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### Skroce's Second Overtime Goal Of Season Sends Soccer To Road Win Over Cleveland State, 2-1 (2OT)

Nick Sutter scores first career goal, Ligas-to-Skroce game-winning connection give Flames first Horizon League victory of the year.

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[Box Score](#)

**Cleveland, Ohio-** Pawel Ligas' steal of a Cleveland State back pass led to [Tonci Skroce's](#) third game-winner of the season as the UIC soccer team extended their winning streak to a season-best three matches by downing the host Vikings, 2-1, in double overtime at Krenzler Field on Sunday.

The Flames (6-3-1, 1-2-0 Horizon League) picked up their first league victory of the season on a cold, wet day and kept the scrappy Vikings winless (0-10-1, 0-4-0 Horizon League).

The deciding goal came early in the 106th minute, when a pass back to CSU keeper Anthony DeMarco was intercepted by Ligas, who found Skroce in prime position to score. Skroce sent the ball into the net for his fourth of the season and his second goal in extra time.

Ligas' game-winning helper was his first career assist.

The two teams battled to a scoreless draw in the first 45 minutes of the match, but the Flames came out of intermission to strike first. Sophomore [Nick Sutter](#) chalked up his first career goal off a give-and-go with fellow midfielder [Pavle Dundjer](#) in the 52nd minute, launching a shot from 15 yards out that ripped the net for a 1-0 UIC lead.

The assist was Dundjer's league-leading seventh of the season.

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Tonci Skroce knocked in his third game-winning goal of the year on Sunday.



Cleveland State then knotted the game with five minutes left in regulation as Vincent Rosati sent a header into the net off Burke Schultz's free kick.

Defense ruled the rest of the way until Ligas' steal was converted by Skroce halfway through the second overtime.

UIC Head Coach [John Trask](#) knew his team was in for a slobberknocker against the Vikings, who were finally at full strength for the first time this year.

"It was just a tight, tight game," said Trask. "We were getting chances, but Cleveland State hung in there. I compliment [Head Coach] Pete Curtis and Cleveland State. They are much, much better than their record. It was a dogfight, and we did enough to win."

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"I'm real proud of our guys," Trask continued. "After a big win on the road like we had at Creighton [this past Wednesday evening], then to go back on the road for a match at 10 a.m., sometimes your legs aren't all there."

Trask also discussed the Flames' strong record in overtime this season.

"For a young team to be 2-1-1 in overtime, it's just a compliment to the guys. We're starting to get that good character."

UIC outshot the Vikings 19-11 during the contest. Engelbrecht made three saves, while his counterpart DeMarco stopped nine.

"These are the big games now coming up," said Trask of UIC's upcoming matches against defending league champion UW-Milwaukee and current league leader Butler. "Two big, big games."

UIC finishes up a three-game road swing with a match at UW-Milwaukee at Engelmann Field in Milwaukee, Wis., at 3:00 p.m. Central.

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