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Nationally-Ranked UIC Soccer Heads West To Take On No. 7 UC Santa Barbara And Cal Poly

Flames face big road test in pair of matches against foes from Big West.

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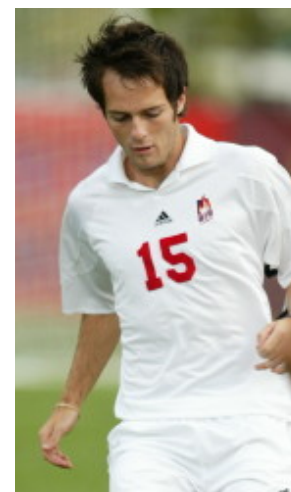
UIC (3-0-1, No. 18 *Soccer America*, No. 22 NSCAA/adidas, No. 23 SoccerTimes.com, No. 24 College Soccer News)

vs.

UC Santa Barbara (3-1-0, No 7 College Soccer News, No. 11 SoccerTimes.com, No. 12 *Soccer America*, No. 19 NSCAA/adidas)

Friday, September 8th * 7:30 p.m. Pacific/9:30 p.m. Central

Harder Stadium * Santa Barbara, Calif.



Senior Brodey Simkins and the UIC soccer team head to California for two matches this weekend.

Match 6:

UIC (3-0-1, No. 18 *Soccer America*, No. 22 NSCAA/adidas, No. 23 SoccerTimes.com, No. 24 College Soccer News)

vs.

Cal Poly (1-2-1)

Sunday, September 10th * 2:00 p.m. Pacific/4:00 p.m. Central

Cal Poly Sports Complex * San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Chicago, Ill.- The No. 18 UIC soccer team enters a stretch of six straight road matches beginning this Friday with a huge contest against No. 7 UC Santa Barbara.

UIC will seek to keep its unbeaten start to the 2006 campaign intact as it finishes the rest of its September slate away from Flames Field.

The Flames (3-0-1), who land in Santa Barbara on Thursday afternoon, will face their highest-ranked foe in the No. 7 Gauchos (3-1-0) since playing No. 3 Stanford in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2000.

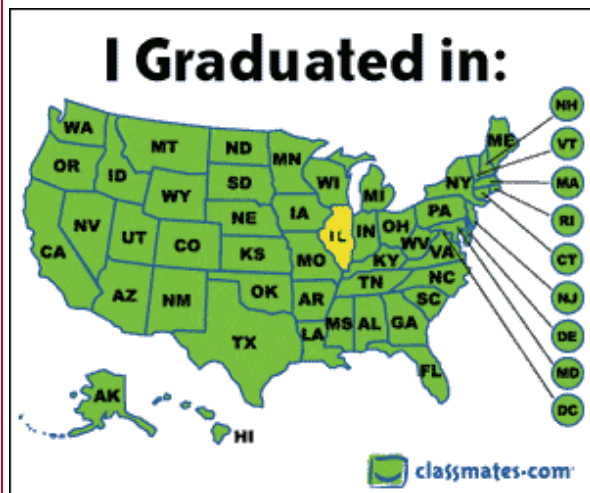
UIC has gone 3-0-0 against ranked opponents on the road in the last two seasons, outscoring their Top 25 foes by a 4-1 margin.

The Flames are 0-1 all-time against UCSB. The Gauchos defeated the Flames, 2-0, in their prior meeting at the 2001 UCSB Kappa Classic.

Following Friday night's match, UIC will journey to San Luis Obispo to tangle with Cal Poly (1-2-1). UIC is 1-3 all-time against the Mustangs, with the last meeting between the two teams coming on Halloween of 2003. The Flames lost a 3-1 decision.

Cesar Zambrano leads the UIC attack with five points on two goals. Tonci Skroce also owns two scores, both of which turned out to be game-winners.

For more information on the UIC soccer team and its two road matches this weekend, check out the match notes above.



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