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A Perfect 10

Men's Basketball ties school record for wins at 22 and wins 10th straight game with 64-54 triumph over Butler.

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Chicago, Ill. -The UIC men's basketball team recorded its 10th straight victory and tied the school record for victories at 22, capping the regular season with a 64-54 victory over visiting Butler in front of 6,752 fans at the Pavilion.

Point guard [Martell Bailey](#), who is currently second in the nation in assists, took on more of a scorers role on Saturday, netting a career-best 22 points on 8-for-11 shooting. Teammate [Cedrick Banks](#) was the other UIC player in double figures with 16 points.

Avery Sheets led Butler with 13 points.

With the win, the Flames (22-7, 12-4) finished in sole possession of second place in the Horizon League, which earns them a bye in to the semifinals in next week's league tournament. Butler (14-13, 8-8) will be the #6 seed and will host #7 Youngstown State on Tuesday, March 2nd, in an opening round game.

Should the Bulldogs top the Penguins, the Flames' semifinal game will be played in Indianapolis, Ind., at Hinkle Fieldhouse. Should Youngstown State prevail the tournament will shift to the UIC Pavilion.

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Senior Martell Bailey tallied a career-high 22

Down 10-4 early in the contest, UIC closed the half on a 24-10 run to take an eight-point lead into intermission.

Banks then opened the second half by burying back-to-back three-pointers, pushing the Flames' lead to 14, its largest cushion of the game.

The Bulldogs would trim UIC's advantage to three, 51-48, in just under four minutes left, but the Flames hit 11-of-13 free throws down the stretch to hold off any Butler rally.

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