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Officials:

GAME INFORMATION - UIC VS. ARKANSAS

Date: Thursday, December 21, 2023

Time: 10:00 a.m. CT (11 a.m. EST)

Site: Keiser University | West Palm Beach, Fla.

Watch: FloHoops

Live Stats/Twitter: UICFlames.com

All-Time Series Record: 0-0

Current Series Streak: N/A

First/Last Meeting: N/A

2023-24 SCHEDULE/RESULTS (7-3, 0-0) MVC

DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME/RESULT
Oct. 30	PARKSIDE (EXH.)	--	W, 94-73
Nov. 6	Loyola	ESPN+	W, 67-51
Nov. 9	Northwestern	BIG+	L, 86-92
Nov. 12	Milwaukee	ESPN+	W, 73-70
Nov. 17	SEMO	ESPN+	W, 87-74
Nov. 19	IUPUI	ESPN+	W, 79-49
Nov. 26	Saint Louis		L, 79-75
Dec. 1	Omaha		W, 95-89
Dec. 13	Green Bay	ESPN+	L, 64-56
Dec. 15	CHICAGO STATE	ESPN+	W, 76-46
Dec. 20	UTEP !	PassThaBallLive	W, 81-65
Dec. 21	Arkansas !	FloHoops	10 a.m.
Dec. 30	Belmont*		4 p.m.
Jan. 4	Southern Illinois*		6 p.m.
Jan. 6	Missouri State*	ESPN+	1 p.m.
Jan. 12	NORTHERN IOWA*	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	DRAKE*	ESPN+	1 p.m.
Jan. 19	BRADLEY*	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Jan. 21	ILLINOIS STATE	ESPN+	1 p.m.
Jan. 26	Evansville*		6 p.m.
Jan. 28	Indiana State*		12 p.m.
Feb. 4	VALPARAISO*	ESPN+	1 p.m.
Feb. 9	EVANSVILLE*	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	INDIANA STATE*	ESPN+	12 p.m.
Feb. 15	Illinois State*	ESPN+	6:30 p.m.
Feb. 17	Bradley*		2 p.m.
Feb. 22	MURRAY STATE*	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Feb. 25	Drake*		6 p.m.
Mar. 2	Northern Iowa*		2 p.m.
Mar. 7	MISSOURI STATE*	ESPN+	7 p.m.
Mar. 9	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS*	ESPN+	1 p.m.
Mar. 14	MVC First Round^	TBA	TBA
Mar. 15	MVC Quarterfinal^	TBA	TBA
Mar. 16	MVC Semifinal^	TBA	TBA
Mar. 17	MVC Championship^	TBA	TBA

HOME GAMES (played at Credit Union 1 Arena) IN BOLD CAPS

* - Missouri Valley Conference game

! - West Palm Beach Classic (West Palm Beach, Fla.)

^ - Missouri Valley Conference Tournament (Moline, Ill.)

All times CT and subject to change



UIC FLAMES (7-3, 0-0 MVC)

Head Coach: Ashleen Bracey (2nd season | Illinois State, 2010)

Leading Scorer: Dais'Ja Trotter (13.5 ppg)

Leading Rebounder: Jaida McCloud (6.7 rpg)



ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS (10-3, 0-0 SEC)

Head Coach: Mike Neighbors (7th season | Arkansas, 1993)

Leading Scorer: Taliah Scott (22.7 ppg)

Leading Rebounder: Saylor Poffenbarger (12.4 rpg)

LAST TIME OUT

The UIC women's basketball team's second-half resurgence led to a 81-65 victory against UTEP on day one of the West Palm Beach Classic.

Senior forward Danyel Middleton led the Flames with 16 points, five rebounds and four assists. Graduate student guard Dais'Ja Trotter netted 13 points and grabbed six rebounds. Junior forward Makiyah Williams also scored 13 points, while senior center Tara Green contributed 12 points off the bench.

SCOUTING ARKANSAS

The Razorbacks have split their last six games since winning their first six games this season. Their biggest win of the season came Nov. 30 against No. 15 Florida State, a 71-58 victory in the ACC-SEC Challenge.

Arkansas leads the SEC with 9.7 made three-pointers per game, connecting on 32% of its shots from beyond the arc.

Freshman Taliah Scott has made her mark offensively in her first season, topping the SEC in points per game (22.7).

SERIES HISTORY

This will be the first time the Flames and the Razorbacks have met on the hardwood.

POWER FIVE HEIGHTS

If the Flames walk away victorious against the Razorbacks Thursday morning, this will be the program's first win against a power five opponent since 2007. UIC's last power five victory came against Northwestern at home, when the Flames defeated the Wildcats 53-45.

This could also be the first victory for the Flames against an opponent from the SEC since their 59-51 win against Mississippi State back on Nov. 27, 1985.

FINDING THE OPEN TEAMMATE

The Flames remain the most efficient team in the Missouri Valley Conference, leading the conference in assists per game (18.89).

Senior guard Kristian Young has a conference-leading 3.4 assist/turnover ratio, ranking 11th in the nation.

After a five-assist performance in the win against Chicago State, Young has tallied

348 assists in her career, ranking seventh in program history.

In her first season at UIC, junior Sandra Frau-Garcia (Pego, Spain/Casper College) ranks second in The Valley with 5.1 assists per game.

STEALS OF FIRE

The Flames rank 18th in the nation and second in the MVC with 11.89 steals per game.

Four UIC players rank among the top 20 in The Valley in steals: Rimmer (4th/2.2 spg.), Frau-Garcia (5th/2.1), senior forward Danyel Middleton (12th/1.8) and Young (17th/ 1.7).

UIC has collected double-digit steals in six games this season, including 15 steals in last week's victory over Chicago State.

PRESEASON HONORS

McCloud was named to the 2023-24 Preseason All-Missouri Valley Conference Second Team.

McCloud is the Flames' top returning scorer and rebounder (12.2 ppg., 6.6 rpg.). The Peoria, Ill. native ranked 17th in the conference in scoring and 11th in rebounding during the 2022-23 season.

In March 2023, McCloud achieved a significant milestone by surpassing 1,000 career points against Murray State. Currently, she is 19th in UIC history in career scoring with 1,072 points. She scored in double figures in 25 games last season, and tallied three double-doubles.

BUIDING MOMENTUM

UIC is coming off a memorable 2022-23 season that saw the Flames post 19 wins and earn a berth in the Women's Basketball Invitational (WBI), the third postseason appearance in program history. It marked the greatest win improvement in MVC history and the second-largest turnaround in the nation last year.

FAMILIAR FACES AND NEW TALENT

UIC is looking to carry momentum from last year's playoff berth into this season, with seven players returning, led by starting seniors McCloud (12.2 ppg., 6.2 rpg.) and Kristian Young (6.2 ppg., 5.0 rpg.).

The Flames will also have eight newcomers this year, including Chicago natives Krystyna Ellew, Rimmer and Williams.

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2023-24 ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	CLASS	HOMETOWN / HIGH SCHOOL / PREVIOUS SCHOOL
0	Keona Schenck	Guard	5-6	Sr.	Somerset, N.J. / Franklin
1	Kristian Young	Guard	5-5	Sr.	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lawrence North
2	Tara Green	Center	6-3	Sr.	West Helena, Ark. / Central / New Orleans
3	Sara Zabrecky	Guard	5-9	Sr.	Munster, Ind. / Munster / St. John's
4	Jaida McCloud	Forward	6-3	Sr.	Peoria, Ill. / Richwoods
5	Ky Dempsey-Toney	Forward	6-2	Jr.	Franklin, N.J. / Franklin
10	Dais'Ja Trotter	Guard	5-9	Gr.	Louisville, Ky. / Seneca / Cincinnati
13	Bailey Lutes	Guard	5-8	Jr.	Cuba City, Wis. / Cuba City
14	Krystyna Ellew	Guard	5-10	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Taft / Wisconsin
15	Erin Henry	Guard	5-8	Fr.	Plainfield, Ill. / Plainfield North/Example Academy
20	Sandra Frau-Garcia	Guard	5-7	Jr.	Pego, Spain / Casper College
22	Keimari Rimmer	Guard	5-8	Gr.	Chicago, Ill. / Proviso East / DePaul
23	Makiyah Williams	Forward	6-0	Jr.	Chicago, Ill. / Trinity / Marquette
24	Megen Sanaj	Guard	5-7	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. / Latin School of Chicago
25	Danyel Middleton	Guard	5-10	Sr.	Chicago, Ill. / Bolingbrook / Marquette

COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH - Ashleen Bracey (2nd season | Illinois State, 2010)

ASSISTANT COACH - Mike Donovan

ASSISTANT COACH - Caprice Smith

ASSISTANT COACH - Remy Lory

DIRECTOR OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS - Paige Pender

DIRECTOR OF RECRUITING AND SCOUTING - Shavonda Price

DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL - Josie Filer

ATHLETIC TRAINER - Abbey Colclasure

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS PERFORMANCE - Mike Schweigert

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Tara (**Tear-ah**) Green

Sara Zabrecky (**Za-Breck-ee**)

Dais'Ja (**Days-JA**) Trotter

Bailey Lutes (**Loots**)

Krystyna (**Krist-ina**) Ellew (**Ell-you**)

Sandra Frau (**Fr-ow**)-Garcia

Keimari (**Key-mari**) Rimmer

Megen Sanaj (**Sin-eye**)

Danyel (**Dan-yell**) Middleton

2023-2024 University of Illinois at Chicago Women's Basketball
Overall Statistics (as of Dec 20, 2023)

Overall Record: 7-3 Home: 3-0 Away: 3-3 Neutral: 1-0

#	Player	GP-GS	MIN	AVG	FG		3PT		FT		Rebounds				PF	DQ	A	TO	BLK	STL	PTS	AVG
					FG-FGA	FG%	3FG-FGA	3FG%	FT-FTA	FT%	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG								
10	Trotter, Dais'Ja	10-10	246	24.6	44-103	.427	17-58	.293	30-40	.750	11	21	32	3.2	29	0	13	26	2	9	135	13.5
23	Williams, Makiyah	10-0	198	19.8	46-103	.447	10-21	.476	26-33	.788	12	23	35	3.5	11	0	9	20	4	7	128	12.8
22	Rimmer, Keimari	10-9	230	23.0	46-90	.511	8-20	.400	16-23	.696	21	35	56	5.6	27	2	21	25	1	22	116	11.6
25	Middleton, Danyel	10-10	239	23.9	38-86	.442	5-26	.192	19-30	.633	9	24	33	3.3	23	0	23	17	3	17	100	10.0
04	McCloud, Jaida	10-10	253	25.3	32-65	.492	2-6	.333	19-33	.576	25	42	67	6.7	21	0	17	16	6	9	85	8.5
14	Ellew, Krystyna	10-0	192	19.2	23-61	.377	6-25	.240	8-13	.615	8	16	24	2.4	17	0	8	12	0	7	60	6.0
02	Green, Tara	6-0	38	6.3	12-18	.667	1-2	.500	8-10	.800	5	2	7	1.2	9	0	1	5	1	0	33	5.5
05	Dempsey-Toney, Ky	10-1	86	8.6	14-23	.609	0-0	.000	6-8	.750	13	14	27	2.7	16	0	2	11	1	2	34	3.4
01	Young, Kristian	10-10	207	20.7	8-22	.364	0-7	.000	11-28	.393	8	18	26	2.6	18	0	38	14	2	18	27	2.7
03	Zabrecky, Sara	10-0	106	10.6	7-16	.438	6-12	.500	6-6	1.000	2	7	9	0.9	7	0	5	3	0	3	26	2.6
20	Frau-Garcia, Sandra	10-0	202	20.2	7-24	.292	0-2	.000	11-18	.611	4	17	21	2.1	19	0	49	28	1	19	25	2.5
15	Henry, Erin	2-0	8	4.0	1-4	.250	1-3	.333	2-2	1.000	2	0	2	1.0	3	0	0	1	0	0	5	2.5
24	Sanaj, Megan	3-0	9	3.0	0-5	.000	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	1	2	3	1.0	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0.3
13	Lutes, Bailey	2-0	4	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	3	3	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
00	Schenck, Keona	3-0	7	2.3	0-1	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0.0
Total		10	2025	202.5	278-621	.448	56-183	.306	163-246	.663	142	249	391	39.1	201	2	186	189	21	114	775	77.50
Opponents		10	2025	202.5	249-609	.409	58-169	.343	123-158	.778	120	233	353	35.3	225	6	148	213	39	79	679	67.90

Team Statistics	UIC	OPP
SCORING	77.5	67.9
Points Per Game	77.5	67.9
Scoring Margin	9.6	-
FIELD GOALS-ATT	278-621	249-609
Field Goal Pct	.448	.409
3 POINT FG-ATT	56-183	58-169
3PT FG Pct	.306	.343
3PT Made Per Game	5.6	5.8
FREE THROWS-ATT	163-246	123-158
FT Pct	.663	.778
FT Made Per Game	16.3	12.3
REBOUNDS	391	353
Rebounds Per Game	39.1	35.3
Rebounds Margin	3.8	-
ASSISTS	186	148
Assists Per Game	18.6	14.8
TURNOVERS	189	213
Turnovers Per Game	18.9	21.3
Turnovers Margin	2.4	-
Assist/Turnover Ratio	1.0	0.7
STEALS	114	79
Steals Per Game	11.4	7.9
BLOCKS	21	39
Blocks Per Game	2.1	3.9
ATTENDANCE	3,094	5,865
Dates/Avg Per Date	3-1,031	6-978
Neutral Site #/Avg	-	1-62

Conf	Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Att.
	11/06/23	at Loyola Chicago	W	67-51	508
	11/09/23	at Northwestern	L	86-92	1,623
	11/12/23	at Milwaukee	W	73-70	617
	11/17/23	SOUTHEAST MO. ST.	W	87-74	1,204
	11/19/23	IUPUI	W	79-49	948
	11/26/23	at Saint Louis	L	75-79	527
	12/01/23	at Omaha	W	95-89	852
	12/13/23	at Green Bay	L	56-64	1,738
	12/15/23	CHICAGO ST.	W	76-46	942
	12/20/23	vs UTEP	W	81-65	62

* = Conference game

UIC's 2023-24 RECORD WHEN...

At Credit Union 1 Arena.....	3-0
On the Road	3-3
Neutral Site	1-0
Leading at Halftime.....	7-1
Trailing at Halftime.....	0-0
Tied at Halftime	0-2
Scoring fewer than 50 points.....	0-0
Scoring 50-59 points	0-1
Scoring 60-69 points	1-0
Scoring 70-79 points	3-1
Scoring 80-89 points	2-1
Scoring 90 points or more	1-0
Opponent scores < 50 points.....	2-0
Opponent scores 50-59 points	1-0
Opponent scores 60-69 points	1-1
Opponent scores 70-79 points	2-1
Opponent scores 80-89 points	1-0
Opponent scores 90 or more	0-1
Shooting under 30 percent.....	0-0
Shooting 30-39 percent	2-1
Shooting 40-49 percent	3-1
Shooting 50+ percent	2-1
Shooting 60+ percent	0-0
Opponent shoots under 30 percent.....	2-0
Opponent shoots 30-39 percent	2-0
Opponent shoots 40-49 percent	2-2
Opponent shoots 50+ percent	1-1
Outrebounding opponent	6-1
Outrebounded by opponent	1-2
Tied in rebounding.....	0-0
Making 7 or more 3-pointers.....	2-3
Shoots better than 35 percent on 3's.....	2-2
Games decided by 1-5 points.....	1-1
Games decided by 6-10 points	0-2
Games decided by 11-19 points	4-0
Games decided by 20+ points	2-0
Games following a loss	3-0
Games following a victory	3-3
Overtime games.....	0-1
Day games.....	3-1
Night games	4-3
In November	4-2
In December	3-1
In January.....	0-0
In February.....	0-0
In March	0-0

UIC 2023-24 SUPERLATIVES...

LEADING SCORER:

Makiyah Williams (4), Dais'Ja Trotter (4), Danyel Middleton (2), Keimari Rimmer (1), Jaida McCloud (1), Tara Green (1)

LEADING REBOUNDER:

Jaida McCloud (6), Keimari Rimmer (3), Ky Dempsey-Toney (2), Dais'Ja Trotter (2), Krystyna Ellew (1)

LEADING ASSISTS:

Sandra Frau-Garcia (5), Kristian Young (4), Keimari Rimmer (1), Danyel Middleton (1)

LEADING MINUTES:

Jaida McCloud (4), Danyel Middleton (4), Dais'Ja Trotter (2), Kristian Young (1), Makiyah Williams (1), Keimari Rimmer (1)

FIRST SUBSTITUTION:

Krystyna Ellew (6), Sandra Frau-Garcia (2), Makiyah Williams (2), Ky Dempsey-Toney (1)

Game	G	G	G	F	F	Lineup Record
Loyola	Young	Trotter	Middleton	Rimmer	McCloud	1-0*
Northwestern	Young	Trotter	Middleton	Rimmer	McCloud	1-1
Milwaukee	Young	Trotter	Middleton	Rimmer	McCloud	2-1
SEMO	Young	Trotter	Middleton	Rimmer	McCloud	3-1
IUPUI	Young	Trotter	Middleton	Rimmer	McCloud	4-1
Saint Louis	Young	Trotter	Middleton	Rimmer	McCloud	4-2
Omaha	Young	Trotter	Middleton	Rimmer	McCloud	5-2
Green Bay*	Young	Trotter	Middleton	McCloud	Dempsey-Toney	5-3
Chicago State	Young	Trotter	Middleton	Rimmer	McCloud	6-3
UTEP	Young	Trotter	Middleton	Rimmer	McCloud	7-3
Arkansas						
Belmont						

* - Indicates new lineup used

