

## **2004 Releases**

**March 13, 2004**

### **ANNMARIE TURPIN FINISHES 13TH IN PENTATHLON AT NCAA INDOOR MEET**

**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.** --- UC Irvine senior Annmarie Turpin (Simi Valley HS) finished 13th in the pentathlon at the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., Saturday.

Turpin compiled 3,779 points over the five events. She had marks of 8.86 in the 60-meter hurdles, 5-6 in the high jump, 33-1 3/4 in the shot put, 17-10 3/4 in the long jump and 2:22.65 in the 800 meters.

Hyleas Fountain of Georgia was the winner with a total of 4,412 points, followed by Arizona State's Jacquelyn Johnson (4,263) and Cal's Brooke Meredith (4,189).

**March 9, 2004**

**TURPIN QUALIFIES FOR NCAA INDOOR MEET:** UC Irvine senior Annmarie Turpin (Simi Valley HS) has qualified in the pentathlon for the NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships at Fayetteville, Ark., this weekend. The pentathlon competition will be conducted Saturday (March 13) beginning at 10:15 a.m. (PST). Turpin ranks 13th on the national list with a score of 3,898 points that she recorded at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Indoor Championships in Seattle Feb. 26. She is the first UCI athlete to qualify for the national meet since the university initiated the women's indoor program in 2001-02. Hyleas Fountain of Georgia has the nation's top score this season of 4,417 points. Turpin, who is UCI's female Big West Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year, finished 21st in the heptathlon at last year's NCAA Outdoor Championships.

**March 2, 2004**

**TURPIN WITH PROVISIONAL INDOOR QUALIFYING MARK:** UC Irvine senior Annmarie Turpin finished third in the pentathlon at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Indoor Track & Field Championships at Dempsey Indoor Stadium in Seattle last Thursday. Turpin finished the five events with 3,898 points, which is a provisional qualifying mark for the NCAA Indoor Championships at Fayetteville, Ark., March 12-13.

**ANTEATERS 11TH AT MPSF INDOOR:** The UCI women's team finished 11th with 11.50 points in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships at Dempsey Indoor Stadium in Seattle last weekend. Stanford won the title with 148 points, UCLA was second with 109 and Washington third with 83. UCI's 4x400-meter relay of Amber Nefas, Lina Pimentel, Suzanne Purmort and Kamaria Heru placed seventh in 3:52.34. Freshman Orlisha Henlon finished sixth and Annmarie Turpin eighth in the high jump competition. Both cleared 5-5 3/4 but Henlon had fewer misses.

**February 28, 2004**

### **ANTEATER WOMEN'S TEAM FINISHES 11TH AT MPSF INDOOR MEET**

**SEATTLE, Wash.** --- The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team finished 11th with 11.50 points in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships that concluded Saturday at Dempsey Indoor Stadium in Seattle. Stanford won the title with 148 points, UCLA was second with 109 and Washington third with 83.

On Saturday, the UCI 4x400-meter relay of Amber Nefas, Lina Pimentel, Suzanne Purmort and Kamaria Heru placed seventh in 3:52.34. Freshman Orlisha Henlon finished sixth and senior Annmarie Turpin eighth in the high jump competition Friday. Both cleared 5-5 3/4 but Henlon had fewer misses.

#### **February 27, 2004**

#### **UC IRVINE'S ANNMARIE TURPIN FINISHES 3RD IN MPSF PENTATHLON**

**SEATTLE, Wash.** --- UC Irvine senior Annmarie Turpin finished third in the pentathlon at the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Indoor Track & Field Championships at Dempsey Indoor Stadium in Seattle Thursday. Turpin finished the five events with 3,898 points, which is a provisional qualifying mark for the NCAA Indoor Championships at Fayetteville, Ark., March 12-13.

California's Meredith Brooke won the competition with 4,088 points and Washington State's Diana Pickler was second with 3,913. Turpin won the high jump with a career-best mark of 5-9 1/4, finished second in the 800 meters (2:26.61), was fourth in the 60-meter hurdles (8.83), fifth in the long jump (18-2 1/2) and she placed seventh in the shot put (34-11 3/4).

The MPSF Indoor Championships continue through Saturday. Fifteen student-athletes are representing the Anteater women's program at the meet.

#### **February 24, 2004**

#### **ANTEATERS GO INDOORS/OUTDOORS THIS WEEKEND**

**INDOOR TEAM TO SEATTLE:** The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team will travel to Seattle, Wash., for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships Friday and Saturday (Feb. 27-28). Coach Ben Cesar will take 15 student-athletes to the competition, which begins at 10:00 a.m. each day at Dempsey Indoor Stadium on the University of Washington campus.

**LAST SATURDAY:** The UCI women's team competed in Flagstaff, Ariz., for the second straight weekend this past Saturday as UC Irvine senior Annmarie Turpin won two events in the four-way meet at the Walkup Skydome. Turpin won the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.78 and also captured the high jump with a mark of 5-8. Freshman Orlisha Henlon placed second in the high jump at 5-6. Freshman Kirsten Loftin finished second in the pole vault (11-9 3/4) while the Anteaters went 2-3-4 in the triple jump with freshman Adonica Shaw (37-3 1/4), junior Amber Nefas (36-2) and freshman Ashlee Marshall (35-8 1/2). In the long jump, freshman Kat Dawkins was third (17-11 1/4), Marshall was fourth (17-9 3/4), and junior Kim Harper fifth (17-9 1/4). The Anteaters' 4x400-meter relay of Dawkins, Nefas, Lauren Adams and Suzanne Purmort placed second with a time of 3:55.27.

#### **February 14, 2004**

#### **UCI'S ANNMARIE TURPIN WINS 2 EVENTS AT NORTHERN ARIZONA MEET**

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz.** --- UC Irvine senior Annmarie Turpin won two events in a four-way indoor track and field meet at the Walkup Skydome in Flagstaff, Ariz., Saturday.

Turpin won the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.78 and also captured the high jump with a mark of 5-8. Freshman Orlisha Henlon placed second in the high jump at 5-6. Freshman Kirsten Loftin finished second in the pole vault (11-9 3/4) while the Anteaters went 2-3-4 in the triple jump with

freshman Adonica Shaw (37-3 1/4), junior Amber Nefas (36-2) and freshman Ashlee Marshall (35-8 1/2). In the long jump, freshman Kat Dawkins was third (17-11 1/4), Marshall was fourth (17-9 3/4), and junior Kim Harper fifth (17-9 1/4). The Anteaters' 4x400-meter relay of Dawkins, Nefas, Lauren Adams and Suzanne Purmort placed second with a time of 3:55.27.

UCI lost to Northern Arizona 92-48, to Southern Utah 96-44 and to New Mexico 74.50-62.50 in the dual-meet scoring. The Anteaters' next competition is the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Indoor Championships in Seattle Feb. 27-28.

**February 9, 2004**

### **ANTEATER WOMEN'S TEAM TRAVELS BACK TO FLAGSTAFF FOR DOUBLE-DUAL SATURDAY**

**FAMILIAR TERRITORY:** The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team journeys to Flagstaff, Ariz., for the second consecutive weekend to compete in a double-dual at the Walkup Skydome. The Anteaters will face host Northern Arizona and New Mexico beginning at 9:30 a.m. (MST).

**February 7, 2004**

### **UC IRVINE OPENS SEASON AT FLAGSTAFF**

**FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. ---** The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team opened its 2004 schedule in the Mountain T's Invitational at the Walkup Skydome in Flagstaff, Ariz., Saturday as a group of freshmen made an immediate impact with the Anteater program. The meet did not have team scoring.

Freshman Orlisha Henlon finished third in the high jump with a mark of 5-5 3/4 and senior Annmarie Turpin was sixth at 5-3 3/4. Freshman Kat Dawkins placed fourth in the invitational long jump at 17-9 3/4 and Turpin was ninth with a mark of 17-7 1/2. Anteater freshman Erricka Williams was fifth in the open long jump (16-0 1/2) and Adonica Shaw, another freshman, finished sixth at 15-11 3/4.

Turpin finished sixth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.90 and junior Amber Nefas placed sixth in the invitational 400 meters at 58.08 while junior Suzanne Purmort was eighth in 58.89. In the open 400 meters, UCI freshman Kamaria Heru was third (59.10), Dawkins was fifth (59.50) and senior Lauren Adams seventh (60.29). UCI travels back to Flagstaff next Saturday (Feb. 14) for dual meets against Northern Arizona and New Mexico.

**February 3, 2004**

### **ANTEATERS OPEN INDOOR SEASON AT MOUNTAIN T'S INVITATIONAL IN FLAGSTAFF**

**3RD YEAR FOR UCI:** 2004 marks the third year of competition in women's indoor track and field for UC Irvine as the Anteaters open their 2004 schedule in the Mountain T's Invitational at Northern Arizona University's JL Alkuper Skydome Saturday (Feb. 7) in Flagstaff, Ariz. The first event is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. Other meets on the Anteater schedule include another trip to Flagstaff Feb. 14 for the NAU Double-Dual, the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Indoor Championships at Seattle Feb. 27-28 and the NCAA Indoor Championships in Fayetteville, Ark., March 13-14.

**VETERAN LEADERS:** The Anteaters are led by senior Annmarie Turpin and juniors Erin Curtis and Suzanne Purmort. Turpin, who won the heptathlon at the 2003 Big West Conference Outdoor Championships, finished 21st in that event at the NCAA Outdoor Championships. Curtis set the UCI record in the pole vault with a mark of 13-2 1/4 outdoors last season and she finished fourth (12-8) at the MPSF Indoor Championships last season. UCI placed 11th as a team at the 2003 MPSF Indoor meet. Purmort finished fifth in the 400-meter hurdles (61.90) at the 2003 Big West Outdoor Championships. She ranks second all-time at UCI in the high jump (5-8) and sixth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 61.27. In the indoor season, Turpin is scheduled to compete in the 60-meter hurdles, the 200 meters, long jump and high jump. Curtis will compete in the pole vault, 60 meters and 200 meters. Purmort will run the 400 meters and compete on the 400-meter relay.

Vince O'Boyle is the director of track & field/cross country at UCI while associate head coach Ben Cesar serves as the head indoor coach.