



Cal State Fullerton TITANS SOFTBALL 2009

March 19, 2009 | WEEK #7 | at/vs. San Diego State (San Diego/Fullerton, CA)

For immediate release...

2009 SCHEDULE

2.6	Indiana	Anderson Field	Cancelled
2.7	Purdue (DH)	Anderson Field	Cancelled
2.8	Indiana	Anderson Field	W, 9-2
	Indiana	Anderson Field	Cancelled

LOUISVILLE SLUGGER DESERT CLASSIC (Las Vegas, NV)

2.13	vs. Oregon State	Las Vegas, NV	L, 6-2
	vs. Oregon	Las Vegas, NV	W, 6-5
2.14	vs. Virginia	Las Vegas, NV	W, 1-0
	vs. Utah	Las Vegas, NV	L, 6-4
2.15	vs. #13 Northwestern	Las Vegas, NV	L, 8-2

CATHEDRAL CITY SOFTBALL CLASSIC (Cathedral City, CA)

2.19	vs. NC State	Cathedral City, CA	W, 9-6
2.20	vs. #20 North Carolina	Cathedral City, CA	L, 5-0
	vs. Nebraska	Cathedral City, CA	W, 4-2
2.21	vs. Long Island	Cathedral City, CA	L, 5-1
	vs. Mississippi	Cathedral City, CA	L, 3-0

2.25	#4/3 UCLA	Anderson Field	L, 6-2
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DeMARINI INVITATIONAL (Anderson Field)

Participating Teams: Cal State Fullerton, Stanford, Minnesota, Nevada, UC Riverside, Indiana, Auburn, Oregon State, Cal Poly, California

2.27	#11/9 California	Anderson Field	L, 2-1
2.28	Minnesota	Anderson Field	L, 3-0
3.1	Auburn	Anderson Field	L, 6-1
	#5/7 Stanford	Anderson Field	L, 7-0

LONG BEACH INVITATIONAL (Fullerton/Lakewood, CA)

3.6	Syracuse	Anderson Field	W, 4-2
3.7	Florida International	Lakewood, CA	W, 3-1
	Longwood University	Lakewood, CA	W, 10-9 (8)
3.8	Iowa	Anderson Field	L, 3-1 (10)

JUDI GARMAN CLASSIC (Anderson Field)

Participating Teams: Cal State Fullerton, Texas, Arizona State, New Mexico, Penn State, Notre Dame, Florida State, Washington, Bowling Green State, Oklahoma, Pacific, DePaul, Nebraska, Fresno State, Michigan, Louisiana-Lafayette, Arizona

3.11	(RV/RV) Texas	Anderson Field	W, 1-0
3.12	#23/20 DePaul	Anderson Field	L, 5-4
3.13	Bowling Green	Anderson Field	W, 7-3
3.14	#9/8 Oklahoma	Anderson Field	W, 4-3
3.15	#3/2 Washington	Anderson Field	W, 3-2

3.20	at San Diego State	San Diego, CA	6 pm
3.21	San Diego State	Anderson Field	1 pm
3.28	*Cal Poly	Anderson Field	12 pm
	*Cal Poly	Anderson Field	2 pm
3.29	*Cal Poly	Anderson Field	12 pm
4.4	*at UC Riverside	Riverside, CA	12 pm
	*at UC Riverside	Riverside, CA	2 pm
4.5	*at UC Riverside	Riverside, CA	12 pm
4.10	*at UC Davis	Davis, CA	1:30 pm
	*at UC Davis	Davis, CA	3:30 pm
4.11	*at UC Davis	Davis, CA	12 pm
4.18	*Pacific	Anderson Field	12 pm
	*Pacific	Anderson Field	2 pm
4.19	*Pacific	Anderson Field	12 pm
4.25	*at Long Beach St.	Long Beach, CA	12 pm
	*at Long Beach St.	Long Beach, CA	2 pm
4.26	*at Long Beach St.	Long Beach, CA	12 pm
5.2	*CS Northridge	Anderson Field	12 pm
	*CS Northridge	Anderson Field	2 pm
5.3	*CS Northridge	Anderson Field	12 pm
5.8	*at UC Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, CA	12 pm
	*at UC Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, CA	2 pm
5.9	*at UC Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara, CA	12 pm

* Big West Conference Game

All rankings are as of the date of the game in the order of USA Today/NFCA and ESPN.com/USA Softball rankings



Cal State Fullerton freshman Samantha Dollarhide was one of the top hitters at the 2009 Judi Garman Classic, earning Big West Conference Player of the Week laurels after batting .538 to help the Titans to a share of the top spot.

CAL STATE FULLERTON LOOKS TO KEEP ROLLING THIS WEEKEND WITH NON-CONFERENCE DOUBLEHEADER VS. SAN DIEGO STATE

BATTER UP!: After tying for the best record at last weekend's Judi Garman Classic, the Cal State Fullerton softball team (12-13 overall) concludes the non-conference portion of its schedule this weekend with a home-and-home "doubleheader" against San Diego State this weekend. The Titans travel south for a single game at the SDSU Softball Stadium on Friday night (March 20) at 6 p.m. before returning the favor and hosting the Aztecs on Saturday afternoon (March 21) at 1 p.m. at Anderson Family Field..

TITANS BACK IN THE POLLS: Thanks to its 4-1 mark against some of the nation's toughest teams last weekend, Cal State Fullerton has made its way back into the national spotlight. The Titans are receiving votes in both the USA Today/NFCA Coaches poll (2) and the ESPN.com/USA Softball poll (1) entering this weekend's games. San Diego State is also receiving votes, getting eight nods in the NFCA poll.

I NEED STATS, STATI!: Barring technical difficulties (insert sound of knocking on wood here),



TITANS at/vs. SAN DIEGO STATE

Mar. 20-21, 2009
SDSU Softball Stadium/
Anderson Family Field
San Diego/Fullerton, CA

TITANS AT A GLANCE

Record	12-13
Big West Record	0-0
vs. Top 25	2-6
Home	6-7
Away	0-0
Neutral	6-6
Day (prior to 5 p.m.)	6-7
Night	6-6
1-Run Games	6-2
2-Run Games	3-2
5+ Run Games	1-4
Extra Innings	1-1
Shutouts	2-4
Scoring First	7-3
Opp. Scores First	5-10
Score in the 1st Inning	2-3
Leading After 4 Inn.	7-1
Leading After 5 Inn.	7-1
Leading After 6 Inn.	8-0
Hit a Home Run	10-5
Opp. Hits a Home Run	5-7
Out Hit Opponent	7-3
Out Hit by Opponent	3-10
Batting Average213
Hits Per Game	5.44
Hits Allowed Per Game	6.56
Runs Per Game	3.16
Runs Allowed Per Game	4.00

Gametracker will be available for both of Cal State Fullerton's games this week. Links will be available on the softball schedule page of FullertonTitans.com.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? GOOD!: Cal State Fullerton's home contest against San Diego State on Saturday will be carried live over the Internet at www.FullertonTitans.com. Veteran Titan play-by-play man Mike Martinez will handle the call live from Anderson Family Field.

PEEK-A-BOO... I SEE YOU!: As it goes with the Internet audio stream above, live video will also be available for both of this weekend's home contests (on a subscription basis) by logging on to BigWest.org/TV and signing up.

A LOOK AT THE AZTECS: San Diego State enters the weekend with a 19-13 overall record, winning eight of its last 10 contests after splitting a doubleheader on Tuesday with Texas Tech at home... Brittany Knudsen leads all regulars offensively, batting .278 with a team-high 14 RBI... Felicia Reifschneider is batting .424 in 24 games, mostly

2009 QUICK FACTS

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 Founded 1957 (first class in 1959)
 Enrollment 36,000
 Nickname.....Titans
 ColorsNavy Blue, Orange & White
 Home FieldAnderson Family Field (1,000)
 Dimensions (LF-CF-RF)..... 190'-220'-190'
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division I
 Conference.....Big West Conference
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Michelle Gromacki (10th Year)
 Alma Mater.....Cal State Fullerton '87
 Overall Record..... 337-187-1 (.643)
 School RecordSame
 Big West Conference Record.....139-50 (.735)
 Associate Head Coach..... Dee Dee Kingsbury (7th Year)
 Alma MaterUCLA '94
 Assistant Coach.....Michelle Anunciation (2nd Year)
 Alma Mater..... University of the Pacific '05
 Softball Office Phone..... Contact SID

YEAR IN REVIEW

2008 Overall Record..... 27-28-1 (.491)
 2008 Big West Record (Finish)11-10 (5th)
 Postseason.....NCAA Regionals (0-2)
 Final RankingsNone

BY THE NUMBERS

Letterwinners Returning/Lost 7/6
 Other Players Returning/Lost2/0
 Starters Returning/Lost.....5/6
 Position Players Returning/Lost.....4/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost.....1/2
 Newcomers 10

HISTORY

All-Time Overall Record1,250-563-5 (.689)
 All-Time Conference Record 527-216-2 (.709)
 Big West Champ.8 (1986-87, 1993, 2000-03, 2006)
 AIAW Regional..... 2 (1980-81)
 WAIWA Nationals 2 (1980-81)
 NCAA Regionals.....24 (1982-96, 1999-03, 2005-08)
 NCAA Super Regionals.....1 (2007)
 WCWS.....6 (1982-83, 1985-87, 1995)
 NCAA Championships.....1 (1986)
 All-Americans28 players for 37 selections

off the bench... Bailey Micetich (10-4, 1.87) and Samantha Beasley (9-9, 2.19 ERA) have split time in the circle this season, holding opponents to a .228 average this year.

THE SERIES: Cal State Fullerton leads the all-time series with San Diego State by a 45-12 margin, but the Aztecs have won the last two meetings, emerging victorious in nine innings by a 2-1 margin last season and 3-2 in eight innings in 2007... Fullerton's last win in the series came in 2006, taking the second game of a double-header in San Diego by an 8-0 score... the Titans are 23-4 all-time against the Aztecs at home and 21-6 all-time in San Diego.

FORMER TITANS CLASH: This weekend will mark the second straight week that a pair of former Titan players-turned-coaches will meet on the diamond as former Fullerton catcher and current head coach Michelle Gromacki (1985-87) will meet former Titan pitcher, 1982 Broderick Award winner, and San Diego State Head Coach Kathy Van Wyk (1982). Van Wyk, an assistant coach for Cal State Fullerton from 1983-87 and again from 1991-94, is 7-6 all-time against her alma mater since assuming the head spot at SDSU in 1997, but the series between Van Wyk and Gromacki is tied at 5-5.

SUCCESS CONTINUES AT THE GARMAN: The Titans continued to shine at their showcase event, as their 4-1 record this past weekend at the Judi Garman Classic improved their overall record to 108-52 (.675) in the tournament that has been held under numerous monikers

since 1981. The Titans were 74-22 at the PONY Tournament, 5-5 at the unsponsored Cal State Fullerton Tournament, 20-16 at the KIA Klassic, and are now 9-9 since the event was renamed to honor Fullerton's Hall of Fame Head Coach Judi Garman in 2006.



PEEK-A-BOO... I SEE YOU! For the third consecutive season, live video of select Cal State Fullerton home and road contests will be streamed over the Internet on a subscription basis via Big West TV. A monthly subscription of \$9.95 or an annual subscription of \$79.95 gets you all the exclusive coverage of Big West Conference volleyball, men's and women's basketball, and baseball as well as select softball contests. For more information, please visit www.BigWest.org/TV.

DOLLARHIDE CASHES IN: Cal State Fullerton freshman Samantha Dollarhide was named the Big West Conference Player of the Week after emerging as one of the top hitters at the 2009 Judi Garman Classic. The rookie from Tustin, Calif., batted .538 for the five-game weekend, slugging a pair of doubles, her first career home run and driving home five runs to help Fullerton's cause. She ranked among the top 10 in the tournament in average (3rd), slugging (5th), on-base percentage (5th), hits (7th), and total bases (9th).

CERVANTES ALSO HONORED: Cal State Fullerton sophomore right-hander Ari Cervantes earned her first career Big West Pitcher of the

2009 CAL STATE FULLERTON SOFTBALL NUMERICAL ROSTER

NO	NAME	HT	POS	B/T	YR	EXP	Hometown (Last School)
3	Sheila Holguin	5-4	UT	L/R	JR	2V	Rancho Cucamonga, CA (Rancho Cucamonga HS)
7	Lauren Lupinetti	5-10	C/OF	R/R	SR	2V	Long Beach, CA (Lakewood HS/St. John's Univ.)
8	Whitney Kroh	5-8	OF	L/R	R-SR	3V	Fullerton, CA (Fullerton Union HS)
9	Courtney Martinez	5-6	IF	R/R	SR	3V	Chino Hills, CA (Chino Hills HS)
10	Katey Laban	5-3	P	R/R	FR	HS	Fullerton, CA (Fullerton Union HS)
11	K.C. Craddick	5-6	IF/OF	L/L	SO	1V	Yorba Linda, CA (El Dorado HS)
12	Nicole Johnson	5-7	IF	R/R	FR	HS	Canyon Country, CA (Canyon HS)
13	Samantha Dollarhide	5-3	IF	R/R	FR	HS	Tustin, CA (Beckman HS)
15	Sammie Dabbs	5-3	OF	L/R	SO	1V	La Habra, CA (Sonora HS)
16	Morgan LeMond	5-6	C/IF	R/R	FR	HS	Moreno Valley, CA (Canyon Springs HS)
22	Adriana Martinez	5-3	UT	L/R	FR	HS	Antelope, CA (Woodcreek HS)
23	Kadie Baldwin	5-8	OF	L/L	JR	JC	Corona, CA (Santiago HS/Mt. SAC)
24	Francesca Gonzales	5-7	IF	R/R	JR	JC	El Monte, CA (Arroyo HS/Mt. SAC)
25	Sarah Hahn	5-7	C	R/R	FR	HS	Whittier, CA (California HS)
28	Trina Harrison	5-7	IF	R/R	FR	HS	Oceanside, CA (Oceanside HS)
30	Torrie Anderson	5-9	OF	R/R	SO	1V	Castaic, CA (Valencia HS)
33	Krystal Heinle	5-5	P/IF	R/R	R-FR	HS	Westminster, CA (Marina HS)
77	Ari Cervantes	5-10	P/OF	L/R	SO	1V	Tustin, CA (Mater Dei HS)

HEAD COACH: Michelle Gromacki (10th Season), Cal State Fullerton '87
ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH: Dee Dee Kingsbury (7th Season), UCLA '94
ASSISTANT COACH: Michelle Anunciation (2nd Season), Pacific '05
VOLUNTEER COACH: Jenny Topping (1st Season)
STUDENT ASSISTANT COACHES: Jessica Doucette, Crystal Vieyra
TEAM MANAGER: Sara Craddick
ATHLETIC TRAINERS: Tyson Allies, Hisano Tasedan

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PLAYERS

#3 SHE-la Hole-GEEN	#23 KATIE Baldwin
#7 Lauren LOO-puh-NET-tee	#24 fran-CHESS-cuh Gonzales
#8 Whitney CROW	#25 Sara HAWN
#10 Katey LAY-bin	#33 Krystal HINE-lee
#22 ay-DREE-ah-nuh Martinez	#77 ARE-ee sur-VAUN-tayz

COACHES & STAFF

Michelle Grow-MACK-ee
 Michelle A-NUN-see-A-shun
 Tyson al-LEASE
 hee-SAW-no TAX-dan

2009 GAME WINNERS

Date	Opponent	RBI	Play	Run	Score
2/8	vs. Indiana	Torrie Anderson	RBI FC	Sheila Holguin	W, 9-2
2/13	vs. Oregon	Lauren Lupinetti	RBI FC	Ari Cervantes	W, 6-5
2/14	vs. Virginia	Courtney Martinez	Solo HR	Courtney Martinez	W, 1-0
2/19	vs. NC State	Trina Harrison	3-Run HR	K.C. Craddick	W, 9-6
2/20	vs. Nebraska	Torrie Anderson	3-Run HR	Torrie Anderson	W, 4-2
3/6	vs. Syracuse	Ari Cervantes	RBI Triple	Samantha Dollarhide	W, 4-2
3/7	vs. FIU	--	Fielding Error	Morgan LeMond	W, 3-1
3/7	vs. Longwood	Sheila Holguin	Sacrifice Fly	Sammie Dabbs	W, 10-9 (8)
3/11	vs. (RV) Texas	Torrie Anderson	Solo HR	Torrie Anderson	W, 1-0
3/13	vs. Bowling Green	Samantha Dollarhide	2-Run Single	K.C. Craddick	W, 7-3
3/14	vs. #9 Oklahoma	Samantha Dollarhide	RBI Single	Adriana Martinez	W, 4-3
3/15	vs. #2 Washington	Ari Cervantes	RBI FC	Samantha Dollarhide	W, 3-2

GAME WINNING RBI

Torrie Anderson	3
Ari Cervantes	2
Samantha Dollarhide	2
Trina Harrison	1
Sheila Holguin	1
Lauren Lupinetti	1
Courtney Martinez	1

GAME WINNING RUNS

Torrie Anderson	2
K.C. Craddick	2
Samantha Dollarhide	2
Ari Cervantes	1
Sammie Dabbs	1
Sheila Holguin	1
Morgan LeMond	1
Adriana Martinez	1
Courtney Martinez	1

USA TODAY/NFCA POLL (3/17)

#	School	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1	Florida (27)	27-2	721	1
2	Alabama	23-2	692	2
3	Washington (2)	24-3	657	3
4	Stanford	24-1	643	4
5	UCLA	24-3	619	5
t6	Arizona State	25-5	552	6
t6	Tennessee	23-3	552	7
8	Michigan	20-7	505	10
9	Georgia	16-4	471	8
10	California	21-4	449	11
11	Oklahoma	23-8	439	9
12	Arizona	26-7	400	12
13	Missouri	22-3	376	14
14	Northwestern	13-7	371	13
15	Louisville	22-3	281	17
16	Louisiana-Lafayette	15-5	268	16
17	Ohio State	20-3	261	22
18	North Carolina	21-7	216	15
19	Texas A&M	21-10	199	18
20	Southern Illinois	17-4	156	19
21	LSU	15-6	148	20
22	Florida State	20-8	101	25
23	UMass	11-6	85	21
24	DePaul	11-7	65	23
25	Fresno State	14-12	35	24

Others Receiving Votes:

Cal Poly 25, Iowa 25, UNLV 18, Illinois 16, Nevada 14, Baylor 12, Mississippi State 9, Houston 8, San Diego State 8, South Florida 6, Kentucky 4, Tulsa 3, Long Beach State 3, Oklahoma State 3, South Carolina 2, **Cal State Fullerton 2**, Texas 2, Nebraska 2, Georgia Tech 1

ESPN.COM/USA SOFTBALL POLL (3/17)

#	School	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1	Florida (19)	27-2	497	1
2	Alabama	23-2	472	t2
3	Washington (1)	24-3	461	t2
4	Stanford	24-1	436	5
5	UCLA	24-3	432	4
6	Tennessee	23-3	392	6
7	California	21-4	355	9
8	Michigan	20-7	350	10
9	Georgia	16-4	326	7
10	Oklahoma	23-8	319	8
11	Arizona State	25-5	310	11
12	Northwestern	13-7	285	12
13	Missouri	22-3	256	16
14	Ohio State	20-3	234	17
15	Arizona	26-7	228	13
16	Louisville	22-3	191	18
17	UMass	11-6	154	14
18	North Carolina	21-7	140	15
19	Louisiana-Lafayette	15-5	105	19
20	LSU	15-6	92	22
21	DePaul	11-7	84	20
22	Florida State	20-8	80	24
23	Texas A&M	21-10	64	25
24	Southern Illinois	17-4	62	23
25	Fresno State	14-12	46	21

Others receiving votes:

Iowa (29), Nevada (25), Cal Poly (19), Florida Gulf Coast (15), Georgia Tech (14), Oklahoma State (10), Auburn (4), Baylor (3), Texas (3), South Florida (3), Kentucky (2), Nebraska (1), **Cal State Fullerton (1)**.

BIG WEST PRESEASON COACHES POLL

Team	Points
1. Long Beach State (7)	63
2. Cal State Fullerton	49
t3. UC Santa Barbara (1)	45
t3. Cal Poly	45
5. Pacific	28
6. UC Davis	26
7. Cal State Northridge	21
8. UC Riverside	11

Week honor on Monday, sharing the award with Cal State Northridge's Debbie Duran. Cervantes posted a 3-1 mark on the weekend with a 1.50 ERA and wins over nationally ranked Oklahoma and Washington and tossing a three-hit shutout over Texas, which was receiving votes in both the national polls. Cervantes held opponents to a .176 batting average on the week, finishing ranked among the tournament leaders in ERA (8th), opposing batting average (6th), innings pitched (2nd), and wins (t2nd).

TITANS ON A ROLL: Hold the mayo. Since losing a school-record seven straight games earlier this season, Fullerton has rediscovered its winning ways, claiming victory in seven of its last nine contests. The Titans, who were hitting an anemic .188 entering the Long Beach Invitational two weeks ago, have upped their batting average 25 points over the course of the last two tournaments to .213 overall. In that time, Fullerton has slugged 10 home runs and 23 extra base hits in that nine-game stretch while the pitching staff has held the opposition to a .205 average.

"LIKE A RECORD, BABY...":

Thanks to the bats of Francesca Gonzales and Courtney Martinez, the Titans' 2009 season got started with a bang – and a school record. The duo hit two home runs apiece against visiting Indiana, tying a school record with their four home runs in a game, matching an effort accomplished four other times – the last in a win over Pacific on April 23, 2006, in Stockton, Calif.



CAUGHT LOOKING: Fullerton's pitching staff ranks second in the league in strikeouts looking with 45 on the season, trailing only Long Beach State (53). Cervantes ranks second in the league, as 27 of her 66 strikeout victims left with the bat on their shoulder, while Heinle is ninth in the Big West with 17 batters caught staring this season.

NO POWER SHORTAGE HERE: The Fullerton lineup continues to generate power this season as five more home runs this weekend has boosted the Titans' Big West-leading total to 22 entering this week's games – besting second place Cal Poly by five long balls to start the season and standing as one of five conference teams with double-digit home run totals. Three Titans rank among the league leaders as sophomore Torrie Anderson (who hit two home runs this past weekend) is second in the league with seven while senior Courtney Martinez and junior Francesca Gonzales stand in a tie for fifth with four apiece.

"SPEAK SOFTLY...": Cal State Fullerton sophomore Torrie Anderson is carrying the big stick for the Titans in 2009 as her seven home runs leads the team and stands just four shy of breaking onto the school's single-season top 10 list. The last time a Titan reached double digits in the home run column was in 2007 when Jessica Doucette slugged 11 round-trippers to help Cal State Fullerton to the NCAA Super Regionals.

GOOSE EGG: Fullerton's 1-0 shutout over Texas last week was only the Titans' second shutout of the season and the first since they blanked Virginia by the same score on Feb. 14 at the Louisville Slugger Desert Classic.

WINNING THE CLOSE ONES: Three of Cal State Fullerton's four victories this past weekend at the Judi Garman Classic (and four of the five games overall) were decided by a single run as the Titans improved to 6-2 this season in one-run contests. Fullerton is hitting .241 and slugging .448 in those contests while holding opponents to a .216 average in eight games. Freshman Morgan LeMond is the team's leading hitter in one-run contests, batting .438 while four other players are batting better than .300 in those games. Sophomore Ari Cervantes has been masterful in the circle, posting a 4-2 record with a 1.45 ERA and 23 strikeouts while hold-

"ARI"-ING IT OUT: Cervantes has continued to shine in the circle over the past two weekend, posting a 6-2 record and a 1.51 ERA in her last eight appearances, including throwing her first career shutouts and surrendering only 12 earned runs on 37 hits in just under 56 innings of work. A 3-to-1 strikeout-to-walk ratio has also helped as the right-hander has held opposing batters to just a .189 average.

NEW GAME, DIFFERENT HERO: In Cal State Fullerton's 12 victories this season, the Titans have had seven different players account for the game-winning RBI while nine different Fullerton baserunners have come around to score the game-winning run.

THE GROMACKI FILE

Current Record: 349-200-1 (.635)



Cal State Fullerton Head Coach Michelle Gromacki returns to the bench for her 10th season at the helm of the Titans' softball program, continuing to build upon a tradition that has made Fullerton one of the most prestigious programs in the nation.

Gromacki has devoted the past 14 seasons to the Titans' program after spending five years as an assistant under Hall of Fame Head Coach Judi Garman from 1995-99, helping Cal State Fullerton to a 184-129 (.588) overall record and a berth in the College World Series in 1995.

With Garman's retirement following the 1999 season, Gromacki stepped right in as head coach of her alma mater and the Titans never missed a beat.

Under her guidance, Gromacki's Titans have staked their claim to five Big West Conference championships in the last nine seasons, including four consecutive conference titles from 2000-03. Those accomplishments bring the program's total to eight league crowns overall.

After a two-year absence, Gromacki has guided Fullerton to postseason play in eight of the last nine years - including the last four consecutive seasons. In 2007, the Titans won their regional in Columbus, Ohio, for the first time since 1995 and became the first Big West school to advance to the NCAA Super Regional round since the format was adopted in 2005.

Gromacki's teams have finished in the top 20 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association's poll in five of the last nine seasons, including top-10 finishes in 2002 (No. 9) and 2003 (No. 10). The Titans also finished ninth in the inaugural year of the ESPN.com/USA Softball coaches poll in 2003.

Gromacki has been honored by her peers throughout her coaching career, serving as head coach on four Speedline/NFCA West Region Coaching Staff's of the Year in the last eight seasons (2000, 2002-03, 2006). She has even taken her talents to the next level, serving as an assistant coach for the USA Blue Team in 2001 and the U.S. "Elite" National Team in 2002-04, competing in international tournaments and serving as the "sparring partner" for the U.S. National Team in preparation for the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens.

In 2003, she helped lead the "Elite" Team to a gold medal at the Canada Cup with an 11-1 record and a roster which featured former Titans Gina Oaks and Jodie Cox. Cox was named MVP of the tournament, posting a 3-0 record without allowing an earned run in 19 innings and striking out 15.

Regarded as one of the best catchers in the nation, Gromacki helped lead the Titans to a combined 170-19-1 overall record and a 65-10-1 mark in the Big West as a player from 1985-87 while helping Fullerton claim the 1986 NCAA National Championship.

GROMACKI YEAR-BY-YEAR

YR	W-L	PCT.	CONF.	PCT.	FINISH	FINAL RANK
2000	45-15	.750	19-5	.792	1st	#19
2001	48-14	.774	19-2	.905	1st	#12
2002	53-13	.803	22-2	.917	1st	#9
2003	41-15	.750	20-1	.952	1st	#10/9*
2004	18-34	.346	7-14	.333	6th	-
2005	30-21	.588	14-7	.667	3rd	RV/RV
2006	37-24	.607	14-4	.778	1st	-
2007	38-23	.623	13-5	.722	2nd	#16/20
2008	27-28-1	.491	11-10	.524	5th	-
TOT	337-187-1	.643	139-50	.735	-	-

* 2003 marked the first year of the ESPN.com/USA Softball Coaches Poll... first ranking listed is the USA Today/NFCA Poll.

GROMACKI BY THE NUMBERS

- .735 Career Big West Winning Percentage
- .643 Career Winning Percentage
- 337 Career Coaching Wins
- 134 Number of games needed to reach 100 career coaching wins - the fastest coach in any sport in school history
- 31 All-Big West First-Team selections
- 20 All-Big West Second-Team selections
- 15 NFCA All-West Region First-Team honorees
- 10 Louisville Slugger/NFCA All-Americans
- 8 NCAA Tournament Berths (2000-03, 2005-08)
- 8 NFCA All-West Region Second-Team selections
- 6 Top-20 Final National Rankings
- 5 Big West Players of the Year
- 5 Big West Championships (2000-03, 2006)
- 4 NFCA West Region Coaching Staff of the Year honors
- 3 U.S. National Team Members
- 2 Big West Coach of the Year Awards (2000 & 2006)
- 2 Olympians (Jenny Topping, Lindsey Bashor)
- 1 NCAA Super Regional Berth (2007)
- 1 Big West Co-Pitcher of the Year (Jodie Cox, 2003)

ing opposing batters to a .196 average. Krystal Heinle is also 2-0 in one-run games in the circle.

WINNER, WINNER, CHICKEN DINNER: Cal State Fullerton's current three-game winning streak is tied for the longest this year and is the longest since the Titans won four straight from April 13-20 last season. A sweep of San Diego State this weekend would run the streak to five straight games and give Fullerton its longest winning stretch since the Titans won eight in a row from March 27-April 14 in 2007.

EXTRA, EXTRA: The Titans have had at least one extra base hit in each of their last nine games and in 20 of 25 games overall this season. During their nine-game streak, 23 of the team's 61 hits (38 percent) have gone for extra bases - including 10 home runs.

PATIENCE, GRASSHOPPER: Cal State Fullerton fell just shy of matching its season high with six walks in its 4-3 victory over No. 9 Oklahoma - including three intentionally - helping increase the Titans' season total of bases on balls to 70 on the year. Fullerton, which ranks tied for third in the Big West Conference in walks this season, has been held to without a walk only twice in 25 games this season (against Stanford and Bowling Green) and has drawn seven walks twice in back-to-back games against Utah and nationally ranked Northwestern.

HEINLE BACK IN THE GROOVE: Cal State Fullerton freshman Krystal Heinle got back into the win column, scattering just six hits and striking out a career-high 11 batters in a 7-3 win over Bowling Green at the Judi Garman Classic. It was the first win for the right-hander since tossing a four-hit shutout with six strikeouts against Virginia on Feb. 14.

"EVERYBODY WANTS TO RULE 'LEMOND'": Those of you who took French will find that hilarious (and, yes, we know it's spelled wrong). Freshman Morgan LeMond has continued to provide some offensive spark since breaking into the starting lineup, batting .429 last weekend at the Judi Garman Classic with a home run and two RBI in the middle of the Titans' batting order. With only one career hit entering last weekend's Long Beach Invitational, LeMond is batting a robust .360 over her last nine games with three home runs, six runs scored, and four RBI to go along with a career-high three hits against No. 9 Oklahoma. In the process, LeMond has raised her batting average 186 points to .263 on the season - good for fourth on the team.

"WE NEED A LIVE ROO... WAS IT A LIVE ROOSTER?": The hex is certainly on the Titans' gloves in the field thus far in 2009 as they have committed 38 errors in their first 25 games (most in the Big West) compared to just 23 miscues at this time a season ago. Fullerton, which was tied for third in the Big West with a .963 fielding percentage in 2008, ranks eighth out of eight teams at .953 entering this week's games.

MERCY ME: Cal State Fullerton has twice played extra-inning games this season, but has yet to break out the whoopin' sticks and post a run-ruled victory in 2009. The Titans, whose only shortened game this season was a five-inning win over Indiana in the season opener due to rain, haven't run-ruled an opponent since an 8-0 win at Pacific on April 19, 2008. In the "good news" column, Fullerton hasn't been run-ruled since a 9-1 loss at Cal Poly on March 29, 2008, and has only been run-ruled three times in its last 206 games.

LUPINETTI'S "GRAND" DAY: Senior Lauren Lupinetti put a "1" in the home run column in "grand" fashion at the Long Beach Invitational, slugging her first career grand slam in a win over Longwood and the first for a Titan since Kiki Munoz and Torrie Anderson hit one apiece in an 11-0 victory over UC Riverside on April 5 last season.

RECYCLED NOTES

TITANS PICKED SECOND IN THE BIG WEST: Cal State Fullerton was picked to finish second in the race for the 2009 Big West Conference title according to a vote of the league's head coaches released on Jan. 21. The Titans received 49 points behind defending champion Long Beach State, which garnered seven of the eight first-place votes and 63 points overall. UC Santa Barbara, which gained the remaining first-place vote, and Cal Poly were picked in a tie for third with 45 points followed by Pacific (28), UC Davis (26), Cal State Northridge (21), and UC Riverside (11).

A QUICK LOOK AT THE TITANS: Cal State Fullerton returns seven letter winners, four position starters and one pitcher from last season's squad which finished 27-28-1 overall and 11-10 in conference play, but earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament for the 24th time in 27 seasons. The Titans also welcome 10 newcomers to the fold - seven freshmen and a pair of transfers from nearby Mt. San Antonio College. Senior catcher Lauren Lupinetti is the team's top returning bat a season after hitting .282 with seven home runs and 33 RBI - the latter two statistics leading the team in 2008. Sophomore right-hander Ari Cervantes is the only returning pitcher for the Titans after she threw 26.2 innings and posted an 0-1 record in 11 appearances.

YOU'RE THE BEST... AROUND: Cal State Fullerton's young roster will be thrown directly into the fire during the 2009 season as the Titans' schedule features 10 teams ranked in the USA Today/NFCA preseason top 25 and seven more teams listed among those receiving votes.

HELLO, MY NAME IS...: You can't tell the players without a scorecard and some fans may be asking them to wear name tags until they can get everyone straight. Fullerton's 10 newcomers are the most since the team listed 12 new faces on the roster prior to the 2005 campaign.

2009 BIG WEST STANDINGS (3/10)

BIG WEST				OVERALL				
W-L	Pct.	GB	W-L	Pct.	H	A	N	
CP	0-0	.000	--	16-6	.727	8-0	0-1	8-5
CSUN	0-0	.000	--	18-9	.667	5-2	1-1	12-6
LBSU	0-0	.000	--	19-10	.655	8-2	2-0	9-8
UCSB	0-0	.000	--	13-11	.542	2-0	2-4	9-7
UCD	0-0	.000	--	14-12	.539	1-0	3-3	10-9
PAC	0-0	.000	--	12-12	.500	4-2	3-2	5-8
CSF	0-0	.000	--	12-13	.480	6-7	0-0	6-6
UCR	0-0	.000	--	10-17	.370	6-4	0-1	4-12

BIG WEST PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

WEEK	PLAYER	PITCHER
2/9	Melissa Pura (CP)	Krista Cobb (UCSB) & Alex Holmes (UCD)
2/16	Kelly Harman (UCD) & Kristin Pocock (LBSU)	Jessica Hancock (UCD)
2/23	Christine Ramos (UCSB)	Krista Cobb (UCSB)
3/2	Nicole Matson (PAC) & Kristin Pocock (LBSU)	Anna Cahn (CP)
3/9	Melissa Pura (CP)	Anna Cahn (CP)
3/16	Samantha Dollarhide (CSF)	Ari Cervantes (CSF) & Debbie Duran (CSUN)

TITANS IN THE BIG WEST

TEAM BATTING

Average	8th	.213
Slugging	5th	.358
On Base Pct.	8th	.306
Runs	7th	79
Hits	8th	136
Runs Batted In	7th	71
Doubles	8th	19
Triples	t3rd	4
Home Runs	1st	22
Total Bases	6th	226
Walks	t3rd	70
Hit By Pitch	t3rd	18
Strikeouts	1st	170
Stolen Bases	6th	12

TEAM PITCHING

ERA	6th	3.18
Opp. Average	5th	.246
Innings Pitched	5th	174.0
Strikeouts	4th	120
K's Looking	2nd	45
Wins	6th	12
Saves	t6th	0
Fewest Hits Allowed	4th	164
Fewest Runs Allowed	6th	100
Fewest ER Allowed	6th	79
Fewest Walks Allowed	7th	78
Fewest HR Allowed	6th	18
Fielding Pct.	8th	.953
Errors	1st	38
Double Plays	3rd	12
Passed Balls	t3rd	4

Cal State Fullerton Softball
Overall Statistics for Cal State Fullerton (as of Mar 18, 2009)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 12-13 Home: 6-7 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 6-6 Big West: 0-0

Player	AVG	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
24 Gonzales, Frances	.307	25-25	75	6	23	3	0	4	10	38	.507	11	1	15	0	.402	0	1	0-0	34	42	4	.950
30 Anderson, Torrie	.218	25-25	78	13	17	3	0	7	17	41	.526	5	3	16	0	.287	1	1	0-3	16	2	3	.857
3 Holguin, Sheila	.213	25-24	80	10	17	4	1	0	4	23	.288	10	0	20	0	.297	1	1	0-0	21	21	8	.840
7 Lupinetti, Lauren	.197	24-24	61	5	12	0	0	2	8	18	.295	11	4	11	0	.351	1	1	0-0	123	19	5	.966
11 Craddick, K.C.	.167	25-25	66	5	11	2	0	0	6	13	.197	10	0	18	0	.273	1	3	0-1	202	8	2	.991
25 Hahn, Sarah	.500	2-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
9 Martinez, Courtne	.333	25-25	36	8	12	2	1	4	7	28	.778	2	2	5	0	.390	1	0	0-0	44	68	8	.933
13 Dollarhide, Saman	.300	17-13	30	5	9	3	0	1	5	15	.500	5	0	9	0	.400	0	2	1-2	21	30	4	.927
16 LeMond, Morgan	.263	19-11	38	6	10	0	0	3	4	19	.500	5	0	12	1	.349	0	2	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
23 Baldwin, Kadie	.200	14-12	20	1	4	1	0	0	1	5	.250	1	1	6	0	.273	0	1	0-1	12	0	0	1.000
77 Cervantes, Ari	.195	17-14	41	4	8	0	2	0	3	12	.293	2	1	16	0	.250	0	1	3-3	8	35	2	.956
33 Heinle, Krystal	.182	5-4	11	0	2	0	0	0	2	.182	0	1	5	0	.250	0	0	0-0	5	14	1	.950	
28 Harrison, Trina	.176	18-8	34	2	6	0	0	1	5	9	.265	3	0	13	0	.243	0	0	0-0	6	0	0	1.000
15 Dabbs, Sammie	.097	19-14	31	4	3	0	0	0	0	3	.097	1	0	8	0	.125	0	5	3-3	20	0	0	1.000
12 Johnson, Nicole	.050	13-8	20	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	.100	1	5	9	0	.269	0	0	2-2	4	0	0	1.000
8 Kroh, Whitney	.000	13-7	12	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	4	0	.143	0	0	1-1	3	0	1	.750
22 Martinez, Adriana	.000	9-2	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.167	0	0	2-2	2	0	0	1.000
10 Laban, Katey	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
Totals	.213	25-25	640	79	136	19	4	22	71	229	.358	70	18	170	1	.306	5	18	12-18	522	240	38	.953
Opponents	.246	25-25	668	100	164	31	5	18	89	259	.388	78	25	120	8	.345	4	17	40-47	510	197	32	.957

LOB - Team (163), Opp (171). DPs turned - Team (12), Opp (3). IBB - Team (5), Lupinetti 2, Cervantes 1, Gonzales 1, Anderson 1. Picked off - Lupinetti 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO/CBO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	AB	B/Avg	WP	HBP	BK	SFA	SHA
77 Cervantes, Ari	2.50	8-7	15	13	13	1/0	0	100.2	87	49	36	35	66	18	3	6	388	.224	5	18	0	1	10
33 Heinle, Krystal	3.54	4-4	11	10	7	1/0	0	63.1	61	38	32	35	50	9	2	9	235	.260	5	7	0	2	6
10 Laban, Katey	7.70	0-2	3	2	1	0/0	0	10.0	16	13	11	8	4	4	0	3	45	.356	3	0	0	1	1
Totals	3.18	12-13	25	25	21	2/0	0	174.0	164	100	79	78	120	31	5	18	668	.246	13	25	0	4	17
Opponents	2.26	13-12	25	25	17	4/0	0	170.0	136	79	55	70	170	19	4	22	640	.213	10	18	0	5	18

PB - Team (4), Lupinetti 4, Opp (3). Pickoffs - Team (1), Lupinetti 1, Opp (1). SBA/ATT - Lupinetti (37-44), Cervantes (26-30), Heinle (12-15), LeMond (3-3), Laban (2-2).

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

Player	2	3	4	5+	T
Francesca Gonzales	6	1	-	-	7
Sheila Holguin	3	1	-	-	4
Courtney Martinez	2	1	-	-	3
Samantha Dollarhide	3	-	-	-	3
Lauren Lupinetti	3	-	-	-	3
K.C. Craddick	3	-	-	-	3
Trina Harrison	2	-	-	-	2
Morgan LeMond	1	1	-	-	2
Torrie Anderson	2	-	-	-	2
Ari Cervantes	2	-	-	-	2
Kadie Baldwin	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	28	4	0	0	32

MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

Player	2	3	4	5+	T
Torrie Anderson	4	1	-	-	5
Francesca Gonzales	3	-	-	-	3
Lauren Lupinetti	-	-	1	-	1
Samantha Dollarhide	-	1	-	-	1
Courtney Martinez	-	-	1	-	1
Ari Cervantes	1	-	-	-	1
Morgan LeMond	1	-	-	-	1
K.C. Craddick	1	-	-	-	1
Trina Harrison	-	1	-	-	1
Totals	10	3	2	-	15

HITTING STREAKS

Player	Longest	Current
Francesca Gonzales	6	2
Courtney Martinez	5	2
Torrie Anderson	5	1
Samantha Dollarhide	4	4
Sheila Holguin	3	1
Lauren Lupinetti	3	-
Morgan LeMond	3	2
Ari Cervantes	3	1
Krystal Heinle	2	-
Kadie Baldwin	2	-
K.C. Craddick	2	2
Trina Harrison	2	-
Sarah Hahn	1	-
Nicole Johnson	1	-
Sammie Dabbs	1	1