November 15, at 11:00 a.m., in Milwaukee, Wis. The Vikings advanced with a 2-1 win over #7 UW-Green Bay on Saturday.

With the score tied 1-1 versus the Titans early in the second half, UIC scored four unanswered goals in the last 30 minutes of the contest to put the game out of reach. Freshman forward [Sinisa Ubiparipovic](#) (Mentor, Ohio/Mentor) led the charge tallying two of the four goals while junior [Dennis King](#) (Colona, Ill./United Township) added a goal and an assist.

"Detroit is a very dangerous team and one that always seems to pull off an upset in the tournament," UIC Head Coach [Sasha Begovic](#) said after the game. "I thought [Ross Cain](#) came up big in goal in the first half, then we just played really well as a team in the second half.

"That second half is the way I'd like to see us play for a whole game."

Senior [Bruno Rasich](#) (Lincolnwood, Ill./Niles West) got the Flames on the board first on Saturday with a goal in the 35th-minute. Off a free kick five yards outside of the box, Rasich, who would add an assist to his ledger later in the game, fired one past UDM keeper Matthew Strabbing into the bottom left corner of the net. It was his fourth goal of the season.

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Rookie Sinisa Ubiparipovic netted two goals on Saturday versus Detroit.



The score would remain 1-0, thanks to a pair of nifty first-half saves by Cain, until early in the second half when the Titans capitalized on their own free kick. George Kithas did the damage for Detroit, rocketing a shot that skipped off the wall and into the goal to even the score in the 49th-minute.

The Flames continued the trend of scoring off set pieces in the 62nd-minute when Ubiparipovic tallied the first of his two goals on the day with a well-placed header off a free kick cross from Rasich.

That goal seemingly set the Flames off as less than a minute later senior [Joe Morelli](#) (Holly, Mich./Brother Rice) converted a penalty kick to put the Flames ahead to stay, 3-1. Morelli now has a career best eight goals on the season.

Ubiparipovic and King would then add two more insurance goals later in the second half for the final 5-1 score.

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