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Rivalry Renewed As Men's Basketball Takes On Loyola On Wednesday

Flames and Ramblers meet at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday night at the UIC Pavilion.

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UIC (10-4, 4-1) vs. Loyola (8-11, 4-3)

Thursday, January 22, 2003 * 7:00 p.m.

UIC Pavilion (8,000)

TV/Radio: Fox Sports Chicago

THE SETUP: It's a city rivalry and a sibling rivalry on Wednesday night as UIC and Loyola lock horns in a rematch of last year's Horizon League Tournament title game. The Flames enter on a three-game winning streak, and in sole possession of second place in the league at 4-1. The Ramblers, meanwhile, are in fourth place in the league, and are coming off a victory on Saturday over Cleveland State. Younger brother [Martell Bailey](#) has guided the Flames to two victories in his three career meetings with his brother David's Loyola squad.

THE SERIES: UIC leads the series with Loyola, having won 17 of the 25 all-time meetings between the two schools. The

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Junior Martell Bailey meets his brother David Bailey when UIC takes on Loyola on Wednesday.

Flames are 10-3 versus the Ramblers during Jimmy Collins' tenure as head coach and have won five of the last six meetings. UIC has been especially dominant over Loyola at home, winning 11 straight contests at the UIC Pavilion. The Ramblers last victory in the Pavilion came in the 1987-88 season.

SCOUTING LOYOLA: Loyola enters Wednesday night's tilt in fourth place in the Horizon League with a 4-3 record, having won most recently at home over Cleveland State on Jan. 18. The Ramblers are 6-0 at home this season, but 2-9 on the road. On the floor, Loyola is paced by preseason First Team All-Horizon League honoree, David Bailey. The older brother of UIC's [Martell Bailey](#), he leads the Ramblers, averaging 17.1 points and 5.1 assists per outing. Newcomer Paul McMillan is Loyola's force inside as the junior college transfer leads the league in rebounding (9.0 rpg) while adding 14.1 ppg.

LAST TIME WE MET: UIC 76, Loyola 75 (OT) Horizon League Tournament Finals, March 5, 2002 (Cleveland, OH) Cedrick Banks' turn-around jumper with four seconds left, propelled UIC to its first league tournament title with a 76-75, overtime victory over Loyola. Banks paced the Flames in the nip-and-tuck affair with 17 points while [Martell Bailey](#) scored six of his nine points in overtime. Martell's brother, David, led Loyola with a game-high 35 points. Ryan Blankson chipped in with a double-double with 15 points and 16 rebounds.

HOME IS WHERE THE WINS ARE: The UIC Pavilion has been a very friendly home for the Flames as they are now 5-1 this season and 16-3 in their last 19 games in the arena. UIC, which is 51-23 in the friendly confines since the start of the 1997-98 campaign, is 193-78 all-time in home games.

GETTING HIS GROOVE BACK: Junior [Cedrick Banks](#) has been in a groove lately, averaging 26.7 points and 7.3 rebounds in leading the Flames to victory in the last three games. During the recent hot streak, which includes wins over Detoit, UW-Milwaukee and Cleveland State, Banks is shooting 47% from the field and 42% from the three-point arc.

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