

2003-04 Game Recaps

March 6, 2004

UCI ENDS SEASON WITH LOSS AT CAL POLY

Irvine, Calif. --- Cal Poly defeated UC Irvine 70-62 in the season finale in front of 3,032 fans at Mott Gym in San Luis Obispo Saturday.

With the loss, UCI ends the season 11-17 overall and 6-12 in Big West play. Cal Poly is 11-15 on the year and ties UCI with a 6-12 league record. Cal Poly advances to the Big West Tournament with the tiebreaker over the Anteaters.

Ross Schraeder led UCI with 19 points, shooting 4 of 9 from three-point range. Adam Parada added 12 points and seven rebounds.

Cal Poly's Varnie Dennis led all players with 27 points and eight rebounds. Senior forward Shane Schilling added 14 points and seven rebounds for Cal Poly while junior forward Nick Enzweiler had 11 points.

Cal Poly was 12 of 19 from the free throw line in the second half. The Mustangs shot 46 percent in the second stanza and 49 percent for the game, while UCI was 36.7 in the second half and 38.2 overall.

Cal Poly led 23-11 in the early going but UC Irvine went on an 18-4 run to take a 29-27 lead with 3:06 to go in the first half. The Mustangs scored the final seven points of the half for a 34-30 lead at the break. Cal Poly built its largest lead of 12 (56-44) on a Dennis jumper with 11:00 remaining in the game. UCI cut the deficit to five at 59-54 on a pair of Ross Schraeder free throws with 7:15 to go, but the Mustangs scored five straight points to go back up by 10 and never let the lead get fewer than seven the rest of the way.

March 4, 2004

UC SANTA BARBARA EDGES UC IRVINE, 56-55

Santa Barbara, Calif. -- UC Santa Barbara's Branduinn Fullove hit a three-pointer from the right side with 11.3 seconds remaining to lift the Gauchos to a 56-55 victory at the Thunderdome Thursday.

Fullove had all 10 of his points in second half. Cameron Goettsche led all players with 16 points and 11 rebounds for Gauchos.

Senior Stanislav Zuzak led the Anteaters with 14 points off the bench. Ross Schraeder added 12 points, going 4 of 7 from three-point range. Senior Aras Baskauskas tied his career-high with eight assists.

UCI built a 33-22 halftime lead before UCSB opened the second half on 11-0 run to tie the score at 33-33. The teams traded leads throughout the second half when Adam Parada made one of two free throws with 1:11 left to give UCI a 55-53 lead. Following Fullove's three-pointer, Schraeder had a contested jumper from the right baseline that did not go in to end the game.

UCI shot 25 percent (5/20) in second half and 37.5 percent (18/48) for the game while UCSB ended the night, shooting 35.4 percent (17/48) from the field. UCSB out-rebounded UCI, 36-30 with each team recording just 10 turnovers for the game.

The Anteaters close out the regular season traveling to Cal Poly Saturday (Mar. 6) at 7:35 p.m.

February 28, 2004

UTAH STATE HOLDS OFF UC IRVINE 59-56

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior guard Mark Brown scored 17 points to lead Utah State past UC Irvine, 59-56, in Big West Conference action before 4,210 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Brown was 6 of 10 from the field (4 of 5 in the second half) for the Aggies, who are ranked No. 23 in the ESPN/USA Today poll and 24th by the Associated Press. His two free throws with 48 seconds left gave Utah State a 59-53 lead before Anteater sophomore guard Ross Schraeder hit a 3-pointer with 35 seconds remaining to cut the margin to three. Brown missed two free throws with 15 seconds left but Schraeder missed an off-balance three at the buzzer as the Aggies improved to 24-2 overall and 16-1 in the Big West. Junior forward Spencer Nelson added 14 points and Nate Harris scored 12 for Utah State, which has won 20 of its last 21 games.

Schraeder led all scorers with 20 points, 18 coming in the second half. He hit 4 of 6 three-point baskets in the final 20 minutes. Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak added 12 points for the Anteaters while senior center Adam Parada had nine points and 10 rebounds. UCI outrebounded the Aggies 28-20 as five Anteater seniors made their final appearance at the Bren Center.

Utah State led 25-22 at halftime but the second half featured six lead changes. UCI's last lead was 38-37 on a three by Schraeder with 12:37 left but Brown countered with a trey of his own 26 seconds later to put the Aggies up for good at 40-38. Utah State built a 53-45 lead with 5:54 remaining before the Anteaters staged their late rally. A jumper by Schraeder cut the Aggies' lead to 55-53 with 1:47 left but Brown then scored four straight points to extend the lead to six. Utah State remains a half-game ahead of Pacific for first place in the Big West.

UCI (11-15, 6-10) is in a three-way tie for sixth with Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside. UCI, which shot 44.9 percent from the field, travels to UC Santa Barbara Thursday (7:05 p.m.) and Cal Poly next Saturday (7:35) to end the regular-season schedule.

February 26, 2004

GLOGER SCORES AT THE BUZZER AS UCI EDGES IDAHO 65-63; SCHRAEDER SCORES CAREER-HIGH 27 POINTS

IRVINE, Calif. --- Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger's jumper from inside the key as time expired lifted UC Irvine past Idaho, 65-63, in Big West Conference action before 1,521 at the Bren Events Center Thursday night.

Idaho's Lionel Davis hit one of two free throws with 9.3 seconds remaining to knot the game at 63-all before Gloger drove and pulled up for the game-winning shot. The victory erased a massive comeback by the Vandals, who trailed 39-21 at halftime before battling back to take a 51-50 lead with 6:32 left in the game. Idaho led 56-53 on a pair of free throws by Tyrone Hayes with 5:15 remaining before the teams traded leads down the stretch. Senior center Adam Parada's jumper in the lane gave the Anteaters a 63-62 lead with 17 seconds left before Davis hit the free throw to tie the game.

UCI sophomore guard Ross Schraeder scored a career-high 27 points, hitting 6 of 7 threes, to lead all scorers. He scored 17 points, canning 5 of 5 triples, in the first half as the Anteaters led by as many as 20 points at 36-16 with 3:07 remaining in the opening half. UCI shot 64.7 percent (11 of 17) from the field in the first half and 54.8 percent for the game.

Parada added 14 points and six rebounds for UCI, which improved to 11-14 overall and 6-9 in the Big West. Gloger had nine points and seven assists. The Anteaters are now in sole possession of sixth place in the league, one game ahead of Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside with three conference games remaining. The top eight teams from the regular season advance to the Big West Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center March 10-13.

Hayes led Idaho (12-14, 8-8) with 14 points and five rebounds. Rashaad Powell added 12 points and Dwayne Williams 11. The Vandals are currently in fourth place in the Big West, one-half game behind UC Santa Barbara.

UCI hosts 24th-ranked Utah State Saturday night in the Bren Center at 8:00 p.m. (ESPN2). The Anteaters' five seniors will be recognized during a ceremony immediately following the game.

February 21, 2004

NEW MEXICO STATE MAKES SECOND HALF RUN TO BEAT UC IRVINE 69-64 IN BRACKET BUSTER

Las Cruces, NM – The New Mexico State (12-12) men's basketball used a 14-0 second half run to defeat UC Irvine, 69-64 in an ESPN Bracket Buster game Saturday in Las Cruces, NM.

UCI (10-14) opened the game on a 10-0 run and controlled the game with a 29-17 lead with 5:00 remaining in the first half, before New Mexico State whittled the margin to 35-32 at the half. UCI's Stanislav Zuzak hit a three-pointer with 11:37 to give the Anteaters a 55-47 advantage before the Aggies went on a 14-0 spurt to take the 61-55 lead on an Allen Haynes three-pointer with 5:34 remaining. UCI battled back to tie the game at 61-61 on a Jeff Gloger leftside jumper with 3:59 to go, but NMSU rattled off six straight points to take the lead for good on a layup by Kelsey Crooks with 52 seconds remaining.

UCI senior center Adam Parada led all players with 23 points, going 8-10 from the field and adding six rebounds. Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak had 16 points while sophomore guard Mike Efevberha had 10 points in the loss.

New Mexico State was led by Allen Haynes with 22 points on 7-10 shooting from three-point range. James Moore and Duane John followed with 11 points each.

New Mexico State capitalized on 10 blocks including four from Moore. The Aggies had 18 second-chance points and scored 16 points off UCI turnovers.

UCI will return to Big West action, hosting Idaho Thursday (Feb. 26) at 7:05 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

February 18, 2004

UC IRVINE SNAPS 7-GAME LOSING STREAK WITH 80-71 WIN OVER LONG BEACH STATE

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior forward Greg Ethington recorded his first career double-double with 16 points and 13 rebounds in leading UC Irvine past Long Beach State, 80-71, in Big West

Conference action before 1,825 at the Bren Events Center Wednesday night. The victory snapped UCI's seven-game losing streak, the program's longest since a 14-game skid in January-February 1999.

Ethington's 13 boards were a career high and five of his rebounds were off the offensive glass. Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger also scored 16 points as five Anteater players reached double figures. Gloger also had seven rebounds, four assists and four steals as UCI improved to 10-13 overall and 5-9 in the Big West to move into sole possession of eighth place in the league. Senior center Adam Parada and sophomore guard Ross Schraeder scored 11 points each while sophomore guard Mike Efevberha added 10.

Sophomore guard Jibril Hodges led Long Beach State (6-17, 4-10) with 17 points, hitting 5 of 8 from three-point range. Senior forward Kevin Roberts added 16 points and freshman forward Lucian Graham scored 11 as the 49ers lost their sixth straight game.

UCI held a 41-25 rebounding edge in the game that featured 48 fouls and 52 free throws. The Anteaters hit 24 of 35 foul shots including 16 of 24 in the second half. Long Beach State hit 13 of 22 three-point shots including 6 of 8 in the first half.

The 49ers built a six-point lead on three occasions in the first half, the last coming at 22-16 on a basket by Graham with 8:02 remaining. A dunk by Parada gave the Anteaters the lead for good at 24-23 with 5:57 left in the first half and UCI went on to lead 43-35 at intermission. Ethington hit a free throw with 16:50 remaining in the game to give the Anteaters their largest lead of the night at 52-35. Long Beach State made a late run to close within 78-71 on a free throw with 21 seconds left but UCI senior guard Aras Baskauskas hit a pair of free throws with 15 seconds remaining to close out the scoring.

The Anteaters travel to New Mexico State Saturday (Feb. 21) for a 1:05 p.m. (PST) non-conference game as part of the ESPN Bracket Buster Series. KUCI Radio/88.9 FM will carry the game live with Mark Roberts calling the action. The game will not be televised.

UCI returns to Big West Conference action Feb. 26 hosting Idaho in the Bren Center at 7:05 p.m.

February 14, 2004

UC RIVERSIDE USES SECOND-HALF SPURT TO DEFEAT UC IRVINE 72-54

RIVERSIDE, Calif. --- UC Riverside went on a 19-4 run over a period of 6 1/2 minutes in the second half and surged past UC Irvine, 72-54, in Big West Conference action before 863 at the Student Recreation Center in Riverside Saturday afternoon.

After UCI had taken a 34-33 lead on a three-point play by Adam Parada with 17:14 remaining in the game, the Highlanders began their spurt on four consecutive free throws by Nate Carter and moved out to a 52-38 lead on a jumper by Vili Morton with 10:20 left and never looked back in defeating the Anteaters for the first time in the last eight meetings between the schools.

Rickey Porter led UC Riverside (8-12, 5-7 Big West) with 15 points including 12 in the second half. Carter added 14 points and 12 rebounds, Mark Peters scored 11 and Ted Bell 10 for the Highlanders, who shot 53 percent from the field and outrebounded UCI 35-21.

UCI (9-13, 4-9), which has lost seven straight games, was led by Jeff Gloger and Greg Ethington with 10 points each. Gloger added five assists and five steals as he is now tied for second with Ben McDonald and Scott Brooks for second in career steals at UCI with 123. Ross Schraeder

added eight points while Parada had seven points and a team-high five rebounds. Mike Efevberha also scored seven points for the Anteaters, who shot 43.8 percent from the floor in the game and made only 7 of 16 free throws.

UCI returns to action Wednesday (Feb. 18) night hosting Long Beach State in a Big West game at the Bren Events Center at 7:05.

February 12, 2004

BROWN RALLIES TITANS OVER UC IRVINE

Fullerton, Calif. --- True freshman point guard Bobby Brown came off the bench to score 24 points including the go-ahead bucket with 1:33 to play Thursday night to lead Cal State Fullerton to a 70-63 Big West Conference victory over UC Irvine before 1,612 at Titan Gym..

The win was the second in a row for the Titans, now 8-12 overall and 4-7 in the Big West while UCI lost its sixth in a row to fall to 9-12, 4-8. UCI hasn't won since beating Fullerton in Irvine, 74-67, on Jan. 17.

Adam Parada had 16 points for the Anteaters, who also got 12 from Greg Ethington and 10 from Jeff Gloger, the game's high rebounder with seven. Gloger also had four assists and three steals while Aras Baskauskas recorded five assists.

The Titans got 13 points from Anthony Bolton, who converted a critical one-and-one at 0:40 to give Fullerton a 66-63 lead. Ross Schraeder missed a 3-pointer for UCI and Brown was fouled after the rebound and made two free throws. He added a dunk shot after a steal in the final second.

UC Irvine went on an 8-0 run over the final 6:50 of the first half to take a 30-29 lead at intermission. The Anteaters then opened the second half with a 11-2 surge for the biggest lead of the game at 41-31 with 15:41 to play. One of Brown's season-high six 3-point baskets gave Fullerton its first lead of the second half at 49-47. UCI scored the next 8 points capped by a Greg Ethington layup for a 55-49 lead at 5:33. Zakee Smith, a career 43-percent foul shooter, made three free throws in a row at 5:10 and Brown added a 3-pointer for a 55-55 tie at 4:33. Two buckets by Baskauskas bracketed another Brown trey that left UCI with its final lead at 59-58. A Bolton trey and an Ethington jumper left the score at 61-61 and set the stage for Brown's go-ahead trey at 1:33.

UCI committed a season-high 27 turnovers but shot 56.8 percent from the field for the team's highest percentage since defeating Pepperdine (.583) Dec. 18.

Fullerton made 13 3-point baskets, one shy of the school record, in 20 tries. But the Titans were only 11 for 40 from inside the arc. Fullerton lost two starters to personal fouls. Yaphett King had 11 points before fouling out at 8:08. Pape Sow had only 4 points and 6 rebounds and fouled out at the 1:08 mark.

UC Irvine visits UC Riverside for a 3:05 p.m. tipoff Saturday (Fox Sports Net West 2).

February 7, 2004

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE DEFEATS UC IRVINE 56-51

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior forward Ian Boylan had 16 points to lead Cal State Northridge past UC Irvine, 56-51, in Big West Conference action before a Homecoming sell-out crowd of 5,000 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Boylan added six rebounds, three steals and two assists as the Matadors sent UCI to its fifth straight loss, the Anteaters' longest losing streak since a 14-game skid that started midway through the 1998-99 season. Junior guard Davin White scored 13 points as Northridge improved to 9-10 overall and 5-6 in the Big West. The Matadors are now tied with Idaho for fourth place while UCI is tied with Long Beach State for sixth place at 4-7 in the conference. UCI is 9-11 overall.

Greg Ethington and Mike Efevberha led the Anteaters with 11 points each while Ross Schraeder and Adam Parada scored 10 apiece. UCI, which led 30-25 at halftime, shot 31.8 percent from the field in the second half and 36.5 percent for the game as the Anteaters shot under 40 percent for the third time in the last four games.

Northridge went on a 12-6 run at the beginning of the second half to take a 37-36 lead on two free throws by Austin Waggener with 10:07 remaining and the Matadors never trailed after that. A three-pointer by Waggener gave Northridge its largest lead of the night at 46-40 with 6:35 left. Down 53-51 with 57 seconds remaining, UCI had a chance to tie the game but Ethington missed a pair of free throws and the Matadors hit 3 of 4 from the foul line in the final 17 seconds. UCI hit just 6 of 13 foul shots in the second half.

The Anteaters have two local road games next week---at Cal State Fullerton Thursday at 7:05 p.m. and UC Riverside next Saturday at 3:05 p.m.

February 5, 2004

MIAH DAVIS LEADS PACIFIC PAST UC IRVINE 64-52

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior guard Miah Davis scored 19 of his game-high 26 points in the second half to lead Pacific past UC Irvine, 64-52, in Big West Conference action before 1,945 at the Bren Events Center Thursday night.

Davis hit 5 of 6 field goals, including 3 of 4 threes, in the second half as the Tigers improved to 14-7 overall and 9-1 in the Big West to remain one game behind first-place Utah State. Sophomore forward Christian Maraker added 10 points and seven rebounds for Pacific, which shot 50 percent from the field for the game including 55.6 percent in the second half in winning its fifth straight contest.

The Tigers led 28-26 at halftime and trailed only once in the second half after UCI sophomore guard Jeff Gloger hit a pair of free throws to give the Anteaters a 29-28 lead with 18:27 remaining. Pacific then went on a 17-8 run over the next 10 minutes to build a 45-37 lead with 8:31 left. A three-pointer by Anteater sophomore guard Ross Schraeder drew UCI within 56-50 with 3:07 remaining but Davis countered with a trey of his own at 2:32 and the Tigers went on to build their largest lead of the game at 64-50 with 1:28 left as Pacific won for the first time in its last five trips to the Bren Center.

Junior center Greg Ethington led UCI with a career-high 17 points off the bench and senior forward Stanislav Zuzak added 15. The Anteaters shot 34.5 percent from the floor, their lowest since shooting 34 percent in a 67-52 loss at Pacific Jan. 10. UCI (9-10, 4-6) has lost four consecutive games for the first time since a four-game losing streak in late January-early February 2000.

UCI returns to action hosting Cal State Northridge Saturday night at 7:35 in the Homecoming game at the Bren Center.

January 31, 2004

UCI'S PARADA NOT ENOUGH AS IDAHO WINS 57-52

Irvine, Calif. -- UC Irvine, which had 13 first half turnovers and got 0 points from its bench, dropped its third straight game with a 57-52 loss at Idaho Saturday.

Seniors Adam Parada and Stanislav Zuzak accounted for 39 of the Anteaters points, but Tyrone Hayes led a balanced Idaho attack with 20 points as the Vandals defeated UCI for the first time in the last eight meetings.

Parada, who was 10-14 from the field, recorded his 17th double-double with 26 points and 11 rebounds. He moved into a tie for 12th place in Anteater career scoring with 1,213 points. Zuzak added 13 points for UCI, which fell to 9-9 overall and 4-5 in the Big West.

Hayes was 8-12 from the field and had a team-high eight rebounds for Idaho which improved to 6-12 on the season and 3-6 in the conference.

A lay up by Parada gave UCI a 5-3 lead with 16:36 remaining in the first half, but Idaho's Dandrick Jones hit a three-pointer 23 seconds later and the Vandals never trailed again. Idaho built a 19-7 lead with 8:08 left in the opening half before UCI closed to 26-19 at the intermission. UCI opened the second half on a 12-5 run to tie the game on a jumper by Adam Parada with 14:47 left but a jumper by Jones gave Idaho the lead for good (33-31) with 14:19 remaining. The Anteaters closed within one four times after that with the last coming at 47-46 on a pair of Parada free throws with 4:50 remaining.

The Anteaters committed 16 turnovers for the game, while Idaho had just five. UCI shot 47.7 percent from the floor, but went 2-12 from three-point range for the second straight game.

"Adam was able to dominate inside, but their guards thoroughly outplayed ours," head coach Pat Douglass said. "We had some chances near the end, but missed some baskets and free throws. Any team can win in this league."

UCI returns home to host Pacific Thursday (Feb. 5) at 7:05 in the Bren Events Center.

January 29, 2004

UTAH STATE HANDS UC IRVINE, 57-48 LOSS

Irvine, Calif. -- Utah State senior guard Cardell Butler poured in 17 of his game-high 22 points to lead the Aggies to a 57-48 victory over UC Irvine in front of 9,037 fans at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum in Logan, Utah Thursday.

UCI's Greg Ethington hit a jumper to give the Anteaters a 22-12 lead with 4:57 left in the first half. Utah State then went on a 24-2 run over the next 10 minutes taking a 36-24 lead with 14:26 remaining in the second half on a free throw by Butler. Butler scored 14 points in the first nine minutes of the second half as the Aggies built a 46-31 lead with 10:03 to go. UCI staged a furious rally cutting the lead to three on two occasions, the last at 51-48 with 3:12 left on a layup by Matt Okoro. The Anteaters had a chance to cut it to one with two minutes remaining but a Jeff Gloger

put-back rimmed out and the Aggies scored the final six points to win their 13th straight game and improve to 16-1 on the year and 8-0 in the Big West Conference.

Utah State has won 60 of its last 64 home games against Big West opponents with two of those losses coming by UCI in the previous two seasons.

Utah State, who is ranked No. 1 in the nation in field goal percentage at .552, only shot .345 (19-55) Thursday, including .267 (8-30) in the first half.

UCI was led by sophomore guard Mike Efevberha with 14 points, while senior center Adam Parada had nine points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger pulled down nine rebounds, marking the fourth time in six games her has recorded nine boards.

The Anteaters, who out-rebounded the Aggies 39-34, hit 2-12 from three-point range and went 0-8 from long distance in the second half.

January 24, 2004

LONG BEACH STATE RALLIES TO DEFEAT UC IRVINE 77-74 IN OVERTIME

LONG BEACH, Calif. --- Jibril Hodges scored five points in overtime to lead Long Beach State past UC Irvine, 77-74, in Big West Conference action before 2,058 at The Pyramid in Long Beach Saturday night.

UC Irvine sophomore guard Mike Efevberha hit a three-point shot with one second left in regulation to tie the game at 68-all. The 49ers had led 68-65 but Hodges missed a pair of free throws setting up Efevberha's dramatic basket. Hodges and Anteater sophomore Jeff Gloger traded three-point baskets to begin overtime before LBSU's Kevin Roberts hit two free throws with 3:23 left and Hodges nailed a bucket at 2:16 to put the 49ers up 75-71. Roberts converted one of two free throws with 1:57 remaining then UCI sophomore guard Ross Schraeder canned a trey with 1:40 on the clock to cut the deficit to two. The Anteaters had one last chance with 17 seconds left but a turnover did UCI in and Louis Darby hit one of two free throws with 0.1 second remaining for the final margin.

The Anteaters opened the game with a 22-4 run in the first 7:10 led by 13 points from Schraeder. LBSU closed the gap to 30-22 with 4:29 remaining in the opening half before UCI gained a 37-26 lead after 20 minutes. Two free throws by Gloger gave UCI a 41-29 lead at 18:50 of the second half before the 49ers went on a 15-2 spurt to take a 44-43 lead capped by a Roberts' basket with 13:04 left in regulation. LBSU was holding a 60-58 lead with 2:44 left when UCI was assessed a technical for one of its fans tossing a water bottle onto the court. Hodges hit both free throws to build the lead to four. S

enior center Adam Parada led UCI (9-7, 4-3 Big West) with 17 points, Schraeder scored 16 and Efevberha scored 14. Gloger had 10 points and 10 rebounds for his second double-double of the season. He added six assists and four steals as he moved to fifth in Anteater career steals with 110. The Anteaters outrebounded LBSU 42-30 but UCI committed 24 turnovers. Hodges led the 49ers (5-11, 3-4) with 18 points, Lucian Graham scored 17 and Roberts 13.

The Anteaters continue on the road with 7:05 p.m. games at Utah State Thursday and at Idaho Saturday.

January 17, 2004

ZUZAK, PARADA LEAD UC IRVINE OVER CAL STATE FULLERTON 74-67

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior front-line players Stanislav Zuzak and Adam Parada scored 18 points each to lead UC Irvine past Cal State Fullerton, 74-67, in Big West Conference before 2,219 at the Bren Events Center Saturday afternoon.

Zuzak, who was 7 of 12 from the field, added a team-high eight rebounds as UCI won for the 41st time in its last 48 home games. Parada was 7 of 9 from the field and 4 of 4 from the free-throw line. He has hit 36 of 45 foul shots in the last eight games. Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha scored 11 points while sophomore guard Jeff Gloger tied his career high with nine assists and added seven points and seven rebounds. The Anteaters had a season-high 22 assists and 10 three-point field goals made. UCI improved to 9-6 overall and 4-2 in the Big West.

Senior center Pape Sow recorded his fifth straight double-double for Cal State Fullerton (5-9, 1-4) with 19 points and 15 rebounds. Freshman guard Bobby Brown had 15 points and four assists while junior forward Yaphett King scored 14 points, including 12 in the second half. Senior guard Derick Andrew added 10 points.

UCI shot 56 percent from the field in building a 38-28 halftime lead as Zuzak scored 11 points and Parada 10 in the opening 20 minutes. A jumper by Andrew and a three-point basket from King to start the second half drew the Titans within 38-33 with 18:42 remaining before consecutive baskets by Parada and Zuzak put the Anteaters back up by nine and Fullerton could not get within six points again. UCI's largest lead in the second half was by 13 points on four occasions.

UCI's Parada, with three rebounds, moved past Kevin Magee into the No. 5 spot in Anteater career boards with 692. Parada now has 1,161 career points to rank 14th at UCI. He is the career leader in blocked shots with 134.

The Anteaters travel to the Pyramid to face Long Beach State next Saturday night at 7:35.

January 15, 2004

UC IRVINE DEFEATS UC RIVERSIDE 66-65 ON EFEVBERHA'S 3-POINTER

IRVINE, Calif. --- Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha hit an off-balance, three-point field goal from the left side with 2.6 seconds remaining to lift UC Irvine over UC Riverside, 66-65, in Big West Conference action before 2,083 at the Bren Events Center Thursday night. The win was UCI's seventh straight in the series versus the Highlanders and kept UC Riverside winless on the road this season at 0-6.

UC Riverside's Kevin Butler hit a free throw with 12 seconds left to give the Highlanders a 65-63 lead and after UCI called a timeout, Efevberha hit the leaner from just beyond the left side of the top of the key.

Anteater senior forward Stanislav Zuzak led all scorers with 21 points, including 13 in the first half as UCI built a 33-23 lead at intermission. Efevberha scored 16 points and senior Adam Parada added 14 points and seven rebounds in the victory. Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger had five points, nine rebounds and seven assists for UCI, which improved to 8-6 overall and 3-2 in the Big West. The Anteaters have won 40 of their last 47 games in the Bren Center.

Sophomore forward Nate Carter led UC Riverside (5-7, 2-2) with 16 points and junior guard Rickey Porter added 10. The Highlanders shot 57.7 percent from the field in the second half and 43.9 percent for the game. UCR was 4 of 21 (19 percent) from three-point range in the game.

UCI shot 54.5 percent from the floor in the last 20 minutes and 51.1 percent for the game. Zuzak was 8 of 11 from the field and Efevberha 7 of 11.

UC Riverside took its first lead of the game at 48-47 on a pair of free throws by Butler with 10:01 left in the second half. The teams traded leads the remainder of the game. A jumper by Anteater forward Greg Ethington put the Anteaters ahead 62-60 with 2:40 left, but a layup by Carter and a dunk by Butler put UC Riverside up 64-62 with 1:17 remaining on the clock. Parada hit one free throw to cut the lead to 64-63 with 56 ticks left to set up the final 12 seconds that featured Butler's free throw and Efevberha's heroics.

UC Irvine hosts Cal State Fullerton Saturday at 1:05 p.m. (Fox Sports Net West 2).

January 10, 2004

PACIFIC USES BALANCED SCORING ATTACK TO DEFEAT UC IRVINE, 67-52

Irvine, Calif. – The University of Pacific's men's basketball team had four players score in double figures to defeat UC Irvine, 67-52 in Stockton Saturday.

UOP used a 22-8 run in the first 11 minutes of the second half to overcome a 22-18 deficit and the Tigers maintained control the rest of the game on the way to a 4-0 Big West record and 9-6 overall mark. UCI goes to 7-6 overall and 2-2 in Big West play.

UOP shot 63.0 (17-27) in the second half after shooting 23.8 (5-21) in the first half, while UCI was 26.7 (8-30) in the second stanza and 43.5 (10-23) in the first. UCI was 2-21 from three-point range for the game and 0-14 in the second half.

UCI did not score their first point until 12:43 to go in the first half and built a 19-12 lead with three minutes remaining. The Anteaters, who were plagued by 11 first half turnovers, led 22-18 at the half.

"I thought our defense was effective in the first half, but we could not sustain it in the second half," head coach Pat Douglass said. "We never established our low post play and made some bad decisions in ball handling."

Pacific was led by David Doubley with 16 points off the bench followed by Miah Davis and Tyler Newton with 15 points each. Christian Maraker had 14 points in the win.

Stanislav Zuzak and Ross Schraeder led UCI with 10 points apiece. Guard Jeff Gloger had a game-high eight rebounds, nine points and three assists.

Mike Efevberha, UCI's leading scorer, was held to four points on four free throws, while center Adam Parada had one point and was 0-1 from the floor. It was Parada's lowest offensive output since his freshman year. He also grabbed six rebounds.

UCI will host UC Riverside next Thursday (Jan. 15) at 7:05 p.m. at the Bren Center.

January 8, 2003

GLOGER'S CAREER-HIGH 19 POINTS LEADS UCI PAST CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE, 72-56

Irvine, Calif. -- UC Irvine guard Jeff Gloger recorded a career-high 19 points to lead UC Irvine to a 72-56 victory over Cal State Northridge Thursday at the Matadome in Northridge.

Gloger was 7-8 from the floor and recorded nine rebounds, five assists and three steals. With his three steals, the sophomore moved into sixth place all-time at UCI with a career total of 104.

Cal State Northridge closed within three (38-35) with 14:22 remaining in the game on a three-pointer by Ian Boylan, but UCI went on a 24-8 run capped by a Mike Efevberha three-pointer with 4:42 left to give UCI the 62-43 lead.

The Anteaters shot 63 percent in the second half and 57 percent for the game. UCI held a 35-23 advantage in rebounding.

UCI built a 19-7 lead in the first half after Mike Efevberha hit a three-pointer with 9:14 remaining. The Anteaters went into halftime with a 32-26 lead.

Adam Parada followed Gloger with 18 points and five rebounds while Efevberha added 15 points in the win. Stan Zuzak recorded nine points, including a three-pointer which moved him into a tie with Justin Anderson for eighth all-time in UCI three-pointers made (91).

Cal State Northridge shot just 38 percent from the field and was led by Joseph Frazier's 14 points.

UC Irvine will travel to Big West leading Pacific Saturday for a 7:05 tip-off.

January 5, 2004

UC SANTA BARBARA DEFEATS UC IRVINE 84-77 IN BIG WEST ACTION

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior forward Branduinn Fullove scored 17 points to lead a quartet of UC Santa Barbara players in double figures as the Gauchos topped UC Irvine, 84-77, in Big West Conference action before 2,306 at the Bren Events Center Monday night.

Fullove, the reigning Big West Player of the Year, hit 3 of 4 free throws in the final 29 seconds as UCSB defeated UCI for the fourth straight time. The Gauchos hit 18 of 23 free throws in the second half in improving to 7-4 overall and 1-1 in the conference. Sophomore guard Cecil Brown added 15 points while sophomores Joe See and Cameron Goettsche scored 11 points each.

Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha led the Anteaters (6-5, 1-1) with 23 points, hitting 7 of 16 field goals, including 4 of 7 threes. Senior center Adam Parada hit 10 of 10 free throws and scored 16 points. Parada had nine rebounds and tied his career high with five blocked shots. Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger scored 10 points and had a career-high nine assists. With two steals, he tied Lloyd Mumford for eighth place in UCI career thefts with 101. Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak also added 10 points, hitting 4 of 5 from the field.

UCI trailed 38-36 at halftime and after UCSB built a seven-point lead at 50-43 with 12:20 remaining, the Anteaters went on a 7-2 run to close to 52-50 with 10:02 left. The Gauchos then went on a 7-0 run to extend their lead to 59-50 and eventually built a 75-63 lead with 2:29 remaining. A three-pointer by Efevberha drew UCI within 79-75 with 38 seconds left before the Gauchos hit five free throws in the final 29 seconds.

The two teams combined for 59 fouls and 60 free throws in the game. Fifty-one of those free throws were shot in the second half, including 29 in the last 4:44. UCSB shot 50 percent from the floor to UCI's 45.5 percent. The Anteaters outrebounded the Gauchos 32-30. UCSB committed nine turnovers and UCI 10 to tie its season low.

The Anteaters travel to Cal State Northridge for a 7:00 p.m. game Thursday before facing Pacific in Stockton Saturday, also at 7:00 p.m.

January 3, 2004

UC IRVINE HOLDS OFF CAL POLY 74-69

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior center Adam Parada recorded his first double-double of the season, and the 16th of his career, with 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead UC Irvine past Cal Poly, 74-69, in the Big West Conference opener for both teams before 2,251 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Parada was 8 of 13 from the field and he is 26 of 37 (.703) over the last five games. Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger matched his career high with 17 points and he added five steals to move into ninth place on UCI's career list with 99 in just 39 games. Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha scored 16 points and senior forward Stanislav Zuzak added 10 as the Anteaters improved to 6-4 overall. UCI has won 39 of its last 45 home games and the Anteaters have been victorious in 44 of their last 55 conference games.

Sophomore guard Kameron Gray scored a career-high 35 points, hitting 14 of 22 field goals, to lead Cal Poly (5-4). Gray scored 12 of the Mustangs' first 14 points and he tallied 21 second-half points. Senior forward Shane Schilling added 19 points and senior forward Varnie Dennis scored 13.

UCI shot 56 percent from the field in the first half in taking a 40-30 lead. The Anteaters built a 13-2 lead in the opening four minutes and maintained their lead throughout the first 20 minutes. Cal Poly opened the second half with a 20-7 run in the first seven minutes and took its first lead of the game at 50-47 on a three-pointer by Gray with 12:55 left in regulation. The Mustangs led 61-58 on a jumper by Schilling with five minutes remaining before the Anteaters reeled off eight straight points to lead 66-61 with 2:17 left. A pair of free throws by Gloger gave UCI a 70-66 cushion with 52 seconds remaining but Gray drilled a three-point shot from the left corner to pull Cal Poly within one with 36 seconds left. UCI freshman forward Mark Hill hit two free throws with 27 seconds remaining to put UCI ahead 72-69 and senior forward Matt Okoro added another pair with 13 seconds left after pulling down a defensive rebound.

UCI, which shot 50 percent from the field for the game, outrebounded the Mustangs 34-27. The Anteaters played without junior post player Greg Ethington, who was sidelined due to an academic-related issue.

UCI, a winner in four of its last five games, hosts UC Santa Barbara in a Big West contest Monday (Jan. 5) night at 7:05 in the Bren Center.

December 20, 2003

ANTEATERS UNABLE TO GET PAST SACRAMENTO STATE IN 64-56 LOSS

Sacramento, Calif. --- UC Irvine (5-4) shot a season-low 31.4 percent from the field, including just 21.7 percent in the first half as the Anteaters lost to Sacramento State 64-56 Saturday to snap a three-game win streak.

Senior Adam Parada pulled down a career-high 15 rebounds and added seven points while guard Mike Efevberha led the team with 11 points. Forward Matt Okoro added 10 points and guard Jeff Gloger gave UCI a balanced effort with nine points, eight rebounds, three assists and four steals. Sacramento State, which shot 36.5 percent for the game, was led by Brandon Guyton's 12 points, including four three-pointers. Joseth Dawson came off the Hornet bench with 10 points as Sacramento State improved to 4-5 overall.

The two teams combined for 49 fouls and shot a combined 54 shots from the charity stripe. The Anteaters trailed by as much as 13 points in the first half and found themselves down 28-17 at the half. UCI battled in the second half to close the gap to three points on two different occasions, the last coming at 42-39 on a pair of free throws by Gloger with 7:46 remaining. However, the Hornets' Alex Bausley hit back-to-back three pointers in a span of 46 seconds to put Sacramento up by nine (48-39) with 6:07 left in the game.

A free throw by Mark Hill brought UCI to within 50-46 at the 2:48 mark but Sacramento State hit 14 of 16 free throws in the final 1:50 to keep the game out of reach. Efevberha's free throws with 12 seconds remaining closed the deficit to 60-56, but Bausley answered with a pair of his own with .8 seconds in the game. Dawson knocked down 6 of 6 from the free-throw line in a span of 32 seconds as the Hornets snapped a four-game losing streak.

December 18, 2003

**UC IRVINE EDGES PEPPERDINE 85-83 IN DOUBLE OVERTIME;
PAT DOUGLASS GETS 100TH VICTORY AT UCI**

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak hit three free throws in the final 1:19 of the second overtime as UC Irvine held off Pepperdine, 85-83, in non-conference action at the Bren Events Center Thursday night. The win was the 100th victory for UCI head coach Pat Douglass, who is 100-80 in his seventh season with the Anteaters.

Zuzak, who was one of four Anteaters in double figures with 20 points, hit a pair of free throws with 1:19 left in the second extra session to give UCI an 84-81 lead. Pepperdine's Alex Acker responded with two free throws with 46 seconds remaining to cut the lead to one and the Waves forced a turnover seconds later but Terrance Johnson missed a three-point attempt with 27 seconds left. Pepperdine's Robert Turner then fouled Zuzak with 10 seconds remaining. Zuzak hit the first foul shot but missed the second. The Waves' Shaun Davis missed a close-in shot in traffic with two ticks left and Turner missed on a follow dunk as time expired.

Senior center Adam Parada led the Anteaters (5-3) with a season-high 21 points as he went 8 of 10 from the field. In the last three games, Parada has hit 17 of 19 field goals. Parada hit two free throws with 53 seconds left in the first overtime but the Waves' Keith Jarbo tied the game on a shot with 33 seconds remaining in the first OT session. In addition to Zuzak's 20 points, sophomore guard Jeff Gloger recorded his second career double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds while sophomore wing Mike Efevberha scored 13 points. UCI shot 72.2 percent from the field in the second half and 58.3 percent for the game, but the Anteaters did commit 22 turnovers.

Acker, a sophomore guard, led Pepperdine (3-6) with a career-high 32 points, including 23 in the second half. His floating jumper with two seconds left in regulation sent the game to overtime at 68-68. Johnson added 14 points and Jarbo had 10, all in the second half. Junior forward Glen

McGowan, the Waves' leading scorer with a 20.1 average entering the game, was held to eight points before fouling out. Pepperdine shot 39.7 percent from the floor in the game.

UCI wraps up its pre-holiday schedule on the road against Sacramento State Saturday night at 8:00 p.m. in the second half of a doubleheader with the Anteater women's team. The Anteater men open Big West action hosting Cal Poly Jan. 3 and UC Santa Barbara Jan. 5 in 7:05 p.m. games at the Bren Center.

December 6, 2003

EFEVBERHA'S CAREER-HIGH 37 LEADS UCI TO VICTORY OVER ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO

Fresno, Calif. - UC Irvine sophomore guard Mike Efevberha scored a career-high 37 points to lead UC Irvine to an 84-67 victory over Arkansas-Monticello at the McCaffrey Classic hosted by Fresno State Saturday night.

Efevberha's 37 points is the most by an Anteater player since Jerry Green totaled 41 in an overtime game versus Pepperdine on Nov. 20, 2001. Efevberha was 14 of 23 from the field, including a career-high 7 three-pointers in 12 attempts. He scored 18 points in the first 10:25 of the game. He also added five rebounds and four assists for the game. Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger registered a career-high eight assists, along with 10 points, nine rebounds and four steals in the win. Gloger, with 15 steals on the season, is tied for 10th in UCI career history with 90 thefts in just 36 games. Senior center Adam Parada added 11 points and six boards for UCI, which improved to 4-3 on the year.

"Mike Efevberha had an amazing game for a sophomore," UCI head coach Pat Douglass said. "Jeff Gloger also played a solid game. I was happy how we maintained our composure in the second half. It feels good to leave here with two wins. We learned a lot about our team with three games in four days." With the victory, Douglass now has 99 career wins as the Anteater head coach in six-plus seasons.

UCI shot 67 percent in the second half and never allowed Arkansas-Monticello to get closer than 10 points in the final 20 minutes.

The Boll Weevils (4-4) were led by Billy McDaniel with 21 points and seven rebounds while Jason Carter added 13 points.

The Anteaters are off for final exams before hosting Pepperdine Dec. 18 at 7:05 p.m. at the Bren Center.

December 5, 2003

UC IRVINE EDGES PRINCETON 57-55 AT MC CAFFREY CLASSIC

Fresno, Calif. -- Center Adam Parada scored on a lay-in with 1.8 seconds remaining to lead UC Irvine to a 57-55 victory over Princeton at the McCaffrey Classic hosted by Fresno State.

Princeton's Judson Wallace hit two free throws with 1:08 left to tie the game at 55-55. Parada then missed two free throws with 49 seconds remaining. The Tigers' Scott Greenman missed three-pointer from the right corner with 16 seconds left and UCI's Mike Efevberha pulled down the rebound. UCI called timeout with 5.5 seconds left to set up a play where Efevberha drove the right side and dished off to Parada underneath for the game-winning bucket.

Princeton led 43-35 with 11:13 left before UCI went on a 11-0 run to lead 46-43 on three-pointer by Efevberha with 7:05 remaining.

UCI had a season-low 10 turnovers, including two in the second half. The team shot 53.7 from the field (22-41) to the Tigers 44.2 (19-43).

"It was a good comeback and a good win," head coach Pat Douglass said. "I was pleased with our effort - everyone responded."

"It has been a tough schedule so far, but we've worked hard to get to this point," Douglass continued. "We got after it a bit better in the last 12 minutes of the game and took better care of the ball in the second half."

Efevberha and Stanislav Zuzak led UCI with 12 points each. Efevberha tied his career-high with three assists and added a career-high two steals. Parada had nine points and five rebounds. Guard Jeff Gloger had eight points and led the team with six rebounds.

Greeman led Princeton with 14 points, going 5-6 from the field and 4-5 from three-point range. Wallace totaled 13 points, while Will Venable led the Tigers with seven rebounds.

UCI, which evened its record at 3-3, will play Arkansas-Monticello Saturday at 5:30 p.m., while Princeton (3-1) faces host Fresno State at 7:30 p.m.

December 3, 2003

CALIFORNIA HANDLES UC IRVINE

Cal freshman forward Leon Powe recorded his fourth double-double in as many games with 27 points and 11 rebounds to lead Cal over UC Irvine 65-57 before 11,069 at Haas Pavilion in Berkeley Wednesday night.

Powe, who scored 17 points in the first half, was 9-12 from the field for the game and 9-13 from the free throw line. UCI was led by senior forward Stan Zuzak with 18 points as he hit 7 of 10 from the floor. Senior center Adam Parada added 10 points and six rebounds while sophomore guard Jeff Gloger had eight points, seven rebounds and six assists. Cal out-rebounded UCI 28-26, including 14-4 on the offensive boards. UCI shot 66.7 percent from the field in the first half, but Cal managed to stay even behind Powe and tied the score 29-29 at the half. A pair of free throws by Zuzak gave UCI a 38-35 lead with 13:55 left to go in the game, but back-to-back baskets by Marquise Kately put Cal ahead for good at 39-38 with 12:51 remaining.

Cal never led by more than six points until a pair of free throws by Richard Midgley put the Bears up 61-54 with 27 seconds left.

"We felt going in, if it got into a shooting game maybe we could outshoot them and pull out a victory, but they had 18 more possessions than us with 10 more offensive rebounds and eight less turnovers. Powe is a man-child inside but by keeping bodies in the lane we gave up a couple of three pointers at the end. I thought we executed better during periods of time but we still have a ways to go in executing for a complete game. We also need to work on taking care of the ball and rebounding better," said head coach Pat Douglass.

UCI 2-3 overall faces Princeton (3-0) Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the McCaffrey Classic at Fresno State. The Anteaters meet Arkansas-Monticello at 5:39 p.m. Saturday also at Fresno State.

November 25, 2003

NO. 20 STANFORD CRUISES PAST UC IRVINE 72-59

IRVINE, Calif. --- Sophomore guard Chris Hernandez scored a career-high 22 points, hitting 6 of 7 three-point shots, to lead No. 20 Stanford past UC Irvine, 72-59, in non-conference action before a sellout crowd of 5,000 at the Bren Events Center in Irvine Tuesday night.

Hernandez scored 16 of his points as the Cardinal built a 48-25 lead at halftime. Stanford shot 53.3 percent from the field in the first 20 minutes and jumped out to an 11-0 lead in the first 2 1/2 minutes of the opening half. Mike Efevberha scored UC Irvine's first point on a free throw with 17:02 left in the first half and Stanislav Zuzak scored the Anteaters' first bucket at 15:40.

Stanford led 26-9 on a layup by Joe Kirchofer with 10:03 remaining in the first half before UCI mounted a brief comeback, closing to within 27-19 on a jumper by Adam Parada with 5:58 left but five straight points by Fred Washington lifted the Cardinal back into a 32-19 lead. Hernandez hit back-to-back three-pointers in a span of 19 seconds late in the first half to propel Stanford to its 23-point lead at intermission.

The closest UCI came in the second half was the final score as the Anteaters fell to 2-2 overall. Parada led UCI with 12 points and a game-high nine rebounds, while Zuzak, Efevberha and Matt Okoro scored 10 points apiece. Matt Lottich added 11 points for Stanford, which improved to 2-0 on the season. The Cardinal outrebounded UCI 38-26 in the game as Justin Davis led Stanford with six boards.

UCI faces another Pac-10 opponent when the Anteaters travel to Berkeley to meet California Dec. 3 at 7:00 p.m.

November 17, 2003

SCHRAEDER'S CAREER DAY LIFTS UC IRVINE PAST OHIO, 63-60 AT BCA CLASSIC

Irvine, Calif. - Sophomore guard Ross Schraeder had a career-high 17 points to lead UC Irvine to a 63-60 win over Ohio University in the consolation final of the Dell Black Coaches Association Classic at the Cintas Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Schraeder was 6-7 from the field, including 5-6 from three-point range. The five threes was a career-high for the sophomore. He also added four assists and two steals in the win, which tied his career-highs in both categories.

"I had fairly fresh legs because I had been in foul trouble the first two games and hadn't played that many minutes. My teammates set good picks and I was able to bury the shots." Schraeder said of his career day.

The game was tied 30-30 with 17:48 remaining in the game, when Schraeder hit a three-pointer at 16:41 to put the Anteaters up 33-30, a lead UCI would never relinquish. UCI built the lead to as many as eight twice in the second half with the last time coming on a three-pointer by Nic Campbell with 5:55 left (54-46). Ohio would only get as close as the final score when Jaivon Harris knocked down a three-pointer with one second remaining to end the game 63-60.

UCI was 10-15 (66.7) from the floor in the second half compared to Ohio's 9-34 (26.5). For the game, UCI had just 37 attempts from the floor, but were 21-28 from the line. In the last 3:02, UCI

would make 9-11 free throws, including four by senior forward Greg Ethington. Ethington ended the day with 12 points, the second highest scoring total in his career.

"We learned a lot about ourselves with three games in three days." UCI head coach Pat Douglass said. "I feel pretty good going 2-1. Even though we struggled at times and had a lot of turnovers, I think our kids tend to shoot the ball well in clutch situations. There were two or three minutes when we didn't handle the press that well, but overall I thought we did okay. We'll go back home and work on taking care of the ball. To get two wins on the trip puts us in a good position to prepare for Stanford."

Adam Parada had 10 points, going 8-11 from the free throw line. He also added six rebounds and two blocked shots. With Parada's 10 points, the center surpassed the 1,000 point mark, totaling 1,007 for his career, which ranks 15th in UCI history. His six rebounds pushed him past the 600-rebound mark, tallying 605 in his career, good for 10th all-time.

Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger recorded six points, five rebounds and three assists. Gloger also pilfered one steal to bring his tournament total to 10 over three games.

UCI returns home to entertain 19th-ranked Stanford Nov. 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

November 16, 2003

GLOGER LEADS UCI PAST SAN DIEGO AT DELL BCA CLASSIC

Irvine, Calif. -- Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger tied his career-high with 17 points, including seven of UCI's final 10 points to lead UC Irvine past the University of San Diego, 65-60 in a consolation semifinal of the Dell Black Coaches Association Classic at the Cintas Center in Cincinnati, Ohio Sunday.

Gloger, who was 6-8 from the field, added nine rebounds, four assists and five steals as the Anteaters snapped a six-game losing streak against the Toreros.

"Jeff was a factor in many games last year and it's good he responded to the challenge today," UCI head coach Pat Douglass said. "San Diego's post players were tough to handle, but we did a much better job in the second half helping with post defense, plus we took care of the ball better with only four turnovers in the second half."

UCI was down 42-36 with 16:08 to go then went on a 19-3 run to go ahead 55-45 with 6:49 remaining. USD used a trio of threes and a free throw by Brice Vounang to draw within 61-60 with 18 seconds remaining, but Gloger hit four free throws to seal the win. UCI improves to 1-1 on the season, while San Diego falls to 0-2 to start the year.

Senior center Adam Parada added 14 points and senior forward Stanislav Zuzak had 11 points and six rebounds for the Anteaters.

San Diego built a lead of 31-18 late in the second half until three straight UCI baskets capped by a Mike Efevberha three-pointer pulled the Anteaters to 31-25 at the half.

"Momentum from late in the first half carried over into the second half for us," Gloger said. "Plus we took care of the ball today."

UCI will play Ohio at 11:00 a.m. Monday in the fifth place game.

November 15, 2003

UC IRVINE MEN'S BASKETBALL FALLS TO ILLINOIS-CHICAGO, 77-65 IN SEASON-OPENER

Irvine, Calif. - Verizon League Preseason Player of the Year Cedrick Banks scored 25 points to lead Illinois-Chicago to a 77-65 win over UC Irvine in the first round of Dell BCA Classic at Xavier University's Cintas Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

UCI took a 36-35 lead into intermission. With 9:46 to go in the game, Jeff Gloger had a reverse lay up to give UCI a 58-55 lead. Illinois-Chicago then scored 12 straight points to take the lead 67-58 with 6:37 to play. The Anteaters could never come closer than six the rest of the way.

The Flames shot 58 percent from the floor (15-26) in the second half, while UCI turned the ball over 15 times in the last 20 minutes.

"They (UIC) are a very seasoned club," UCI head coach Pat Douglass said. "The difference in the game was turnovers. We had some breakdowns and they took care of the ball. I thought we battled, but we did not play very smart. We just couldn't get over the hump and sustain a lead. Stan had an outstanding ballgame. He was pretty impressive."

UCI's Stanislav Zuzak poured in a career-high 29 points, including a career-high six three-pointers in the losing cause. His 29 points is the most by an Anteater player since Jordan Harris had 29 in a win over Long Beach State Feb. 28, 2002. Zuzak, who was 10-15 from the field, added a game-high eight rebounds in 37 minutes of action.

Gloger was the only Anteater in double-figures, scoring 11 points to go along with six assists. The six assists ties Gloger's career-high.

The Flames begin 1-0 while UCI starts 0-1. The Anteaters will play the University of San Diego Sunday (Nov. 16) at 9:00 a.m. in the consolation semifinals.

November 6, 2003

UC IRVINE TOPS CAL STATE L.A. 75-49

IRVINE, Calif. --- Sophomore wings Mike Efevberha and Ross Schraeder scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, in leading UC Irvine past Cal State L.A., 75-49, in exhibition men's college basketball at the Bren Events Center Thursday night.

Efevberha, who was 5 of 11 from the field, scored 10 of his points in the first half as UCI led 39-20 at intermission after hitting 53.3 percent from the field to the Golden Eagles' 21.4 percent. Schraeder scored nine of his points in the second half, hitting 2 of 3 from the field and 4 of 4 from the free-throw line in the final 20 minutes. Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger added 11 points and three assists in the Anteaters' second exhibition win of the season.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak had nine points while senior center Adam Parada added eight points and six rebounds. Senior forward Matt Okoro had eight points and a team-high eight rebounds off the bench while junior post Greg Ethington added six points and seven boards. UCI outrebounded Cal State L.A. 38-29.

Senior center Justen Naughton led the Eagles with 15 points and a game-high 10 rebounds. Senior forward LeMar Ruffin added 14 points and four boards. Cal State L.A. shot 50 percent from the floor in the second half and 34.6 percent for the game.

UCI, which never trailed in the game, jumped out to a 29-8 lead in the opening 13 minutes of the game. The Anteaters' largest lead of the game was 70-41 with 4:44 remaining in the game.

UCI opens its regular-season schedule facing Illinois-Chicago in the first round of the Dell Black Coaches Association Classic in Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 15 at 3:00 p.m. (PST). The game will be carried live on KUCI Radio/88.9 FM.

November 1, 2003

UC IRVINE RALLIES TO DEFEAT EA SPORTS SOUTHWEST ALL-STARS 94-91

IRVINE, Calif. --- Sophomore wing Mike Efevberha scored 23 of his game-high 28 points in the second half to lift UC Irvine past the EA Sports Southwest All-Stars, 94-91, in exhibition basketball at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Efevberha scored the Anteaters' final nine points in the last 1:28. His three-point play with 53 seconds remaining gave UCI the lead for good at 90-88 and his two free throws with 15 seconds left sealed the victory. Junior post Greg Ethington added nine of his 12 points in the second half for UCI, which trailed 54-40 with 17:57 left in the game. The Anteaters' bench outscored the EA Sports reserves 55-20 for the game as UCI sophomore wing Ross Schraeder scored 13 points, 11 in the first half. Senior center Adam Parada scored 14 points and grabbed five rebounds. Ethington led the Anteaters with nine boards.

EA Sports hit 9 of 13 three-point shots in the first half to take a 47-38 lead at the break. Forward Tony Harvey (Utah) led a balanced EA Sports attack with 23 points. Nate Green (Idaho State) added 15 points and nine rebounds, Koko Archibong (Penn) and Mike McIntyre (Hawaii) scored 14 each and David Bell (Montana) had 11. McIntyre hit 4 of 6 shots from three-point range. EA Sports shot 51.6 percent from the field for the game while UCI shot 45.6 percent.

The Anteaters hit 26 of 31 from the free-throw line to 13 of 22 for EA Sports. UCI hosts Cal State L.A. in another exhibition game Thursday night in the Bren Center at 7:05.