

Big Men Come Up Huge In Men's Basketball's 65-52 Win Over Central Michigan

Scott VanderMeer's double-double, Jermaine Dailey's career night lead the way.

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Box Score

Mount Pleasant, Mich.- Scott VanderMeer's double-double and a career night for Jermaine Dailey highlighted a balanced attack for the UIC men's basketball team in the Flames' 65-52 victory over Central Michigan at Rose Arena on Wednesday night.

The Flames evened their record to 3-3 while dropping the Chippewas to 0-5.

VanderMeer finished with a game-high 16 points and a contest-leading 10 rebounds while swatting away three Chippewa shots.

Dailey completed his night with career highs in points (10), rebounds (six) and blocked shots (four).

UIC shot 58 percent (14-for-24) from the field in the first half to take an 11-point advantage into intermission. VanderMeer led the way with 10 points and six boards in the period.

The Flames would build their advantage to as much as 17 points in the second half, but Central Michigan would go on a 14-0 run to trim UIC's lead to three with less than eight minutes remaining.

The momentum swung back into the Flames' favor with one athletic play. Giordan Watson went in for what seemed like an uncontested lay-in that would have cut the Central Michigan deficit to just one point, but the Chippewa guard was turned away when Dailey jumped into the lane for an emphatic block at the 7:05 mark.

Dailey came back on the other end for a layup, and Tori Boyd hit a clutch three-pointer at the 5:37 mark to put the Flames up by eight.

After turning away numerous Chippewa threats, UIC would finish the game on a 7-0 run.

Robert Bush played in his first game of 2007-08 after missing the first five due to a left knee injury. Bush scored four points on 2-for-4 shooting in 19 minutes of play.

Karl White Jr. missed the game due to a calf injury.

In addition to VanderMeer and Dailey, Josh Mayo pitched in a double-digit scoring effort with 13.

Central Michigan shot 5-for-22 (23 percent) from beyond the arc, marred by a 2-for-13 showing in the second stanza.

UIC wraps up its five-game road stretch this Saturday night against Illinois State at Redbird Arena beginning at 7:00 p.m.



Scott VanderMeer tabbed his third career double-double against Central Michigan.