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June 22, 2006

LAUREN COLLINS FINISHES 7TH IN HEPTATHLON AT USA JUNIOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. --- Lauren Collins of UC Irvine finished seventh of 24 competitors in the heptathlon that concluded Thursday at the USA Junior Track & Field Championships in Indianapolis.

Collins, who will be a sophomore at UCI in the fall, scored 4,750 points and moved up two spots in the standings from the first day of competition. Her marks Thursday were 16-1 3/4 in the long jump, 107-11 in the javelin throw and 2:28.56 in the 800 meters.

Shana Woods (unattached) won the competition with 5,533 points and Shevell Quinley from Arizona was second with 5,426.

June 21, 2006

LAUREN COLLINS IN 9TH PLACE AFTER DAY ONE OF HEPTATHLON AT USA JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. --- Lauren Collins is ninth of 24 competitors after the first day of the heptathlon at the USA Junior Track Field Championships in Indianapolis.

Collins, who recently completed her freshman year at UCI, totaled 2,970 points after Wednesday's four events. She had marks of 14.74 in the 100-meter hurdles, 5-6 1/2 in the high jump, 33-7 1/4 in the shot put and 27.06 in the 200 meters.

Ryann Kraus (unattached) is the leader with 3,263 points, followed by Shana Woods with 3,226. The final three events will be conducted Thursday.

June 15, 2006

UC IRVINE ATHLETES EARN ACADEMIC HONORS

Irvine, Calif. – The Big West Conference honored 12 UC Irvine track and field student-athletes with Academic All-Big West Conference distinction for spring sports.

UCI's women's track and field honorees are Elaine Gillespie, Jamie Schwab, Kristen Silverman and Danielle St. John and men's track and field athletes Michael Beerer, Michael Cao, Aaron Corbett, Storm Huie, Sky Johnston, Fred Lee, George Morris and Greg Thompson.

A total of 126 student-athletes from eight member institutions were honored in the spring sports of baseball, softball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and field, and men's and women's golf.

To be eligible for the All-Academic team, student-athletes have to maintain a 3.2 cumulative grade-point average, have attained a sophomore standing academically and competed in at least 50 percent of their team's contests.

June 9, 2006

MIKE BEERER FINISHES 9TH IN HAMMER THROW AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Mike Beerer finished ninth in the hammer throw final at the NCAA Track & Field Championships in Sacramento Friday.

Beerers best throw of the day was 209 feet, 5 inches (63.83 meters) on his second of six attempts. Spyridon Jullien of Virginia Tech won the event with a mark of 237 feet, 2 inches (72.29 meters).

Beerers garnered All-America honors, UCI's first male honoree in track and field since Mike Morales earned that distinction in the hammer throw in 1990.

June 7, 2006

MIKE BEERER ADVANCES TO HAMMER THROW FINAL AT NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS; GUARANTEED OF ALL-AMERICA STATUS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Mike Beerer has advanced to Friday's final of the hammer throw at the NCAA Track & Field Championships in Sacramento.

Beerers finished eighth of 26 competitors in Wednesday's preliminary round with a mark of 210-8 (64.22 meters), which he achieved on the first of his three throws. Boise State's Mattias Jons was the top qualifier with a mark of 227-3 (69.26 meters). The top 12 throwers from the preliminaries advanced to the final.

Beerers is guaranteed of All-America distinction as the top eight Americans in each event receive the honor and there are six foreign athletes in the hammer throw final.

"I was fortunate to get here and I wanted to make the most of my opportunity," Beerer said. "It felt good to get a qualifying throw on the first attempt.

"To earn All-America status was one of my goals so it is a great feeling," the two-time Big West champion said.

Beerers becomes UCI's first track and field All-American since Skye Green in 1997 and the first male since Mike Morales, also a hammer thrower, in 1990.

June 1, 2006

MIKE BEERER NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Mike Beerer has been selected to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District 8 second team for men's track and field/cross country.

Beerer, from La Canada (Crescenta Valley HS), is majoring in mechanical/aerospace engineering and is a four-time Big West Scholar-Athlete.

To be considered for the award, the nominee must be a starter or important reserve, have at least a 3.20 cumulative grade-point average and must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing at their institution. The voting is conducted by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Beerer, who is competing next week at the NCAA Championships in Sacramento, has won the hammer throw at the Big West Conference Championships the past two years. His top mark this season of 215-9 is No. 2 in UCI history, just three inches shy of the school record. He was named UCI's male Big West Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2005-06.

May 30, 2006

MIKE BEERER EARNS AT-LARGE BERTH IN NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

BEERER TO SACRAMENTO: UC Irvine senior Mike Beerer has earned an at-large berth in the hammer throw at the NCAA Track & Field Championships in Sacramento next week.

Beerer will compete in the qualifying round next Wednesday (June 7) at 11:00 a.m. at Sacramento State. The finals will be conducted June 9 at 12:00 p.m.

Beerer was selected based on his mark of 215-9 (65.76 meters) at the Claremont Classic May 5. That effort is No. 2 in UCI history, just three inches short of the school record of 216-0 set by Mike Morales in 1990. Beerer's current mark is 13th in the nation entering the NCAA meet.

Beerer has been the Big West Conference champion in the hammer throw the past two years. He was named UCI's male Big West Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2005-06.

May 27, 2006

UCI'S STEEN, EISON EACH FINISH 8TH AT NCAA WEST REGIONAL

PROVO, UTAH --- UC Irvine senior Amber Steen finished eighth in the 1,500 meters and sophomore Julian Eison tied for eighth place in the high jump at the NCAA Track & Field West Regional Championships in Provo, Utah, Saturday.

Steen had a time of 4:29.30 as Utah State's Jennifer Twitchell placed first in 4:24.08.

Eison recorded a mark of 6-9 in the high jump with USC's Jesse Williams winning the event at 7-2 1/4.

UCI senior Brian Moon finished 12th in the shot put at 55-8 1/2 while senior John Kluve placed 15th in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 10:07.09.

May 26, 2006

BEERER FINISHES 12TH IN HAMMER THROW AT NCAA WEST REGIONAL

PROVO, UTAH --- UC Irvine senior Mike Beerer finished 12th overall in the hammer throw with a mark of 188-10 at the NCAA Track & Field West Regional Championship in Provo, Utah, Friday.

Junior Dayne Comrie finished 10th in the 400-meter trials with a time of 48.36 and did not qualify for Saturday's final. Senior Brian Moon placed 20th overall in the discus throw at 167-9 and senior Ian Connell finished 24th at 151-7.

In the women's high jump, freshman Lauren Collins did not clear the opening height of 5-7 1/4. Senior Amber Steen advanced to Saturday's final in the 1,500 meters as no trials were necessary due to the number of entries.

Also competing for UCI Saturday will be Moon in the shot put, sophomore Julian Eison in the high jump and senior John Kluve in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

May 22, 2006

EIGHT UCI ATHLETES COMPETE AT NCAA WEST REGIONAL

REGIONAL IN PROVO: Eight UC Irvine track and field athletes compete in the NCAA West Regional at BYU's Clarence Robison Track in Provo, Utah, Friday and Saturday (May 26-27).

The UCI competitors are:

MEN

MIKE BEERER (Sr.) – Hammer Throw

His top mark of 215-9 ranks No. 2 in UCI history, just three inches shy of the school record. That mark ranks fourth in the West Region and is 13th nationally. He won the hammer throw at the Big West Conference Championships the last two years. Beerer competes at 10:00 a.m. (PDT) Friday.

DAYNE COMRIE (Jr.) – 400 Meters

Ran 46.99 to finish second at the Big West Championships. That time is sixth-fastest in Anteater history and ranks ninth in the West Region. He also was a regional qualifier in the 400-meter hurdles, which he won at the Big West Championships, but has elected to concentrate on just the 400 meters. Comrie competes in the prelims at 4:25 p.m. (PDT) Friday.

IAN CONNELL (Sr.) – Discus Throw

His top mark of 173-8 this season ranks seventh on the UCI career list. He finished fourth in the event at the Big West Championships. Connell competes at 3:00 p.m. (PDT) Friday.

JULIAN EISON (So.) – High Jump

He recorded a top mark of 6-10 ¾ several times this season to rank seventh all-time at UCI. He

finished fifth in that event at the Big West Championships. Eison competes at 2:00 p.m. (PDT) Saturday.

JOHN KLUVE (Sr.) – 3,000-Meter Steeplechase

His top time of 9:02.34 this season ranks ninth on the UCI Top 10 list. He finished fourth at the Big West Conference Championships. Kluve competes at 3:35 p.m. (PDT) Saturday.

BRIAN MOON (Sr.) -- Shot Put, Discus Throw

His top shot put mark of 56-9 ½ ranks third all-time at UCI and he finished third at the Big West Championships. His top discus throw of 179-2 is No. 4 in UCI history. Moon competes in the discus at 3:00 p.m. (PDT) Friday and the shot put at 12:00 p.m. Saturday.

WOMEN

LAUREN COLLINS (Fr.) – High Jump

Her top mark of 5-9 ¼ in 2006 ranks second all-time at UCI. She finished third in the event at the Big West Championships and she was fourth in the conference heptathlon. Collins competes at 3:00 p.m. (PDT) Friday.

AMBER STEEN (Sr.) – 1,500 Meters

Her top time of 4:24.29 this year ranks seventh on the UCI career list. She won the event at the Big West Conference Championships and was the individual champion at the conference cross country meet. She was named Big West Athlete of the Year in women's cross country. Steen competes in the prelims at 1:30 p.m. (PDT) Friday.

May 16, 2006

37 HONORED AS BIG WEST SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

IRVINE, Calif. --- Thirty-seven student-athletes from the cross country and track and field programs were recognized as 2005-06 Big West Conference Scholar-Athletes during the department's annual banquet Monday night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

A total of 152 UCI student-athletes earned the award this year. The cross country honorees are Russell Bush, Samantha Costantini, Adrian Doty, Elaine Gillespie, Amber Gordon, Matt Grilli, Sky Johnston, Erinn Kim, Jennifer Lewis, George Morris, Nick Mosey, John Peate, Candice Proctor, Jamie Schwab, Greg Thompson, Kelli Vanderburg and Rusty Whisman.

The track and field honorees are Mike Beerer, Michael Cao, Lauren Collins, Ian Connell, Aaron Corbett, Taylor Cusick, Tracy Danterna, Lorraine Dawkins, Ryan Hershey, Storm Huie, Kym Kroh, Fred Lee, Jenny Lee, Aaron McAllister, Brian Moon, John Kluve, David Santos, Kristen Silverman, Danielle St. John and Sharitie Williams.

Requirements for the award include maintaining a minimum 3.0 grade-point average (GPA) over three quarters or a 3.2 GPA over two quarters for freshmen and transfers. Student-athletes must also earn letters in their respective sports. The Scholar-Athlete Award was implemented by the Big West Conference to honor those student-athletes that have maintained a high level of scholastic excellence while participating in intercollegiate athletics. UCI expanded the award to include teams that do not participate in Big West-sponsored sports.

May 13, 2006

COMRIE, STEEN WIN EVENTS AT BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. --- UC Irvine junior Dayne Comrie won the 400-meter hurdles and finished second in the 400-meter dash in the final day of competition at the Big West Conference Track & Field Championships in Northridge Saturday.

Comrie placed first in the 400 hurdles in 51.99, the fourth-fastest time in UCI history as he became the first Anteater runner in 12 years to win the event since David Mayeda in 1994. Comrie was runner-up in the 400 meters in 46.99 for the sixth-best mark on the school's top-10 list.

Senior Amber Steen won the 1,500 meters in 4:24.57 as she became UCI's first conference champion in that event in 10 years since Holiday Molway's winning performance in 1996.

In other men's events, Brian Moon finished third in the shot put with a mark of 54-7 ½. UCI's Mike Beerer finished just out of the scoring in ninth place but still recorded the 10th-best mark in Anteater history with an effort of 52-7 ½. Ian Connell placed fourth in the discus throw at 161-4, Julian Eison was fifth in the high jump at 6-10 ¾, Solomon Tesfaye was seventh (1:53.84) in the 800 meters and Tim Hearst was eighth (3:54.91) in the 1,500 meters. Yvan Pham was seventh (55.82) in the 400-meter hurdles while Kevin Palmer was eighth (57.21) in that event as well as in the 110-meter hurdles in 15.55.

The men's 4x400-meter relay of Comrie, Mark Ilarina, Oliver Plattner and Storm Huie finished second in 3:12.83 and the 4x100-meter relay of Comrie, Ilarina, Plattner and Aaron Corbett placed third with a time of 41.04.

The Anteater men's team finished sixth with 79 ½ points as Long Beach State won the title with 195 ½.

For the UCI women's team, Suzanne Purmort placed third in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 62.32. Tayler Cusick finished seventh in the triple jump at 38-3 ½ for the sixth-best mark in school history. Samantha Costantini was eighth (2:16.44) in the 800 meters while the 4x100-meter relay of Kristen Silverman, Nicole Dickerson, Lauren Willis and Sharitie Williams placed sixth in 48.58. The 4x400 relay of Willis, Williams, Purmort and Kat Dawkins finished seventh in 4:00.34.

UCI finished seventh in the women's competition with 44 points as Cal State Northridge won the title with 207 points.

May 12, 2006

MIKE BEERER WINS BIG WEST HAMMER THROW FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Mike Beerer won the hammer throw with a mark of 209-6 at the Big West Conference Track & Field Championships in Northridge Friday. Beerer, in winning his second consecutive conference title in that event, defeated his nearest competitor, Cal State Fullerton's Scott Hutchison (184-1), by over 25 feet. Beerer was named the Big West Field Athlete of the Week for the second time this season earlier in the week.

UCI's John Kluge finished fourth (9:22.73) in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase and Tim Hearst was ninth in 9:39.46. Trent Richert finished ninth in the javelin throw with a mark of 170-6. In the pole vault, Aaron Corbett was ninth and Michael Cao 10th, both clearing 15-1. Peter Gonzalez

finished 10th in the long jump at 21-10 $\frac{3}{4}$. In the 10,000 meters, Nick Mosey placed 14th in 32:38.41 and Russell Bush was 18th in 33:09.72.

For the women, Lauren Collins and Danielle St. John tied for third place in the high jump with marks of 5-5. Collins also advanced to Saturday's final of the 100-meter hurdles after posting a time of 14.66 in Friday's prelims for the 10th-best time in UCI history.

Kendall Bruton placed seventh in the steeplechase in 11:21.75 as she improved on her No. 2 mark in school history while Tracy Dantema finished 11th in 11:55.33. Kat Dawkins finished seventh in the long jump with a mark of 18-10.

The UCI men's team is in sixth place with 21 points as Cal Poly leads with 74 $\frac{1}{2}$. In the women's competition, UCI is fifth with 20 points as Cal State Northridge leads with 96.

The final day of competition is Saturday.

May 8, 2006

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS THIS WEEKEND

BIG WEST MEET IN NORTHRIDGE: The UC Irvine track and field teams compete in the Big West Conference Championships at Cal State Northridge this weekend.

On Friday (May 12), field events begin at 9:00 a.m. with the first track event at 2:30 p.m. On Saturday, the field events start at 12:00 p.m. with the track events scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m.

The Anteater men's team has 39 automatic conference meet-qualifying marks and the women's squad has 25.

Brian Moon (shot put, discus throw), Mike Beerer (hammer throw), Ian Connell (discus throw), Julian Eison (high jump), Dayne Comrie (400-meter hurdles) and John Kluve (steeplechase) have attained NCAA regional-qualifying marks for the men's team this season. Amber Steen (1,500 meters) and Lauren Collins (high jump) have qualified for the regional from the women's team.

COLLINS, MAGHZI PLACE FOURTH AT BIG WEST MULTI-EVENTS: Freshman Lauren Collins finished fourth in the heptathlon and junior Shawn Maghzi was fourth in the decathlon at the Big West Conference Multi-Event Championships that concluded Sunday at Cal State Northridge.

Collins scored a personal-best total of 4,900 points. Cal State Northridge finished 1-2 as LaShana Verdon scored 4,960 and Brittany Ricketts had 4,955, along with Long Beach State's Jaime Cuthbert-Allen as they tied for second. In the decathlon,

Maghzi finished with 6,585 points while teammates Trent Richert and Peter Briones were eighth (6,109) and ninth (5,808), respectively. Long Beach State's Chris Richardson was first with 7,194 points, CSUN's Justin Johnson was second at 7,135 and James Nunno of Cal Poly was third with 6,777 points.

ANTEATERS EXCEL AT CLAREMONT: At the Claremont Classic Saturday night, UCI's Julian Eison tied for first in the high jump at 6-10 3/4. With that mark, Eison is tied for sixth all-time at UCI. Brian Moon finished fifth in the shot put at 56-9 1/2, the third-best mark in school history.

Ian Connell placed third in the discus throw with a NCAA-regional qualifying mark of 173-8, George Morris was third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:49.8) and Sky Johnston was fourth in the 1,500 meters (3:56.60).

Senior Mike Beerer finished second in the hammer throw with a lifetime-best mark of 215-9 at the Claremont Classic last Friday. He came up just short of the Anteaters' school record of 216-0 set by Mike Morales in 1990. Beerer bettered his previous best mark by over four feet as he had a throw of 211-2 at the Collegiate Classic in Irvine March 24.

May 7, 2006

LAUREN COLLINS, SHAWN MAGHZI PLACE 4TH AT BIG WEST MULTI-EVENTS

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. --- UC Irvine freshman Lauren Collins finished fourth in the heptathlon and junior Shawn Maghzi was fourth in the decathlon at the Big West Conference Multi-Event Championships that concluded Sunday at Cal State Northridge.

Collins scored a personal-best total of 4,900 points. Cal State Northridge finished 1-2 as LaShana Verdon scored 4,960 and Brittany Ricketts had 4,955, along with Long Beach State's Jaime Cuthbert-Allen as they tied for second.

Collins had marks Sunday of 17-4 in the long jump, 108-1 in the javelin throw and 2:29.95 in the 800 meters.

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At the Claremont Classic Saturday night, UCI's Julian Eison tied Jon Golden (unattached) for first in the high jump at 6-10 3/4. With that mark, Eison is tied for sixth all-time at UCI. Brian Moon finished fifth in the shot put at 56-9 1/2, the third-best mark in school history.

Ian Connell placed third in the discus throw with a NCAA-regional qualifying mark of 173-8, George Morris was third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase (9:49.8) and Sky Johnston was fourth in the 1,500 meters (3:56.60).

May 6, 2006

LAUREN COLLINS IN 2ND PLACE AFTER FIRST DAY OF BIG WEST HEPTATHLON

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. --- UC Irvine freshman Lauren Collins is in second place after the first day of the heptathlon at the Big West Conference Multi-Events Championships in Northridge Saturday.

Brittany Ricketts of Cal State Northridge leads with 3,098 points, followed by Collins with 3,036 and Long Beach State's Lauren Reimer with 2,899.

Collins won the high jump at 5-7 1/4, was fourth in the 100-meter hurdles (14.90) and shot put (35-3 1/4), and sixth in the 200 meters (26.72).

In the decathlon, UCI's Shawn Maghzi is sixth with 3,407 points, Trent Richert is seventh (3,363) and Peter Briones 10th (3,077). Justin Johnson of Cal State Northridge leads with 3,904 points.

Maghzi finished second in the 400 meters with a time of 49.97 and Richert tied for fifth along with Briones in 51.51.

Competition concludes Sunday with the final three events of the heptathlon and five in the decathlon.

May 5, 2006

MIKE BEERER JUST MISSES SCHOOL RECORD AT CLAREMONT CLASSIC

CLAREMONT, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Mike Beerer finished second in the hammer throw with a lifetime-best mark of 215-9 at the Claremont Classic Friday. He came up just short of the Anteaters' school record of 216-0 set by Mike Morales in 1990. Beerer bettered his previous best mark by over four feet as he had a throw of 211-2 at the Collegiate Classic in Irvine March 24.

USC's Adam Midles won the competition Friday with a mark of 219-2.

UCI's Kelley Hall finished 18th Friday with a toss of 145-4.

May 1, 2006

BIG WEST MULTI-EVENTS, CLAREMONT INVITATIONAL THIS WEEK

BIG WEST MULTIS AT NORTHRIDGE: UC Irvine will have four representatives competing in the Big West Conference Multi-Event Championships at Cal State Northridge this weekend. The decathlon begins at 12:00 p.m. Saturday (May 6) with the heptathlon starting at 12:30 p.m. On Sunday, the decathlon begins at 11:00 a.m. with the heptathlon's first event at 1:00 p.m.

UCI freshman Lauren Collins will compete in the heptathlon. She has a top mark of 4,766 this year when she placed second in the Collegiate Classic Multi-Event meet at UCI in late March. That is the eighth-highest mark in Anteater history.

In the decathlon, juniors Shawn Maghzi and Peter Briones, along with sophomore Trent Richert, will compete for UCI. Maghzi's top total this season is 6,366 at the Collegiate Classic while Richert has a top mark of 6,036 and Briones 5,716, both also at the Collegiate Classic.

The main Big West Conference meet will be the following weekend (May 12-13), also at Northridge.

CLAREMONT CLASSIC ALSO ON WEEKEND SLATE: UCI will have competitors at the Claremont Classic Saturday (May 6) at the Claremont-Mudd-Scripps Colleges track complex. Field events begin at 4:00 p.m. with the first running event scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

ANTEATERS WIN 4 EVENTS AT STEVE SCOTT INVITATIONAL: Seniors Amber Steen and Mike Beerer, along with freshman Lauren Collins, won events in the Steve Scott Invitational that concluded Saturday at Anteater Stadium.

Steen placed first in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:29.51 and teammate Laura Olvera was fifth in 4:44.40. Collins tied for first in the high jump at 5-7.

Freshman Kendall Bruton finished seventh in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 11:29.73, the second-fastest time in UCI history.

Senior Lauren Willis recorded Big West-qualifying times in the 100 meters (12.33) and the 200 meters (25.28).

Beerer won the hammer throw competition Friday with a mark of 205-4.

The men's 4x400-meter relay of Dayne Comrie, Storm Huie, Mark Ilarina and Shaun Loveless won that event Saturday with a time of 3:16.88.

In other track competition Saturday, Tim Hearst finished second in the 1,500 meters in 3:53.77 and Nick Mosey was third in the 5,000 meters with a time of 15:13.46.

In field events, Danielle St. John placed third in the high jump at 5-5 while Kat Dawkins was eighth in the long jump (18-5 1/4) as was Tayler Cusick in the triple jump (37-8 1/2).

For the Anteater men in field events, Julian Eison finished third in the high jump at 6-8 3/4, Michael Cao was third in the pole vault with a Big West-qualifying mark of 15-7, Brian Moon was fourth in the discus throw (172-7) and fifth in the shot put (56-5 3/4). The shot put mark was 4 1/4 inches better than his previous career high as he enhanced his No. 4 mark in UCI history. Trent Richert finished sixth in the javelin throw with a mark of 170-7.

April 29, 2006

UCI WINS FOUR EVENTS AT STEVE SCOTT INVITATIONAL

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine seniors Amber Steen and Mike Beerer, along with freshman Lauren Collins, won events in the Steve Scott Invitational that concluded Saturday at Anteater Stadium.

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April 24, 2006

ANTEATERS HOST STEVE SCOTT INVITATIONAL THIS WEEK

HOMECOMING MEET SATURDAY: The UC Irvine men's and women's track and field teams host the Steve Scott Invitational this weekend at Anteater Stadium.

The only competition Friday (April 28) is the women's hammer throw at 1:00 p.m. followed by the men's hammer at 3:30 p.m. On Saturday (April 29), the field events begin at 9:30 a.m. with the first track event scheduled for 11:20 a.m.

Saturday is Homecoming for the UCI track and field alumni as the former Anteater competitors and their families will sit in a reserved section of the stands.

April 23, 2006

AMBER STEEN WINS 800 METERS AT UCSD TRITON INVITATIONAL

LA JOLLA, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Amber Steen won the 800 meters with a time of 2:12.26 at the UC San Diego Triton Invitational in La Jolla Saturday. Freshman Samantha Costantini placed ninth in the race in 2:16.20.

Suzanne Purmort won her section of the 400-meter hurdles in a season-best 62.62 and Haley Juras placed first in her section in 68.56. Danielle St. John finished fifth in the high jump at 5-5 and Christina Sando was eighth at 5-3. Ashlee Marshell was eighth of 35 competitors in the long jump with a mark of 18-1 and Erricka Williams finished 10th in the triple jump at 36-3 1/2.

For the men, Mark Ilarina (11.06) and Oliver Plattner (11.14) finished second and third in their section of the 100 meters. Storm Huie placed second in his section of the 400 meters with a time of 49.28 while Bryan Lopez won his section of the 800 meters in 1:56.12. Adrian Doty was third in his section in 1:55.18.

Julian Eison finished fifth in the high jump as he tied his season-best mark of 6-8 3/4. In a talented field of competitors in the discus throw, UCI's Brian Moon finished 23rd of 78 with a mark of 179-2 as he moved into the No. 3 slot in UCI history. UCI hosts the Steve Scott Invitational Saturday at Anteater Stadium with field events starting at 9:30 a.m. and the track events at 11:20 a.m.

April 17, 2006

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT UC SAN DIEGO MEET THIS WEEKEND

LA JOLLA IS THIS WEEK'S STOP: The UC Irvine men's and women's track and field teams will compete in the UC San Diego Triton Invitational this weekend in La Jolla. The hammer throw is the only competition Friday (April 21) afternoon. Field events begin at 10:00 a.m. Saturday with the first track event scheduled for 11:00 a.m.

April 15, 2006

BUSY WEEK OF COMPETITION COMES TO A CLOSE

BRIAN MOON WINS DISCUS, SHOT AT SOKA TWILIGHT MEET

ALISO VIEJO, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Brian Moon won the discus throw with a mark of 176-8 at the Soka University Twilight Meet Saturday. The mark, which is a NCAA regional qualifier, is the fifth-best in UCI history. He improved on his previous better mark by over eight feet. Moon also won the shot put with a mark of 55-7.

Mike Navarro (46-5) and Peter Gonzalez (46-2) went 1-2 in the triple jump while Navarro was second in the long jump at 22-2 1/4. Aaron Corbett (15-7) and Michael Cao (14-7 1/4) went 1-2 in the pole vault. Kelley Hall won the hammer throw at 135-8 and Ian Connell was second in the discus throw at 161-11. Vanessa Vaughan won the javelin throw with a mark of 93-1 at Soka.

At the Mt. SAC Relays Saturday, sophomore Julian Eison finished second in the high jump with a mark of 6-8 3/4. In action Friday at Mt. SAC, UCI senior Amber Steen placed ninth in her section of the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:30.51.

At the Long Beach Invitational Friday, freshman Ryan Hershey won the high jump with a mark of 6-4 3/4. Freshman Ryan Russell placed second in the triple jump with an effort of 44-0. Anteater sophomore Danielle St. John was second in the high jump at 5-6 and freshman Christina Sando finished fifth at 5-1. In the long jump, juniors Kat Dawkins (17-9) and Tayler Cusick (17-4) placed third and fourth, respectively, while freshman Natasha Wardley was sixth at 17-3 1/4.

At the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational Friday, senior Herman Reddick finished ninth in the 400 meters with a time of 48.47. Russell Bush was ninth in the 10,000 meters with a time of 32:39.59.

At the Mt. SAC Relays Thursday, UC Irvine's Marie Nguyen finished fourth in the 5,000 meters with a time of 17:36.56 at the Mt. SAC Relays Thursday. Laura Olvera finished 17th in 18:43.00. Samantha Costantini placed ninth in her section of the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:53.47.

In the men's 1,500 meters, Bryan Lopez was third in his section with a time of 3:58.56 while David Santos (3:59.70) was sixth and Adrian Doty (4:00.43) was eighth. Solomon Tesfaye was sixth in his section with a time of 3:55.67 and Sky Johnston was eighth in 3:59.20.

Tim Hearst finished sixth in his section of the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:22.53 and John Kluge was 14th in his section with a time of 9:41.66. In the 10,000 meters, Nick Mosey placed 22nd in 31:40.22.

April 13, 2006

LAUREN COLLINS FINISHES 8TH AT CALIFORNIA INVITATIONAL HEPTATHLON

AZUSA, Calif. --- UC Irvine freshman Lauren Collins (Santa Margarita HS) finished eighth of the 27 competitors that completed the California Invitational Heptathlon at Azusa Pacific University Thursday.

Collins compiled 4,661 points over seven events in the last two days. Her marks Thursday were 15-9 3/4 in the long jump, 104-7 in the javelin throw and 2:31.73 in the 800 meters.

Bettie Wade of Michigan won the competition with a total of 5,147 and Cassie Merkley of Idaho State was second with 4,956. First-day leader Annett Wichmann of Hawaii pulled out prior to Thursday's competition due to a virus.

In the California Invitational Decathlon, UCI's Shawn Maghzi placed 14th with 6,290 points and James Lehigh was 18th with a total of 6,053. Maghzi had the field's best mark in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:28.58 for 754 points. Lehigh picked up 689 points in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 16.39.

The UCI track and field teams have competitors at the Mt. SAC Relays today through Saturday, at the Pomona-Pitzer and Long Beach Invitationals Friday, and at the Soka University Twilight Meet Saturday.

April 12, 2006

COLLINS IN 7TH AFTER FIRST DAY OF CALIFORNIA INVITATIONAL HEPTATHLON

AZUSA, Calif. --- UC Irvine freshman Lauren Collins is seventh of 28 competitors after the first day of the California Invitational Heptathlon at Azusa Pacific University Wednesday.

Collins has 2,967 points after four events. She had the best mark in the field in the high jump as she went 5-7 1/4 for 867 points. Her other marks Wednesday were 15.02 in the 100-meter hurdles, 34-4 3/4 in the shot put and 27.14 in the 200 meters. Annett Wichmann of Hawaii is the leader with 3,193 points entering Thursday's final three events.

In the California Invitational Decathlon, UCI's Shawn Maghzi (3,214) and James Lehigh (3,193) are 19th and 20th, respectively. Trent Richert is 31st with 1,824 points while Anteater redshirt Eric Nyberg is 30th at 2,229. Justin Johnson of Cal State Northridge is the overall leader with a score of 3,806.

April 11, 2006

ANTEATERS SPREAD THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THIS WEEK

PLENTY OF VENUES TO VISIT: The UC Irvine men's and women's track and field teams will be represented at a variety of meets in Southern California this week.

Freshman heptathlete Lauren Collins and decathletes Shawn Maghzi, Trent Richert, Peter Briones and James Lehigh will compete in the California Invitational/Mt. SAC Relays Multi-Event at Azusa Pacific Wednesday and Thursday (Apr. 12-13).

UCI will have student-athletes competing in the 48th annual Mt. SAC Relays in Walnut Thursday through Saturday, at the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational Friday, and the Long Beach Invitational, also Friday. Another contingent will compete in the Soka University Twilight Meet Saturday.

COMRIE NAMED BIG WEST ATHLETE OF WEEK: Junior Dayne Comrie has been named the Big West Conference men's Track Athlete of the Week following his performance in the Big West Challenge Cup at Anteater Stadium last Friday.

Comrie won a tight 200-meter race with a time of 21.637 and he also captured first in the 400 meters in 48.38.

This is Comrie's third weekly conference honor of the season.

4 NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-MPSF: Four members of the UC Irvine women's indoor track and field team have been named to the Academic All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation team. The Anteater honorees are Kym Kroh, Corica Rodgers, Kristen Silverman and Danielle St. John.

To be eligible, the student-athlete must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade-point average, be at least a sophomore academically, must have completed one full academic year at the member institution prior to the season for which the award is presented, and must have competed in 50 percent of the team's competitions in that sport.

April 7, 2006

DAYNE COMRIE WINS 2 EVENTS AT BIG WEST CHALLENGE CUP; MOON, COLLINS, STEEN ALSO WIN EVENTS

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine junior Dayne Comrie won a pair of events in the Big West Challenge Cup at Anteater Stadium Friday.

Comrie won the 400 meters in 48.38 and just edged Long Beach State's Charles Lewis for first in the 200 meters. Comrie ran 21.637 and Lewis 21.639. . The Anteaters' Brian Moon won the shot put with a mark of 56-1 1/4, fourth-best in UCI history and qualified him for the NCAA West Regional next month. He finished third in the discus throw at 161-2.

UCI's Tim Hearst finished second in the 3,000 meters in 8:31.93 and Julian Eison tied for second in the high jump (6-6 3/4) while Solomon Tesfaye was third in the 800 meters (1:55.21). Aaron Corbett was fourth in the pole vault at 14-7 1/4, Fred Lee was fourth in the triple jump (46-5 1/4) and Ian Connell picked up a fourth-place finish in the discus throw at 158-8.

Long Beach State won the men's team title with 201 1/2 points, followed by UC Santa Barbara (165), UCI(156 1/2) and Cal State Fullerton (156).

Anteater senior Amber Steen won the 1,500 meters in 4:31.57 and she placed second in the 800 meters (2:15.53). Freshman Lauren Collins won the high jump at 5-9 1/4 as she enhanced her No. 2 mark in school history and she was fifth in the 100-meter hurdles (15.19). Suzanne Purmort

finished second in the 400-meter hurdles (63.47) while Tayler Cusick was second in the triple jump at 37-8 1/2, which improved her No. 7 mark all-time at UCI.

Danielle St. John placed third in the high jump at 5-3, Erricka Williams was third in the triple jump (37-6 3/4), Kat Dawkins placed third in the long jump (18-0 1/2) and Samantha Costantini finished third in the 800 meters with a time of 2:15.99. Marie Nguyen placed fourth in the 3,000 meters in 10:02.38 as did Ashlee Marshell in the long jump (18-0 1/4).

UC Santa Barbara captured the women's team title with 201 points, Long Beach State was second with 178, followed by Cal State Fullerton (165) and UCI (122).

April 4, 2006

UCI HOSTS BIG WEST CHALLENGE CUP FRIDAY

UCI HOSTS CONFERENCE RIVALS: The UC Irvine men's and women's track and field teams host the annual Big West Challenge Cup at Anteater Stadium Friday (April 7). The meet features competition between UCI, Long Beach State, Cal State Fullerton and UC Santa Barbara.

Field events begin at 1:00 p.m. with the first running event scheduled for 4:00 p.m.

April 1, 2006

AMBER STEEN POSTS 7TH-FASTEST 1500 TIME IN ANTEATER HISTORY

STANFORD, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Amber Steen ran the seventh-fastest time in Anteater history in the 1,500 meters at the Stanford University Invitational Saturday. Steen finished second in her section with a time of 4:24.29, which is a qualifying mark for the NCAA West Regional next month.

Anteater senior John Kluge finished sixth in his section of the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:02.34, ninth-fastest in school history and a qualifying mark for the NCAA regional. Tim Hearst was 10th in 9:14.77.

Senior Mike Beerer placed fifth in the top section of the hammer throw with a mark of 203-7. Brian Moon finished section in his section of the discus throw with an effort of 163-4, James Lehigh was third (6-4 3/4) in his section of the high jump and Aaron Corbett placed third (15-1) in his section of the pole vault.

Tayler Cusick (36-9) was fourth and Erricka Williams seventh (35-10) in their section of the women's triple jump while Laura Olvera finished seventh in her section of the 5,000 meters with a time of 17:19.71. Lauren Collins placed sixth (5-5 3/4) in her section of the high jump while Danielle St. John was ninth (5-3 3/4).

The UCI track and field teams host the Big West Challenge Cup at Anteater Stadium Friday.

March 29, 2006

MIKE BEERER NAMED BIG WEST FIELD ATHLETE OF WEEK

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Mike Beerer has been selected as the Big West Conference male Field Athlete of the Week after his winning performance in the hammer throw this past weekend.

Beerger won the hammer with an effort of 211'2" in the Collegiate Classic at Anteater Stadium last Friday. That enhanced his second-best mark in UCI history. Competing between a pair of final exams that day, Beerger's throws in his series were 210'4", 211'2", and 208'5."

This is the fourth consecutive week that a UCI student-athlete has received recognition in Big West track and field.

March 25, 2006

DAYNE COMRIE SHINES AT COLLEGIATE CLASSIC SATURDAY

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine junior Dayne Comrie was part of three winning performances in the Collegiate Track & Field Classic that concluded Saturday at Anteater Stadium.

Comrie won the 400-meter hurdles in a personal-best time of 52.29, which is the No. 6 mark in Anteater history and qualifies him for the NCAA West Regional in May.

Comrie ran the third leg on the first-place 4x100-meter relay as UCI crossed the line in a season-best 41.73. In the 4x400 relay, former UCI baseball player Herman Reddick seized the lead on the third leg before handing off to Comrie, who was passed on the back straightway before regaining the lead for good with 60 meters to go as the Anteaters won in 3:15.71, also a season-best time.

Storm Huie, who ran the second leg on the 4x400 relay, finished second in the 400 meters with a time of 49.22. Brian Moon placed second in the discus throw with a mark of 168-1 and teammate Ian Connell was third at 155-11. Aaron Corbett finished second in the pole vault at 15-1 while Mike Navarro picked up third-place finishes in the long jump (21-7 1/4) and the triple jump (47-10).

Reddick, who anchored the 4x100 relay, finished third in the 100 meters (11.11) as did Oliver Plattner in the 200 meters (22.32) and Tim Hearst in the 1,500 meters (3:55.52). Ricky Barnes, who is redshirting at UCI this season, won the 1500 in 3:51.89.

For the UCI women's team, Suzanne Purmort finished fourth overall in the 400-meter hurdles in 64.01. Tracy Dantema placed fifth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11:37.87, fourth-best in UCI history. Kendall Bruton finished sixth (12:01.00) and Amber Gordon seventh (12:03.43) in that race for the Nos. 6 and 7 marks on the Anteaters' Top 10 list. Amber Steen placed sixth in the 800 meters (2:1.19) and seventh in the 1,500 meters (4:34.64). Lauren Willis was sixth in the 100 meters (12.64) and Corica Rodgers places seventh in the 400 meters (60.91).

In the field events, Tayler Cusick placed fifth in the triple jump with a personal-best 37-6 as she improved on her seventh-best mark in UCI history. Kat Dawkins (17-11) and Natasha Wardley (17-9 1/2) finished fifth and sixth, respectively, in the long jump.

March 24, 2006

MIKE BEERER WINS HAMMER THROW WITH SECOND-BEST EFFORT IN SCHOOL HISTORY AT COLLEGIATE CLASSIC

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Mike Beerer won the hammer throw with a mark of 211-2 for the No. 2 mark in Anteater history in the Collegiate Track & Field Classic at Anteater Stadium Friday afternoon.

Beerers's three throws in his series were 210-4, 211-2 and 208-5. He was competing in between winter quarter final exams as he took one in the morning and had another Friday evening. Beerers's winning toss of 211-2 was nearly seven feet better than his previous best and is less than five feet away from the school record of 216-0 set by Mike Morales in 1990.

April Phillips, competing unattached, won the women's hammer throw with a mark of 179-3. Rebecca Walter led a 1-2-3-4 Michigan finish in the 3,000 meters with a time of 9:22.60. Nick Arciniaga, running unattached, captured the men's 3,000 in 8:29.17.

The Collegiate Classic resumes Saturday beginning with the javelin throw at 10:30 a.m. The first running event is the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase at 12:00 p.m.

March 24, 2006

NYBERG, GREUBEL WIN AT COLLEGIATE CLASSIC MULTI-EVENT

IRVINE, Calif. --- Eric Nyberg, who is a redshirt at UC Irvine this season, won the decathlon title and Cornell's Jamie Greubel captured the heptathlon crown in the Collegiate Classic Multi-Event that concluded Friday at Anteater Stadium.

Nyberg finished with 6,438 points, UCI senior Shawn Maghzi was second with 6,366 and Anteaters' sophomore Trent Richert placed third with a total of 6,036.

Nyberg won the 110-meter high hurdles (16.23 --- 707 points), javelin throw (171-9 --- 624 points) and he tied with Maghzi for first in the pole vault at 13-11 1/4 for 688 points. Maghzi won the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:27.65.

Greubel finished with 5,439 points, followed by UCI freshman Lauren Collins with 4,766 and former Colorado All-American Heather Sterlin with 4,465. Greubel won the javelin throw (136-3 --- 697 points) and the 800 meters (2:16.67 --- 869 points) Friday.

Collins' total of 4,766 is the eighth-best mark in UCI history.

The full Collegiate Classic meet begins Friday afternoon with the majority of the action Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m.

March 22, 2006

COMRIE, COLLINS NAMED BIG WEST TRACK & FIELD ATHLETES OF WEEK

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine junior Dayne Comrie (Saugus/Hart HS) has been named the Big West Conference male Track Athlete of the Week after his performance at the Northridge Invitational last Saturday. This is the second time that Comrie has received the honor this season.

Comrie placed second in the 400 meters with a time of 47.54 for the eighth-fastest mark in UCI history. He finished third in the 200 meters in 21.75, which is a qualifying time for the Big West Conference Championships in May.

True freshman Lauren Collins (Santa Margarita HS) was named the Big West female Field Athlete of the Week. She won the high jump at Northridge last Saturday with a mark of 5-8 3/4, second-best in Anteater history. That is a qualifying mark for the NCAA West Regional in late May.

March 21, 2006

**ANTEATERS HOST COLLEGIATE CLASSIC THIS WEEK;
Several National Powers Converge on UCI**

COLLEGIATE CLASSIC AT UCI: The UC Irvine men's and women's track and field teams host an impressive field in the Collegiate Classic this week at Anteater Stadium.

"We are hosting one of the best collegiate meets that Orange County has ever seen," UCI head coach Vince O'Boyle said. "With nationally-ranked Michigan, Arkansas, Cornell, Air Force Academy, along with UC Riverside, Loyola Marymount and UC Irvine. The competition will be outstanding in every event."

Action begins with the Collegiate Classic Multi-Event Meet Thursday and Friday (March 23-24). UCI will be represented by freshman Lauren Collins in the heptathlon while Peter Briones, James Lehigh, Shawn Maghzi and Trent Richert will compete in the decathlon. Competition begins at 12:00 p.m. Thursday and 11:00 a.m. Friday.

The full Collegiate Classic begins with competition in the men's and women's hammer throw, and the men's and women's 3,000 meters Friday. The hammer competition starts at 2:00 p.m. with the first 3,000-meter race at 6:00 p.m. The majority of the meet begins Saturday with the javelin throw at 10:30 a.m. and the first running event (women's steeplechase) at 12:00 p.m.

Women's teams competing on the weekend include UCI, Air Force, Arkansas, Cornell, Michigan, Loyola Marymount and UC Riverside.

Fielding men's squads will be UCI, Air Force, Cornell, Loyola Marymount and UC Riverside.

March 18, 2006

COLLINS, GONZALEZ WIN AT NORTHRIDGE INVITATIONAL

Northridge, Calif. -- Freshman Lauren Collins won the high jump and junior Peter Gonzales won the triple jump to lead UC Irvine at the Northridge Invitational.

Collins won the high jump with a regional qualifying mark of 5-08.75, the second best mark all-time at UCI. She also finished seventh in the 100 meter hurdles. Gonzalez won the triple jump with a mark of 47-09.25.

Dayne Comrie was second in the 400 meters in a lifetime best of 47.54, which is the eighth best all-time at UCI. Comrie also finished third in the 200 meter event with a time of 21.75.

The team of Tim Hearst, Sky Johnston, Adrian Doty and Solomon Tesfaye won the mixed 4x1600 in a time of 17:39.76.

Mike Beerer was second in the hammer throw with a toss of 199' 6", while Ashlee Marshall was third in the long jump with a mark of 18-06.5.

March 15, 2006

AMBER STEEN REPEATS AS BIG WEST ATHLETE OF WEEK

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Amber Steen has been named the Big West Conference Athlete of the Week in women's track for the second consecutive week.

Steen (Newport Harbor HS), won the 800 meters in 2:12.96 last Saturday in the Ben Brown Invitational at Mt. San Antonio College. That time is an automatic qualifier for the Big West Conference Championships and is just three seconds shy of the NCAA regional-qualifying mark.

March 13, 2006

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT NORTHRIDGE INVITATIONAL THIS WEEKEND

MEET AT CSUN: The UC Irvine men's and women's track and field teams compete in the Northridge Invitational at Cal State Northridge Saturday (March 18). The hammer throw will be contested Friday. Saturday's meet begins at 9:00 a.m. with the men's 5,000 meters.

March 11, 2006

UC IRVINE'S AMBER STEEN WINS 800 AT BEN BROWN INVITATIONAL

WALNUT, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Amber Steen placed first in the 800 meters with a time of 2:12.96 in the Ben Brown Track & Field Invitational at Mt. San Antonio College Saturday.

The Anteaters' Jamie Schwab was 10th in 2:23.05 while Alexis Dawkins won Section 2 of the race in 2:23.32 for the 11th-best time overall.

Freshman Samantha Costantini finished third in the 1,500 meters (4:45.32) and Marie Nguyen was fifth (4:48.22). Amber Gordon placed sixth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 11:59.6.

On the men's side, freshman Solomon Seleshi-Tesfaye finished fifth in the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:01.34 and Rusty Whisman was 11th (4:05.32) while Brian Lopez won Section 2 in 4:06.17, which was the 12th-best time overall.

UCI's Sky Johnston was seventh in the 800 meters (1:57.24) while Ross Gierczak finished second in Section 2 with a time of 1:59.90, which was the ninth-best time overall.

Both Anteater teams compete in the Northridge Relays Friday and Saturday.

March 7, 2006

DAYNE COMRIE, AMBER STEEN NAMED BIG WEST TRACK ATHLETES OF WEEK

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine's Dayne Comrie and Amber Steen have been named the Big West Conference Track Athletes of the Week following their respective performances in the All-UC Invitational at Anteater Stadium last Saturday.

Comrie, a junior from Saugus (Hart HS), won the 400-meter hurdles in a Big West meet-qualifying time of 53.17. He ran the third leg of the winning 4x100-meter relay and anchored the first-place 4x400 relay.

Steen, a senior from Newport Beach (Newport Harbor HS), won the 1,500 meters with a time of 4:30.73. That time is an automatic qualifier for the Big West Conference Championships and is just three seconds shy of the regional-qualifying time.

The UCI track and field teams compete in the Ben Brown Invitational Saturday. Cal State Fullerton is hosting the meet at Mt. San Antonio College.

March 4, 2006

UC IRVINE MEN 2ND, WOMEN'S TEAM 5TH AT ALL-UC INVITATIONAL

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men's track and field team finished second and the women's squad placed fifth as UC Santa Barbara won both team titles in the All-UC Invitational at Anteater Stadium Saturday.

UCSB won the men's competition with 248 points, UCI scored 232 and UC San Diego was third with 197.

UCI's Dayne Comrie won the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 53.17 and Mike Beerer captured the hammer throw with a toss of 199-0. The Anteaters also won the 4x100-meter relay (41.88) and the 4x400 (3:17.19).

UCSB scored 251 1/2 points in winning the women's title, UC San Diego was second with 223 and UC Davis third with 173 1/2. UCI scored 121 points.

The Anteaters' Samantha Costantini won the 800 meters in 2:17.79 and Amber Steen placed first in the 1,500 meters (4:30.73). Danielle St. John won the high jump with a mark of 5-3.

February 28, 2006

ANTEATERS HOST ALL-UC INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

OH SAY CAN UC: The UC Irvine men's and women's track and field teams host the All-UC Invitational at Anteater Stadium Saturday (March 4).

Joining the Anteaters will be UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara and UC Davis. Field events begin with the hammer throw at 10:00 a.m. and the first running event is the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase at 11:00 a.m.

BEN BROWN MEET NEXT: Following Saturday's meet, UCI competes in the Ben Brown Invitational, hosted by Cal State Fullerton, at Mt. San Antonio College March 11.

February 25, 2006

BEERER, SANDO EARN 2ND-PLACE FINISHES AT ROSSI RELAYS

CLAREMONT, Calif. --- Michael Beerer and Christina Sando picked up second-place finishes in the 10th annual Rossi Relays at Claremont Saturday.

Beerers recorded a mark of 204-0 in the hammer throw while Sando went 5-4 in the high jump.

February 14, 2006

ANTEATERS' OUTDOOR SEASON BEGINS AT POMONA-PITZER SATURDAY

1ST MEET OF 2006 OUTDOOR SEASON: The UC Irvine track and field teams open their 2006 outdoor schedule competing in the Pomona-Pitzer Collegiate All-Comers Meet Saturday (Feb. 18).