

2001-02 Results

March 14, 2002

BYU DEFEATS UCI 78-55 IN FIRST ROUND NIT ACTION

Provo, UT---BYU eliminated UC Irvine from the NIT Thursday evening with a 78-55 win, before 6,288 at the Marriott Center in Provo, Utah. The victory improved the Cougars' nation-leading home winning streak to 36, including 16-0 this season. BYU will travel to Memphis for a second-round game Wednesday night.

The Anteaters led by eight points twice in the first half, the latest coming at 21-13 with 8:54 left. The Cougars would answer on a 25-7 run to take a 38-28 lead into halftime. BYU would not look back in the second half, shooting 61 percent from the floor to UCI's 37 percent.

Cougar guard Travis Hansen led all scorers with 23 points, including 20 in the second half. The Anteaters' Jordan Harris and Adam Parada each poured in 13 points, while Matt Okoro grabbed a game-high eight rebounds. Senior guard Jerry Green, who sat out 11 minutes of the first half with two early fouls, scored 12 points. He ends his UCI career with 1,993 points to rank No. 1 in Anteater history and sixth in the Big West Conference record book.

The Anteaters conclude the 2001-02 season with a 21-11 record, winning their second consecutive Big West regular-season title with a 13-5 league mark to share this year's championship with Utah State. UCI has registered back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time in history.

March 8, 2002

UC IRVINE FALLS TO UC SANTA BARBARA IN BIG WEST SEMI-FINAL

ANAHEIM, CA --- The Anteaters failed to reach the finals of the Big West Conference Tournament after falling to UCSB 66-61 Friday at the Anaheim Convention Center.

UCI was led by Adam Parada and Jerry Green, with 18 and 17 points, respectively. The Anteaters entered the second half with a five-point margin, but could not extend the lead against UCSB.

The Anteaters were up 59-57 on free throws by Mike Hood with 2:22 remaining, but UCSB's Nick Jones hit a jumper with 2:03 left to tie the game. A pair of free throws by Adama Ndiaye at 1:03 gave UCSB the lead for good at 61-59.

The Gauchos hit 3 of 4 from the charity stripe in the final 23 seconds to seal the victory.

UCSB, led by Jones' 21 points, turned up the intensity in the second half and shot 50% to UCI's 43.5%.

The Gauchos will meet Utah State in the championship game Saturday at 9:00 p.m. PST.

The Anteaters hope for an NIT berth with selections being announced Sunday night.

March 7, 2002

ANTEATERS ADVANCE TO SEMIS OF BIG WEST TOURNEY TO FACE UCSB FRIDAY NIGHT

ANAHEIM, CA --- Head Coach Pat Douglass' Anteaters moved on to the semi-finals of the Big West Conference Tournament after defeating Long Beach State 75-62 Thursday at the Anaheim Convention Center.

UC Irvine was led by guard Jerry Green who poured in 23 points, and center Adam Parada who recorded his seventh double-double of the season with a 17-point, 12-rebound performance.

Long Beach State was led by forward Tony Darden who had 23 points, while center Travis Reed and guard Ron Johnson each put in 22 in the losing effort.

The 49ers opened the game with three three-point baskets, but the Anteaters took advantage of three consecutive Long Beach State fouls in the first half to take an early lead. UCI was able to hold off LBSU to head into the locker rooms at the half with a 33-27 lead.

The second half saw the Anteaters build up an 11-point margin, but Long Beach State rallied back to cut the lead to 46-43 behind 11 points by Darden.

The deficit was cut to two points with 7:36 left in the game, but clutch three-pointers by forward Jordan Harris and a coast-to-coast layup by Green saw the Anteaters build their lead to as many as eight with less than three minutes remaining.

Long Beach State failed to convert on free-throws late in the game and free throws and a hook shot by Parada shut the door on the 49ers.

UC Irvine will meet UC Santa Barbara in one semi Friday at approximately 8:30 p.m. at the Anaheim Convention Center. Utah State meets Pacific in the other semi at 6:00 p.m.

February 28, 2002

LONG BEACH STATE DEFEATS ANTEATERS 86-70

LONG BEACH, Calif. --- Long Beach State went on a 23-6 run in the first nine minutes of the second half and defeated UC Irvine, 86-70, in Big West Conference action before 2,624 at the Pyramid Thursday night in the regular-season finale.

The Anteaters (20-9, 13-5) are guaranteed the No. 2 seed in next week's Big West Conference Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center and will play their first game at 6:00 p.m. Thursday (March 7). UCI could very well face Long Beach State again in the opening round.

Long Beach State led 22-9 seven minutes into Thursday's game, but the Anteaters battled back to trail only 40-39 at halftime. Junior forward Jordan Harris scored UCI's first 14 points and 18 of the team's first 19. He led all scorers with 29 points and senior guard Jerry Green added 25, lifting his school-record career total to 1,941.

Kevin Roberts scored 27 and Ron Johnson added 20 for the 49ers (13-16, 9-9), who have won their last five games. LBSU shot 54 percent from the field, compared to UCI's 39 percent, including 29 percent in the second half. The Anteaters opened the second half with a three-point basket by Green to lead 42-40, but the 49ers then started their run and controlled the last 15 minutes of the game.

February 23, 2002

UC IRVINE DEFEATS UCSB 71-67 BEHIND JERRY GREEN'S 29 POINTS

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior guard Jerry Green scored the final five points of the game to lead the Anteaters over UC Santa Barbara, 71-67, in Big West Conference action before 4,664 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Green, who scored 29 points on the night in his final home appearance, hit a leaning jumper in the lane with 39.6 seconds remaining to give UC Irvine a 68-67 lead after UCSB's Mark Hull had put the Gauchos up 67-66 on a three-pointer with 48.7 seconds left. Green added three free throws in the final 16.7 seconds as UC Irvine improved to 20-8 overall and 13-4 in the Big West, remaining one-half game behind conference leader Utah State. This is only the fourth time in the 37-year history of basketball at UC Irvine that the program has won 20 games in a season, but it has happened in consecutive years, as last year's team finished 25-5.

Green lifted his UCI career-leading scoring total to 1,916 points and moved into seventh place in Big West scoring history. He scored 17 of his points in the second half Saturday night. Junior guard Mike Hood added 13 points off the bench for the Anteaters, who led 37-33 at halftime.

Branduinn Fullove led UC Santa Barbara (15-10, 9-7) with 19 points and Adama Ndiaye added 11 points and a game-high eight rebounds. The Gauchos were 18 of 18 from the free-throw line in the contest.

UC Irvine built a 57-46 lead on a 14-foot jumper by Green with 7:40 remaining in the game, but the Gauchos responded with a 21-9 run over the next seven minutes to take the 67-66 lead on Hull's three-pointer, the Gauchos' only lead of the second half. UCSB led by as many as eight points in the first half before UC Irvine closed the half with a 14-2 run to lead 37-33.

UC Santa Barbara shot 29 percent from the field in the second half and 37.5 percent for the game, while UC Irvine shot 44.2 percent for the game.

The Anteaters return to action Thursday at Long Beach State in a 5:35 p.m. game (Fox Sports Net 2, KUCI Radio/88.9 FM) to end the regular season. The Big West Conference Tournament is March 7-9 at the Anaheim Convention Center, and UCI is slated to play the 6:00 p.m. game March 7.

February 21, 2002

UC IRVINE DEFEATS CAL POLY 77-63 BEHIND GREEN, HARRIS

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior guard Jerry Green and junior forward Jordan Harris combined for 42 points in leading UC Irvine over Cal Poly, 77-63, in Big West Conference action before 2,273 at the Bren Events Center Thursday night.

Green scored 23 points, 14 in the second half, and added seven assists and two steals as UC Irvine improved to 19-8 overall and 12-4 in the Big West, one-half game behind league leader Utah State (12-3). Green moved into the No. 8 spot in Big West career scoring as he now has 1,887 points.

Harris had 19 points and 10 rebounds in recording his fifth double-double of the season. He scored 10 points and grabbed six of his boards in the second half. Sophomore forward Matt Okoro sparked a 17-3 Anteater run early in the second half to erase a 36-35 deficit as UCI built a

52-39 lead with 11:34 remaining. Okoro had three slam dunks during that run and finished the night with 10 points and four rebounds.

Senior forward Brandon Beeson led Cal Poly with 21 points, scoring 15 first-half points. Junior guard Jason Allen added 12 points, three assists and three steals, while sophomore forward Varnie Dennis had 11 points and nine rebounds. Cal Poly (14-9, 8-7) led by as many as eight points on two occasions in the first half, including 27-19 with 5:45 left, but a pair of three-point baskets by junior guard Mike Hood gave UCI a 35-34 lead at halftime.

The Mustangs shot 26.9 percent in the second half and 36 percent for the game. UC Irvine shot 48.9 percent for the contest, including 54.5 percent in the opening half. Cal Poly had an 18-10 rebounding edge at halftime, but UC Irvine finished the game with a 34-29 margin on the boards.

The Anteaters return to action Saturday night hosting UC Santa Barbara in the season's home finale at 7:05 in the Bren Center. The game will mark the final home appearance for UCI seniors Jerry Green, J.R. Christ and Dave Korfman. The trio will be recognized immediately following the game. The Anteaters end regular-season play next Thursday at Long Beach State in a 5:35 p.m. game.

February 16, 2002

PACIFIC UPENDS ANTEATERS

STOCKTON, Calif. — The Pacific men's basketball team defeated Big West Conference leader UC Irvine 73-61 on Saturday, Feb. 16 at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

After UC Irvine took an early 13-4 lead, Pacific jumped right back with a 10-0 run sparked by two three-pointers from senior guard David Bunts to stake the Tigers to a 14-13 lead with 10:15 left in the first half. The Tigers went into halftime with a 31-28 lead. After Pacific charged out to an eight-point lead early in the second half (40-32), the Anteaters responded with a 7-1 run over the next two minutes to cut the Tigers' lead to 41-39 with 15:36 left in the game. Senior guard Maurice McLemore then took control for the Tigers, scoring seven of the Tigers points in a 9-0 run to stake Pacific to a 50-39 lead with 13:10 left in the game. Pacific's lead would not sink below five the rest of the way.

McLemore in his first game coming off the bench, led the Tigers with 17 points. Bunts and junior guard Demetrius Jackson each added 13 points for Pacific.

UC Irvine was led by Jordan Harris, who scored 18 points and grabbed six rebounds. Harris was 4-5 from three-point range. Mike Hood added 13 points, while Jerry Green had 10 points. With his 10 points, Green became the No. 9 career scorer in Big West history with 1,864 points, 12 behind No. 8 Leon Wood from Cal State Fullerton (1982-84). Green also tied Tod Murphy for the top spot in UCI career free throws made with 488.

The Tigers improve to 15-9 overall, 7-7 in Big West games, while UC Irvine goes to 18-8 overall, 11-4 in Big West games.

February 14, 2002

JERRY GREEN LEADS ANTEATERS OVER MATADORS

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. --- Senior guard Jerry Green scored 22 points, including the eventual game-winning field goal, to lift UC Irvine over Cal State Northridge, 82-80, in Big West

Conference action at the Matadome in Northridge Thursday night. With the win, the Anteaters kept pace with Utah State as the teams are tied for first place in the Big West with 11-3 league marks.

Green, who led a parade of five Anteater players in double figures, hit a jumper with 15 seconds remaining to give UCI an 81-80 lead. He hit a free throw with 2.5 seconds left and the Matadors turned the ball over on the subsequent throw-in to lift the Anteaters' overall record to 18-7 on the season. Green was 7 of 11 from the field and added four assists and two steals.

Junior guard Mike Hood and sophomore center Adam Parada each scored 17 points. Parada added eight rebounds and a career-high four steals, while Hood hit 3 of 7 from three-point range and added three assists. Junior forward Jordan Harris recorded his fourth double-double of the season with 11 points and 10 rebounds, plus he tied his career high with four assists. Sophomore forward Stanislav Zuzak added 10 points off the bench. UC Irvine shot 52 percent for the game and outrebounded the Matadors 37-28. UCI had 21 turnovers and 10 steals in the contest.

Cal State Northridge (8-14, 7-6), was led by Curtis Slaughter with 20 points. Lionel Benjamin added 16 points, while Markus Carr had 12 points, 11 assists and seven steals. The Matadors had 18 turnovers and 15 steals.

The Matadors led 31-28 at halftime, but watched UCI take a 60-52 lead in the first seven minutes of the second half. Cal State Northridge then battled back to take a 76-71 lead with three minutes remaining in the game before UCI went on a game-ending 11-4 run.

UCI returns to action Saturday night on the road facing Pacific (14-9, 6-7) in Stockton at 7:05 p.m. (KUCI Radio/88.9 FM).

February 9, 2002

UTAH STATE HOLDS OFF UC IRVINE 62-61

IRVINE, Calif. --- Utah State withstood a furious rally by UC Irvine in the closing minutes and held off the Anteaters, 62-61, in Big West Conference action before a sell-out crowd of 5,150 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

The win drew Utah State into a first-place tie with UCI, as both teams now sit atop the Big West with 10-3 league marks. It also marked the second one-point game of the season between the teams, as UCI topped the Aggies, 67-66, in Logan, Utah, Jan. 10.

Utah State, behind 20 first-half points by senior guard Tony Brown, built a 35-19 lead at intermission. The Aggies extended the lead to 45-27 in the first five minutes of the second half and were leading 58-48 with 3:14 remaining before UCI mounted its rally. Back-to-back three-point baskets by Jordan Harris and Mike Hood cut the Aggies' lead to 58-54 and Aras Baskauskas had a steal and layup to pull UCI within 58-56 with 1:54 left in the game. A tip-in by Desmond Penigar and a pair of free throws by Tony Brown put Utah State up 62-56, then UCI's Jerry Green hit two free throws with 55.6 seconds remaining and the Anteaters' Adam Parada converted a three-point play with 35.1 seconds left to pull UCI within one at 62-61. Utah State missed three consecutive free throws and UCI had one last chance gaining possession with 11.9 seconds remaining, but a three-point shot by Mike Hood rimmed out at the horn.

Tony Brown led all scorers with 25 points for the Aggies (18-4 overall), with Penigar adding 18 points and nine rebounds and Ronnie Ross scoring 12 points.

Harris led UCI (17-7) with 18 points, Green scored 16 and Parada recorded his sixth double-double of the season with 10 points and 12 rebounds. With his 16 points, Green now ranks 10th in career scoring in the Big West Conference with 1,832 points, 29 out of ninth place.

Utah State shot 47.7 percent from the field and outrebounded UCI 34-29. UCI shot 38.2 percent from the floor.

The Anteaters return to action Thursday at Cal State Northridge at 5:35 p.m. (Fox Sports Net2; KUCI Radio/88.9 FM). UCI then plays at Pacific next Saturday night at 7:00.

February 7, 2002

UC IRVINE TOPS IDAHO 52-38

IRVINE, Calif. --- Sophomore center Adam Parada scored a career-high 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for his fifth double-double of the season and the eighth of his career as UC Irvine defeated Idaho, 52-38, in Big West Conference action before 2,419 at the Bren Events Center Thursday night.

Senior guard Jerry Green added 19 points as the Anteaters (17-6, 10-2 Big West) maintained their hold on first place in the conference. The 38 points scored by Idaho were the fewest ever by a UCI opponent in the Bren Events Center, which opened Jan. 8, 1987. The figure is the lowest total allowed by the Anteaters in any home game since a 30-26 loss to Long Beach State at Crawford Hall Feb. 24, 1980.

UCI shot a season-low 32.7 percent from the field and was 0 of 10 from three-point range, marking the first time the Anteaters went without a three-pointer since Jan. 17, 1998 (also versus Idaho).

The Vandals (7-14, 4-8) were led by Marquis Holmes, who scored nine points. Rodney Hilaire and David Howell scored seven points each for Idaho, which shot 33.3 percent for the game. The Anteaters have held 11 opponents under 40-percent shooting this season.

UCI led 29-22 at halftime behind Parada's 13 points and 11 by Green in the opening 20 minutes. The Anteaters led by as many as 17 points at 50-33 in the second half.

The Anteaters host Utah State Saturday at 7:05 p.m. (KDOC TV) in the Homecoming game at the Bren Center. February 2, 2002

UC IRVINE TOPS CAL STATE FULLERTON 72-46; JERRY GREEN SETS ANTEATER CAREER SCORING MARK

FULLERTON, Calif. --- Senior guard Jerry Green scored 19 points and became UC Irvine's career-scoring leader as the Anteaters defeated Cal State Fullerton, 72-46, before 1,102 at Titan Gym in Fullerton Saturday night.

Green's first basket of the game with 16:40 left in the first half lifted him past Tod Murphy (1982-86) into sole possession of the top spot in UCI career scoring. Green and Murphy had each scored 1,778 points entering tonight's game, with Green now holding the No. 1 position with 1,797 points. Green also had eight rebounds and three assists in Saturday's victory.

Sophomore center Adam Parada also scored 19 points, hitting 8 of 10 from the field. Junior forward Jordan Harris added 12 points and a career-high 13 rebounds.

The Anteaters led 26-21 at halftime and were up 43-28 when the Titans (4-16, 1-10) scored seven straight points to close the gap to 43-35 with 10:45 remaining. UCI then gradually pulled away as Green scored seven points in four minutes to equal the program's largest margin of victory in the series with Fullerton. The Anteaters also won by 26 points in 1967 with a 98-72 triumph. UCI still trails in the series 39-34, but has won the last five meetings with the Titans.

UCI senior center Dave Korfman scored five points in seven reserve minutes, including a three-point field goal with 50 seconds remaining in the contest.

Pape Sow led the Titans with 16 points and five rebounds, while Brandon Campbell scored 11 points. Fullerton shot only 33 percent in the second half and was outrebounded by UCI, 41-20. The Anteaters shot 50 percent in the second half and 48 percent for the game.

UC Irvine (16-6, 9-2) maintains its hold on first place in the Big West by one game over second-place Utah State. The Anteaters, completing a stretch of four road games, returns to the Bren Events Center to host Idaho Thursday night at 5:35 (Fox Sports2) and Utah State next Saturday at 7:05 p.m. (KDOC) in the Homecoming game.

January 31, 2002

**ANTEATERS TOP UC RIVERSIDE 72-64;
JERRY GREEN TIES TOD MURPHY FOR CAREER SCORING RECORD**

RIVERSIDE, Calif. --- UC Irvine ended the game with a 14-5 run in the final six minutes to erase a 59-58 deficit and defeated UC Riverside, 72-64, in Big West Conference action at the Student Rec Center in Riverside Thursday night.

Sophomore center Adam Parada scored 10 straight points in the game-ending spurt and Jerry Green hit four consecutive free throws, with the last one tying him with Tod Murphy for UCI's career-scoring record at 1,778 points.

Green ended the night with 20 points, four assists and four steals. Junior forward Jordan Harris scored 16 points and snared nine rebounds, while Parada had 14 points and six boards. UCI (15-6, 8-2) shot 51.9 percent from the field and outrebounded the Highlanders, 31-22.

With the win, UCI is in sole possession of first place in the Big West as Cal State Northridge lost at Pacific, 74-58, Thursday night.

Vili Morton led UCR with 12 points as the Highlanders shot 51 percent from the field. UCR (6-12, 3-7) led 35-26 at halftime and built a 42-31 lead early in the second half.

UCI returns to action Saturday night at Cal State Fullerton beginning at 7:05 p.m. The game will be carried live on KUCI Radio/88.9 FM and also will be televised on KDOC.

January 26, 2002

UC IRVINE FALLS TO CAL POLY

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA -- Cal Poly's Steve Geary came off the bench to score 15 points as the Mustangs beat Big West Conference leader UC Irvine 50-47 in men's basketball Saturday night in Mott Gym.

UC Irvine senior guard Jerry Green hit a basket with 5:01 remaining to give the Anteaters a 44-43 lead, but Geary scored a layup with 4:27 to play, giving Cal Poly the lead for good at 45-44. Geary then hit a three-pointer from the top of the key with 3:22 to play and Brandon Beeson's two free throws with 1:38 to go gave Cal Poly a 50-44 advantage and capped a 7-0 run. A three-pointer by Anteater junior guard Mike Hood narrowed the gap to 50-47 with 1:23 to play, but neither team scored the rest of the way.

Geary was the lone Cal Poly player to score in double figures. Sophomore center Varnie Dennis had six boards for the Mustangs.

UC Irvine, who averages 72 points per game, had its lowest point total since February 12, 2000 in a 55-40 loss to UC Santa Barbara.

The Anteaters were led by Hood and sophomore center Adam Parada, each with 11 points. UC Irvine compiled a 49-34 advantage on the boards, led by Green with 10 and junior forward Jordan Harris with nine. Green was held to just seven points, the first time in 31 games he has not totaled double-figure scoring.

Neither team cracked the 40-percent mark in shooting. UC Irvine made 19 of 49 floor shots (39 percent) while Cal Poly was an even colder 18-for-59 (31 percent). UC Irvine turned the ball over 19 times while Cal Poly had just eight turnovers.

UC Irvine is 14-6 overall and 7-2 in league play, while Cal Poly improves to 11-6 for the season and 5-4 in Big West action.

January 24, 2002

UCI USES BALANCED SCORING ATTACK TO PUT AWAY UC SANTA BARBARA

Santa Barbara, Calif. -- UC Irvine's Jerry Green had 22 points and a career-high 11 assists to lead UC Irvine to a 81-70 victory over UC Santa Barbara in the Thunderdome, Thursday.

Green scored 20 of his 22 points in the second half. Stanislav Zuzak scored 14 points and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds, while Jordan Harris added 13 points and Mike Hood delivered 10 points in the win. J.R. Christ played well off the bench, recording nine points and grabbing five rebounds. Adam Parada tallied six points and five boards.

The Anteaters were 7-10 from three-point range in the second half, hitting 11 on the evening. For the game, UCI shot 53.7 from the field, while holding the Gauchos to 39.6.

UCSB's Nick Jones led all players with 23 points, including 11-16 from the charity stripe. Adama Ndiaye recorded 14 points and Mark Hull had 10 points and a game-high nine rebounds.

UCI improves to 14-5 overall and 7-1 in Big west play, while UCSB goes to 11-6 on the season and 5-3 in league action.

January 19, 2002

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE STOPS UC IRVINE'S HOME WINNING STREAK WITH 73-72, OVERTIME VICTORY

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior guard Markus Carr scored a career-high 31 points as Cal State Northridge defeated UC Irvine, 73-72 in overtime before 3,350 at the Bren Events Center in Irvine

Saturday night, stopping the Anteaters' school-record, home-court winning streak at 19. It was also UC Irvine's first conference loss of the season as the Anteaters drop to 13-5 overall and 6-1 in the Big West as their eight-game winning streak came to a halt.

Carr scored five of the Matadors' 11 points in overtime after the teams ended regulation tied at 62-all. After UC Irvine's Adam Parada hit a pair of free throws to put the Anteaters' ahead 70-66 with 2:43 left in the extra session, Carr hit all three free throws after being fouled while attempting a three-point shot to pull Northridge within one. UCI's Jerry Green hit one of two foul shots with 1:19 left to give the Anteaters a 71-69 lead, but Carr hit a 12-foot jumper to tie the game at 71-71 with 50.7 seconds remaining. UCI's Mike Hood hit one of two free throws to put the Anteaters up 72-71 with 42.8 seconds left, then the Matadors' Lionel Benjamin scored the eventual game-winner in the paint for the final margin of 73-72. UC Irvine had one last attempt, but Stanislav Zuzak's leaning jumper just prior to the buzzer fell off the rim.

UC Irvine, behind 13 first-half points from Zuzak, opened the game with a 29-9 run in the first 11 minutes and led 39-27 at the break. The Anteaters still led by 11 at 53-42 on a hook shot by Parada with 9:26 left in regulation, but the Matadors went on an 18-4 run to take a 60-57 lead after a three-point basket by Curtis Slaughter with 4:19 remaining. A free throw by Green with 29.1 seconds left pulled UCI even at 62-62 at the end of regulation.

Slaughter added 11 points for the Matadors (6-10, 5-2 Big West), while Benjamin added 10 points and eight rebounds. Ian Boylan also scored 10 for Northridge, which shot 53 percent from the field for the game, compared to UC Irvine's 43.1 percent.

Parada recorded his fourth double-double of the season in leading UCI with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Zuzak added 17 points, Green scored 16 and Jordan Harris had 13 points and six boards.

The Anteaters embark on a stretch of four consecutive road games beginning at UC Santa Barbara Thursday night at 7:05 (KUCI Radio/88.9 FM).

January 17, 2002

UC IRVINE STAGES 2ND-HALF RALLY TO DEFEAT PACIFIC 62-58

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit to defeat Pacific, 62-58, in Big West Conference action before 3,104 at the Bren Events Center in Irvine Thursday night. The victory extended the Anteaters' school-record, home-court winning streak to 19 as UC Irvine remained undefeated in the Big West at 6-0 (13-4 overall). The Anteaters have won 23 of their last 24 league games dating back to the 1999-00 season.

Sophomore center Adam Parada had 15 points and 11 rebounds for his third double-double of the season. Junior forward Jordan Harris had 14 points and nine rebounds, sophomore forward Stanislav Zuzak added 14 points and six rebounds. Senior guard Jerry Green scored a season-low 10 points, all in the second half, plus had five assists.

The Tigers (11-5, 3-3) led 39-24 at halftime after shooting 55.6 percent, while holding UC Irvine to 29.6 percent from the floor. Senior guard Maurice McLemore scored 11 of his game-high 16 points in the opening 20 minutes.

The Anteaters opened the second half with a 9-0 run in the first 2:06 with five of those points coming from Green. UC Irvine took its first lead of the game at 46-45 on a follow layup by Green with 12:14 remaining. Pacific regained the lead at 58-57 on a pair of free throws by senior forward

Mike Hahn with 2:16 left, but the Anteaters scored the final five points of the game, including a three-point basket by junior guard Mike Hood with 1:56 remaining to put UC Irvine ahead for good at 60-58.

UC Irvine shot 50 percent in the second half and 39.6 percent for the game, while Pacific made only four field goals in the second half in shooting 22.2 percent (4 of 18) and 42.2 percent for the contest. The Anteaters tied their season low with eight turnovers, and Pacific committed 13.

The Anteaters return to action Saturday night hosting Cal State Northridge in a Big West game at the Bren Center at 7:05.

January 12, 2002

HOOD LEADS UCI OVER IDAHO WITH CAREER-HIGH 25 POINTS

Moscow, ID -- Guard Mike Hood had a career-high 25 points to lead UC Irvine to a 92-54 victory over the University of Idaho at the Cowan Spectrum, Saturday night.

The 38-point margin of victory is the largest ever for UCI in a Big West game and the largest win since Dec. 10, 1981 when UCI defeated Hawaii Hilo, 116-70. It is also the biggest margin of victory on the road since Nov. 30, 1981 when the Anteaters defeated Chico State, 118-79.

As a team, UCI shot .773 in the second half only missing five shots (17-22). The Anteaters, who led 46-23 at the half, finished the night, hitting .653 (32-49) from the floor.

The Anteaters remain undefeated in Big West play (5-0) and improve to 12-4 on the season following their seventh consecutive victory. The Vandals drop to 4-11 overall and 1-5 in Big West action.

Hood hit a career-high 7-9 three-pointers and was 9-11 from the floor on the night. Jerry Green and Stanislav Zuzak each added 14 points, while Adam Parada recorded 12 points in the win. Matt Okoro and J.R. Christ pitched-in nine points apiece.

Green has scored in double-figures in 27 consecutive games and has 1,703 points in his career, which ranks second all-time at UCI.

UCI returns home to host Pacific Thursday (Jan. 17) at 7:05 p.m. at the Bren Events Center.

January 10, 2002

GREEN HITS BUZZ BEATER TO UPEND UTAH STATE

LOGAN, Utah - Jerry Green scored 31 points, including the game-winner at the buzzer, to lead UC Irvine to a 67-66 victory over Utah State Thursday night.

The Anteaters (11-4, 4-0 Big West) ended Utah State's school-record 31-game homecourt winning streak, which was third in the country.

UC Irvine trailed 66-65 with 4.3 seconds left following a three-pointer by USU's Ronnie Ross, but on the inbounds play, Green sprinted to the left side of the lane and hit a fallaway eight-footer as time expired. It was Green's third career game winning shot.

Green went 13-for-20, including 5-of-8 from 3-point range, and had five assists. Adam Parada added 13 points and six rebounds in the win. Guard Mike Hood totaled nine points and a career-high seven assists.

Ross scored a career-high 20 points for the Aggies (11-3, 3-2) , while Desmond Penigar finished with 14 points and nine rebounds.

The game featured just eight turnovers by each team and watched the Anteaters shoot 51 percent from the field while holding the Aggies to .456.

January 5, 2002

UC IRVINE DEFEATS UC RIVERSIDE 72-53

IRVINE, Calif. --- Sophomore center Adam Parada had 20 points and seven rebounds to lead UC Irvine over UC Riverside, 72-53, in Big West Conference action before 3,229 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night. The victory extended the Anteaters' school-record, home-court winning streak to 18, dating back to last season.

Parada was 9 of 13 from the field and he also had two blocked shots in the game. Senior guard Jerry Green had 18 points and seven assists, while junior forward Jordan Harris added 15 points, five rebounds and three steals. With the win, UC Irvine improved to 10-4 overall and moved into sole possession of first place in the Big West at 3-0, one-half game ahead of UC Santa Barbara, Utah State and Cal Poly.

UC Irvine led 31-24 at halftime and never trailed in the game. UC Riverside (5-7, 2-2) closed to within 33-27 early in the second half, but the Anteaters went on a 20-8 run over the next six minutes and led by as many as 25 points at 67-42 with 6:19 remaining in the game.

Sophomore forward Vili Morton was the only Highlander to score in double figures as he had 10 points, six rebounds and four blocked shots. John Galbreath and Lloyd Cook each scored eight points. UC Riverside shot 36 percent from the field and UC Irvine 49 percent. The Anteaters committed only nine turnovers, compared to the Highlanders' 15.

The Anteaters return to action Thursday night with a Big West Conference road game versus Utah State in Logan, Utah. Game time is 8:05 p.m. (PST) and the contest will be televised on ESPN2.

January 3, 2002

UC IRVINE DEFEATS CAL STATE FULLERTON 68-58

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine rallied from a seven-point deficit in the second half to defeat Cal State Fullerton, 68-58, in a Big West Conference game before 2,088 at the Bren Events Center Thursday night. The victory extended the Anteaters' home-court winning streak to 17, dating back to last season.

UC Irvine outscored the Titans 23-6 in the final eight minutes and hit 8 of 10 free throws in the last 51 seconds to seal the win and improve to 9-4 overall and 2-0 in the Big West. Three Anteaters scored in double figures, led by senior guard Jerry Green with 18 points. Sophomore center Adam Parada added 15 points, while junior forward Jordan Harris had 14 points and 11 rebounds. Harris also had four steals in the game. Sophomore forward Matt Okoro came off the bench to score six points and grab eight rebounds.

The Anteaters started their comeback after trailing 52-45 with 8:37 remaining. A jumper in the key by Parada gave UC Irvine a 53-52 lead with 3:43 left. Junior guard Mike Hood hit a 15-foot jumper with 2:50 remaining to put UCI ahead 55-52, and after Fullerton's Josh Fischer converted a layup with 2:12 left, Hood canned a three-point field goal with 1:49 remaining to extend the lead to four points at 58-54 and the Titans were forced to foul down the stretch.

Junior forward Brandon Campbell led Fullerton (3-9, 0-3) with 15 points and senior guard Kevin Richardson added 12 points before fouling out with 4:31 remaining. UC Irvine outrebounded the Titans 42-29, including 27-12 in the second half.

The Anteaters return to action Saturday night hosting UC Riverside in a Big West game at the Bren Center at 7:05.

December 29, 2001

UC IRVINE CAPTURES ONEIDA CLASSIC TITLE; GREEN NAMED TOURNAMENT MVP

GREEN BAY, Wisc. -- UC Irvine defeated Boston University 77-71 to capture the Oneida Classic title at the Brown County Arena in Green Bay, Wisc. Saturday night.

Senior guard Jerry Green was named tournament MVP after leading all players with 23 points. After tonight's game, Green moved into second on UCI's all-time scoring list, passing Dave Baker with 1,622 points in his career.

Stanislav Zuzak and Mike Hood also received all-tournament honors. Zuzak scored 18 points, shooting 6-8 from the floor, including 3-4 from three-point range. Hood recorded a career-high 16 points, hitting 4-6 from three-point territory.

Center Adam Parada added nine points, seven rebounds and four blocks in the win.

On the night, UCI shot 56.8 (25-44) from the field and held Boston to just 38.6 (22-52) for the game. The Anteaters bettered Boston on the boards, 33-27.

Boston was led by Billy Collins with 17 points followed by Ryan Butt with 16 points and 11 rebounds. Paul Seymour came off the bench to add 14 points in the loss.

This is UCI's first tournament title since winning the Joe Lapchick Tournament hosted by St. John's in 1995.

UC Irvine improves to 8-4 overall, while Boston goes to 6-6 on the year. The Anteaters resume Big West play, hosting Cal State Fullerton Thursday (Jan. 3) at 7:05 p.m. at the Bren Center.

December 28, 2001

ANTEATERS DOWN LIPSCOMB AT ONEIDA CLASSIC

GREEN BAY, Wis.---Senior guard Jerry Green poured in 27 points and junior forward Jordan Harris added 16 points and 10 rebounds to lead UC Irvine over Lipscomb University, 79-62, in the opening game of the Oneida Classic Friday night.

Green scored 13 points and Mike Hood 10 in the first half as the Anteaters (7-4) built a 39-23 lead at intermission. UCI led by as many as 22 points in the second half and Lipscomb could never

close within less than 12 as the Anteaters advance to Saturday night's (5:30 pm PST) championship game versus Friday's winner between UW-Green Bay and Boston University.

Green was 11 of 23 from the field as he now has 1,599 career points, two behind No. 2 Dave Baker on the Anteaters' all-time list. Sophomore forward Stanislav Zuzak had eight points and a game-high 11 rebounds for UCI, which shot 57 percent from the field in the second half and 49 percent for the game.

Lipscomb (2-9) was led by Kyle Stephens with 12 points, while Jeff Dancy added 11 for the Bisons. Lipscomb shot 31 percent from the floor in the first half and 39 percent for the game.

December 22, 2001

UC IRVINE RALLIES TO DEFEAT LONG BEACH STATE 75-69

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine outscored Long Beach State 10-1 in the final 3:25 and defeated the 49ers, 75-69, in the Big West Conference opener for both teams before 2,785 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Junior forward Jordan Harris, a Colgate University transfer, scored an Anteater career-high 30 points to lead all scorers. Harris scored 18 points in the second half, including seven in the final game-ending spurt that lifted UC Irvine's record to 6-4 overall and extended the Anteaters' school-record, homecourt winning streak to 16, dating back to last season. Harris also grabbed a game-high nine rebounds, plus added four assists.

Sophomore forward Stanislav Zuzak recorded 16 points and seven rebounds for UC Irvine, while senior guard Jerry Green had 13 points, six rebounds and three assists. Senior guard Ron Johnson led Long Beach State (3-8, 0-1) with 16 points and five assists.

Senior center Travis Reed added 15 points and sophomore forward Kevin Roberts scored 13. UC Irvine, which led 35-34 at halftime, shot 65 percent from the field in the second half, but still trailed by as many as seven points at 44-37 with under 18 minutes to play. After the teams traded leads throughout much of the second half, the 49ers moved ahead 68-65 on a rebound putback by James Williams with 3:41 left before a driving layup by Harris with 3:25 remaining ignited the Anteaters' 10-1 run to finish the game.

The Anteaters return to action in the Oneida Classic in Green Bay, Wis., Friday and Saturday (Dec. 28-29). UC Irvine faces Lipscomb University Friday at 3:00 p.m. (PST). The Anteaters will meet UW-Green Bay or Boston University Saturday.

December 15, 2001

UCLA EDGES UC IRVINE 75-74 AT PAULEY PAVILION

WESTWOOD --- Jason Kapono scored 21 second-half points to lead 17th-ranked UCLA (5-2) past UC Irvine, 75-74, in non-conference action before 7,379 at Pauley Pavilion Saturday afternoon.

Kapono was 5 of 5 on three-point shots in the final 20 minutes as the Bruins overcame a seven-point deficit to gain the victory. Kapono ended the game with 25 points, while Billy Knight scored 21, including 16 in the last half. Kapono scored 13 consecutive UCLA points in less than four minutes late in the game.

Senior guard Jerry Green recorded 27 points for UC Irvine (5-4) to lead all scorers, while sophomore forward Stanislav Zuzak had a career-high 22. Sophomore center Adam Parada notched 12 points and a game-high nine rebounds for the Anteaters.

UCI shot 75 percent (15 of 20) from the field in the second half and 52 percent for the game, but also committed 22 turnovers. The Anteaters outrebounded UCLA 30-23 for the game.

A three-point basket by Zuzak gave UCI a 52-45 lead with 12:56 remaining, but Kapon and Knight kept UCLA close before Dan Gadzuric's follow slam off a missed shot with 1:04 left gave the Bruins the 75-74 margin. UCI maintained possession on a loose ball with 25 seconds remaining, but Green's floating right-side jumper was altered by Gadzuric and went long just before the final horn.

UC Irvine opens Big West Conference action Saturday (Dec. 22) night hosting Long Beach State in the Bren Center at 7:05.

December 11, 2001

SAN DIEGO TURNS BACK UC IRVINE 63-52

SAN DIEGO, Calif. --- San Diego took advantage of 23 UC Irvine turnovers in defeating the Anteaters, 63-52, at the Jenny Craig Pavilion on the USD campus Tuesday night.

Both teams suffered poor shooting nights, as UCI hit 36.4 percent from the field and the Toreros 38.6 percent. USD outrebounded UCI, 42-32, including 16-5 on offensive rebounds.

The Anteaters built a 20-11 lead eight minutes into the game, but the Toreros went on a 22-8 run to end the half as USD led 33-28 at intermission. UCI closed to within two at 42-40 on a dunk by Adam Parada with 11:56 remaining in the game, but the Toreros posted a 13-3 run to put the game away.

Senior guard Jerry Green led the Anteaters with 16 points, while junior forward Jordan Harris added 11 points and five rebounds. Parada and Mike Hood scored eight points apiece, with Stanislav Zuzak scoring seven points and grabbing a game-high eight rebounds. Andre Laws scored 17 points for USD (5-3) and Kevin Hanson added 12.

UCI, 5-3 on the season, faces UCLA at Pauley Pavilion Saturday at 1:05 p.m. (KUCI Radio/88.9 FM and Fox Sports Net 2).

December 1, 2001

UC IRVINE STAGES LATE RALLY TO DEFEAT UC DAVIS 74-69

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine, trailing by 18 points with under 10 minutes to play, went on a 25-2 run to end the game and defeated UC Davis, 74-69, before 4,229 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night. Senior guard Jerry Green led a trio of 20-point scorers for UC Irvine with a game-high 24 points, hitting 8 of 14 field goals and 8 of 11 free throws. Green moved into the No. 4 spot in UCI career scoring with 1,516 points, passing Ben McDonald (1,512). Green also had five assists and three steals in the win.

Sophomore forward Stanislav Zuzak had 21 points and 12 rebounds, while sophomore center Adam Parada also recorded a double-double with 20 points and 10 boards. The Anteaters outrebounded the Aggies, 36-28. UCI shot 51 percent from the field and UC Davis 46 percent.

UC Davis, which hit 14 of 26 three-point shots, was led by senior forward Brent Wyse with 20 points. He was 7 of 10 from the field, including 6 of 8 on threes. Senior guard Tyler Boyd added 16 points and junior post player Jess McElree scored 13.

UC Irvine jumped out to a 20-10 lead with 14:38 left in the first half, but the Aggies went on a 17-0 run in a four-minute span to lead 27-20 and built a 12-point lead before the Anteaters whittled the UC Davis lead to 44-39 at halftime. The Aggies extended their lead to 18 points at 67-49 midway through the second half before UCI went on its game-ending spurt. Zuzak scored 11 points and Green 10 in the late comeback by the Anteaters, who improved to 5-2 overall. UC Davis fell to 2-2 on the season.

The Anteaters are idle from competition for 10 days due to final exams before returning to action on the road at the University of San Diego Dec. 11 at 7:05 p.m.

November 28, 2001

GREEN FUELS UCI PAST LOYOLA MARYMOUNT

Los Angeles, Calif. (November 28) --Loyola Marymount University fell to UC Irvine 71-59 and the one man show of Anteater senior guard Jerry Green, who scored a game-high 36 points at Gersten Pavilion on Wednesday night.

"Tonight was the Jerry Green show," said LMU Head Coach Steve Aggers. "He is a very good basketball player that is very smart and experienced. We did a good job as a team defensively tonight and shut everyone else down, but we couldn't stop Green."

Green was 12-20 from the field, including hitting 5-10 from three point range. He was 7-8 from the line and added five rebounds and four assists.

Adam Parada was the only other Anteater in double-figures, totaling 11 points. Jordan Harris had a team-high eight rebounds in the win.

As a team, UCI shot 50 percent from the field, connecting on 27-54 shots. The Anteaters improve to 4-2 overall.

The Lions (2-3) were paced by freshman Andy Osborn, who scored a career-high 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, his second double-double of the season and his career.

Green had 19 points at halftime to power the Anteaters (4-2) to a 39-21 lead. The Lions, who played solid defense and with even better intensity, were the victim of their worst shooting game of the season, hitting only 25 percent in the first half and just 27 percent for the game.

November 25, 2001

MOON TOWNSHIP, Pa.--- Junior guard Trevor Huffman scored a game-high 22 points to lead Kent State over UC Irvine, 75-64, in the fifth-place game of the University Hoops Classic at the Sewall Center in Moon Township, Pa., Sunday. Huffman scored 12 points in the first half as the Golden Flashes built a 37-25 halftime lead. UC Irvine could never cut the deficit to less than eight points in the second half. UC Irvine (3-2) received 14 points apiece from senior guard Jerry Green, junior forward Jordan Harris and sophomore center Adam Parada. Harris added seven rebounds and Parada had six boards. UC Irvine returns to action on the road Wednesday night at Loyola Marymount in a non-conference game at 7:35.

November 24, 2001

MOON TOWNSHIP, Pa.--- UC Irvine opened the second half with a 29-1 run and went on to defeat Oakland (Mich.) University, 68-61, in a consolation semifinal of the University Hoops Classic at the Sewall Center in Moon Township, Pa., Saturday. Junior guard Mike Hood and sophomore forward Stanislav Zuzak each hit a pair of three-point baskets to help the Anteaters overcome a 38-27 halftime deficit. Green led all scorers with 24 points, hitting 6 of 10 field goals and 12 of 16 from the free-throw line. Zuzak added 12 points off the bench, while Hood scored 11 points, hitting 3 of 7 from three-point range. Hood also had six rebounds and five assists for UC Irvine (3-1).

November 23, 2001

MOON TOWNSHIP, Pa.---Illinois State opened the game with an 8-0 run and never trailed in defeating UC Irvine, 58-52, in the first round of the University Hoops Classic at the Sewall Center in Moon Township, Pa., Friday. UC Irvine went scoreless in the first 5:40 of the game, yet trailed only 8-0 before Anteater junior guard Mike Hood hit a three-point shot to cut the deficit to five.

November 20, 2001

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior guard Jerry Green scored a career-high 41 points as UC Irvine defeated Pepperdine, 96-93 in double overtime, in a non-conference basketball game at the Bren Events Center in Irvine Tuesday night. Green's 41 points tied the third-highest total in Anteater history as he hit 12 of 21 field goals, including 4 of 5 threes, and was 13 of 15 from the foul line.

November 16, 2001

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior guard Jerry Green scored 22 points and junior forward Jordan Harris added 18 as UC Irvine overcame a six-point deficit late in the second half to defeat Saint Mary's (Calif.), 71-64, in non-conference basketball action at the Bren Events Center in Irvine Friday night.

November 2, 2001

UC IRVINE DEFEATS KORABEL (UKRAINE) 105-71

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior guard Jerry Green led all players with 34 points and nine rebounds as UC Irvine defeated Korabel (Ukraine), 105-71, in an exhibition game at the Bren Events Center in Irvine Friday night.

Green was 9 of 12 from the field and 16 of 16 from the foul line, plus he added seven assists, two blocked shots and two steals for the Anteaters. Junior forward Jordan Harris and junior guard Mike Hood scored 17 points apiece and sophomore center Adam Parada added 10 points. Harris was 6 of 8 from the floor and Hood was 6 of 9, including 3 of 6 from three-point range.

UC Irvine shot 66.7 percent from the field for the game, including 76 percent in the first half when the Anteaters took a 59-33 lead at halftime. UCI hit 25 of 30 free throws (.833) for the game.

Forward Oleksandr Chausov led Korabel with 16 points, while guard Yevgen Podorvanny added 14.