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## Late Push Sends Murray State Past Men's Basketball, 72-68

Freshman Josh Mayo nets a career-high 23 points for the Flames in defeat.

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**Murray, Ky.** - The UIC men's basketball team battled Ohio Valley Conference regular-season champion Murray State to the very end on Saturday night, but it was not enough as Darnell Hopkins' three-pointer with 49 seconds proved to be the eventual game-winner in the Racers' 72-68 victory over the Flames at the Regional Events Center.

UIC (13-14) led 65-64 when Hopkins hit his third three-pointer of the game to give Murray State (20-5) the lead, which held up as the Racers earned their 10th straight win.

The loss spoiled a career night for Flames freshman [Josh Mayo](#). The 5-foot-10 point guard tallied a personal-best 23 points, going 5-for-5 from three-point range and 7-for-8 from the field overall.

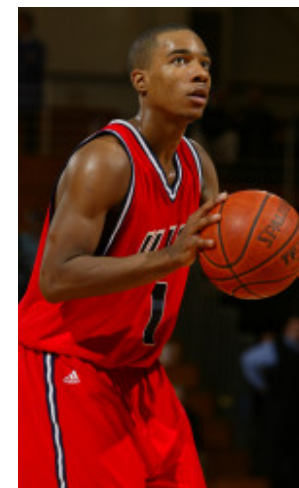
Sophomore [Othyus Jeffers](#) tabbed his second straight double-double for the Flames, finishing with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Junior [Danijel Zoric](#) added 12 points while junior [Jovan Stefanov](#) pulled down 10 rebounds to go with seven points.

Hopkins paced three Racers in double figures with 12 points. Shawn Witherspoon chipped in 10 points and nine rebounds.

Turnovers proved to be the difference as Murray State turned 13 UIC miscues into 26 points.

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Josh Mayo scored 23 points against Murray State. (File Poto)

The Flames led 32-26 at halftime and by as many as 11 in the second half.

UIC will be back in action on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd when they complete a three-game road trip with a pivotal Horizon League contest at Cleveland State.



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