

2005 Releases

February 26, 2005

ANTEATERS FINISHES 12TH AT MPSF INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seattle, Wash. -- The UC Irvine women's indoor track team finished 12th at the Mountain Pacific Sports Indoor Track Championships at the Dempsey Indoor Stadium in Seattle, Wash. Stanford won the title with 180.5 points.

Kim Rameriz was UCI's top finisher, placing seventh in the mile with a time 4:52.78. She was also a member of the Distance Medley team (Laura Olvera, Amber Nefas, Suzanne Purmort) that finished in seventh.

Orlisha Henlon was 10th, while Kimberly Harper was 18th in the high jump. Harper also placed 13th in the long jump.

UCI's 4x400 relay team of Nefas, Henlon, Purmort and Lauren Adams finished 10th.

February 25, 2005

DAY ONE OF MPSF INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Seattle, Wash. -- UC Irvine's Amber Nefas placed 11th in the prelims of the 400 meters on the first day of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Indoor Championships at the Dempsey Indoor Stadium in Seattle, Wash.

Nefas ran a time of 57.84 in the 400 for UCI's top showing of the day. Kimberly Harper was 13th in the long jump, while Kristin Loftin was 14th in the pole vault. Randi Houston was 21st in the 200 meter dash in a time of 26.73.

February 22, 2005

WOMEN'S INDOOR TEAM IN SEATTLE; OUTDOOR SQUADS HEAD TO CLAREMONT

MPSF MEET IN SEATTLE: The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team travels to Seattle, Wash., this weekend for the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships. Action begins at 11:30 a.m. Friday and runs through Saturday at the University of Washington's Dempsey Indoor Stadium. The Anteaters finished 11th in last year's MPSF meet and sophomore Orlisha Henlon placed sixth in the high jump at 5-5 ³/₄. Associate head coach Ben Cesar will take 13 student-athletes to this weekend's meet.

OUTDOORS IN CLAREMONT: The UC Irvine track and field teams look to open their 2005 outdoor schedule in the 9th annual Rossi Relays at Claremont College this Saturday. Last Saturday's Pomona-Pitzer meet was cancelled due to inclement weather.

February 12, 2005

UCI'S HARPER, HENLON, ST. JOHN WIN HIGH JUMP AT NAU

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. --- UC Irvine's Kimberly Harper, Orlisha Henlon and Danielle St. John tied for first place in the high jump with marks of 5-5 3/4 in indoor track and field competition at Walkup Skydome in Flagstaff, Ariz., Saturday.

UCI's 4x400-meter relay of Amber Nefas, Henlon, Suzanne Purmort and Theresa Condon was also victorious with a time of 3:53.85. Purmort finished second in the 800 meters with a time of 2:24.99.

Though UCI does not sponsor men's indoor track and field, several Anteater men made their way to Flagstaff and competed well. Storm Huie won the 400 meters in 49.24, Kenny Vinh captured the 60-meter hurdles in 8.47 and Joe Lourenco won the long jump with a mark of 22-4 1/4.

The Anteater women's team competes in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships in Seattle Feb. 25-26.

February 8, 2005

WOMEN'S INDOOR TEAM FACES NORTHERN ARIZONA SATURDAY

NEXT STOP IS FLAGSTAFF: The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team travels to Flagstaff, Ariz., this weekend for a dual meet against Northern Arizona University. Action is slated to begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday (Feb. 12) at the Skydome.

MPSF MEET NEXT: Following this Saturday's meet, UCI competes in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships in Seattle Feb. 25-26. Qualifiers for the national meet will compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships at Fayetteville, Ark., March 11-12.

February 5, 2005

UC IRVINE'S KIM RAMIREZ WINS MILE IN IDAHO

NAMPA, Idaho --- UC Irvine senior Kim Ramirez won the mile run in 5:00.40 in the United Heritage Indoor Track & Field Invitational at the Idaho Sports Center in Nampa, Idaho, over the weekend. Freshman Laura Olvera finished fifth in 5:15.41.

UCI finished third in the distance medley as Amber Nefas, Olvera, Suzanne Purmort and Ramirez recorded a time of 12:10.4. The Anteaters' 4x400-meter relay of Lauren Adams, Nefas, Purmort and Corica Rodgers placed fourth in 3:59.35. Junior Randi Houston placed fifth in the 60-meter dash (8.14), Nefas finished fifth in the 400 meters (58.18), senior Kimberly Harper was fifth in the long jump (18-4 1/2) and sophomore Ashlee Marshall was sixth (17-10 3/4). Sophomore Orlisha Henlon finished seventh in the high jump at 5-3 3/4.

UCI travels to Flagstaff, Ariz., for the Northern Arizona University Double-Dual meet Saturday.

February 1, 2005

WOMEN'S INDOOR TEAM OPENS 2005 SCHEDULE IN IDAHO

UCI OPENS SEASON AT UNITED HERITAGE INVITATIONAL: The UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team opens its 2005 schedule this weekend in the United Heritage Invitational

hosted by Boise State. The meet will be conducted on the Jacksons Track in the Idaho Sports Center in Nampa, Idaho, Friday and Saturday (Feb. 4-5).

QUOTES FROM ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH BEN CESAR (who oversees the indoor program): "Entering our fourth indoor season, this year's team will look to improve on last year's performances, both indoors and outdoors, with the emphasis on qualifying more women for the outdoor regional meet. "We will use the indoor season to gauge where we are as a team after a successful fall track season. The team is eager to compete as they have been training since late September with no meets to participate in until our upcoming trip to Idaho this weekend. "The team will be led by returning NCAA Outdoor regional qualifiers Orlisha Henlon (high jump) and Kirsten Loftin (pole vault) in the field events. Senior Kim Harper (high jump/long jump) and sophomores Ashlee Marshall (long jump/triple jump) and Erricka Williams (triple jump) will be looked upon to add depth in the jumps. "Senior Randi Houston will be looked upon to lead the team in the short sprints (60/ & 200 meters), while Amber Nefas, Lauren Adams, and Suzanne Purmort will provide us with a great nucleus in the 400 meters. The trio was part of the outdoor 4x400-meter relay team that ran 3:46 in 2003."

STATS ON THE RETURNEES: Sophomore Kirsten Loftin, who finished fifth in the 2004 Big West Conference Championships, ranks second all-time in the pole vault at UCI with an outdoor mark of 12-3 ½. Sophomore Orlisha Henlon who placed ninth in the long jump at last May's conference meet, ranks second at UCI in the high jump with a career-best mark of 5-8. Sophomore Erricka Williams is sixth on the UCI Top 10 list in the triple jump at 37-5 and Senior Suzanne Purmort is sixth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 61.27.

THE '05 INDOOR SCHEDULE: Following this weekend's meet, UCI competes in the Northern Arizona Double-Dual in Flagstaff Feb. 12 before heading to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships in Seattle Feb. 25-26. Qualifiers for the national meet will compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships at Fayetteville, Ark., March 11-12.