

2000-01 HEADLINES

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June 28, 2001

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Green, a three-year starter for the Anteaters, averaged 19 points per game (49th in the nation) and earned Associated Press honorable mention All-America honors in 2000-01. He led UCI in scoring and assists each of his three years.

"Jerry has made the decision to pursue opportunities in professional basketball and we continue to be supportive of him," UCI head coach Pat Douglass said. "He played a major role in the development and success of our program, and we appreciate his contributions in leading the team to the most successful season in the program's history. His skills have been enhanced through hard work and he feels that he is ready for the next level."

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IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine men's basketball coach Pat Douglass has received a four-year contract extension that will carry through the 2007-08 season.

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"Pat has established this program on solid ground," Athletic Director Dan Guerrero said. "This past year brought great excitement and exposure to our campus, and is indicative of the both the hard work that Pat and his staff provide, and the outstanding student-athletes that they have recruited into the program."

"I feel that our program has reached the level where we can be competitive on a consistent basis," Douglass said. "I appreciate the confidence and support that the administration is providing, and I am very happy to be the head coach at UC Irvine."

Douglass was hired at UC Irvine in March, 1997, after 10 seasons as the head coach at Cal State Bakersfield, where he led the Roadrunners to three NCAA Division II titles. He previously coached for six years at Eastern Montana (now Montana State-Billings) and was inducted into that school's Hall of Fame in 1999.

TODD LEE PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH FOR UC IRVINE MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Lee has been an assistant coach for Douglass the past four seasons at UCI and previously served with him as assistant coach at Cal State Bakersfield for three years, including the 1997 team that won the NCAA Division II championship.

"Todd has been an integral part of the program's growth at UC Irvine," Douglass said. "The administration and I want to recognize him for his contributions and accomplishments."

Lee was an assistant coach with the Rapid City (S.D.) Thrillers of the Continental Basketball Association for two seasons (1993 and 1994) and also served as an assistant at the University of San Diego (1989-92) under Hank Egan.

RYAN CODI, JEFF GLOGER SIGN WITH UC IRVINE MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM

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Gloger, a 6-3 guard, was an All-South Coast League and All-Orange County selection at Capistrano Valley High School. He averaged 13 points, 5.5 rebounds and 4.8 assists, plus shot 58 percent from the field this past season. Capistrano Valley, coached by former Anteater player Brian Mulligan, reached the CIF Southern Section I-AAA final in March and finished with an overall record of 27-4.

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Pat Douglass was named 2000-01 Big West Conference Coach of the Year and Jerry Green was selected as Player of the Year in voting by the league's coaches.

Douglass, in his fourth season at UCI, led the Anteaters to a regular-season overall record of 24-3 and the conference's regular-season championship with a mark of 15-1. He is the third Anteater coach to receive the honor (Bill Mulligan in 1986 and Rod Baker in 1996).

Green leads the Big West in scoring for all games at 19.0 points per game and finished as the league's leading scorer for conference games with a 21.4 average. He is the third UCI player to receive the honor (Kevin Magee in 1981 and 1982, and Raimonds Miglinieks in 1996). Green ranks No. 6 in career scoring at UCI with 1,284 points. He is tied with Jeff Von Lutzow at that spot.

OTHER BIG WEST HONORS

Senior forward Ben Jones was named second team All-Big West, while senior swingman Sean Jackson was selected to the honorable mention squad. Adam Parada and Stanislav Zuzak were named to the league's All-Freshman team. Jones is averaging 12 points and 5.7 rebounds per game, Jackson leads the Big West in three-point shooting at 47.8 percent, and Parada tops the Anteaters in rebounding at 6.1 per game, plus has 34 blocked shots.

GREEN NAMED TO ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Jerry Green has been named second team All-District 15 as voted on by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

OTHER HONORS FOR UCI

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UC IRVINE TOPS IDAHO 84-80 IN OVERTIME TO SET SCHOOL RECORD FOR SINGLE-SEASON VICTORIES

MOSCOW, Idaho --- Junior guard Jerry Green scored a game-high 25 points and added a career-high 11 rebounds to lead UC Irvine over Idaho, 84-80 in overtime, before 2,115 at the Cowan Spectrum in Moscow, Idaho, Saturday night.

UCI improved to 24-3 overall, setting a new school record for single-season victories, eclipsing the previous mark of 23 set by the 1981-82 squad (23-7). Green scored 13 points in the first half and added 12 in the final 25 minutes. Senior forward Ben Jones added 20 points and nine rebounds, senior swingman Sean Jackson scored 15 points, hitting 3 of 5 three-pointers, and redshirt freshman center Adam Parada had 13 points and 14 rebounds. Parada was the star of overtime for UCI.

The teams were tied 73-73 after regulation before Idaho scored the first seven points of the extra session to lead 80-73 with 3:58 remaining. After a UCI missed shot, Jones flew out of bounds to save the ball and Malachi Edmond was the recipient for a layup to cut the Vandals' margin to 80-75 with 3:21 left.

Parada then scored the next seven points of the game to give the Anteaters the lead for good at 82-80. With the score tied at 80-80, an entry pass to Parada went awry, but in the scramble, he ended up with the ball and converted a tough layup with 23 seconds remaining to put UCI ahead. Green added a pair of free throws with five seconds left to seal the victory as UCI won for the 10th time in 12 tries on the road this season.

UC Irvine, the No. 1 seed, will open Big West Conference Tournament action Thursday (March 8) facing eighth-seeded Cal Poly at 6:00 p.m. at the Anaheim Convention Center.

JERRY GREEN NAMED BIG WEST CO-PLAYER OF WEEK

2/26/01 UC Irvine junior guard Jerry Green (Pomona HS) has been named the Big West Conference's co-Player of the Week, along with UCSB's Nick Jones. Green scored game highs of 25 points versus Long Beach State and 21 against UC Riverside in UCI's two wins last week.

Green has received the honor four times this season. He has recorded 12 20-point games in 2000-01 and currently ranks No. 10 in UCI career scoring with 1,240 points. He leads the Big West in scoring for all games (18.8) and in league games only (21.4). He also tops the Big West in free-throw percentage in conference contests at 85.0 percent.

UC IRVINE DEFEATS CAL STATE FULLERTON 58-55 TO WIN FIRST BIG WEST CONFERENCE TITLE

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior guard Jerry Green scored a game-high 19 points to lead UC Irvine over Cal State Fullerton, 58-55, as the Anteaters claimed their first-ever Big West Conference title before 4,054 at the Bren Center in Irvine Thursday night.

Green added six rebounds and five assists as UC Irvine won for the 19th time in its last 20 games in improving to 23-3 overall and 14-1 in the Big West. The 23 wins tie the school record set during a 23-7 season in 1981-82. UCI also set a new record for home victories as the Anteaters finish 14-1 in the Bren Center this season.

Senior swingman Sean Jackson added 11 points and hit a clutch three-point shot from the right side with 18.5 seconds left to give the Anteaters a 58-53 lead. The Titans' Kevin Richardson hit a

pair of free throws with 12.2 seconds, then UCI's Stanislav Zuzak missed two free throws with 8.6 seconds remaining, but the Anteaters grabbed the offensive rebound and ran out the clock as the crowd stormed the court.

UC Irvine missed its first 10 shots of the game and trailed 6-2 before the Anteaters scored their first goal on a put-back by Green with 10:34 left in the first half. The game was tied 26-26 at the break as UCI shot 33.3 percent in the first half and Cal State Fullerton 35.3 percent.

The Anteaters opened the second half with a 15-6 run to lead 41-32 on a three-point play by Green with 11:18 remaining. The Titans closed to within one on two occasions, the first when Richardson hit a leaning 7-foot jumper to cut UCI's lead to 50-49 with 3:21 left and then again when David Castleton hit a pair of free throws with 2:42 remaining to cut the Anteaters' lead to 52-51. Green followed with a free throw at 2:35 and Malachi Edmond scored on a layup off a steal at 2:20 to give UCI a 55-51 lead.

Castleton led the Titans (4-22, 3-13) with 16 points and Richardson added 12.

UC Irvine ends the regular season with a 7:00 p.m. game at Idaho Saturday night, then opens action as the No. 1 seed in the Big West Tournament next Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Anaheim Convention Center against an opponent to be determined.

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PAT DOUGLASS, JERRY GREEN RECEIVE TOP HONORS IN BIG WEST CONFERENCE

Pat Douglass was named 2000-01 Big West Conference Coach of the Year and Jerry Green was selected as Player of the Year in voting by the league's coaches.

Douglass, in his fourth season at UCI, led the Anteaters to a regular-season overall record of 24-3 and the conference's regular-season championship with a mark of 15-1. He is the third Anteater coach to receive the honor (Bill Mulligan in 1986 and Rod Baker in 1996).

Green leads the Big West in scoring for all games at 19.0 points per game and finished as the league's leading scorer for conference games with a 21.4 average. He is the third UCI player to receive the honor (Kevin Magee in 1981 and 1982, and Raimonds Miglinieks in 1996). Green ranks No. 6 in career scoring at UCI with 1,284 points. He is tied with Jeff Von Lutzow at that spot.

OTHER BIG WEST HONORS

Senior forward Ben Jones was named second team All-Big West, while senior swingman Sean Jackson was selected to the honorable mention squad. Adam Parada and Stanislav Zuzak were named to the league's All-Freshman team. Jones is averaging 12 points and 5.7 rebounds per game, Jackson leads the Big West in three-point shooting at 47.8 percent, and Parada tops the Anteaters in rebounding at 6.1 per game, plus has 34 blocked shots.

GREEN NAMED TO ALL-DISTRICT TEAM

Jerry Green has been named second team All-District 15 as voted on by the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC).

OTHER HONORS FOR UCI

College Hoops Insider has named Pat Douglass Big West Coach of the Year and Jerry Green Player of the Year in the league. Adam Parada was named to the national All-Freshman team by *College Hoops Insider*.

UC IRVINE TOPS IDAHO 84-80 IN OVERTIME TO SET SCHOOL RECORD FOR SINGLE-SEASON VICTORIES

MOSCOW, Idaho --- Junior guard Jerry Green scored a game-high 25 points and added a career-high 11 rebounds to lead UC Irvine over Idaho, 84-80 in overtime, before 2,115 at the Cowan Spectrum in Moscow, Idaho, Saturday night.

UCI improved to 24-3 overall, setting a new school record for single-season victories, eclipsing the previous mark of 23 set by the 1981-82 squad (23-7). Green scored 13 points in the first half and added 12 in the final 25 minutes. Senior forward Ben Jones added 20 points and nine rebounds, senior swingman Sean Jackson scored 15 points, hitting 3 of 5 three-pointers, and redshirt freshman center Adam Parada had 13 points and 14 rebounds. Parada was the star of overtime for UCI.

The teams were tied 73-73 after regulation before Idaho scored the first seven points of the extra session to lead 80-73 with 3:58 remaining. After a UCI missed shot, Jones flew out of bounds to save the ball and Malachi Edmond was the recipient for a layup to cut the Vandals' margin to 80-75 with 3:21 left.

Parada then scored the next seven points of the game to give the Anteaters the lead for good at 82-80. With the score tied at 80-80, an entry pass to Parada went awry, but in the scramble, he

ended up with the ball and converted a tough layup with 23 seconds remaining to put UCI ahead. Green added a pair of free throws with five seconds left to seal the victory as UCI won for the 10th time in 12 tries on the road this season.

UC Irvine, the No. 1 seed, will open Big West Conference Tournament action Thursday (March 8) facing eighth-seeded Cal Poly at 6:00 p.m. at the Anaheim Convention Center.

JERRY GREEN NAMED BIG WEST CO-PLAYER OF WEEK

2/26/01 UC Irvine junior guard Jerry Green (Pomona HS) has been named the Big West Conference's co-Player of the Week, along with UCSB's Nick Jones. Green scored game highs of 25 points versus Long Beach State and 21 against UC Riverside in UCI's two wins last week.

Green has received the honor four times this season. He has recorded 12 20-point games in 2000-01 and currently ranks No. 10 in UCI career scoring with 1,240 points. He leads the Big West in scoring for all games (18.8) and in league games only (21.4). He also tops the Big West in free-throw percentage in conference contests at 85.0 percent.

UC IRVINE DEFEATS CAL STATE FULLERTON 58-55 TO WIN FIRST BIG WEST CONFERENCE TITLE

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior guard Jerry Green scored a game-high 19 points to lead UC Irvine over Cal State Fullerton, 58-55, as the Anteaters claimed their first-ever Big West Conference title before 4,054 at the Bren Center in Irvine Thursday night.

Green added six rebounds and five assists as UC Irvine won for the 19th time in its last 20 games in improving to 23-3 overall and 14-1 in the Big West. The 23 wins tie the school record set during a 23-7 season in 1981-82. UCI also set a new record for home victories as the Anteaters finish 14-1 in the Bren Center this season.

Senior swingman Sean Jackson added 11 points and hit a clutch three-point shot from the right side with 18.5 seconds left to give the Anteaters a 58-53 lead. The Titans' Kevin Richardson hit a pair of free throws with 12.2 seconds, then UCI's Stanislav Zuzak missed two free throws with 8.6 seconds remaining, but the Anteaters grabbed the offensive rebound and ran out the clock as the crowd stormed the court.

UC Irvine missed its first 10 shots of the game and trailed 6-2 before the Anteaters scored their first goal on a put-back by Green with 10:34 left in the first half. The game was tied 26-26 at the break as UCI shot 33.3 percent in the first half and Cal State Fullerton 35.3 percent.

The Anteaters opened the second half with a 15-6 run to lead 41-32 on a three-point play by Green with 11:18 remaining. The Titans closed to within one on two occasions, the first when Richardson hit a leaning 7-foot jumper to cut UCI's lead to 50-49 with 3:21 left and then again when David Castleton hit a pair of free throws with 2:42 remaining to cut the Anteaters' lead to 52-51. Green followed with a free throw at 2:35 and Malachi Edmond scored on a layup off a steal at 2:20 to give UCI a 55-51 lead.

Castleton led the Titans (4-22, 3-13) with 16 points and Richardson added 12.

UC Irvine ends the regular season with a 7:00 p.m. game at Idaho Saturday night, then opens action as the No. 1 seed in the Big West Tournament next Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Anaheim Convention Center against an opponent to be determined.

UC IRVINE MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM SIGNS 2

IRVINE, Calif. --- DeVaughn Peace and Ross Schraeder have signed national letters of intent with the UC Irvine men's basketball program, announced by Anteater head coach Pat Douglass.

Peace, a 6-3 guard, averaged 10 points, six assists and five rebounds per game at on the Division III state-championship team at Bishop Montgomery High School last season.

Schraeder, a 6-5 guard, is a senior at Denver (Colo.) East High School, where he averaged 12 points per game last season. East lost to eventual champion Palmer in the Class 5A semifinals last year.

UC IRVINE MEN'S BASKETBALL SIGNEES

DeVaughn Peace.....6-3, G.....Torrance, Calif. (Bishop Montgomery HS) Ross
Schraeder.....6-5, G.....Denver, Colo. (Denver East HS)