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### Soccer Advances To NCAA Tournament Second Round With 3-0 Win Over Western Illinois

Zambrano, Cervantes and Dundjer score to help Flames move on to face Notre Dame on November 15th.

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**Chicago, Ill.-** The UIC men's soccer team made its return to the NCAA Tournament a successful one, as the Flames blanked Western Illinois, 3-0, in the first round of the 2006 NCAA Division I Men's Soccer Championship at Flames Field on Saturday night.

In a match delayed a day after severe thunderstorms hit the Chicagoland area, it was the Flames (13-2-5) who reigned on Saturday with a balanced offensive output and another stingy defensive performance in UIC's first NCAA postseason match since 2000.

UIC struck early. In the 14th minute [Mike Giffin](#) sent a corner kick deep into the box, where a leaping [Cesar Zambrano](#) flicked a header past Leatherneck keeper Stephen Paterson to give the Flames a 1-0 advantage.

The Flames escaped trouble in the first half after a back pass to [Jovan Bubonja](#) was intercepted by a streaking Martin Browne. But Bubonja's pressure on Browne in the one-on-one battle forced a wide shot off the foot of the Western Illinois forward.

In the 62nd minute [Tonci Skroce](#) possessed a ball on the right and served a pass into the box. There [Eric Cervantes](#) headed a beautiful ball past Paterson to extend UIC's advantage to 2-0.

UIC iced the victory when [Brodey Simkins](#) ran toward goal and flicked a pass to [Pavle Dundjer](#), who sent in the Flames' third goal of the night in the 76th minute.

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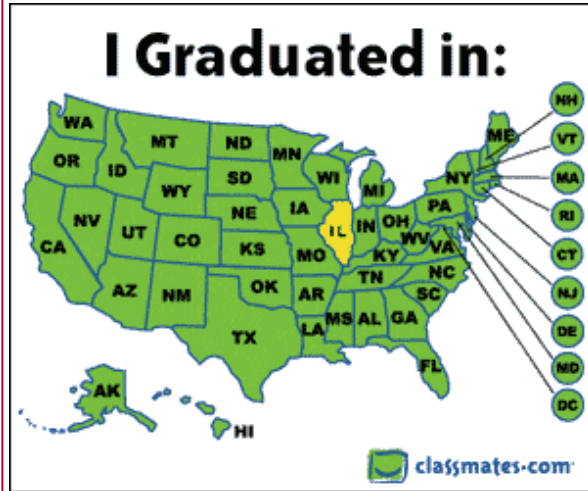
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Cesar Zambrano scored UIC's first goal against Western Illinois on Saturday night.



The Flames recorded their school-record 13th shutout of the season. Bubonja extended his solo school record for clean sheets with his 11th blanking of the year.



The three-goal output was UIC's best offensive showing in an NCAA postseason game.

UIC travels to South Bend, Ind., to face 12th-seeded Notre Dame on Wednesday, November 15th at 6:00 p.m. Central.

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