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Northern Iowa Defeats Women's Basketball, 72-58

Chrissy Dizon scores 23 points as Flames fall in season opener on Saturday.

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Cedar Falls, Iowa- Despite 23 points from junior [Chrissy Dizon](#), the University of Illinois at Chicago women's basketball team was upended in its season opener on Saturday, losing a 72-58 contest to Northern Iowa at UNI's West Gym.

The Flames (0-1) were paced by Dizon's strong shooting night, as the third-year point guard went 6-for-12 from the field while going a perfect 10-for-10 from the free throw line.

Senior [Amber Washington](#) scored a career-high 14 points in defeat.

UIC came out firing on all cylinders in the opening moments, taking an early 10-4 lead. But the Panthers (1-0) proceeded to hit five of their 10 three-point attempts in the first half to secure a 36-28 lead going into halftime.

"We got off to a strong start, but somewhere along the way we lost our edge," UIC Head Coach [Lisa Ryckbosch](#) said. "We kept digging a hole and we couldn't get to the top of the hill."

The Flames struggled out of the gate in the beginning of the second period, as UIC didn't tally a field goal until 12:40 left in the final half.

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Senior Amber Washington tallied a career-best 14 points at Northern Iowa on Saturday.

Emily Berry led Northern Iowa with 16 points, swishing all three of her treys in the first half. The Panthers' six-foot-seven Cassie Hager posted 14 points, seven rebounds and five blocks.

Northern Iowa's bench, led by 14 points from Traci Ollendieck, outscored the Flames' subs by a 23-4 count.

UIC returns to action this Wednesday, as the Flames take on Bradley in UIC's home opener at the UIC Pavilion beginning at 7 p.m.

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