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EIGHT CROSS COUNTRY STUDENT-ATHLETES NAMED TO BIG WEST ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- Eight UC Irvine cross country student-athletes have been selected to the Big West Academic All-Conference Team for fall sports.

UCI's honorees are senior Jules Castano and junior Aaron Jacobsen from the men's team, and senior Lisa Massoth, juniors Melinda Fuller, Jenna Keith and Julie Manson, and sophomores Janelle Del Soldato and Jenny Liou from the women's squad.

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.

November 16, 2002

2002 SEASON ENDS AS UC IRVINE WOMEN FINISH 7TH AT NCAA WEST REGIONAL; ANTEATER MEN PLACE 16TH

STANFORD --- The UC Irvine women's cross country team finished seventh of 28 teams and the Anteater men's squad was 16th of 23 schools in the NCAA West Regional Championships at the Stanford University Golf Course Saturday.

Host Stanford won the women's competition with 24 points, placing four runners in the top five spots. Arizona State was second with 70 points, UCLA was third with 82 and UCI had a total of 242. Stanford's Alicia Craig was the individual champion with a time of 20:39 over 6,000 meters.

UCI sophomore Kaleena Yee finished 33rd in the field of 189 runners with a time of 22:33, junior Julie Manson was 40th in 22:45 and senior Wendy Chan placed 44th in 22:52. Senior Amanda Armstrong was 50th (22:57), junior Jenna Keith was 82nd (23:48), senior Lisa Massoth was 98th (24:03) and sophomore Janelle Del Soldato finished 135th in 24:45.

The host Cardinal also won the men's championship with 21 points and four runners in the top five positions. Oregon was second with 43 points, Cal Poly SLO was third with 115 and UCI finished with 396 points. Donald Sage of Stanford was the individual champion with a time of 30:13 over 10,000 meters.

Anteater senior Travis Morisoli was 56th with a time of 32:27, freshman Tom Whelan was 66th in 32:34 and freshman Ricky Barnes finished 84th in 33:00. Senior Brian Harrison placed 99th (33:28), freshman John Kluve was 105th (33:46), sophomore David Santos was 116th (34:11) and sophomore Andrew Garratt was 143rd in 35:57.

November 2, 2002

UC IRVINE WOMEN FINISH 3RD, MEN'S TEAM 6TH AT BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

RIVERSIDE --- The UC Irvine women's team finished third and the Anteater men's team was sixth in the Big West Conference Cross Country Championships at the UC Riverside Agricultural Operations Course Saturday.

Idaho, behind individual champion Letiwe Marakurwa, won the women's competition with 48 points. UC Santa Barbara was second with 55 and UCI third with 72 in the 10-team field. Marakurwa covered the 5,000-meter course in 17:47.0 en route to Big West Athlete of the Year honors.

UCI senior Amanda Armstrong finished eighth in 18:24.1 and sophomore Kaleena Yee was ninth in 18:26.6 as both earned all-conference honors. Anteater junior Julie Manson placed 13th (18:38.5), sophomore Janelle Del Soldato was 19th (18:47.6), senior Wendy Chan was 23rd (18:54.5), junior Veronica Herrera finished 25th (19:00.1) and junior Jenna Keith was 31st in 19:03.8.

Utah State won the men's championship with 25 points, Cal Poly was second with 40, UC Santa Barbara third with 95 and UCI placed sixth with 159 points in the nine-school field. Utah State's Mitch Zundel and Mike Nielson finished 1-2 with times of 24:46.5 and 24:47.4, respectively over the 8,000-meter layout. Zundel was named Big West Athlete of the Year.

UCI freshman Tom Whelan finished 20th in 25:53.1, sophomore Andrew Garratt was 29th (26:10.8) and senior Travis Morisoli placed 37th in 26:26.0. Senior Brian Harrison finished 38th with a time of 26:30.3, freshman John Kluve was 39th (26:31.8), senior Jules Castano placed 43rd (26:34.8) and freshman Ricky Barnes finished 54th in 27:05.3.

UCI returns to action in the NCAA West Regional at Stanford Nov. 16.

October 27, 2002

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS SATURDAY

CONFERENCE MEET SATURDAY: Both UC Irvine cross-country teams compete in the Big West Conference Championships this Saturday (Nov. 2) on the UC Riverside Cross Country Course located in the Agricultural Operations area, one-half mile south of the UCR campus. The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 8:30 a.m. with the men's 8,000 meters starting at 9:45 a.m.

The UCI women's program has won 11 of the 19 conference championships conducted since 1983. The Anteaters' last team title came in 1999 and UCI has finished second to Cal Poly each of the last two years. Junior Julie Manson (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) is the lone returning all-conference runner for UCI from last year's meet, when she finished seventh. Senior Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS), who placed eighth a year ago, is redshirting this season.

The Anteater men have won nine league titles since the school joined the Big West in 1977 with the last championship coming in 1991. UCI placed seventh at last year's meet.

October 27, 2002

ERIN CURTIS NAMED VERIZON JUNIOR ALL-AMERICAN

Irvine, CA -- Erin Curtis has been named a 2002 Verizon Junior All-American by USA Track & Field.

Curtis earned the distinction by finishing eighth in the pole vault at the USA Junior Outdoor Track & Field Championships June 21-22 in Palo Alto, Calif.

She is one of 289 athletes honored. Athletes finishing in the top eight places of each event earned the honor.

October 25, 2002

SEVERAL UCI RUNNERS PERFORM WELL AT TITAN INVITATIONAL

BREA --- UC Irvine, with its top runners resting from competition this week, still received several quality performances at the Titan Cross Country Invitational at Carbon Canyon Regional Park in Brea Friday.

Junior Trisha Harris finished 14th of 77 runners with a time of 19:24.4 in the women's 5,000-meter competition and freshman Heather Hansen was 23rd in 19:41.4. In the men's 8,000-meter race, freshman Rudy Vasquez placed 25th of 75 runners with a time of 26:54.4.

Both UC Irvine teams compete in the Big West Conference Championships next Saturday (Nov. 2) at UC Riverside.

October 21, 2002

ANTEATERS AT TITAN INVITATIONAL FRIDAY

UCI STAYS IN COUNTY: Both UC Irvine cross-country teams are scheduled to compete in the Titan Invitational at Carbon Canyon Regional Park in Brea this Friday (Oct. 25). The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 4:30 p.m. and the men's 8,000 meters at 5:00 p.m.

ANTEATERS PREPARE FOR BIG WEST MEET: UC Irvine is also preparing for the Big West Conference Championships at Riverside Nov. 2.

October 19, 2002

UC IRVINE WOMEN'S TEAM FINISHES 5TH AT CHILE PEPPER FESTIVAL; ANTEATER MEN PLACE 11TH

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. --- The UC Irvine women's team finished fifth of 25 schools in the Chile Pepper Cross-Country Festival at Fayetteville, Ark., Saturday.

Host Arkansas, ranked 10th nationally, won the meet with 47 points and Kansas State was second with 104. UCI finished with a total of 178.

SMU's Karin vanRooyen was the individual winner with a time of 20:32.57 over 6,000 meters. UCI sophomore Kaleena Yee led the Anteaters with a 22nd-place finish of 22:04.01 and senior Amanda Armstrong was 34th (22:22.56) in the field of 192 runners. Senior Wendy Chan placed 43rd (22:39.85), senior Lisa Massoth was 49th (22:49.67), junior Jenna Keith was 51st (22:52.86), junior Julie Manson finished 58th (22:55.77) and junior Veronica Herrera was 60th (22:57.04).

Arkansas also won the men's competition with 48 points. UCI placed 11th with 329 points in the 26-team field. Alabama's David Kimani was the individual winner with a time of 28:42.87 over 10,000 meters.

Senior Travis Morisoli led UCI with a 49th-place finish of 31:33.72 and freshmen Tom Whelan (31:53.61) and Ricky Barnes (31:58.17) were 60th and 63rd, respectively. Senior Brian Harrison finished 77th (32:35.57), sophomore David Santos was 80th (32:41.00), sophomore Andrew Garratt placed 81st (32:41.39) and freshman C.J. Howard finished 93rd (33:00.22).

Both Anteater teams compete in the Titan Invitational at Carbon Canyon Park Friday (Oct. 25).

October 16, 2002

FORMER ANTEATER STEVE SCOTT ELECTED TO NATIONAL HALL OF FAME

INDIANAPOLIS - Pole vaulter Earl Bell, middle distance runner Steve Scott, sprinter Gwen Torrence and race walker Larry Young are the 2002 inductees into the National Track & Field Hall of Fame, USA Track & Field announced Wednesday.

The Hall of Fame Class of 2002 will be inducted December 6 at the Jesse Owens/Hall of Fame Awards Banquet, presented by The Document Company - Xerox. Held in conjunction with the 2002 USATF Annual Meeting, the induction will take place at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri. The induction will bring to 192 the number of members in the National Track & Field Hall of Fame, currently under construction at the Armory Track & Field Center at 168th street in New York City.

"These tremendous athletes are representatives of the many aspects of our great sport - sprinting, long distance running, field events and race walking, and I look forward to welcoming them to their rightful place in the Hall of Fame," said USATF President Bill Roe.

"Earl, Steve, Gwen and Larry all contributed greatly to raising their events to a higher level in the U.S. and around the world, and they richly deserve this honor," said USATF CEO Craig Masback. "The induction of our Hall of Famers is always a special occasion, and I'm grateful to our partners at Xerox for joining us in paying homage to these great athletes."

"All of us at Xerox are thrilled to welcome the Class of 2002 into the National Track & Field Hall of Fame," said Terry W. Dillman, Xerox Manager of Olympic Marketing. "Each individual has contributed greatly to the rich history of track and field, and Xerox is proud to honor them and their many accomplishments."

Eligible voters for the National Track & Field Hall of Fame include Track & Field Writers of America members, Hall of Fame members, USATF Association presidents, members of USATF standing sports committees and members of USATF 's Athlete Advisory Committee.

STEVE SCOTT: Born May 5, 1956. One of the greatest milers in history, Steve Scott won the U.S. men's 1,500m title six times and the U.S. Indoor mile crown four times. He is perhaps best known for having run 136 sub-4-minute miles in his career, more than any other athlete in the world. Track & Field News ranked Scott #1 in the U.S. on 10 occasions, and 11 times during his career he was ranked in the top ten in the world by T&FN. The NCAA 1,500m champion as a senior at the University of California-Irvine in 1978, Scott went on to win the 1980 Olympic Trials, but he did not compete at the Olympics in Moscow due to the U.S. boycott of the Games. Scott competed in the 1984 and 1988 Olympics finishing 10th and fifth, respectively. The silver medalist in the 1,500 meters at the inaugural IAAF World Outdoor Championships at Helsinki in 1983,

Scott owns the U.S. Outdoor mile record of 3:47.69 (1982) and U.S. Indoor records in the mile (3:51.8-1981) and 2000 meters (4:58.6-1981). Scott currently is the head track and cross country coach at Cal State San Marcos.

October 15, 2002

UC IRVINE'S AMANDA ARMSTRONG EARNS SECOND BIG WEST HONOR IN THREE WEEKS

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Amanda Armstrong (Thousand Oaks HS) has been selected as the Big West Conference Female Cross Country Athlete of the Week for the second time in the past three weeks.

Armstrong finished 12th of 280 runners with a time of 22:31.8 over 6,000 meters at UC San Diego's Triton Invitational last Saturday in leading the Anteaters to a second-place finish in the 29-team field. Coach Vince O'Boyle's men's and women's teams compete in the Chile Pepper Festival at Fayetteville, Ark., this Saturday.

October 14, 2002

ANTEATER TEAMS AT CHILE PEPPER FESTIVAL SATURDAY

UCI TRAVELS TO FAYETTEVILLE: Both UC Irvine cross-country teams are in action at the Chile Pepper Festival hosted by the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville Saturday (Oct. 19). The men's 10,000-meter race begins at 9:30 a.m. (CDT) and the women's 6,000 meters at 10:30 a.m. on the University of Arkansas Cross Country Course.

ANTEATER WOMEN 2ND AT UCSD MEET: The UCI women's team finished second of 29 teams in the Triton Invitational, hosted by UC San Diego this past Saturday. UCLA won the meet with 57 points and the Anteaters scored 78. UCI senior Amanda Armstrong (Thousand Oaks HS) finished 12th of 280 runners with a time of 22:31.8 over 6,000 meters and sophomore Kaleena Yee (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) was 23rd in 23:05.9. Senior Lisa Massoth (Esperanza HS) was 25th (23:07.8), junior Veronica Herrera (Wilmington/El Camino College) placed 28th (23:16.6), junior Julie Manson (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) was 33rd (23:25.4), sophomore Janelle Del Soldato (Crescenta Valley HS) finished 47th (23:45.6), and junior Melinda Fuller (Auburn/Placer HS) rounded out UCI's top seven with a 58th-place finish of 24:00.4.

UCI MEN'S TEAM FINISHES 5TH: The UCI men's team placed fifth of 24 teams in the Triton Invitational. UCLA was first with 71 points and the Anteaters scored 146. Freshman Ricky Barnes (Bakersfield/Garces Memorial HS) finished 16th in 25:53.0 over 8,000 meters and freshman Tom Whelan (Redlands East Valley HS) was 28th in 26:12.8. Senior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) placed 37th (26:28.5), freshman John Kluve (Stockton/Lincoln HS) was 38th (26:29.6), sophomore David Santos (El Cajon/Valhalla HS) finished 45th (26:41.8), freshman C.J. Howard (Crescenta Valley HS) was 52nd (26:52.5) and senior Brian Harrison (Agoura HS) finished 66th in 27:05.8.

October 12, 2002

**UC IRVINE WOMEN'S TEAM FINISHES SECOND AT TRITON INVITATIONAL;
ANTEATER MEN PLACE FIFTH**

LA JOLLA, Calif. --- The UC Irvine women's cross-country team finished second of 29 teams in the Triton Invitational hosted by UC San Diego Saturday. UCLA won the meet with 57 points, UCI was second with 78 and Hawaii placed third with 101.

Victoria Chang of Hawaii was the individual winner with a time of 21:46.7 over 6,000 meters. Senior Amanda Armstrong led the Anteaters with a 12th-place finish of 22:31.8 and sophomore Kaleena Yee was 23rd in 23:05.9. UCI senior Lisa Massoth finished 25th (23:07.8), junior Veronica Herrera was 28th (23:16.6), junior Julie Manson placed 33rd (23:25.4), sophomore Janelle Del Soldato was 47th (23:45.6) and junior Melinda Fuller rounded out UCI's top seven with a 58th-place finish of 24:00.4.

UCLA also won the men's competition with 71 points as UCI finished fifth with 146. Thomas Loos, an unattached runner, was the individual champion with a time of 24:44.0 over 8,000 meters. Freshman Ricky Barnes led UCI with a 16th-place finish of 25:53.0 and Tom Whelan, another freshman, placed 28th in 26:12.8. Senior Travis Morisoli was 37th in 26:28.5, freshman John Kluve placed 38th (26:29.6), sophomore David Santos was 45th (26:41.8), freshman C.J. Howard finished 52nd (26:52.5) and senior Brian Harrison was 66th in 27:05.8.

Both UCI teams compete in the University of Arkansas' Chile Pepper Invitational in Fayetteville, Ark., Saturday.

October 7, 2002

ANTEATERS AT UCSD'S TRITON INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

UCI BACK IN ACTION SATURDAY: Both UC Irvine cross-country teams, after an open date this past weekend, return to action in the Triton Invitational hosted by UC San Diego at La Jolla this Saturday (Oct. 12). The men's 8,000-meter race begins at 8:30 a.m. with the women's 6,000 meters at 9:30 a.m.

DIRECTIONS TO THE COURSE AT UCSD: From I-5 Freeway South -- Take GENESEE Avenue off-ramp and turn RIGHT up the hill heading WEST. TURN LEFT at the first signal into the North Campus Entrance. Straight up the hill at the second stop sign you will see the parking booth on the RIGHT and the SPANOS BUILDING on the LEFT. The course is behind the SPANOS BUILDING. **PARKING IS FREE ON THE WEEKEND..**

UCI's last competition was the Stanford Invitational Sept. 28, when the Anteater women finished fifth of 33 teams and the men's squad was 13th of 30 teams.

October 2, 2002

UC IRVINE'S AMANDA ARMSTRONG NAMED BIG WEST ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior Amanda Armstrong (Thousand Oaks HS) has been named the Big West Conference Athlete of the Week in women's cross country after leading the Anteaters to a fifth-place finish of 33 teams in the Stanford Invitational last Saturday.

Armstrong finished 29th of 234 runners with a time of 22:09 over 6,000 meters at the Stanford University Golf Course. Coach Vince O'Boyle's UCI teams are idle from competition this weekend before traveling to La Jolla for the UC San Diego Invitational Oct. 12.

September 30, 2002

ANTEATERS IDLE FROM COMPETITION THIS WEEK

IMPRESSIVE SHOWING AT STANFORD: Both UC Irvine cross-country teams are idle from competition this week as the next meet on the schedule is the UC San Diego Invitational in La Jolla Oct. 12.

The UCI women's team finished fifth of 33 teams in the Stanford University Invitational this past Saturday. The host Cardinal won the meet with 50 points and UCI scored 186. Anteater senior Amanda Armstrong (Thousand Oaks HS) finished 29th in the field of 234 runners with a time of 22:09 over 6,000 meters at the Stanford Golf Course. Junior Julie Manson (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) was 33rd in 22:13, sophomore Kaleena Yee (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) placed 40th in 22:19 and senior Lisa Massoth (Esperanza HS) finished 45th with a time of 22:25. Senior Wendy Chan (Reseda/Taft HS) was 54th in 22:32, sophomore Janelle Del Soldato (Crescenta Valley HS) finished 68th in 22:47 and junior Veronica Herrera (Wilmington/EI Camino College) was 77th in 22:56.

In the men's competition, UCI placed 13th of 30 teams with 372 points as New Mexico was first with 61. UCI freshman Ricky Barnes (Bakersfield/Garces Memorial HS) finished 68th in 25:14 over 8,000 meters, freshman Tom Whelan (Redlands East Valley HS) was 78th in 25:25, senior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) placed 87th in 25:34 and sophomore David Santos (El Cajon/Valhalla HS) was 114th in 26:05. Freshman John Kluge (Stockton/Lincoln HS) placed 122nd with a time of 26:11, senior Jules Castano (Santa Cruz/West Valley CC) finished 132nd in 26:18 and senior Brian Harrison (Agoura HS) was 139th in 26:24.

September 28, 2002

UC IRVINE WOMEN'S TEAM FINISHES 5TH, MEN 13TH AT STANFORD INVITATIONAL

STANFORD, Calif. --- The UC Irvine women's cross-country team turned in an impressive performance with a fifth-place finish of 33 teams at the Stanford University Invitational Saturday.

The host Cardinal won the meet with 50 points, followed by Duke with 74, UCLA with 85, Wisconsin scored 121 and UCI totaled 186 points.

Stanford's Sara Bei was the individual winner with a time of 20:02 over 6,000 meters at the Stanford Golf Course. UCI senior Amanda Armstrong placed 29th in 22:09 and junior Julie Manson finished 33rd in 22:13. Anteater sophomore Kaleena Yee was 40th (22:19), senior Lisa Massoth finished 45th (22:25), senior Wendy Chan was 54th (22:32), sophomore Janelle Del Soldato placed 68th (22:47) and junior Veronica Herrera was 77th (22:56).

In the men's competition, UCI finished 13th of 30 teams with 372 points. New Mexico finished first with 61, Cal Poly was second with 66 and Stanford third with 84.

Ian Dobson, an unattached runner, was the individual winner with a time of 23:27 over 8,000 meters. New Mexico's Cameron Clarke was second in 23:51. UCI's top seven runners included freshman Ricky Barnes in 68th place with a time of 25:14, freshman Tom Whelan 78th (25:25), senior Travis Morisoli 87th (25:34), sophomore David Santos 114th (26:05), freshman John Kluge 122nd (26:11), senior Jules Castano 132nd (26:18) and senior Brian Harrison 139th (26:24).

September 23, 2002

ANTEATERS AT STANFORD INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

UCI TRAVELS NORTH: Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine cross-country teams compete in the Stanford University Invitational Saturday (Sept. 28) on the Stanford Golf Course. The women's 6,000-meter race begins at 4:50 p.m. followed by the men's 8,000 meters at 5:15 p.m.

LAST WEEK: Both UCI teams competed in the UC Riverside Invitational last Saturday on the UCR Agricultural Operations course. Utah State won the women's title with 70 points and the Anteaters were fifth with 115. UCI senior Amanda Armstrong (Thousand Oaks HS) finished fifth overall with a time of 18:43.50 over 5,000 meters and junior Julie Manson (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) was ninth in 18:55.20.

Senior Veronica Herrera (Wilmington/El Camino College) placed 32nd (19:23.20), sophomore Kaleena Yee (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) was 34th (19:25.30), sophomore Janelle Del Soldato (Crescenta Valley HS) 41st (19:33.20), senior Lisa Massoth (Esperanza HS) was 43rd (19:35.00) and senior Wendy Chan (Reseda/Taft HS) finished 45th in 19:38.30.

In the men's competition, the Cal Coast Track Club finished first with 44 points, Utah State finished second with 45 and UCI was 10th with 298 points. Ant eater freshman Tom Whelan (Redlands East Valley HS) finished 40th in 26:12.20 over 8,000 meters and freshman Ricky Barnes (Bakersfield/Garces Memorial HS) was 53rd in 26:26.40. Senior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) placed 59th (26:32.00), freshman John Kluve (Stockton/Lincoln HS) finished 95th (27:08.70), freshman C.J. Howard (Crescenta Valley HS) was 108th (27:18.70), senior Brian Harrison (Agoura HS) finished 126th (27:36.30) and senior Jules Castano (Santa Cruz/West Valley CC) was 129th in 27:37.60.

BIG WEST PRE-SEASON POLLS: In the Big West Coaches' pre-season poll, UCI's women's team was picked first and the men's team was chosen sixth. The Ant eater women's squad finished second in the Big West Conference Championships last year and the UCI's men's team placed seventh.

September 21, 2002

UTAH STATE WINS COLLEGIATE TITLES AT UC RIVERSIDE INVITATIONAL; ANTEATER WOMEN FIFTH, MEN 10TH

RIVERSIDE, Calif. --- The Utah State men's and women's teams captured the collegiate titles at the UC Riverside Cross-Country Invitational Saturday at the UCR Agricultural Operations course.

Utah State won the women's title with 70 points and UC Irvine finished fifth with 115. Melissa Correa of Track West was the top individual with a time of 18:10.90 over 5,000 meters and UC Santa Barbara's Desiree Leek was the top collegian with a third-place finish of 18:37.10.

UC Irvine senior Amanda Armstrong finished fifth overall in 18:43.50 and junior Julie Manson placed ninth in 18:55.20. Senior Veronica Herrera was 32nd in 19:23.20, sophomore Kaleena Yee finished 34th in 19:25.30, sophomore Janelle Del Soldato was 41st (19:33.20), senior Lisa Massoth finished 43rd (19:35.00) and senior Wendy Chan was 45th (19:38.30) to round out UCI's top seven runners.

In the men's competition, the Cal Coast Track Club was first with 44 points and Utah State was the top collegiate team with a second-place finish of 45. UC Irvine finished 10th with 298 points. Julius Gidabuday of Runners High was the top individual with a time of 24:31.80 over 8,000 meters. Cal Poly's Andy Coughlin was the top collegiate performer with a third-place finish of 24:37.50.

Anteater freshman Tom Whelan finished 40th in 26:12.20 and freshman Ricky Barnes placed 53rd in 26:26.40. Senior Travis Morisoli was 59th (26:32.00), freshman John Kluge placed 95th (27:08.70), freshman C.J. Howard 108th (27:18.70), senior Brian Harrison 126th (27:36.30), and senior Jules Castano was 129th with a time of 27:37.60.

Both UCI teams compete in the Stanford University Invitational next Saturday.

September 16, 2002

ANTEATERS AT UC RIVERSIDE INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

UCI BACK ON THE COURSE: After taking last weekend off from competition, the UC Irvine men's and women's cross-country teams return to action Saturday (Sept. 21) in the UC Riverside Invitational. The men's 8,000-meter race begins at 8:45 a.m. and the women's 5,000 meters at 9:30 a.m. on the course at the UCR Agricultural Experimentation Fields.

September 9, 2002

UC IRVINE CROSS COUNTRY ANTEATERS SWEEP TO TITLES OF OWN INVITATIONAL

1ST WIN FOR MEN'S PROGRAM IN 11 YEARS: Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine men's and women's cross-country teams won the titles in the UCI / J.L. Design Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach Saturday. This marked the first time in the 10-year history of the meet that the Anteater men won the team championship and the first invitational win for the men's program since UCI captured the title of the 1991 Big West Conference Championship.

The UCI women's team, with five runners in the top 18 places, finished with 51 points Saturday. Southern Utah was second with 62 and New Mexico State third with 106 in the 12-team field.

Rachael Cuellar of New Mexico State was the individual champion with a time of 18:23.1 over 5,000 meters and UCI junior Julie Manson (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) finished fourth in 18:45.8.

Anteater senior Amanda Armstrong (Thousand Oaks HS) was sixth (18:58.5), senior Veronica Herrera (Wilmington/El Camino College) placed 12th (19:28.5), sophomore Janelle Del Soldato (Crescenta Valley HS) was 14th (19:34.2), junior Jenna Keith (Bakersfield/Centennial HS) finished 18th (19:42.2), sophomore Kaleena Yee (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) was 21st (19:45.9) and senior Lisa Massoth (Esperanza HS) rounded out UCI's top seven with a 23rd-place finish of 19:46.9.

UCI's men's team, with five runners in the top 28 spots, placed first with 65 points, followed by Cal Poly Pomona (69) and Fresno State (95) in the 11-team field.

Fresno State's Fernando Cabada was the individual champion with a time of 25:15.2 over 8,000 meters. UCI freshman Tom Whelan (Redlands East Valley HS) finished fifth in 25:48.4 and senior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) was sixth with a time of 25:53.8.

Freshman Ricky Barnes (Bakersfield/Garces Memorial HS) placed 16th in 26:23.9, freshman John Kluge (Stockton/Lincoln HS) was 22nd (26:37.4), freshman C.J. Howard (Crescenta Valley HS) was 28th (26:49.2), senior Brian Harrison (Agoura HS) finished 35th (27:01.6) and senior Jules Castano (Santa Cruz/West Valley CC) was 40th in 27:16.9.

NEXT: Both UCI teams are idle this weekend and will return to action at the UC Riverside Invitational Sept. 21.

BIG WEST PRE-SEASON POLLS: In the Big West Coaches' pre-season poll, UCI's women's team is picked first and the men's team was chosen sixth. The Anteater women's squad finished second in the Big West Conference Championships last year and the UCI's men's team finished seventh.

COACH O'BOYLE: Vince O'Boyle is in his 21st season as head coach of the Anteater teams. He has been named Big West Conference Coach of the Year 18 times in men's and women's cross country and once in women's track and field. He is assisted again by Jerome Anello in cross country.

September 7, 2002

UC IRVINE CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS CAPTURE TITLES OF OWN INVITATIONAL

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. --- Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine men's and women's cross-country teams won the titles in the UCI / J.L. Design Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach Saturday. This marked the first time in the 10-year history of the meet that the Anteater men won the team championship.

The UCI women's team, with five runners in the top 18 places, finished with 51 points. Southern Utah was second with 62 and New Mexico State third with 106 in the 12-team field. Rachael Cuellar of New Mexico State was the individual champion with a time of 18:23.1 over 5,000 meters. Santa Clara's Kim Bates was second at 18:33.5, Brianna Carstensen of Azusa Pacific placed third in 18:37.1 and UCI junior Julie Manson finished fourth in 18:45.8.

Anteater senior Amanda Armstrong was sixth (18:58.5), senior Veronica Herrera placed 12th (19:28.5), sophomore Janelle Del Soldato was 14th (19:34.2), junior Jenna Keith finished 18th (19:42.2), sophomore Kaleena Yee was 21st (19:45.9) and senior Lisa Massoth rounded out UCI's top seven with a 23rd-place finish of 19:46.9.

UCI's men's team, with five runners in the top 28 spots, placed first with 65 points, followed by Cal Poly Pomona (69) and Fresno State (95) in the 11-team field. Fresno State's Fernando Cabada was the individual champion with a time of 25:15.2 over 8,000 meters. UCI freshman Tom Whelan finished fifth in 25:48.4 and senior Travis Morisoli was sixth with a time of 25:53.8.

Anteater freshman Ricky Barnes placed 16th in 26:23.9, freshman John Kluve was 22nd (26:37.4), freshman C.J. Howard was 28th (26:49.2), senior Brian Harrison finished 35th (27:01.6) and senior Jules Castano was 40th in 27:16.9.

September 2, 2002

ANTEATERS HOST UCI INVITATIONAL SATURDAY

HOME TO START 2002: Coach Vince O'Boyle's UC Irvine men's and women's cross-country teams open the 2002 season hosting the UCI Invitational at Central Park in Huntington Beach this Saturday (Sept. 7). The women's 5,000-meter race begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by the men's 8,000 meters at 9:45 a.m.

The Anteater women's squad finished second in the Big West Conference Championships last year and the UCI's men's team finished seventh. In the Big West Coaches' pre-season poll, UCI's women's team is picked first and the men's team was chosen sixth.

COMPETING TEAMS: Saturday's field for the UCI Invitational is expected to include Cal State Northridge, Cal Poly Pomona, Occidental, Azusa Pacific, New Mexico, New Mexico State, Southern Utah, UC San Diego, the USC and San Diego State women's teams, and the men's squad from Fresno State.

DIRECTIONS TO CENTRAL PARK IN HUNTINGTON BEACH: From the North -- 405 Freeway south to Golden West Avenue, exit at Golden West Avenue and go south for about 3 miles to Slater Avenue. Make a right on Slater to Edwards Avenue (1/2 mile). Go left on Edwards to Central Park Avenue (1/2 mile). Make a left on Central Park and the park will be at the end of the block. Parking is free.

From the South -- 405 Freeway north to Golden West Avenue, exit at Golden West and move to the left-turn lane as soon as possible. Make a left onto Golden West Avenue and go south for about 3 miles to Slater Avenue. Make a right on Slater to Edwards Avenue (1/2 mile). Make a left on Edwards to Central Park Avenue (1/2 mile). Turn left on Central Park Avenue and the park will be at the end of the block. Parking is free.

COACH O'BOYLE: Vince O'Boyle is in his 21st season as head coach of the Anteater teams. He has been named Big West Conference Coach of the Year 18 times in men's and women's cross country and once in women's track and field. He is assisted again by Jerome Anello in cross country.

UCI'S TOP RETURNEES: Eight of the top nine runners from last year's Big West meet return for the UCI women's team. Junior Julie Manson (San Diego/Rancho Bernardo HS) was seventh and senior Tessa Cendejas (Chino Hills/Ayala HS) eighth in the 2001 conference meet. Senior Amanda Armstrong (Thousand Oaks HS) was 14th, junior Jenna Keith (Bakersfield/Centennial HS) 23rd, sophomore Kaleena Yee (Rancho Bernardo HS) 25, senior Lisa Massoth (Esperanza HS) 32nd, sophomore Jenny Liou (Moscow, ID) finished 34th and sophomore Kelli Vanderburg (Clovis/Buchanan HS) placed 37th. Junior Kim Ramirez (Carson/U. of California), who finished 13th in last season's Big West meet is slated to red-shirt this year.

For the Anteater men, senior Travis Morisoli (Redlands HS) returns after finishing 30th in the Big West meet last fall. Senior Brian Harrison (Agoura HS) was 34th and sophomore David Santos (El Cajon/Valhalla HS) placed 50th in the conference meet. Senior Jules Castano (Santa Cruz/West Valley CC), who red-shirted last season, should also be a top contributor after a strong season on the track last spring.

Freshmen to watch, according to O'Boyle, are Ricky Barnes (Bakersfield/Garces Memorial HS), C.J. Howard (Crescenta Valley HS), John Kluve (Stockton/Lincoln HS) and Tom Whelan (Redlands East Valley HS).

NEXT: Following this Saturday's meet, both Anteater teams will compete in the Aztec Invitational in San Diego Sept. 14.

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UC IRVINE WOMEN TABBED TO WIN BIG WEST TITLE

Irvine, CA --- UC Irvine was the favorite to win the 2002 women's cross country title in a vote by the conference coaches. The Anteaters received five of the 10 first-place votes and tallied 94 points, edging Cal Poly who had 93 points for second place.

The UC Irvine men were slated sixth with Utah State taking the top men's honors.

Big West Coaches Poll

| Women | Points | Men | Points |
|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 1. UC Irvine (5) | 94 | 1. Utah State (5) | 76 |
| 2. Cal Poly (4) | 93 | 2. Cal Poly (2) | 72 |
| 3. UC Santa Barbara | 78 | 3. UC Santa Barbara (2) | 66 |
| 4. Utah State | 67 | 4. Cal State Fullerton | 45 |
| 5. Cal State Northridge | 61 | 5. Idaho | 37 |
| 6. Idaho (1) | 49 | 6. UC Irvine | 36 |
| 7. Long Beach State | 39 | 7. UC Riverside | 30 |
| 8. Cal State Fullerton | 34 | 8. Long Beach State | 28 |
| 9. UC Riverside | 25 | 9. Cal State Northridge | 15 |
| 10. Pacific | 10 | | |