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Soccer Gets Back To The Pitch With Two Spring Games This Past Saturday

Flames get exhibition work in against IUPUI and UMSL at Flames Field.

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Chicago, Ill.- The UIC men's soccer team opened a busy month full of training and exhibition matches with two spring contests at Flames Field this past Saturday.

In matches against IUPUI and Missouri-Saint Louis, the Flames were able to get in some quality work for the players in a competitive setting outside of the usual intrasquad practices.

UIC began the day against IUPUI. The Flames and Jaguars battled to a scoreless draw, with IUPUI coming away with a 4-3 penalty kick decision.

"An excellent test for our guys to figure out a way to break down a team that is playing deep in their own half," said UIC head coach [John Trask](#). "At times in the first half we looked extremely sharp for a spring contest, with tremendous one- and two-touch combinations around the box.

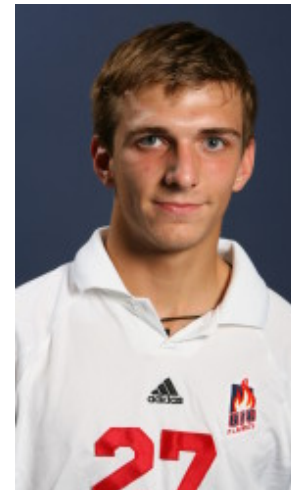
"Compliments to Coach [Steve] Franklin and his staff from IUPUI because they made a conscious effort not to let us get behind them, and it worked."

The nightcap featured UIC and UMSL, and unlike the defensive battle in the previous game, the Flames scratched the scoreboard early and often. Freshman [Stevan Jovicic](#) hit the back of the net on a nicely-struck ball in the first half of the opening stanza to put UIC up early.

Fellow freshman [Matt Spiess](#) would strike next, drawing a penalty kick by a good run and converting the PK to add to the lead.

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Freshman Stevan Jovicic scored UIC's first goal on Saturday.

