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Another Key Showdown Awaits Men's Basketball As They Head To UW-Milwaukee

Flames and Panthers lock horns on Thursday night at 7:00 p.m., at the Klotsche Center.

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UIC (15-6, 9-3) vs. UW-Milwaukee (19-5, 10-2)

Thursday, February 13, 2003 * 7:00 p.m. CST

Klotsche Center (5,000)

TV/Radio: ESPN Radio 1000 AM

THE SETUP: Second place in the Horizon League, and retaining an outside shot at the league title, will be on the line on Thursday for the Flames as they travel to meet UW-Milwaukee. The Panthers, who are currently riding a league-best six-game winning streak, are 10-2 in the league and looking to avenge a 102-92 loss back in January to the Flames. UW-Milwaukee is playing its final home game of the season on Thursday and vying to go a perfect 11-0 at the Klotsche Center. UIC, meanwhile, has won its last three meetings with the Panthers and will jump back into second place in the Horizon League with a win, and a season series sweep of UW-Milwaukee.

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THE SERIES: UW-Milwaukee leads the series, having won 22 of the 37 all-time meetings between the two schools. UIC has won the last three meetings in the series, though, including a 102-92 triumph on Jan. 9th at the UIC Pavilion. The Flames are 8-6 versus the Panthers under head coach [Jimmy Collins](#).

SCOUTING THE PANTHERS: UW-Milwaukee enters Thursday night's tilt at 10-2 in the Horizon League and in sole possession of second place. The Panthers, who are playing their final home game versus the Flames, are 10-0 at the Klotsche Center this season. UW-Milwaukee boasts the league's top scoring offense, averaging 77.1 points per game with three players averaging in double figures. The Panthers are led by junior Dylan Page, who is averaging a team-best 18.4 ppg and 6.4 rpg while shooting 63% from the field. UWM also gets strong contributions from senior Clay Tucker (16.5 ppg, 91 assists) and Jason Frederick (11.8 ppg, 43% 3PT).

LAST TIME WE MET: UIC 102, UW-Milwaukee 92 January 9, 2003 Chicago, Ill. (UIC Pavilion) UIC junior [Cedrick Banks](#) poured in a career-high 35 points as the Flames handed UW-Milwaukee its first Horizon League loss with a 102-92 triumph at the UIC Pavilion. UIC played the last 6:15 of the game without head coach [Jimmy Collins](#), who was ejected after picking up two technical fouls for arguing a call. Banks wasn't the only Flame to post solid numbers versus the Panthers as junior [Aaron Carr](#) tabbed his first career double-double with 19 points and a personal-best 10 rebounds. He also added five assists in the contests. The Flames were extremely dominant on the boards, outrebounding UWM, 47-25, including 23-9 on the offensive end. UIC also was red hot from the free throw line, converting a single-game record 38 charity tosses on 45 attempts. Dylan Page and Clay Tucker each tallied 26 points in defeat for the Panthers.

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