

No. 16 Men's Soccer, No. 3 Notre Dame Play To Scoreless Draw

Flames cap preseason, look ahead to Friday's season opener.

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Box Score in PDF Format

Notre Dame, Ind.- The 16th-ranked UIC men's soccer team played third-ranked Notre Dame to a scoreless draw at Alumni Field in the preseason finale for both teams on Monday night.

Jovan Bubonja made four saves during the friendly, which featured some near-misses on attempts from Charlie Trout and Phillip Mitchell.

"A tight game," UIC head coach John Trask said of the match. "We played well as we continued our evaluation process heading into the season.

"I would like to thank coach Bobby Clarke and the University of Notre Dame for a terrific night of soccer," said Trask. "To know we helped an event which benefited Grassroot Soccer [an international AIDS awareness and education organization that reaches youth in Africa through soccer clinics] made it a very rewarding preseason exhibition. Coach Clarke's team is always well-prepared and tested us in many ways."

Trask pinpointed strong showings from three of the Flames' new faces.

"We were very pleased with the continued development of Julian Serrato," Trask said. "Bart Boguszewski came in and did some good things, and Phillip Mitchell continues to impress.

"The coaching staff was very pleased about the performance," said Trask. "The continued development over the last few days was evident. It was a good night at the office."

UIC will host UMKC in the 2008 regular season opener at Flames Field this Friday, Aug. 29 at 7 p.m.



Phillip Mitchell