

Men's Basketball Opens Horizon League Play With 91-73 Win Over Milwaukee

Josh Mayo scores 29 as Flames win in first home game since Nov. 13.

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Box Score

Chicago, Ill.- It was a sweet return home for the UIC men's basketball on Wednesday night as the Flames defeated Milwaukee, 91-73, in the Horizon League opener for both teams at the UIC Pavilion.

Josh Mayo scored a team-high 29 points on 10-of-12 shooting from the field in just 27 minutes for the Flames (4-4).

Robert Kreps chipped in a career-best 14 points, hitting a trio of treys, while Jeremy Buttell pulled down a game-high nine rebounds.

In the Flames' first home game since Nov. 13, UIC began conference play on a high note with an impressive performance at the Pavilion.

After trailing by as many as seven midway through the first half, UIC outscored the Panthers (3-5) 34-15 to close the opening stanza. The Flames put up 11 unanswered points in a span of 1:54 to turn a three-point deficit into an eight-point advantage, which UIC would extend to 12 heading into intermission.

The second half opened with a show by Mayo. The junior guard splashed in three from long range within the first five minutes of the period to help UIC build its advantage up to 18.

Mayo, who was 5-for-6 from downtown for the game, would finish with 16 points in just 13 minutes of work during the final half.

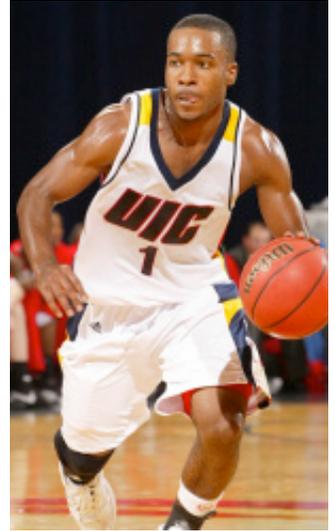
The Flames shot 61 percent from the field for the game, highlighted by 6-for-8 (75 percent) shooting from three-point land in the game's last 20 minutes.

Spencer Stewart sent fans home in a frenzy after netting a wild shot from three-quarters court as the shot clock ticked down with a minute left in the game.

In three home games UIC has won all three by an average margin of 17.6 points per contest.

Torre Johnson led the Panthers with a game-high 30 points.

UIC hosts Green Bay this Saturday, Dec. 8 at the UIC Pavilion beginning at 3:00 p.m.



Josh Mayo