

## **2003 Releases**

**February 22, 2003**

### **ERIN CURTIS FINISHES 4TH IN POLE VAULT AT MPSF INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**BOISE, Idaho** --- UC Irvine sophomore Erin Curtis placed fourth in the pole vault for the Anteaters' top finish in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Women's Indoor Track & Field Championships at the Idaho Sports Center in Boise. Curtis cleared 12-8 as Arizona's Amy Linnen won the event at 14-5.

UCI finished sixth in a pair of relays. Lauren Adams, Jessica Stafford, Curtis and Suzanne Purmort ran 3:51.80 in the 4x400, while Amanda Armstrong, Erin Hill, Cathy Picha and Wendy Chan finished the distance medley relay in 12:04.08.

The Anteaters finished 11th in the competition with 7.5 points and Stanford won the meet with 171.

**February 15, 2003**

### **CURTIS CLEARS NCAA PROVISIONAL MARK IN POLE VAULT**

**SEATTLE, Wash.** --- UC Irvine sophomore Erin Curtis cleared 3.91 meters (12-10) in the pole vault at the UW Invitational at Dempsey Indoor Stadium in Seattle Saturday. That mark is a provisional qualifying mark for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

**February 3, 2003**

### **ANTEATER WOMEN'S INDOOR TEAM AT UW INVITATIONAL FEB. 15**

**OFF TO SEATTLE:** The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team is idle from competition this week before competing in the UW Invitational at Dempsey Indoor Stadium in Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15.

**ANTEATERS PERFORM WELL AT FLAGSTAFF:** The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team opened its season at the Northern Arizona Skydome in Flagstaff against NAU and Fresno State last Saturday. UCI sophomore Suzanne Purmort (Thousand Oaks/La Reina HS) and junior Lauren Adams (Mater Dei HS) went 1-2 in the 400-meter dash with times of 58.35 and 59.00, respectively.

Sophomore Amber Nefas (Crescenta Valley HS) finished second in the triple jump with a mark of 36-0 and she was third in the 400 meters with a time of 59.35. Junior Annmarie Turpin (Simi Valley HS) and senior Jessica Stafford (Aptos HS) placed 1-2 in the high jump, with Turpin going 5-5  $\frac{3}{4}$  and Stafford 5-3  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Turpin finished second in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.12 and she was third in the long jump at 16-7  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Stafford was third in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.19.

Sophomore Erin Curtis won the pole vault with a mark of 12-5  $\frac{1}{4}$ , plus finished third in the 60 meters (7.73) and fourth in the 200 meters (25.07). Sophomore Randi Houston (Upland HS) placed fourth in the 60 meters (7.90).

**January 27, 2003**

## **ANTEATER WOMEN'S INDOOR TEAM OPENS SEASON IN FLAGSTAFF**

**2003 SEASON OPENS FOR UCI WOMEN:** The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team opens its 2003 schedule facing Northern Arizona and Fresno State at the NAU Skydome in Flagstaff, Ariz., Saturday (Feb. 1) at 10:00 a.m. Other meets on the UCI indoor schedule include the Husky Invitational in Seattle Feb. 8 and the MPSF Indoor Championships in Boise Feb. 21-22.

**THE COACHES:** UCI associate head track and field coach Ben Cesar will guide the women's indoor team, assisted by Kevin McCarthy. Vince O'Boyle is in his 21st season as the director of track and field/cross country at UCI.

**ANTEATERS TO WATCH:** Junior Annmarie Turpin (Simi Valley HS) returns for UCI after winning the Big West Conference outdoor high jump title last May with a mark of 5-7. Senior Jessica Stafford (Aptos HS) placed second in the heptathlon at the 2002 conference outdoor meet and was fourth in the high jump. Turpin and Stafford are tied for second on UCI's all-time Top 10 list in the high jump with marks of 5-8.

Sophomore Erin Curtis (Santa Cruz/Archbishop Mitty HS) finished second in the pole vault at last year's Big West outdoor meet and also scored in the 100 meters with an eighth-place finish. Curtis holds the UCI record in the pole vault at 12-9 ½, set last year. She is tied with sophomore Randi Houston (Upland HS) for 10th on the UCI Top 10 list in the 100 meters with times of 12.13.

Another top returnee in the sprints is junior Lauren Adams (Mater Dei HS), who is seventh all-time at UCI in the 400 meters with a time of 56.01 set last season. Sophomore Suzanne Purmort (Thousand Oaks/La Reina HS) finished sixth in the 400-meter hurdles (64.02) in last spring's Big West meet.