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## UIC Cagers Pegged For Sixth In Horizon League Preseason Poll

Both the Flames men's and women's team slotted in sixth place while junior Jaysie Chambers earns preseason All-Horizon League honors.

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**Chicago, Ill.** - The Horizon League unveiled its 2001-02 preseason basketball prognostications on Tuesday morning with both the UIC men's and women's team being slated for sixth-place finishes. Flames junior forward [Jaysie Chambers](#), the women's top returning scorer and rebounder, also earned preseason All-Horizon League Second Team accolades. Head coaches, sports information directors and media vote to make up the poll.

Butler, which returns four starters from its team which advanced to the second round of last year's NCAA Tournament, topped the men's poll with 300 points and 30 total first-place votes. Detroit (255), Cleveland State (243), UW-Milwaukee (189) and Wright State (168) round out the top five, followed by UIC (150), UW-Green Bay (92), Youngstown State (76) and Loyola (56).

Bulldogs' guard Thomas Jackson was tabbed the Horizon League Preseason Player of the Year and was joined on the preseason All-Horizon League First Team by Theo Dixon (Cleveland State), Willie Green (Detroit), David Bailey (Loyola) and Clay Tucker (UW-Milwaukee).

The All-Horizon League Second Team featured a pair of Butler players - Rylan Hainje and Joel Cornette - along with Jamaal Harris (Cleveland State), Terell Riggs (Detroit) and Jessie Diester (Wright State).

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Head Coach Jimmy Collins' crew was picked

UW-Milwaukee edged out UW-Green Bay atop the women's poll. The Panthers, who tied for the regular-season crown with the Phoenix last season while claiming the 2000 conference tournament title, earned 201 points and 10 first-place votes. UW-Green Bay garnered more first-place votes with 14, but finished with just 200 overall points.

Detroit was pegged for third with 167 points. Loyola (112), Cleveland State (111) and UIC (109) were the next three teams in the poll with the trio separated by just three points. Youngstown State (78), Wright State (57) and Butler (37) rounded out the poll.

Junior Jessica Wilhite, who helped guide the Panthers to last year's NCAA Tournament, was pegged as the Horizon League Preseason Player of the Year. She was joined on the All-Horizon League First Team by teammate Maria Viall, a pair of Phoenix - Amanda Leonhard and Mandy Stowe - along with Michelle James of Detroit.

UIC junior forward [Jaysie Chambers](#) topped the All-Horizon League Second Team. Chambers has led the Flames in rebounding in each of her two seasons at UIC and is the squad's top returning scorer this year. Joining Chambers on the squad is Kim Brockway (Cleveland State), Randee Henry (Detroit) and Tracy Hoffmann and Lauren Sirius of Loyola.

Both the UIC men's and women's teams begin exhibition play on Tuesday, November 6, with the women's squad battling NWBL Elite at 5:00 p.m. while the men take on BC Albacomp from Budapest Hungary at 7:00 p.m.

### 2001-02 HORIZON LEAGUE MEN'S BASKETBALL PRESEASON POLL

Team	2000-01 Overall/League	Points
1. Butler	24-8 / 11-3	300
2. Detroit	25-12 / 10-4	255
3. Cleveland State	19-13 / 9-5	243
4. UW-Milwaukee	15-13 / 7-7	189
5. Wright State	18-11 / 8-6	168
6. UIC	11-17 / 5-9	150
7. UW-Green Bay	11-17 / 4-10	92
8. Youngstown State	19-11 / 11-5*	76
9. Loyola	7-21 / 2-12	56

\* Mid-Continent Conference Record

### First Team All-Horizon League

Thomas Jackson, Butler, G, 5-9, 165, Sr.

Theo Dixon, Cleveland State, G/F, 6-6, 210, Sr.

Willie Green, Detroit, G, 6-4, 188, Jr.

sixth in the Horizon League preseason poll.

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David Bailey, Loyola, 5-8, 155, Jr.

Clay Tucker, UW-Milwaukee., 6-3, 195, Jr.

### **Second Team All-Horizon League**

Rylan Hainje, Butler, F, 6-6, 235, Sr.

Joel Cornette, Butler, F, 6-10, 225, Jr.

Jamaal Harris, Cleveland State, G, 6-1, 182, Sr.

Terrell Riggs, Detroit, F, 6-7, 215, Jr.

Jesse Diester, Wright State, G, 6-3, 195, Sr.

### **2001-02 HORIZON LEAGUE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PRESEASON POLL**

	2000-01 Overall/League	Points
1. UW-Milwaukee	19-11/12-2	201(10)
2. UW-Green Bay	22-9/12-2	200(14)
3. Detroit	17-12/9-5	167
4. Loyola	11-18/4-10	112
5. Cleveland State	14-14/7-7	111
6. UIC	10-19/6-8	109
7. Youngstown State	10-18/NA	78
8. Wright State	6-22/3-11	57
9. Butler	8-20/3-11	37

### **All-Horizon League First Team**

Michelle James, Detroit, G, 5-5, Sr.

Amanda Leonhard, UW-Green Bay, G, 5-8, Sr.

Mandy Stowe, UW-Green Bay, F, 6-1, Sr.

Maria Viall, UW-Milwaukee, C, 6-3, So.

Jessica Wilhite, UW-Milwaukee, G, 5-8, Jr.

### **All-Horizon League Second Team**

Kim Brockway, Cleveland State, C, 6-4, Sr.

[Jaysie Chambers](#), UIC, C/F, 6-2, Jr.

Randee Henry, Detroit, C/F, 6-1, So.

Tracy Hoffmann, Loyola, G, 5-7, Jr.

Lauren Sirius, Loyola, C, 6-1, Sr.

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