

2003-04 Releases

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FIVE MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS NAMED BIG WEST SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

IRVINE, Calif. --- Aras Baskauskas, Nic Campbell, Jeff Gloger, Ross Schraeder and Stan Zuzak were among the school-record 176 UCI student-athletes who were honored as 2003-04 Big West Conference Scholar-Athletes at the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics' annual banquet Monday night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This year's honorees bring UCI's total to 2,397 conference scholar-athletes since 1983.

Requirements for this award include maintaining a 3.0 grade-point average (GPA) over three quarters or a 3.2 GPA over two quarters for freshmen. Student-athletes must also earn letters in their sports. The Scholar-Athlete award was implemented by the Big West Conference to honor those student-athletes that have maintained a high level of scholastic excellence while participating in intercollegiate athletics.

Men's basketball player Matt Okoro and women's soccer player Melody Mangrello received the University's Academic Challenge Award from the UCI Admissions Office.

April 29, 2004

AARON FITZGERALD SIGNS WITH UC IRVINE MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- Aaron Fitzgerald, a 6-2 point guard from Jacksonville Community College in Jacksonville, Tex., has signed a national letter of intent with the UC Irvine men's basketball program.

Fitzgerald, who has two years of eligibility remaining, averaged 16 points, 8 assists, 4.5 rebounds and 2.1 steals for the Jaguars this past season. He shot 83 percent from the free-throw line and was named to the All-Region XIV second team. He ranked second in the region in assists and free-throw percentage.

"Aaron will improve our ball-handling ability and he is an excellent passer," UCI head coach Pat Douglass said. "He is an explosive, penetrating guard who will enable us to play more of an up-tempo game."

Fitzgerald is a graduate of Kennedy High School in Seattle, where he led the state of Washington in scoring as a prep senior at 32 points per game. He played at Portland State his freshman season, averaging 10 points and 4.5 assists, before transferring to Washington State and redshirting his sophomore year. He left WSU following a coaching change and played at Jacksonville Community College this past season.

Fitzgerald is one of five student-athletes to sign with the Anteaters, joining previous signees Shamar Armstrong (6-3, G), Andrew Bruckner (6-9, C/F), Darren Fells (6-8, F) and Adam Metelski (6-10, C).

April 19, 2004

TWO JUCOS SIGN WITH UC IRVINE MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- Shamar Armstrong from Diablo Valley College and Andrew Bruckner from College of the Canyons have signed National Letters of Intent with the UC Irvine men's basketball program.

Armstrong, a 6-3 guard, averaged 12.8 points, 4 rebounds and 3 assists at Diablo Valley College this season. He was a first team All-Bay Valley West Division selection and honorable mention all-state as the Vikings finished 24-4 overall and 13-1 in conference play. Armstrong is a graduate of Jesse Bethel High School in Vallejo, Calif., and he has two years of eligibility remaining. He is the younger brother of former Pepperdine standout Brandon Armstrong, who is in his third season with the New Jersey Nets.

"Shamar will complement our returning backcourt players with his versatility as a combination guard at the 1 and 2 positions," UC Irvine head coach Pat Douglass said. "He has strong abilities offensively and defensively, and he is intelligent, very athletic and is a fundamentally-sound player."

Bruckner, a 6-9 post player, averaged 12.6 points and 9.3 rebounds in his only year at College of the Canyons. An All-Western State Conference selection, Bruckner shot 53 percent from the field for the Cougars, who finished 19-6 overall and 10-2 in the conference. He is a graduate of Valencia High School and he has three years of eligibility remaining.

"Andrew is a very physical and mature player who posted impressive numbers as a freshman on the community-college level and we look forward to his continued development as a player on the four-year level," Douglass said. "He will make an immediate impact with our program following the graduation of three front-line players."

UC IRVINE MEN'S BASKETBALL SIGNINGS

Shamar Armstrong...6-3, 185....G....Diablo Valley College.....Vallejo, Calif. (Jesse Bethel HS)
Andrew Bruckner....6-9, 260....C....College of Canyons.....Valencia, Calif. (Valencia HS)

April 1, 2004

FOUR ANTEATERS NAMED TO ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- Four UC Irvine men's basketball players have received Academic All-Big West Conference distinction for winter sports.

Aras Baskauskas, Jeff Gloger, Ross Schraeder and Stanislav Zuzak are among the 11 UCI student-athletes to be recognized. A total of 79 student-athletes from 10 member institutions were honored.

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

March 8, 2004

GLOGER, PARADA NAMED TO ALL-BIG WEST HONORABLE MENTION SQUAD

FRUSTRATING SEASON ENDS: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine squad ended the 2003-04 season with an overall record of 11-17. The Anteaters, who were 6-12 in Big West Conference games, finished ninth and did not qualify for the league tournament in Anaheim for the first time since 1999.

UCI, which lost 11 of its last 13 games, ended the season with road losses to UC Santa Barbara (56-55) and Cal Poly (70-62) last week. UCSB's Branduinn Fullove hit a three-point basket with 11.3 seconds remaining in the Gauchos' win Thursday and the Anteaters shot just 38 percent in the loss to the Mustangs Saturday.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak led UCI with 14 points in the loss at UCSB and sophomore guard Ross Schraeder scored 19 at Cal Poly after notching 12 against UCSB. Schraeder averaged 19.5 points over the season's final four games and scored a career-high 27 in the Feb. 26 win over Idaho. He hit 18 of 34 three-point shots over the last four contests, including a career-high six in the win over Idaho.

GLOGER, PARADA EARN ALL-BIG WEST RECOGNITION: Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger and senior center Adam Parada were named to the All-Big West Conference honorable mention team this season. Gloger, who averaged 9.1 points, ranked second in the Big West in assists (4.2), fourth in steals (2.1) and ninth in rebounding (6.3). He has 135 career steals in 57 games to rank second all-time at UCI.

Parada ranked second in the conference in blocked shots (1.36), third in field-goal percentage (.581), fifth in rebounding (6.6) and 15th in scoring (12.3). He finishes his Anteater career first in blocked shots (149), third in rebounds (775) and eighth in points (1,320).

THE STATS TALK: UCI shot 52 percent from the field in its 11 wins this season and 41.5 percent in the 17 losses. The Anteaters hit 45.4 percent of their three-point shots in the victories and 33.5 percent in the defeats. UCI outscored the opposition 71.4 to 65.1 in the wins and were outscored 66.8 to 58.6 in the losses.

ANTEATER TRENDS: UCI is 34-15 in its last 49 games decided by five or fewer points... UCI was 8-2 when shooting at least 50 percent from the field this season...the Anteaters were 1-11 on the road this season with the lone win coming at Cal State Northridge, 72-56, Jan. 8...the Anteaters have won 43 of their last 53 home games, including 6-5 this season.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Senior center Adam Parada led UCI in scoring and rebounding at 12.3 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. He shot 58.1 percent from the field and led the team with 38 blocked shots. Parada tied his career high with five blocked shots against UC Santa Barbara Jan. 5. He scored in double figures 19 times this season with two double-doubles. Parada scored a season-high 26 points in the Jan. 31 loss at Idaho and tied his career high with 15 rebounds in a Dec. 20 defeat to Sacramento State.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak averaged 10.8 points and ranked third on the team with 36 threes. He finishes eighth in UCI career three-pointers with 109. Zuzak scored in double digits 16 times and hit 20 points on three occasions. Zuzak scored a career-high 29 points in the season-opening loss to Illinois-Chicago in the Dell-Black Coaches Association Classic in Cincinnati. He averaged 3.6 rebounds with a season-high eight against Illinois-Chicago (Nov. 15) and Cal State Fullerton (Jan. 17).

Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger averaged 9.1 points and hit the game-winning jumper from the key as time expired in the 65-63 win over Idaho Feb. 26. Gloger led the team in assists (118) and steals (60), and was second in rebounding at 6.3. His 135 career steals (in 57 games) rank second at UCI, 27 behind No. 1 Jerry Green.

Sophomore guard Ross Schraeder, with his scoring boost down the stretch, averaged 7.9 points for the season. Schraeder averaged 13.0 points over the last nine games and he led UCI with 49 three-point field goals for the season. He ranked sixth in the Big West for all games in three-point

percentage (.405) and eighth in three-point field goals made per game (1.75). Schraeder was sixth in league games with an average of 1.94 three-pointers made per game.

Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha, who was suspended indefinitely Feb. 25 for violation of team and department rules, averaged 11.1 points on the season and made 40 three-point baskets.

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.

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 rightside with 11.3 seconds remaining to lift the Gauchos to a 56-55 victory at Thunderdome Thursday.

March 2, 2004

ANTEATERS END REGULAR SEASON WITH ROAD GAMES AGAINST UCSB, CAL POLY

Game #27

UC IRVINE (11-15, 6-10) vs. UCSB (14-11, 8-8)

Thursday, March 4, 2004 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)

The Thunderdome (6,000) – Santa Barbara, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)

College Sports Television (Carter Blackburn & Craig Ehlo)

Series Record: UCSB leads 36-22

Last Meeting: UCSB won 84-77 at Irvine (1/5/04)

Game #28

UC IRVINE vs. CAL POLY

Saturday, March 6, 2004 – 7:35 p.m. (PST)

Mott Gym (3,032) – San Luis Obispo, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)

Fox Sports Net West 2 (Brian Webber & Dan Belloumini)

Series Record: UCI leads 12-10

Last Meeting: UCI won 74-69 at Irvine (1/3/04)

BIG WEST TOURNEY BERTHS COME DOWN TO FINAL WEEKEND: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine squad, 11-15 overall and 6-10 in the Big West, ends the regular-season schedule on the road this week against UC Santa Barbara Thursday (7:05 p.m.) and Cal Poly Saturday (7:35 p.m.). UCI is in a three-way tie for sixth place in the conference with Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside. Those two teams play at Pacific and Cal State Northridge this week. Cal Poly and Long Beach State are tied for ninth place with 4-12 league marks and one of those teams needs to win twice this week to get into the tournament mix. The top eight teams from the regular season advance to the Big West Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center March 10-13.

UCI split last week, defeating Idaho, 65-63, on Jeff Gloger's buzzer-beating, 16-foot jumper, then lost to Utah State, 59-56, Saturday night on ESPN2 in the first national telecast from the Bren Center in 15 years. Sophomore guard Ross Schraeder averaged 23.5 points in the two games, scoring a career-high 27 in the victory over Idaho and adding 20 (18 in the second half) versus Utah State. He shot 60 percent (15/25) from the field including 55.6 percent (10/18) from three-point range. Schraeder has taken over the team lead in three-point baskets with 41.

ANTEATER TRENDS: UCI is 34-14 in its last 48 games decided by five or fewer points... UCI is 8-2 when shooting at least 50 percent from the field this season...the Anteaters are 1-9 on the road this season with the lone win coming at Cal State Northridge, 72-56, Jan. 8...the Anteaters have won 43 of their last 53 home games, including 6-5 this season.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Senior center Adam Parada leads UCI in scoring at 12.6 points and in rebounding at 6.7 per game (fifth in Big West). Parada is shooting 61 percent from the field, which ranks second in the Big West. He leads the league in blocked shots with an average of 1.38 per game. In the Anteater career statistics, he is first in blocked shots (147), fourth in rebounds (764) and eighth in scoring (1,304). Parada scored a season-high 26 points in the Jan. 31 loss at Idaho and tied his career high with 15 rebounds in a Dec. 20 defeat to Sacramento State. He has scored in double figures 18 times this season with two double-doubles. Parada had 16 points and nine rebounds in the first meeting against UCSB and 17 points, 10 rebounds versus Cal Poly.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak is averaging 10.9 points and he ranks third on the team with 35 threes. He is eighth in UCI career three-pointers with 108. Zuzak scored a career-high 29 points in the season-opening loss to Illinois-Chicago in the Dell-Black Coaches Association Classic in Cincinnati. He had 10 points each in the season's first meetings against UCSB and Cal Poly.

Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger, who is averaging 9.4 points, hit the game-winning jumper from the key as time expired in last Thursday's 65-63 win over Idaho. Gloger, who is second on the team in rebounding at 6.5 (seventh in the Big West), ranks second in the conference in assists (4.3) and third in steals (2.2). His 133 career steals (in 55 games) rank second at UCI, 31 behind No. 1 Jerry Green.

Sophomore guard Ross Schraeder, who scored a career-high 27 points in Thursday's win over Idaho, is averaging 7.3 points. Schraeder has averaged 12.3 points over the last seven games. He leads UCI with 41 three-point field goals on the season after hitting a career-high six (in seven attempts) versus Idaho and adding four more against Utah State.

SCOUTING THE GAUCHOS: Coach Bob Williams' UC Santa Barbara Gauchos are 14-11 overall and 8-8 in the Big West as they battle Idaho for third place. UCSB split last week, defeating Cal State Fullerton, 98-95 in double overtime, and losing to UC Riverside 63-60. Senior Branduinn Fullove leads the Gauchos in scoring at 10.9 points followed by junior forward Casey Cook at 10.1. UCSB has won the last four meetings against UCI but the Anteaters have won in two of their last three trips to the Thunderdome with the last win 81-70 Jan. 24, 2002.

SCOUTING THE MUSTANGS: Coach Kevin Bromley's Cal Poly Mustangs are 9-15 overall and 4-12 in the Big West entering a Thursday home game with Long Beach State. Cal Poly needs to win both games this week to have a chance at a Big West tourney berth. The Mustangs have lost six of their last seven games but did defeat UC Riverside, 97-95 in overtime, on the road last week. Senior center Varnie Dennis leads Cal Poly and the Big West in scoring at 18.3 points per game. He is averaging 7.5 boards, which ranks third in the league. Senior forward Shane Schilling is averaging 16 points per game while freshman guard Kameron Gray is averaging 13 points and 3.2 assists. UCI has won six of the past eight meetings with Cal Poly. The Anteaters have won three of the last four games at Mott Gym, including 68-62 last season.

EFEVBERHA SUSPENDED: Sophomore wing Mike Efevberha was suspended last week by Anteater head coach Pat Douglass. "At this time, I have suspended Mike indefinitely for violating team and department rules," Douglass said. Efevberha is averaging 11.1 points and 2.6 rebounds.

TENTATIVE STARTERS FOR UC IRVINE:

F...40...MATT OKORO (6-7, 230, Sr., 4.5 ppg, 3.3 rpg)
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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.

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.

February 25, 2004

UC IRVINE SUSPENDS MIKE EFEVBERHA

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine men's basketball player Mike Efevberha has been suspended indefinitely by Anteater head coach Pat Douglass.

"At this time, I have suspended Mike indefinitely for violating team and department rules," Douglass said. Efevberha, a sophomore wing from Pomona (Ganesha HS), is averaging 11.1 points and 2.6 rebounds through 24 games this season. He has started 21 contests and leads UCI with 40 three-point baskets.

Senior Matt Okoro is expected to move into that spot in the starting lineup Thursday. Okoro, who is averaging 4.5 points and 3.1 rebounds, tied his season high with six boards in last Saturday's game at New Mexico State.

The Anteaters (10-14, 5-9 Big West) host Idaho Thursday at 7:05 p.m. and Utah State Saturday at 8:05 p.m. in conference games at the Bren Events Center.

February 23, 2004

ANTEATERS HOST IDAHO, UTAH STATE IN CRUCIAL GAMES

Game #25

UC IRVINE (10-14, 5-9) vs. IDAHO (12-13, 8-7)

Thursday, February 26, 2004 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)

Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts & Brian Underwood)

KVMD-TV (Geoff Witcher & Michael Cooper)

Series Record: UCI leads 10-4

Last Meeting: Idaho won 57-52 at Moscow, Idaho (1/31/04)

Game #26

UC IRVINE vs. UTAH STATE

Saturday, February 28, 2004 – 8:05 p.m. (PST)

Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts & Brian Underwood)

ESPN2 (Jeff Hullinger & Doug Gottlieb)

Series Record: Utah State leads 27-26

Last Meeting: Utah State won 57-48 at Logan, Utah (1/29/04)

WEEKEND OF MOVEMENT LIES AHEAD: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine squad, 10-14 overall and 5-9 in the Big West, confronts a critical week as the Anteaters host third-place Idaho and first-place Utah State this weekend to end UCI's home schedule for 2003-04. The Anteaters travel to UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly next week.

Idaho, beginning with a 57-52 victory over UCI Jan. 31, has won seven of its last eight games to take over third place in the Big West. Utah State, which carries a 22-2 overall record (14-1 Big West) into a Thursday game at Long Beach State, has won 19 of its last 20 games. The Aggies are ranked No. 23 in this week's ESPN/USA Today poll and 24th in the Associated Press poll.

The Anteaters enter the current week in a three-way tie with Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside for sixth place in the league. The top eight teams from the regular season advance to the Big West Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center March 10-13. Long Beach State is one game behind in ninth place and Cal Poly two back with four games to play.

ESPN BACK AT UCI FOR FIRST TIME IN 15 YEARS: Saturday's UCI-Utah State game on ESPN2 is that network's first visit to the Bren Center for an Anteater game in 15 years. Ironically, the same two programs met the last time ESPN was in Irvine as Utah State won 95-94 in overtime March 2, 1989.

BACK TO BIG WEST BUSINESS: UCI, after snapping a seven-game losing streak with an 80-71 win over Long Beach State last Wednesday, lost to New Mexico State, 69-64, in an ESPN Bracket Buster game at Las Cruces, N.M., this past Saturday. Senior center Adam Parada led UCI with 23 points in the loss.

ANTEATER TRENDS: The Anteaters have won 42 of their last 51 home games...UCI's opponents have averaged 11 three-pointers in the last four games...the Anteaters are 1-9 on the road this season with the lone win coming at Cal State Northridge, 72-56, Jan. 8 ...UCI is 33-13

in its last 46 games decided by five or fewer points... UCI is 7-2 when shooting at least 50 percent from the field this season.

LAST HOME GAME FOR 5 SENIORS SATURDAY: Saturday night's game versus Utah State marks the final home appearance for UCI seniors Aras Baskauskas, Matt Okoro, Adam Parada, Ryan Snook and Stanislav Zuzak. The quintet will be recognized in a post-game ceremony.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Senior center Adam Parada leads UCI in scoring at 12.7 points per game after scoring 23 points, his second-highest output of the season, in Saturday's 69-64 loss at New Mexico State. He is shooting 60.8 percent from the field and is averaging 6.6 rebounds, which is second on the team. Parada scored a season-high 26 points in the Jan. 31 loss at Idaho and tied his career high with 15 rebounds in a Dec. 20 defeat to Sacramento State. He leads the Big West in blocked shots at 1.46 per game and is second with his .608 field-goal percentage. Parada ranks first at UCI in career blocks (146), fourth in career rebounds (748) and ninth in scoring (1,281 points). He has scored in double figures 17 times this season with two double-doubles.

Sophomore wing Mike Efevberha is averaging 11.1 points per game and he leads the team with 40 three-point baskets. He had 10 points each in last week's games against Long Beach State and New Mexico State. Efevberha hit the game-winning three-point shot with 2.6 seconds in the 66-65 win over UC Riverside Jan. 15 and his trey with under a second remaining sent the Jan. 24 game at Long Beach State into overtime.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak is also averaging 11.1 points and he ranks second on the team with 33 threes. He is eighth in UCI career three-pointers with 106. Zuzak had 16 points at New Mexico State Saturday, his most in the last nine games. Zuzak scored a career-high 29 points in the season-opening loss to Illinois-Chicago in the Dell-Black Coaches Association Classic in Cincinnati.

Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger, who is averaging 9.7 points, had 16 points, seven rebounds, four assists and four steals in Wednesday's win over the 49ers. Gloger, who leads UCI in rebounding at 6.8 (fourth in the Big West), ranks second in the conference in assists (4.3) and third in steals (2.3). His 130 career steals (in 53 games) rank second at UCI, 32 behind No. 1 Jerry Green. Gloger has recorded 18 steals in the last five games.

SCOUTING THE VANDALS: Coach Leonard Perry's Idaho Vandals are one of the hottest teams in the Big West, winning seven of their last eight outings to take over third place with an 8-7 league mark. Senior forward Tyrone Hayes, who had 20 points in the Jan. 31 win over UCI, leads the Vandals in scoring and rebounding at 13.5 points and 5.8 boards per game. Senior guard Dwayne Williams is averaging 10.6 points. Idaho's 57-52 win Jan. 31 broke a seven-game losing streak to UCI in the series.

SCOUTING THE AGGIES: Coach Stew Morrill's Utah State Aggies bring a 22-2 overall record and 14-1 league mark into a Thursday game at Long Beach State. One of the more intense rivalries in the Big West heats up again Saturday as the Aggies hold a 27-26 series lead over UCI after Utah State's 57-49 win in Logan Jan. 29. Senior guard Cardell Butler, who scored a career-high 31 points in last Saturday's 87-61 win over Cal State Fullerton, leads the Aggies in scoring at 14.1 points per game. Sophomore forward Nate Harris, who leads the Big West in field-goal percentage at .690, is averaging 12.3 points while junior forward Spencer Nelson is averaging 10.7 points.

ANTEATERS SPLIT LAST WEEK: UCI split its two games last week, defeating Long Beach State, 80-71, at the Bren Center Thursday to snap a seven-game losing skid. The Anteaters then

traveled to Las Cruces, N.M., Saturday, losing to former Big West member New Mexico State, 69-64, in an ESPN Bracket Buster game.

In the win over Long Beach State, junior forward Greg Ethington recorded his first career double-double with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Those 13 boards were a career high. Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger also scored 16 points as five Anteater players reached double figures. Senior center Adam Parada and sophomore guard Ross Schraeder scored 11 points each while sophomore guard Mike Efevberha added 10.

In Saturday's loss at New Mexico State, the Anteaters built a 29-17 lead in the first half before the Aggies went on a 14-0 run midway through the second half and held on for the 69-64 victory in the first meeting between the schools in four years. UCI senior center Adam Parada led all players with 23 points, going 8 of 10 from the field and adding six rebounds. Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak had 16 points while sophomore guard Mike Efevberha had 10 points. New Mexico State was led by Allen Haynes with 22 points on 7-of-10 shooting from three-point range. New Mexico State capitalized on 10 blocks and the Aggies had 18 second-chance points and scored 16 points off UCI turnovers.

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February 21, 2004

NEW MEXICO STATE MAKES SECOND HALF RUN TO BEAT UC IRVINE, 69-64

Las Cruces, NM – The New Mexico State 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.

February 19, 2004

UC IRVINE REVISITS NEW MEXICO STATE SATURDAY AFTERNOON; Anteaters, Aggies Meet for 1st Time in 4 Years

Game #24

UC IRVINE (10-13) vs. NEW MEXICO STATE (11-12)

Saturday, February 21, 2004 – 1:05 p.m. (PST)

Pan American Center (13,071) – Las Cruces, New Mexico

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)

Series Record: NMSU leads 26-7

Last Meeting: NMSU won 70-51 at Reno, Nev. (3/9/00)

OLD FOES MEET AGAIN: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine squad, 10-13 overall and 5-9 in the Big West, faces New Mexico State Saturday afternoon in the first non-conference meeting between the schools. NMSU was a member of the Big West Conference from 1983-2000. Saturday's game is part of the 23-game, ESPN Bracket Buster Saturday series arranged in August. The Aggies hold a 26-7 series lead over UCI and this will be the first non-conference meeting between the schools. NMSU is 13-2 against the Anteaters in the Pan American Center with UCI's wins here coming in 1998 (62-55) and 1985 (78-75). The last time the schools met, NMSU defeated the Anteaters, 70-51, in the quarterfinals of the 2000 Big West Tournament in Reno. Two current Anteaters faced the Aggies in that last meeting in Reno. Greg Ethington started that contest as a true freshman, going scoreless and grabbing three rebounds in 15 minutes. Matt Okoro, also a true freshman that season, had four points and one rebound in 14 minutes off the bench. In UCI's last trip to Las Cruces (Jan. 29, 2000), Ethington had four points in 30 minutes and Okoro did not play in NMSU's 66-59 victory.

THE STREAK FINALLY COMES TO A HALT: UCI's 80-71 win over Long Beach State Wednesday night brought an end to the Anteaters' seven-game losing streak, the program's longest in five years. The skid started with a 77-74, overtime loss at Long Beach State Jan. 24 in a game that UCI led 22-4 in the first half. The win gave UCI sole possession of eighth place in the Big West, notable since the top eight teams advance to the conference tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center Mar. 11-13. Depending on weekend results, UCI could be as high as in a fifth-place tie by late Saturday. Following today's game, the Anteaters return to Big West action hosting Idaho Thursday (7:05 p.m.) and Utah State next Saturday (8:05 p.m.).

ANTEATER LEADERS: Senior center Adam Parada leads UCI in scoring at 12.2 points per game after recording 11 points and five rebounds during Wednesday's 80-71 win over Long Beach State. He is shooting 59.6 percent from the field and is averaging 6.7 rebounds, which is second on the team. Parada scored a season-high 26 points in the Jan. 31 loss at Idaho and tied his career high with 15 rebounds in a Dec. 20 defeat to Sacramento State. He leads the Big West in blocked shots at 1.43 per game. Parada ranks first at UCI in career blocks (144), fourth in career rebounds (742) and ninth in scoring (1,258 points). He has scored in double figures 16 times this season with two double-doubles.

Sophomore wing Mike Efevberha is averaging 11.1 points per game and he leads the team with 38 three-point baskets. He had 10 points and three assists against Long Beach State Wednesday. Efevberha hit the game-winning three-point shot with 2.6 seconds in the 66-65 win over UC Riverside Jan. 15 and his trey with under a second remaining sent the Jan. 24 game at Long Beach State into overtime.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak is averaging 10.9 points and he ranks second on the team with 30 threes. He is eighth in UCI career three-pointers with 103. Zuzak had five points and four rebounds versus Long Beach State Wednesday. Zuzak scored a career-high 29 points in the season-opening loss to Illinois-Chicago in the Dell-Black Coaches Association Classic in Cincinnati.

Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger, who is averaging 9.7 points, had 16 points, seven rebounds, four assists and four steals in Wednesday's win over the 49ers. Gloger, who leads UCI in rebounding at 6.8 (fourth in the Big West), ranks second in the conference in assists (4.3) and third in steals (2.3). His 127 career steals (in 52 games) rank second at UCI, 35 behind No. 1 Jerry Green. Gloger has eight games of at least four steals this season and has pulled down at least seven rebounds in 14 games.

ANTEATER TRENDS: The Anteaters are 1-8 on the road this season with the lone win coming at Cal State Northridge, 72-56, Jan. 8...the Anteaters have won 42 of their last 51 home games...UCI is 33-12 in its last 45 games decided by five or fewer points... UCI has shot at least 50 percent from the field nine times in 2003-04, going 7-2 in those games.

SCOUTING THE AGGIES: Coach Lou Henson's New Mexico State Aggies are 11-12 overall and 5-7 in the Sun Belt Conference following a 76-58 loss to Louisiana-Lafayette Wednesday. Senior forward James Moore leads the Aggies in scoring and rebounding at 15.3 points and 6.6 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Duane John is averaging 13.3 points. The Aggies are 7-5 at home this season. Henson is in the seventh season of his second stint as NMSU's head coach. He originally coached the Aggies for nine seasons (1966-75), leading NMSU to the 1970 Final Four. Henson was head coach at Illinois for 21 seasons (1975-96), recording 214 victories with the Illini.

MURPH'S NOTE FROM LAS CRUCES: UCI assistant coach Tod Murphy became the Anteaters' career-scoring leader at the time when he hit two free throws with 16:55 left in the first half of a 98-75 loss at New Mexico State Feb. 10, 1986. He scored 30 points in the game but those two foul shots gave him 1,602 career points to pass former leader Dave Baker's 1,601. Murphy went on to finish his Anteater career with 1,778 points and was later passed by Jerry Green, who scored 1,993 points from 1998-02.

ANTEATERS TURN BACK LONG BEACH STATE: 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.

TENTATIVE STARTERS FOR UC IRVINE SATURDAY:

F...23...MIKE EFEVBERHA (6-5, 195, So., 11.1 ppg, 2.7 rpg) --- leads UCI with 38 threes
F...42...GREG ETHINGTON (6-8, 250, Jr., 6.9 ppg, 3.2 rpg) --- averaging 13.2 points, 5.8 boards in last five games
C...55...ADAM PARADA (7-0, 265, Sr., 12.2 ppg, 6.7 rpg) --- 9th in UCI career scoring with 1,258 points
G...10...JEFF GLOGER (6-4, 195, So., 9.7 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 4.3 apg, 2.3 spg) --- ranks 2nd at UCI with 127 career steals
G...14...ROSS SCHRAEDER (6-5, 195, So., 6.0 ppg, 1.2 rpg) --- has started the last four games

OFF THE BENCH:

F...12...STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, 240, Sr., 10.9 ppg, 3.7 rpg) --- career-high 29 points vs. Illinois-Chicago
F...40...MATT OKORO (6-7, 230, Sr., 4.6 ppg, 3.0 rpg) --- 8 points Wednesday were his most in last six games
F...11...NIC CAMPBELL (6-6, 220, Fr., 1.9 ppg, 1.1 rpg) --- career-high 7 points vs. UC Santa Barbara Jan. 5
F...32...MARK HILL (6-5, 215, Fr., 1.8 ppg, 1.3 rpg) --- started the first five Big West games
G...22...ARAS BASKAUSKAS (6-4, 205, Sr., 1.3 ppg, 1.9 rpg) --- 3 assists, 0 turnovers in 27 minutes vs. LBSU Wed.
G...3...J.R. STEPHENS (5-11, 175, Jr., 0.0 ppg, 1.0 rpg) --- saw his only action of season at UC Riverside Feb. 14

F...21...RYAN SNOOK (6-6, 205, Sr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg) --- saw his only action of season at UC Riverside Feb. 14

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.

February 17, 2004

ANTEATERS HOST LONG BEACH STATE, TRAVEL TO NEW MEXICO STATE

Game #23

UC IRVINE (9-13, 4-9) vs. LONG BEACH STATE (6-16, 4-9)

Wednesday, February 18, 2004 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)
Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California
KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)
KVMD-TV (Geoff Witcher & Michael Cooper)
Series Record: LBSU leads 43-24
Last Meeting: LBSU won 77-74 (OT) at Long Beach (1/24/04)

Game #24

UC IRVINE vs. NEW MEXICO STATE

Saturday, February 21, 2004 – 1:05 p.m. (PST)
Pan American Center (13,071) – Las Cruces, New Mexico
KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)
Series Record: NMSU leads 26-7
Last Meeting: NMSU won 70-51 at Reno, Nev. (3/9/00)

THE BEACH IS WHERE THE TROUBLE BEGAN: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine squad, 9-13 overall and 4-9 in the Big West, hosts Long Beach State in a conference game Wednesday (Feb. 18) night at 7:05 then travels to former league member New Mexico State Saturday for a non-conference contest at 1:05 p.m. (PST). UCI, which has lost seven straight games for its longest losing streak since a 14-game skid in January-February 1999, saw the current string begin with a 77-74, overtime loss at Long Beach State Jan. 24. The LBSU series is the second-longest for UCI as the teams meet for the 68th time Wednesday night. The Anteaters have won six of the last eight meetings including the last three in the Bren Center. UCI and LBSU are currently tied for eighth place in the Big West with five league games remaining. The top eight teams advance to the Big West Tournament.

Saturday's game versus New Mexico State is part of the 23-game, ESPN Bracket Buster Saturday series arranged in August. The UCI-NMSU contest is not part of the 10-game telecast schedule. The Aggies hold a 26-7 series lead over UCI and this will be the first non-conference meeting between the schools. NMSU is 13-2 against the Anteaters in the Pan American Center with UCI's wins there coming in 1998 (62-55) and 1985 (78-75). The last time the schools met, NMSU defeated the Anteaters, 70-51, in the quarterfinals of the 2000 Big West Tournament in Reno.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Senior center Adam Parada leads UCI in scoring at 12.3 points per game after recording a total of 23 points and 11 rebounds in losses to Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside last week. He is shooting 59.4 percent from the field and is averaging 6.7 rebounds, which is second on the team. Parada scored a season-high 26 points in the Jan. 31 loss at Idaho and tied his career high with 15 rebounds in a Dec. 20 defeat to Sacramento State. He leads the Big West in blocked shots at 1.41 per game and his .594 shooting percentage ranks second in the league. Parada ranks first at UCI in career blocks (142), fourth in career rebounds (737) and 10th in scoring (1,247 points). Parada had 17 points and eight rebounds in the Jan. 24 loss to Long Beach State.

Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha is averaging 11.2 points per game and he leads the team with 36 three-point baskets. He went scoreless for the first time this season in 19 minutes at Fullerton last Thursday before scoring seven points at Riverside Saturday. Efevberha scored 14 points, including the three-point basket that sent the game into overtime, at Long Beach State Jan. 24.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak is averaging 11.1 points and he ranks second on the team with 29 threes. He is eighth in UCI career three-pointers with 102. Zuzak had five points in 17 reserve minutes of the season's first meeting with Long Beach State. Zuzak scored a career-high 29 points in the season-opening loss to Illinois-Chicago in the Dell-Black Coaches Association Classic in Cincinnati.

Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger, who is averaging 9.5 points, scored 10 in each game last week. He added nine assists, eight steals and 11 rebounds in the two games. Gloger ranks second in assists (4.3) in the Big West, third in steals (2.2) and fifth in rebounds (6.8) per game. His 123 career steals (in 51 games) tie him for second at UCI with Ben McDonald and Scott Brooks. Gloger registered 10 points, 10 rebounds, six assists and four steals in the season's first meeting versus Long Beach State.

SCOUTING THE 49ERS: Coach Larry Reynolds' Long Beach State 49ers bring a five-game losing streak into the Bren Center Wednesday night. The 49ers lost two tight games last week--- 77-75 at UC Riverside and 77-76 at Cal State Fullerton. Kevin Roberts leads LBSU in scoring and rebounding at 15.2 points and 6.8 boards per game. Jibril Hodges is averaging 10.1 points.

SCOUTING THE AGGIES: Coach Lou Henson's New Mexico State Aggies are 11-11 overall and 5-6 in the Sun Belt Conference entering a Wednesday home game with Louisiana-Lafayette. Senior forward James Moore leads the Aggies in scoring and rebounding at 15.4 points and 6.5 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Duane John is averaging 13.8 points. The Aggies are 7-4 at home this season entering their Wednesday night game. Henson is in the seventh season of his second stint as NMSU's head coach. He originally coached the Aggies for nine seasons (1966-75), leading NMSU to the 1970 Final Four. Henson was head coach at Illinois for 21 seasons (1975-96), recording 214 victories with the Illini.

ANTEATERS DROP TWO LAST WEEK: UCI's losing streak reached seven with road losses to Cal State Fullerton (70-63) and UC Riverside (72-54) last week. In the loss at Riverside Saturday, UCR went on a 19-4 run over a period of 6 1/2 minutes in the second half and surged past the Anteaters, 72-54. 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 with 15 points including 12 in the second half. The Highlanders, who shot 53 percent from the field and outrebounded UCI 35-21. UCI was led by Jeff Gloger and Greg Ethington with 10 points each.

In last Thursday's loss at Fullerton, true freshman point guard Bobby Brown came off the bench to score 24 points including the go-ahead bucket with 1:33 to play to lead the Titans to a 70-63 victory. 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. 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. 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. CSF hit 13 three-point shots in the game.

THE ANTEATERS (listed by scoring averages):

C...55...ADAM PARADA (7-0, 265, Sr., 12.3 ppg, 6.7 rpg)
G...23...MIKE EFEVBERHA (6-5, 195, So., 11.2 ppg, 2.6 rpg)
F...12...STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, 240, Sr., 11.1 ppg, 3.7 rpg)
G...10...JEFF GLOGER (6-4, 195, So., 9.5 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 4.3 apg, 2.2 spg)
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G...3...J.R. STEPHENS (5-11, 175, Jr., 0.0 ppg, 1.0 rpg)
F...21...RYAN SNOOK (6-6, 205, Sr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg)

UCI HEAD COACH PAT DOUGLASS: Pat Douglass, in his seventh season at UCI, has led the Anteaters to 66 wins over the previous three seasons and a league-leading 41 Big West Conference victories in that span. Douglass earned win No. 100 as the Anteaters' head coach in an 85-83, double-overtime victory over Pepperdine at the Bren Center Dec.18. Entering the week, he is 104-90 in his seventh season at UCI and 480-208 in 22-plus seasons as a head coach on the four-year level. Douglass will be inducted into the Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremonial dinner Thursday (Feb. 19) at the Bakersfield Holiday Inn Select. Douglass won 257 games in 10 seasons (1987-97) as head coach at Cal State Bakersfield. His Roadrunner teams won three NCAA Division II championships, including 1992-93 when Bakersfield went 33-0 to become the first Division II team in history to complete a perfect season. He was named the NCAA Division II Coach of the Decade by Division II Bulletin.

MURPH'S NOTE FROM LAS CRUCES: UCI assistant coach Tod Murphy became the Anteaters' career-scoring leader at the time when he hit two free throws with 16:55 left in the first half of a 98-75 loss at New Mexico State Feb. 10, 1986. He scored 30 points in the game but the two foul shots gave him 1,602 career points to pass former leader Dave Baker's 1,601. Murphy went on to finish his Anteater career with 1,778 points and was later passed by Jerry Green, who scored 1,993 points from 1998-02.

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.

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.

February 9, 2004

ANTEATERS TRAVEL TO CAL STATE FULLERTON, UC RIVERSIDE

Game #21

UC IRVINE (9-11, 4-7) vs. CAL STATE FULLERTON (7-12, 3-7)

Thursday, February 12, 2004 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)

Titan Gym (3,500) – Fullerton, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts & Brian Underwood)

KVMD-TV (Geoff Witcher & Michael Cooper)

Series Record: CSF leads 40-36

Last Meeting: UCI won 74-67 at Irvine (1/17/04)

Game #22

UC IRVINE vs. UC RIVERSIDE

Saturday, February 14, 2004 – 3:05 p.m. (PST)

Student Recreation Center (3,168) – Riverside, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts & Brian Underwood)

Fox Sports Net West 2 (Brian Webber & Jack Haley)

Series Record: UCI leads 19-14

Last Meeting: UCI won 66-65 at Irvine (1/15/04)

ANTEATERS' WOES CONTINUE: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine squad, 9-11 overall and 4-7 in the Big West, is mired in a five-game losing streak as the Anteaters travel to Cal State Fullerton Thursday (7:05 p.m.) and UC Riverside Saturday (3:05 p.m.). The five-game skid is UCI's longest since a 14-game losing string in January-February 1999. The Anteaters are 1-6 on the road this season. UC Riverside and Cal State Fullerton are the last two teams that UCI defeated this season before the losing streak began. The Anteaters are tied for sixth with Long Beach State in the Big West. Fullerton and Riverside are tied for seventh place.

Poor shooting has caused the Anteaters the most grief in the last four games. In that span, UCI has averaged 50.8 points per game, shot 38.8 percent from the field, including 22.4 percent from three-point range, and hit just 57.6 percent of its free throws. In home losses to Pacific (64-52) and Cal State Northridge (56-51) last week, the Anteaters shot 34.5 percent from the field against the Tigers and 36.5 percent versus the Matadors. UCI was 9 of 34 (.265) from three-point range last week but did cut down on turnovers with a total of 22 in the two defeats.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Senior center Adam Parada leads UCI in scoring at 12.4 points per game and he ranks second in the Big West Conference in field-goal percentage for all games at .620. He is averaging 6.85 rebounds, which is second on the team and fifth in the conference. Parada ranks first at UCI in career blocks (141), fourth in career rebounds (726) and 11th in scoring (1,224 points). In the season's first meetings against this week's opponents, Parada had 18 points, three boards versus CSF, and 14 points, seven rebounds against UCR.

Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha is averaging 12.0 points per game and he leads the team with 35 three-point baskets. He ranks fourth in the Big West in three-point field goal percentage (.402 for all games and .419 in league games). He is ninth in free-throw percentage (.781) in conference games. Efevberha scored 11 points in the season's first meeting with CSF and 16 points, including the game-winning three-point basket with 2.6 seconds left, in the January win over UCR.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak is averaging 11.6 points and he ranks 10th in the Big West in three-point field-goal percentage for all games at .378. He is second on the team with 28 threes. Zuzak had 18 points, eight rebounds in the first game with CSF this season and 21 points and four boards against the Highlanders.

Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger, who is averaging 9.4 points, leads the Anteaters in rebounding at 6.9, which ranks fourth in the Big West for all games. He also tops the Anteaters with 86 assists and 40 steals. Gloger ranks fifth in UCI career steals with 115 after just 49 games. He ranks second in assists in the Big West (4.30 for all games and 4.55 in league play), and is third in steals (1.91) in conference contests. Gloger had seven points, seven rebounds and nine assists in the season's first meeting with CSF and five points, nine rebounds and seven assists versus UCR.

SCOUTING THE TITANS: Coach Bob Burton's Cal State Fullerton Titans are 7-12 overall and 3-7 in the Big West following a 69-66, come-from-behind victory over UC Riverside Saturday. Senior Pape Sow leads the Titans in scoring and rebounding at 17.3 points and 9.7 boards per game. He recorded 19 points and 15 rebounds in the Jan. 17 loss at UCI. Freshman guard Bobby Brown is averaging 12.3 points and senior Anthony Bolton 11.4 points. This is UCI's longest series as the teams meet for the 77th time Thursday. The Titans lead the series 40-36, but UCI has won seven of the last eight meetings.

SCOUTING THE HIGHLANDERS: Coach John Masi's UC Riverside Highlanders are also in the midst of a five-game losing streak entering a Thursday night home game against Long Beach State. Sophomore forward Nate Carter leads the Highlanders in scoring and rebounding at 15.6 points and 6.6 boards per game. Senior guard Kevin Butler is averaging 10.8 points and junior forward Vili Morton 10.7 points and 5.3 rebounds. UCI has defeated UCR in the last seven meetings, with the Highlanders' last win in the series coming in a 68-48 victory Feb. 8, 1977.

UCI TO FACE NEW MEXICO STATE FEB. 21: UC Irvine will travel to New Mexico State for a 2:05 p.m. (MST) game Feb. 21 at the Pan American Center in Las Cruces as part of the ESPN Bracket Buster Series. NMSU was a member of the Big West Conference from 1983-2000.

ANTEATERS DROP TWO AT HOME LAST WEEK: UCI's losing streak carried over to the Bren Center as the Anteaters lost to Pacific, 64-52, and Cal State Northridge, 56-51, last week. Junior center Greg Ethington led UCI with a total of 28 points in the two games (career-high 17 vs. Pacific & 11 vs. CSUN). He also pulled down a total of 12 rebounds in the contests. Junior forward Ian Boylan had 16 points to lead Cal State Northridge past UC Irvine, 56-51, before a Homecoming sellout crowd of 5,000 Saturday night. Boylan added six rebounds, three steals and two assists as the Matadors sent UCI to its fifth straight loss. Junior guard Davin White scored 13 points for Northridge. Ethington and sophomore guard Mike Efevberha led the Anteaters with 11 points each while sophomore guard Ross Schraeder and senior center 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. In the loss to Pacific, senior guard Miah Davis scored 19 of his career-high 26 points in the second half to lead the Tigers. A 17-8 run by Pacific in the second half propelled the Tigers to their first win in the last five trips to Irvine. 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.

THE ANTEATERS (by scoring averages):

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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.

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.

February 3, 2004

ANTEATERS HOST TIGERS, MATADORS THIS WEEK

Game #19

UC IRVINE (9-9, 4-5) vs. PACIFIC (13-7, 8-1)

Thursday, February 5, 2004 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)

Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts & Brian Underwood

Cox3 Sports; tape-delay (Mark Heller & Jeff Kearns)

Series Record: Tied at 29-29

Last Meeting: Pacific won 67-52 at Stockton (1/10/04)

Game #20

UC IRVINE vs. CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE

Saturday, February 7, 2004 – 7:35 p.m. (PST)

Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts & Brian Underwood)

Series Record: UCI leads 17-13

Last Meeting: UCI won 72-56 at Northridge (1/8/04)

ANTEATERS RETURN HOME ATTEMPTING TO BREAK 3-GAME LOSING SKID: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine squad, 9-9 overall and 4-5 in the Big West, hosts Pacific Thursday (Feb. 5) night at 7:05 and Cal State Northridge Saturday at 7:35 p.m. in league games at the Bren Events Center. The Anteaters are hoping to break a three-game losing streak after losing road contests to Utah State, 57-48, and Idaho, 57-52, last week. Despite the losing streak, the Anteaters are tied for fourth place in the Big West with Long Beach State at 4-5. Utah State remains atop the league at 9-0, Pacific is 8-1 and UC Santa Barbara is 6-3. Cal State Northridge enters a Thursday game at Long Beach State in a three-way tie for sixth with Cal Poly and UC Riverside at 3-6.

HOMECOMING SATURDAY: Saturday is Homecoming at UC Irvine and there will be a basketball doubleheader that night as the Anteater women's team faces Cal State Northridge at 5:15 p.m. followed by the men against the Matadors at 7:35 p.m. The day also features the induction of the 2004 UCI Athletics Hall of Fame class: Greg Jablonski (men's tennis), George Newland (men's water polo) and Tim Tift (men's basketball coach/administrator). The trio will be inducted at a brunch ceremony Saturday and introduced during the men's game that evening.

ANTEATER TRENDS: UC Irvine has won 47 of its last 63 Big West Conference games...the Anteaters have won 41 of their last 48 home games...UCI is 77-35 (.688) in its last 112 games...UCI is 33-11 in its last 44 games decided by five or fewer points... UCI, which is 7-3 in games determined by seven or fewer points this season, has shot at least 50 percent from the field eight times in 2003-04, going 7-1 in those games.

UCI TO FACE NEW MEXICO STATE FEB. 21: UC Irvine will travel to New Mexico State for a 2:05 p.m. (MST) game Feb. 21 at the Pan American Center in Las Cruces as part of the ESPN Bracket Buster Series. NMSU was a member of the Big West Conference from 1983-2000.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Senior center Adam Parada, after posting 26 points and 11 rebounds for his 17th career double-double at Idaho last Saturday, has taken over the team lead in scoring and rebounding at 13.1 points and 7.4 boards per game. He is shooting 61.8 percent from the field on the season after hitting 14 of 21 in last week's losses to Utah State and Idaho. He has averaged 17.3 points and 10.0 rebounds in the past three games. Parada ranks first at UCI in career blocks (140), fourth in career rebounds (722) and 12th in scoring (1,213 points).

Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha is second in scoring at 12.6 points per game after scoring 14 at Utah State and four at Idaho. Those four points tied his season low. He was 6 of 17 from the field last weekend. Efevberha has scored in double figures 12 times this season and he leads the team with 34 three-point baskets.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak is averaging 11.9 points after scoring 13 points at Idaho Saturday when he played all 40 minutes of the game. He ranks second on the team with 25 threes.

Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger scored a season-low four points at Idaho Saturday. He leads UCI with 82 assists and 35 steals. Gloger, who is averaging 7.1 rebounds, had nine boards at Utah State and five assists versus Idaho. He ranks No. 5 in UCI career steals with 110 in just 47 games.

IN THE BIG WEST STATISTICS: Adam Parada ranks first in blocked shots (1.61) in the Big West Conference for all games and also is first in league games only at 2.00. He ranks second in field-goal percentage (.618) and third in rebounding (7.4) for all games. In conference games only, Parada is second in field-goal percentage (.613), fourth in rebounding (7.8) and seventh in scoring (15.1). Jeff Gloger, for all games, is second in the league in assists (4.56), and fifth in steals (1.94) and in rebounding (7.1). Gloger ranks first in conference games only in assists (5.11), third in steals (1.78) and fifth in rebounding (7.1). Mike Efevberha is third in three-point field goal percentage (.425) and fifth in threes made per game (1.89) for all games. He is 14th in scoring at 12.6 per game. In league games, Efevberha is third in three-point field goal percentage (.474), fourth in three-pointers made per game (2.00), and sixth in free-throw percentage (.793). Stanislav Zuzak is sixth in three-point field goal percentage (.403) for all games.

In the conference team statistics for all games, UCI is first in field-goal percentage defense (.405) and defensive rebounds (24.83), and second in field-goal percentage (.468). The Anteaters are third in three-point field goal percentage (.377) and rebounding defense (.31.3). In league games only, the Anteaters are first in defensive rebounds (25.44) and second in field-goal percentage defense (.406), rebounding offense (35.6) and blocked shots per game (3.22).

SCOUTING THE TIGERS: Coach Bob Thomason's Pacific Tigers are in second place in the Big West at 8-1, just one game behind Utah State. Pacific, 13-7 overall, brings a four-game winning streak into the Bren Center Thursday night after defeating Cal State Northridge, 86-78, last Saturday. Sophomore forward Christian Maraker leads the Tigers in scoring and rebounding at 14.1 points and 5.6 boards per game. Senior guard Miah Davis is averaging 12.8 points and he leads the team with 58 assists and 24 steals. Junior guard David Doubley led the Tigers with 16 points in the 67-52 win over UCI in Stockton Jan. 10. The Anteaters have won the last four meetings between the schools in Irvine.

SCOUTING THE MATADORS: Coach Bobby Braswell's Cal State Northridge Matadors are 7-10 overall and 3-6 in the Big West entering Thursday's game at Long Beach State. Junior forward Etoagwara Onyenegecha leads the Matadors in scoring and rebounding at 14.2 points and 5.9 boards per game. Junior guard Davin White is averaging 13.5 points and junior forward Ian Boylan is averaging 12.5 points. Coach Braswell has suspended starters Chris Davis and Joseph Frazier, and reserve Andre Foy for the remainder of the season. Frazier led CSUN with 14 points in the 72-56 loss to UCI Jan. 8. Onyenegecha added 13 points and nine rebounds in that game.

LAST WEEK: The Anteaters' losing streak hit three with road losses to Utah State, 57-48, and Idaho, 57-52. UCI built a 22-12 lead in the first half at Logan before the Aggies went on a 24-2 run over a 10-minute span stretching into the second half. USU led by 46-31 with 10:03 left before the Anteaters went on a 17-5 run to close the gap to 51-48 with 3:12 remaining but could not get closer. Mike Efevberha led UCI with 14 points and Adam Parada had nine rebounds. USU, which entered the game ranked No. 1 nationally in field-goal percentage at .522 shot just 34.5 percent. At Idaho Saturday, UCI was plagued by 13 first-half turnovers as the Vandals shot only 27 percent from the floor in the opening 20 minutes and still led 26-19 at intermission. The Anteaters tied the game at 31-31 with 14:47 left but Idaho regained the lead for good 38 seconds later though UCI did close within one point on four occasions. Adam Parada notched his second double-double of the season with 26 points and 11 rebounds for UCI. Stanislav Zuzak added 13 points for the Anteaters, who received no points off the bench. The win was Idaho's first in the last eight meetings with UCI.

TENTATIVE STARTERS FOR UCI:

F...12...STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, 240, Sr., 11.9 ppg, 4.2 rpg) --- 3 20-point games this season
F...40...MATT OKORO (6-7, 230, Sr., 5.0 ppg, 2.9 rpg) --- shooting 55 percent (29/53) from the field

C...55...ADAM PARADA (7-0, 265, Sr., 13.1 ppg, 7.4 rpg) --- averaging 17.3 points, 10 rebounds in last 3 games

G...10...JEFF GLOGER (6-4, 195, So., 9.9 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 4.6 apg, 1.9 spg) --- 60 rebounds, 44 assists in last 8 games

G...23...MIKE EFEVBERHA (6-5, 195, So., 12.6 ppg, 2.8 rpg) --- leads UCI with 34 threes

OFF THE BENCH:

G...14...ROSS SCHRAEDER (6-5, 195, So., 5.4 ppg, 1.2 rpg) --- 16 points (4/6 threes) vs. LBSU

F...42...GREG ETHINGTON (6-8, 250, Jr., 4.6 ppg, 2.3 rpg) --- 8 points, 5 boards

F...11...NIC CAMPBELL (6-6, 220, Fr., 2.1 ppg, 1.5 rpg) --- career-high 7 points vs. UCSB

F...32...MARK HILL (6-5, 215, Fr., 1.8 ppg, 1.4 rpg) --- started the first 5 Big West games

G...22...ARAS BASKAUSKAS (6-4, 205, Sr., 1.1 ppg, 1.7 rpg) --- 29 assists, 6 steals this season

G...3...J.R. STEPHENS (5-11, 175, Jr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg) --- has not seen action this season

F...21...RYAN SNOOK (6-6, 205, Sr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg) --- has not seen action this season

February 2, 2004

UC IRVINE TO FACE NEW MEXICO STATE IN ESPN 'BRACKET BUSTER SATURDAY' FEB. 21

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men's basketball team will face former Big West member New Mexico State in the "ESPN Bracket Buster Saturday" event at the Pan American Center in Las Cruces, N.M., Feb. 21 at 2:05 p.m. (MST). The game will not be televised but will be carried live on KUCI Radio/88.9 FM.

The game is one of 23 across the nation that day featuring 46 teams from 11 conferences. "Bracket Buster Saturday," in its second year, was expanded from 18 teams in the inaugural year of 2003. A total of 10 games will be televised, including five games on ESPN or ESPN2, and the remaining five on ESPN's Full Court (a national subscription service). UCI is the only school representing the Big West Conference this year.

New Mexico State, coached by Lou Henson, was a member of the Big West Conference from 1983-2000. The Aggies hold a 26-7 series lead over UCI and this will be the first non-conference meeting between the schools. NMSU is 13-2 against the Anteaters in the Pan American Center with UCI's wins there coming in 1998 (62-55) and 1985 (78-75). The teams' last meeting was March 9, 2000 in the quarterfinals of the Big West Conference Tournament at Reno, Nev., with NMSU winning 70-51.

"Our focus remains on the second half of the Big West Conference schedule, but we look forward to representing our league against a team that is led by a well-respected coach in Lou Henson," said UC Irvine head coach Pat Douglass.

NMSU is currently a member of the Sun Belt Conference. The Aggies are 9-9 overall and 3-4 in the Sun Belt. Senior forward James Moore leads NMSU in scoring and rebounding at 15.1 points and 6.6 boards per game. Sophomore guard Duane John is averaging 14.9 points and 5.8 rebounds.

UCI is also currently 9-9 overall and 4-5 in the Big West. Senior center Adam Parada leads the Anteaters in scoring and rebounding at 13.1 points and 7.4 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha is averaging 12.6 points and senior forward Stanislav Zuzak 11.9. UCI has five conference games before meeting NMSU beginning with Pacific Thursday night in the Bren Center at 7:05.

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.

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.

January 27, 2004

CURRENT NCAA STATISTICS RELEASED

UC Irvine in the NCAA Division I men's basketball statistics released Tuesday (Jan. 27):

No. 16 in 3-point field goal percentage (.399) --- Birmingham Southern is No. 1 at .421
No. 41 in field-goal percentage (.473) --- Utah State is No. 1 at .522
No. 81 in field-goal percentage defense (.413) --- South Carolina is No. 1 at .356

January 26, 2004

UC IRVINE CONTINUES ROAD SWING; Anteaters Travel to Utah State, Idaho This Week

Game #17

UC IRVINE (9-7, 4-3) vs. UTAH STATE (15-1, 7-0)

Thursday, January 29, 2004 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)

Smith Spectrum (10,270) – Logan, Utah

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)

Series Record: Tied at 26-26

Last Meeting: Utah State won 62-55 at Anaheim (3/14/03)

Game #18

UC IRVINE vs. IDAHO

Saturday, January 31, 2004 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)

Cowan Spectrum (7,000) – Moscow, Idaho

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)

Series Record: UCI leads 10-3

Last Meeting: UCI won 65-52 at Moscow, Idaho (2/15/03)

ANTEATERS TRAVEL TO LOGAN, MOSCOW: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine squad, 9-7 overall and 4-3 in the Big West, journeys to Utah State Thursday and Idaho Saturday for 7:05 p.m. games. The Anteaters are currently tied with UCSB for third place in the Big West at 4-3. Utah State tops the standings at 7-0 and Pacific follows at 7-1.

The UCI-USU series has become one of the Big West's top rivalries with the last five meetings being decided by seven points or less. Four of those contests have had two or fewer points separating the teams. The Anteaters swept the two regular-season games last season by a total of three points before the Aggies knocked UCI out of the Big West Tournament with a 62-55 win in the semifinals. Utah State is 57-4 at home versus league opponents the last six seasons with a pair of those losses coming to UCI in the past two meetings in Logan. The Aggies have won 103 of their last 110 games against all competition at the Spectrum.

UCI has won the last seven meetings against Idaho including 58-45 in Irvine and 65-52 in Moscow last season. The Vandals' last win in the series was 67-62 in Moscow Jan. 16, 1999. The Anteaters are coming off a 77-74, overtime loss at Long Beach State Saturday.

UCI has won seven of its last 11 games but is only 1-4 in true road contests this season. The lone road victory was 72-56 at Cal State Northridge Jan. 8. The Anteaters are 4-1 in neutral-site games.

ANTEATER TRENDS: UC Irvine has won 47 of its last 61 Big West Conference games...UCI is 77-33 (.700) in its last 110 games...UCI is 33-10 in its last 43 games decided by five or fewer points... UCI, which is 7-2 in games determined by seven or fewer points this season, has shot at least 50 percent from the field eight times in 2003-04, going 7-1 in those games.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha is averaging 13.0 points for all games and 14.1 in league play. He has scored in double figures 10 of the last 11 games and he leads

the Anteaters with 32 three-point baskets. Efevberha's three-pointer with 2.6 seconds left defeated UC Riverside 66-65 Jan. 15 and his trey with 0.5 second remaining in regulation sent last Saturday's loss to Long Beach State into overtime.

Senior center Adam Parada is averaging 12.6 points for all games and 14.4 in league play. He is averaging 6.9 rebounds for the season and has snared 63 in the last eight games to reach 700 for his career, fourth-best at UCI. Parada, who is shooting 61 percent from the field, has hit 41 of 51 free throws (.804) in the past nine contests. Parada, who leads UCI with 24 blocked shots, has rejected 19 in the last nine games.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak is averaging 12.1 points, hitting double digits 11 times this season. Zuzak, who did not start for the first time this season in the Long Beach State game last Saturday, is second on the team with 24 three-point baskets.

Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger leads the Anteaters in rebounding at 7.4 per game, compiling 50 in the last six games. He is averaging 10.5 points, 4.8 assists and 2.2 steals per game. He has recorded 39 assists in the last six games. Gloger, who tied his season high with five steals in the win over Cal Poly, ranks No. 5 in UCI career steals with 110 in just 45 games.

IN THE BIG WEST STATISTICS: Adam Parada ranks first in blocked shots (1.50) in the Big West Conference for all games and also is first in league games only at 1.86. He ranks second in field-goal percentage (.609) and seventh in rebounding (6.9) for all games. In conference games only, Parada is second in field-goal percentage (.593), fourth in rebounding (6.7) and sixth in scoring (14.4). Jeff Gloger, for all games, is second in the league in assists (4.81), fourth in steals (2.19) and in rebounding (7.4). Gloger ranks first in conference games only in assists (5.86) and in assist/turnover ratio (2.41), third in steals (2.29) and in rebounding (7.7). Mike Efevberha is fourth in three-point field goals made per game (2.00) and in three-point percentage (.432) for all games. He is 11th in scoring at 13.0 per game. In league games, Efevberha is third in three-point field goals made per game (2.29) and in three-point percentage (.500), fifth in free-throw percentage (.826) and ninth in scoring (14.1). Stanislav Zuzak is sixth in three-point field goal percentage (.429) and ninth in field-goal percentage (.500) for all games.

In the conference team statistics for all games, UCI is first in field-goal percentage defense (.413) and in three-point field goal percentage (.399). In Big West games only, UCI is first in scoring offense (69.9) and second in field-goal percentage (.472), three-point percentage (.408), three-point field goal percentage defense (.314), assists (14.71) and blocked shots (3.14).

SCOUTING THE AGGIES: Coach Stew Morrill's Utah State Aggies are 15-1 overall and 7-0 to sit atop the Big West standings. Utah State carries a 12-game winning streak into Thursday's game after road wins over Cal State Fullerton (57-49) and UC Riverside (62-58) last weekend. With junior forward Spencer Nelson sidelined with a broken nose last week, sophomore forward Nate Harris stepped up with career highs of 22 points against Fullerton and 25 versus Riverside. Senior guard Cardell Butler leads the Aggies in scoring at 13.4 points, followed by Harris at 11.7 and Nelson at 11.6. Utah State is 9-0 at home this season.

SCOUTING THE VANDALS: Coach Leonard Perry's Idaho Vandals are 5-11 overall and 2-5 in the Big West entering a Thursday home game against Long Beach State. The Vandals split this past weekend on the road, defeating UC Riverside, 63-57 in overtime, and losing to Cal State Fullerton, 70-59. Senior forward Tyrone Hayes, who scored 40 points in the two games last week, leads Idaho in scoring and rebounding at 12.8 points and 5.3 boards per game. Senior guard Dwayne Williams is averaging 9.5 points. Idaho is 3-2 at home this season.

THE ANTEATERS:

G...3...J.R. STEPHENS (5-11, 175, Jr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg) --- has not seen action this season

G...10...JEFF GLOGER (6-4, 195, So., 10.5 ppg, 7.4 rpg, 4.8 apg, 2.2 spg) --- 50 rebounds, 39 assists in last 6 games
F...11...NIC CAMPBELL (6-6, 220, Fr., 2.1 ppg, 1.5 rpg) --- career-high 7 points vs. UCSB
F...12...STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, 240, Sr., 12.1 ppg, 4.1 rpg) --- 3 20-point games this season
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G...22...ARAS BASKAUSKAS (6-4, 205, Sr., 1.1 ppg, 1.7 rpg) --- 24 assists, 5 steals this season
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F...42...GREG ETHINGTON (6-8, 250, Jr., 4.8 ppg, 2.4 rpg) --- 8 points, 5 boards vs. LBSU last Saturday
C...55...ADAM PARADA (7-0, 265, Sr., 12.3 ppg, 6.9 rpg) --- 63 rebounds, 15 blocks in last 8 games

UCI HEAD COACH PAT DOUGLASS: Pat Douglass, in his seventh season at UCI, has led the Anteaters to 66 wins over the previous three seasons and a league-leading 41 Big West Conference victories in that span. Douglass earned win No. 100 as the Anteaters' head coach in an 85-83, double-overtime victory over Pepperdine at the Bren Center Dec.18. Entering the Utah State game, he is 104-84 in his seventh season at UCI and 480-202 in 22-plus seasons as a head coach on the four-year level. Douglass will be inducted into the Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremonial dinner Feb. 19 at the Bakersfield Holiday Inn Select.

CURRENT ANTEATERS IN UCI CAREER STATISTICS

Adam Parada

1st – Blocked Shots (135)

4th – Rebounds (700) – 68 behind No. 3 Mike Heckman (768)

14th – Scoring (1,178) – 34 behind No. 13 Jerry Maras (1,212)

Jeff Gloger

5th – Steals (110) – 10 behind No. 4 Mike Hess (120)

Stanislav Zuzak

8th – Three-Point Field Goals (97) – 19 behind No. 6 Jerry Green & Mike Hood (116)

THIS SEASON: UC Irvine is 8-3 when scoring at least 60 points... UC Irvine is 1-4 when scoring under 60 points... UC Irvine is 4-0 when holding the opposition to 60 points or less... UC Irvine is 5-1 in games decided by five points or less... UC Irvine is 6-3 when leading at halftime... UC Irvine is 2-3 when trailing at halftime... UC Irvine is 1-1 when tied at halftime... UC Irvine is 7-1 when shooting at least 50 percent from the field... UC Irvine is 9-2 when the opposition shoots under 45 percent from the field... UC Irvine is 4-5 when outrebounding its opponent... UC Irvine is 4-2 when outrebounded by its opponent... UC Irvine is 6-4 when shooting at least 20 free throws.

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.

January 20, 2004

**UC IRVINE TRAVELS TO LONG BEACH STATE SATURDAY NIGHT;
Anteaters 3rd in Big West After Wins Over UC Riverside, Cal State Fullerton**

Game #16

UC IRVINE (9-6, 4-2) vs. LONG BEACH STATE (4-11, 2-4)

Saturday, January 24, 2004 – 7:35 p.m. (PST)

The Pyramid (5,000) – Long Beach, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts & Brian Underwood)

Series Record: LBSU leads 42-24

Last Meeting: UCI won 95-60 at Irvine (3/8/03)

ANTEATERS FACE 49ERS IN LONE GAME THIS WEEK: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine squad, 9-6 overall and 4-2 in the Big West, faces its conference travel partner this week as the Anteaters travel to The Pyramid to take on Long Beach State Saturday (Jan. 24) at 7:35 p.m. This is the second-longest series for UCI as the teams meet for the 67th time Saturday evening. The 49ers lead the series 42-24 but the Anteaters have won six of the last seven meetings including a two-game sweep last season. Following Saturday's game, the Anteaters embark on a road trip to Utah State Jan. 29 and Idaho Jan. 31.

UCI, after posting home wins over UC Riverside (66-65) and Cal State Fullerton (74-67) last week, has won seven of its last 10 games. The Anteaters are 4-2 in the Bren Center this season, 1-3 in road games and 4-1 in neutral-site contests. UCI's lone road win was 72-56 at Cal State Northridge Jan. 8. Four Anteater players own double-figure scoring averages: Mike Efevberha (12.9), Stanislav Zuzak (12.6), Adam Parada (12.3) and Jeff Gloger (10.5). UCI, which is 7-1 in games determined by seven or fewer points this season, has shot at least 50 percent from the field eight times in 2003-04, going 7-1 in those games.

PARADA NAMED CO-PLAYER OF WEEK: UCI senior center Adam Parada has been named the Big West co-Player of the Week along with Utah State's Nate Harris. Parada averaged 16 points in UCI's two wins last week. He scored 18 points in Saturday's win over Cal State Fullerton, hitting 7 of 9 field goals and 4 of 4 from the free-throw line. Other Anteater standouts last week included senior forward Stanislav Zuzak, who was 15 of 23 from the field in the two wins, and sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger, who had 16 rebounds, 16 assists and only four turnovers in 66 minutes.

ANTEATER TRENDS: UC Irvine has won 47 of its last 60 Big West Conference games...UCI is 77-32 (.706) in its last 109 games, dating back to the last three games of the 1999-2000 season.....UCI is 33-9 in its last 42 games decided by five or fewer points....UCI won 66 games in the previous three seasons, including 41 conference contests to lead all Big West schools.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha is averaging 12.9 points for all games and 14.1 in league play. He has scored in double figures nine of the last 10 games and he leads the Anteaters with 29 three-point baskets.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak is averaging 12.6 points, scoring at least 20 three times this season. Zuzak is second on the team with 23 three-point field goals.

Senior center Adam Parada is averaging 12.3 points for all games and 14.0 in league play. He is averaging 6.9 rebounds for the season and has snared 55 in the last seven games. Parada, who is shooting 62 percent from the field, has hit 36 of 45 free throws (.800) in the past eight contests. Parada, who leads UCI with 23 blocked shots, has rejected 18 in the last eight games.

Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger leads the Anteaters in rebounding at 7.2 per game, compiling 40 in the last five games. He is averaging 10.5 points, 4.7 assists and 2.1 steals per game. He has recorded 33 assists in the last five games. Gloger, who tied his season high with five steals in the win over Cal Poly, ranks No. 6 in UCI career steals with 106 in just 44 games.

IN THE BIG WEST STATISTICS: Adam Parada ranks first in blocked shots (1.53) in the Big West Conference for all games and also is first in league games only at 2.00. He ranks second in field-goal percentage (.621) and sixth in rebounding (6.9) for all games. In conference games only, Parada is fourth in field-goal percentage (.617), fifth in rebounding (6.7) and ninth in scoring (14.0).

Jeff Gloger, for all games, is second in the league in assists (4.73), fifth in steals (2.07) and fifth in rebounding (7.2). Gloger ranks first in conference games only in assists (5.83) and assist/turnover ratio (2.69), third in steals (2.00) and fourth in rebounding (7.3).

Mike Efevberha is fourth in three-point field goals made per game (1.93) and in three-point percentage (.414) for all games. He is 10th in scoring at 12.9 per game. In league games, Efevberha is sixth in free-throw percentage (.842), sixth in three-point field goals made per game (2.17) and eighth in scoring (14.2).

Stanislav Zuzak is third in three-point field goal percentage (.426) and eighth in field-goal percentage (.500) for all games.

In the conference team statistics for all games, UCI is second in field-goal percentage (.477) and in field-goal percentage defense (.418). The Anteaters are third in three-point field goal percentage (.381) and rebounding defense (31.3). In league games only, the Anteaters are first in defensive rebounds (25.17) and second in field-goal percentage (.479).

SCOUTING THE 49ERS: Coach Larry Reynolds' Long Beach State 49ers are 4-11 overall and 2-4 in the Big West. The 49ers opened league play with two wins before losing their last four, including 74-66 to Cal State Fullerton and 73-61 to UC Riverside last week. Senior forward Kevin Roberts leads LBSU in scoring (15.0) and rebounding (7.4). Sophomore guard Jibril Hodges is averaging 10.0 points.

UC IRVINE'S TENTATIVE STARTERS:

F...12...STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, 240, Sr., 12.6 ppg, 4.3 rpg) --- 39 points (15/23 FGs) in 2 wins last week

F...40...MATT OKORO (6-7, 230, Sr., 5.0 ppg, 3.0 rpg) --- shooting 57 percent (24/42) from the field

C...55...ADAM PARADA (7-0, 265, Sr., 12.3 ppg, 6.9 rpg) --- 55 rebounds, 14 blocks in last 7 games

G...10...JEFF GLOGER (6-4, 195, So., 10.5 ppg, 7.2 rpg, 4.7 apg, 2.1 spg) --- 40 rebounds, 33 assists in last 5 games

G...23...MIKE EFEVBERHA (6-5, 195, So., 12.9 ppg, 2.6 rpg) --- hit game-winning 3-pointer vs. UC Riverside

OFF THE BENCH:

G...14...ROSS SCHRAEDER (6-5, 195, So., 5.5 ppg, 1.0 rpg) --- scored 9 points (3/6 threes) in win over CSF

F...42...GREG ETHINGTON (6-8, 250, Jr., 4.8 ppg, 2.4 rpg) --- missed first 4 Big West games (academics)

F...11...NIC CAMPBELL (6-6, 220, Fr., 2.3 ppg, 1.5 rpg) --- career-high 7 points vs. UCSB

F...32...MARK HILL (6-5, 215, Fr., 2.1 ppg, 1.5 rpg) --- started the first 5 Big West games

G...22...ARAS BASKAUSKAS (6-4, 205, Sr., 1.1 ppg, 1.6 rpg) --- 23 assists, 5 steals this season

F...21...RYAN SNOOK (6-6, 205, Sr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg) --- has not seen action this season
G...3...J.R. STEPHENS (5-11, 175, Jr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg) --- has not seen action this season

UCI HEAD COACH PAT DOUGLASS: Pat Douglass, in his seventh season at UCI, has led the Anteaters to 66 wins over the previous three seasons and a league-leading 41 Big West Conference victories in that span. Douglass earned win No. 100 as the Anteaters' head coach in an 85-83, double-overtime victory over Pepperdine at the Bren Center Dec.18. Entering the Long Beach State game, he is 104-83 in his seventh season at UCI and 480-201 in 22-plus seasons as a head coach on the four-year level. Douglass will be inducted into the Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremonial dinner Feb. 19 at the Bakersfield Holiday Inn Select. Douglass won 257 games in 10 seasons (1987-97) as head coach at Cal State Bakersfield. His Roadrunner teams won three NCAA Division II championships, including 1992-93 when Bakersfield went 33-0 to become the first Division II team in history to complete a perfect season. He was named the NCAA Division II Coach of the Decade by Division II Bulletin.

ANTEATERS IN UCI CAREER STATISTICS:

Adam Parada

1st – Blocked Shots (134)

5th – Rebounds (692) – 6 behind No. 4 Wayne Engelstad (698)

14th – Scoring (1,161) – 51 behind No. 13 Jerry Maras (1,212)

Jeff Gloger

6th – Steals (106) – 3 behind No. 5 Malachi Edmond (109)

Stanislav Zuzak

8th – Three-Point Field Goals (96) – 20 behind No. 6 Jerry Green & Mike Hood (116)

THIS SEASON: UC Irvine is 8-2 when scoring at least 60 points... UC Irvine is 1-4 when scoring under 60 points... UC Irvine is 4-0 when holding the opposition to 60 points or less... UC Irvine is 5-0 in games decided by five points or less... UC Irvine is 6-2 when leading at halftime... UC Irvine is 2-3 when trailing at halftime... UC Irvine is 1-1 when tied at halftime... UC Irvine is 7-1 when shooting at least 50 percent from the field... UC Irvine is 9-1 when the opposition shoots under 45 percent from the field... UC Irvine is 4-4 when outrebounding its opponent... UC Irvine is 4-2 when outrebounded by its opponent... UC Irvine is 6-3 when shooting at least 20 free throws.

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.

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.

January 14, 2004

UC IRVINE'S GREG ETHINGTON CLEARED TO PLAY

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine junior post player Greg Ethington has resolved an academic matter that sidelined him the last four games and he has been cleared to play by University officials. The Anteaters, 7-6 overall and 2-2 in the Big West Conference, host UC Riverside Thursday night at 7:05 and Cal State Fullerton Saturday at 1:05 p.m.

Ethington averaged 5.2 points and 2.4 rebounds in the season's first nine games.

January 12, 2004

**ANTEATERS HOST UC RIVERSIDE THURSDAY NIGHT;
FACE TITANS IN SATURDAY MATINEE AT BREN CENTER**

Game #14: UC IRVINE (7-6, 2-2) vs. UC RIVERSIDE (5-6, 2-1)

Thursday, January 15, 2004 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)

Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts & Brian Underwood)

KVMD-TV (Geoff Witcher)

Series Record: UCI leads 18-14

Last Meeting: UCI won 78-61 at Irvine (2/5/03)

Game #15: UC IRVINE vs. CAL STATE FULLERTON

Saturday, January 17, 2004 – 1:05 p.m. (PST)

Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts & Brian Underwood)

Fox Sports Net West 2 (Brian Webber & Sean Farnham)

Series Record: Cal State Fullerton leads 40-35

Last Meeting: UCI won 72-52 at Irvine (2/8/03)

ANTEATERS HOST HIGHLANDERS, TITANS: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine squad, 7-6 overall and 2-2 in the Big West Conference, hosts UC Riverside Thursday (Jan. 15) at 7:05 p.m. and Cal State Fullerton Saturday at 1:05 p.m. in the Bren Events Center. Thursday's game will be televised by KVMD while Saturday's afternoon contest will be carried on Fox Sports Net West 2.

ANTEATER TRENDS: UC Irvine has won 45 of its last 58 Big West Conference games...UCI is 75-32 (.701) in its last 107 games, dating back to the last three games of the 1999-2000 season.....UCI is 32-9 in its last 41 games decided by five or fewer points....UCI won 66 games in the previous three seasons, including 41 conference contests to lead all Big West schools.

UCI IN THE BREN CENTER: UCI has won 39 of its last 46 (.848) home games and the program is 121-103 all-time in the Bren Events Center. The Anteaters are 2-2 at home this season, defeating Pepperdine and Cal Poly, and losing to Stanford and UC Santa Barbara.

CURRENT ANTEATERS IN UCI CAREER STATISTICS:

Adam Parada

1st – Blocked Shots (131)

6th – Rebounding (682) – 8 behind No. 5 Kevin Magee (690)

15th – Scoring (1,129) – 16 behind No. 14 Bill Moore (1,145)

Jeff Gloger

6th – Steals (104) – 5 behind No. 5 Malachi Edmond (109)

Stanislav Zuzak

8th – Three-Point Field Goals (91) – tied with Justin Anderson...25 behind No. 6 Jerry Green & Mike Hood (116)

LAST WEEKEND: UCI split a pair of conference road games last weekend, defeating Cal State Northridge, 72-56, Thursday and losing to Pacific, 67-52, Saturday. Sophomore point guard Jeff Gloger scored a career-high 19 points in the win over CSUN and added nine rebounds, five assists and three steals. Senior center Adam Parada added 18 points while sophomore guard Mike Efevberha scored 15. UCI shot 63 percent from the field in the second half and 57 percent for the game. In the loss at Pacific, UCI led 22-18 at halftime but shot only 27 percent from the floor in the second half while the Tigers shot 63 percent in the final 20 minutes. Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak and sophomore guard Ross Schraeder led the Anteaters with 10 points each. Efevberha, Parada and Gloger combined to go 2 of 14 from the field. UCI was 2 of 21 from three-point range in the loss.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha is averaging 12.8 points per game. His streak of seven straight games in double figures was snapped at Pacific where he scored four points, all on free throws. Efevberha leads UCI with 25 three-point baskets. He has hit 15 of 16 free throws (.938) in the four league games.

Senior center Adam Parada is averaging 11.7 points and 7.2 rebounds. Parada, who is shooting 62.8 percent from the field, has hit 37 of 54 (.685) shots over the last eight games. He has grabbed 45 rebounds in the last five games and has hit 24 of 30 free throws in the past six contests. Parada, who leads UCI with 20 blocked shots, has rejected 15 in the last six games.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak is averaging 11.5 points, scoring in double figures nine games this season. Zuzak is second on the team with 18 three-point field goals.

Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger is averaging 11.2 points, 7.1 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 2.2 steals per game. He had a career-high nine assists in the loss to UCSB and has 17 in the last three games. Gloger, who tied his season high with five steals in the win over Cal Poly, ranks No. 6 in UCI career steals with 104 in just 42 games.

IN THE BIG WEST STATISTICS: Adam Parada ranks second first in blocked shots (1.54) in the Big West Conference for all games, second in field-goal percentage (.628) and fifth in rebounding (7.2). In conference games only, Parada is first in blocked shots (2.25), fourth in rebounding (7.5) and in field-goal percentage (.633).

Jeff Gloger, for all games, is second in the league in assists (4.23), fourth in steals (2.23) and sixth in rebounding (7.1). Gloger ranks first in conference games only in assists (4.75), third in steals (2.50) and sixth in rebounding (7.0).

Mike Efevberha is third in three-point field goals made per game (1.92) for all games and also in league games (2.25). He is fourth in free-throw percentage (.867) for all games and third in league games only at 93.8 percent (15 of 16). Efevberha is fifth in three-point field goal percentage (.474) for league games and sixth in three-point field goal percentage (.410).

Stanislav Zuzak is seventh in three-point field goal percentage (.400) for all games.

In the conference team statistics, UCI is second in field-goal percentage (.469) for all games and in field-goal percentage defense (.417). In league games only, the Anteaters are first in blocked shots (3.50), second in rebounding offense (34.2), third in rebounding margin (+5.5) and in field-goal percentage defense (.445).

SCOUTING THE HIGHLANDERS: Coach John Masi's UC Riverside Highlanders enter Thursday's game at UCI in third place in the Big West with a 2-1 mark after a 64-60 win over Cal State Fullerton last Saturday. The Highlanders are 5-6 overall on the season. Sophomore forward Nate Carter, the Big West Freshman of the Year last season, leads UCR in scoring and rebounding at 14.6 points and 6.0 rebounds per game. Carter had 15 points and 10 rebounds in the win over the Titans. Senior guard Kevin Butler is averaging 12.5 points and he leads the Highlanders with 17 steals. Junior forward Vili Morton is averaging 11.0 points and 5.9 rebounds per contest. Morton, who redshirted last season, was a member of the All-Big West second team in 2001-02 and also was selected as the league's Defensive Player of the Year. UCI has defeated UCR six straight times, sweeping the Highlanders each of the past three seasons.

SCOUTING THE TITANS: Coach Bob Burton's Cal State Fullerton Titans are 4-8 overall and 0-3 in the Big West entering a Thursday night game at Long Beach State. Junior center Pape Sow leads the Titans in scoring at 18.6 points and also leads the team and conference in rebounding at 8.8 boards per contest. He has recorded three straight double-doubles, including 17 points, 17 rebounds in Saturday's loss to UCR. Freshman guard Bobby Brown is averaging 14.1 points while senior guard Derick Andrew has an 8.0 scoring average. This is the longest-running series for UCI as the schools meet for the 76th time Saturday afternoon. CSF leads the series 40-35 but UCI has won six of the last seven meetings. The teams split last season with CSF winning 66-65 in overtime at Titan Gym (1/8/03) and UCI prevailing 72-52 at the Bren Center (2/8/03).

UC IRVINE'S TENTATIVE STARTERS:

F...12...STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, 240, Sr., 11.5 ppg, 4.0 rpg) --- ranks 8th in UCI career 3-point field goals (91)

F...32...MARK HILL (6-5, 215, Fr., 2.3 ppg, 1.7 rpg) --- career-high 6 points in loss at Pacific C...55...ADAM PARADA (7-0, 265, Sr., 11.7 ppg, 7.2 rpg) --- 45 rebounds, 11 blocks in last 5 games

G...10...JEFF GLOGER (6-4, 195, So., 11.2 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 4.2 apg, 2.2 spg) --- career-high 19 points at CSUN

G...23...MIKE EFEVBERHA (6-5, 195, So., 12.8 ppg, 2.5 rpg) --- career-high 37 points vs. Arkansas-Monticello

OFF THE BENCH:

G...14...ROSS SCHRAEDER (6-5, 195, So., 5.6 ppg, 1.0 rpg) --- 16 points in last 2 games

F...42...GREG ETHINGTON (6-8, 250, Jr., 5.2 ppg, 2.4 rpg) --- has missed last 4 games (academics)

F...40...MATT OKORO (6-7, 230, Sr., 5.0 ppg, 3.2 rpg) --- shooting 55 percent (21/38) from the field

F...11...NIC CAMPBELL (6-6, 220, Fr., 2.4 ppg, 1.4 rpg) --- career-high 7 points vs. UCSB

G...22...ARAS BASKAUSKAS (6-4, 205, Sr., 1.1 ppg, 1.6 rpg) --- season-high 4 rebounds at Pacific

F...21...RYAN SNOOK (6-6, 205, Sr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg) --- has not seen action this season

G...3...J.R. STEPHENS (5-11, 175, Jr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg) --- has not seen action this season

UC Irvine is 6-2 when scoring at least 60 points...

UC Irvine is 1-4 when scoring under 60 points...

UC Irvine is 4-0 when holding the opposition to 60 points or less...

UC Irvine is 4-2 when leading at halftime...

UC Irvine is 2-3 when trailing at halftime...

UC Irvine is 1-1 when tied at halftime...

UC Irvine is 5-1 when shooting at least 50 percent from the field...
UC Irvine is 7-1 when the opposition shoots under 45 percent from the field...
UC Irvine is 4-4 when outrebounding its opponent...
UC Irvine is 2-2 when outrebounded by its opponent...
UC Irvine is 4-3 when shooting at least 20 free throws...

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.

January 8, 2004

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.

January 6, 2004

**UC IRVINE TRAVELS TO CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE, PACIFIC
Anteaters Open Big West Schedule With Split At Home**

Game #12

UC IRVINE (6-5, 1-1) vs. CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE (5-5, 1-1)

Thursday, January 8, 2004 – 7:00 p.m. (PST)

The Matadome (1,600) – Northridge, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)

KVMD-TV (Geoff Witcher & Michael Cooper)

Series Record: UCI leads 16-13

Last Meeting: UCI won 70-64 (OT) in Big West Tournament at Anaheim Convention Center (3/13/03)

Game #13

UC IRVINE vs. PACIFIC

Saturday, January 10, 2004 – 7:00 p.m. (PST)

Alex G. Spanos Center (6,150) – Stockton, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)

Series Record: UCI leads 29-28

Last Meeting: UCI won 78-73 (OT) at Irvine (2/22/03)

ANTEATERS FACE MATADORS, TIGERS: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine squad, 6-5 overall and 1-1 in the Big West, faces road tests against Cal State Northridge Thursday (Jan. 8) and Pacific (Jan. 10) in 7:00 p.m. conference games. Pacific hosts Long Beach State Thursday. The Anteaters split at home to open league play, defeating Cal Poly, 74-69, Saturday and losing to UC Santa Barbara, 84-77, Monday.

ETHINGTON QUESTIONABLE: Junior post player Greg Ethington, who has missed the last two games due to an academic-related issue, is questionable for this week.

CURRENT ANTEATERS IN UCI CAREER STATISTICS:

Adam Parada

1st – Blocked Shots (129)

6th – Rebounding (671) – 19 behind No. 5 Kevin Magee (690)

15th – Scoring (1,110) – 35 behind No. 14 Bill Moore (1,145)

Jeff Gloger

8th – Steals (101) – tied with Lloyd Mumford (101); 1 behind No. 7 George Turner (102) and 2 behind No. 6 Jerome Lee (103)

Stanislav Zuzak

9th – Three-Point Field Goals (90) – 1 behind No. 8 Justin Anderson (91)

ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha is averaging 13.5 points after scoring in double figures the last six games, including a total of 39 points in the first two Big West games. He went 12 of 21 from the field, including 6 of 9 on three-point shots, in the league contests. Efevberha leads UCI with 22 three-point field goals.

Senior center Adam Parada is averaging 12.1 points and 7.5 rebounds. Parada, who is shooting 61.3 percent from the field, has hit 29 of 43 (.674) over the last six games. In the last three games, he has averaged 13.3 points and 11.3 rebounds. Parada has hit 21 of 24 free throws in the past four games.

Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak is averaging 11.9 points, scoring in double figures eight of the season's first 11 games.

Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger is averaging 10.7 points, 6.8 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 2.4 steals per game. He had a career-high nine assists in the loss to UCSB and tied his season high with five steals in the win over Cal Poly. Gloger, in just 40 career games, ranks No. 8 in UCI career steals with 101.

SCOUTING THE MATADORS: Coach Bobby Braswell's Cal State Northridge Matadors are 5-5 overall and 1-1 in the Big West. CSUN opened league play with a 61-55 win at Cal State Fullerton then lost at UC Riverside 78-70. Junior forward Etoagwara Onyenegecha leads the team in scoring at 17.8 points per game, followed by junior guard Davin White (12.8) and junior forward Chris Davis at 11.8.

SCOUTING THE TIGERS: Coach Bob Thomason's Pacific Tigers (7-6, 2-0) opened Big West action with road wins against UC Riverside (73-59) and Cal State Fullerton (66-64 OT). Sophomore forward Christian Maraker leads the team in scoring at 13.8, followed by senior guard Miah Davis (12.5) and junior center Guillaume Yango (10.2). Yango leads the Tigers in rebounding at 5.1.

UC IRVINE'S TENTATIVE STARTERS:

F...12...STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, 240, Sr., 11.9 ppg, 3.9 rpg) --- ranks 9th in UCI career 3-point field goals (90) F...32...MARK HILL (6-5, 215, Fr., 2.1 ppg, 1.5 rpg) --- first two collegiate starts vs. Cal Poly, UCSB

C...55...ADAM PARADA (7-0, 265, Sr., 12.1 ppg, 7.5 rpg) --- averaging 13.3 points, 11.3 rebounds in last 3 games G...10...JEFF GLOGER (6-4, 195, So., 10.7 ppg, 6.8 rpg, 4.3 apg, 2.4 spg) --- career-high 9 assists vs. UCSB

G...23...MIKE EFEVBERHA (6-5, 195, So., 13.5 ppg, 2.2 rpg) --- career-high 37 points vs. Arkansas-Monticello

OFF THE BENCH:

G...14...ROSS SCHRAEDER (6-5, 195, So., 5.2 ppg, 1.0 rpg) --- has hit 13 3-point field goals this season

F...40...MATT OKORO (6-7, 230, Sr., 5.1 ppg, 3.5 rpg) --- shooting 60 percent (18/30) from the field

F...42...GREG ETHINGTON (6-8, 250, Jr., 5.2 ppg, 2.4 rpg) --- season-high 12 points in win over Ohio

F...11...NIC CAMPBELL (6-6, 220, Fr., 2.3 ppg, 1.4 rpg) --- career-high 7 points vs. UCSB

G...22...ARAS BASKAUSKAS (6-4, 205, Sr., 1.1 ppg, 1.3 rpg) --- 4 assists in wins over San Diego, Pepperdine

F...21...RYAN SNOOK (6-6, 205, Sr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg) --- has not seen action this season

G...3...J.R. STEPHENS (5-11, 175, Jr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg) --- has not seen action this season

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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.

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.

December 30, 2003

**UCI OPENS BIG WEST PLAY AT HOME AGAINST CAL POLY, UCSB;
League Action Begins With Four Games in Eight Days****Game #10****UC IRVINE (5-4, 0-0) vs. CAL POLY (5-3, 0-0)**

Saturday, January 3, 2004 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)

Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts & Brian Underwood)

Series Record: UCI leads 11-10

Last Meeting: UCI won 68-62 at San Luis Obispo (2/27/03)

Game #11

UC IRVINE vs. UC SANTA BARBARA

Monday, January 5, 2004 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)

Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)

Cox3 Sports; tape-delay (Mark Heller & Jeff Kearns)

Series Record: UCSB leads 35-22

Last Meeting: UCSB won 67-51 at Santa Barbara (3/1/03)

THE BIG WEST SCHEDULE BEGINS: UC Irvine, 5-4 overall, hosts Cal Poly Saturday night to open a string of four games in eight days as Big West Conference action starts. The Anteaters host UC Santa Barbara Monday night before traveling to Cal State Northridge Jan. 8 and Pacific Jan. 10. The Anteaters had a three-game winning streak halted with a 64-56 loss at Sacramento State Dec. 20 in their last outing. Mike Efeverberha led UCI with 11 points and Matt Okoro added 10 in that loss.

IN BIG WEST OPENERS: UC Irvine is 10-16 in its previous 26 Big West Conference openers, winning the last three.

CURRENT ANTEATERS IN UCI CAREER STATISTICS:

Adam Parada

1st – Blocked Shots (122)

7th – Rebounds (652) – 18 behind No. 6 Ben McDonald (670)

15th – Points (1,077) – 68 behind No. 14 Bill Moore (1,145)

Stanislav Zuzak

9th – Three-Point Field Goals (90) – one behind No. 8 Justin Anderson (91)

Jeff Gloger

10th – Steals (94) – one behind No. 9 Tod Murphy (95)

IN THE BREN: UCI has won 38 of its last 44 (.864) home games and the program is 120-102 all-time in the Bren Events Center. Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara were the only teams to defeat UCI at home last season.

ANTEATER TRENDS: UC Irvine is 73-30 (.709) in its last 103 games, dating back to the last three games of the 1999-2000 season.....UCI is 31-9 in its last 40 games decided by five or fewer points....UCI won 66 games in the previous three seasons, including 41 conference contests to lead all Big West schools.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak leads UCI in scoring at 12.3 points per game, including a career-high 29 in the Nov. 15 loss to Illinois-Chicago. Sophomore guard Mike Efeverberha is averaging 12.1 points after scoring a career-high 37 points in a Dec. 6 win over Arkansas-Monticello. Senior center Adam Parada is averaging 11.1 points and 7.0 rebounds per contest. Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger leads the team in rebounding at 7.1 boards per game and he also tops the squad with 36 assists and 19 steals. He is averaging 10.1 points per game.

UC IRVINE IN CURRENT BIG WEST STATISTICS:

1st – Field-Goal Percentage Defense (.404)

2nd – Field-Goal Percentage (.473)

2nd – 3-Point Field Goal Percentage (.392)

SCOUTING THE MUSTANGS: Coach Kevin Bromley's Cal Poly Mustangs bring a 5-3 record into Saturday's game following an 80-73 win over Cal State Stanislaus Monday. Cal Poly defeated

two Pac-10 opponents on the road this season – California, 63-62, and USC, 93-78. Senior forward Varnie Dennis leads the Mustangs in scoring (19.4) and rebounding (8.1). Senior forward Shane Schilling follows at 17.3 points and 6.5 rebounds per game. Sophomore guard Kameron Gray, a transfer from Chabot College, is averaging 9.8 points and he leads the team with 26 assists and 18 steals. Junior forward Nick Enzweiler is averaging 9.5 points and 5.5 boards.

SCOUTING THE GAUCHOS: Coach Bob Williams' UC Santa Barbara Gauchos carry a 6-3 record into a Saturday game at Long Beach State before facing the Anteaters. The Gauchos have won five of their last six games heading into the weekend. UCSB has won three straight against UCI, including a pair of 16-point victories last season. Senior Nick Jones scored 12 points in a Dec. 21 win over Alabama State as he made his season debut after an eight-game suspension. Junior forward Casey Cook, who had 15 points and six rebounds in a 61-60 win at UCLA Dec. 17, follows in scoring at 11.6 points per game. Cook leads the Gauchos in rebounding at 5.9 boards per contest. Sophomore guard Cecil Brown is averaging 9.5 points.

UC IRVINE'S TENTATIVE STARTERS:

F...12...STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, 240, Sr., 12.3 ppg, 4.1 rpg)
F...40...MATT OKORO (6-7, 230, Sr., 5.3 ppg, 3.2 rpg)
C...55...ADAM PARADA (7-0, 265, Sr., 11.1 ppg, 7.0 rpg)
G...10...JEFF GLOGER (6-4, 195, So., 10.1 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 4.0 apg, 2.1 spg)
G...23...MIKE EFEVBERHA (6-5, 195, So., 12.1 ppg, 2.6 rpg)

OFF THE BENCH:

G...14...ROSS SCHRAEDER (6-5, 195, So., 6.1 ppg, 1.0 rpg)
F...42...GREG ETHINGTON (6-8, 250, Jr., 5.2 ppg, 2.4 rpg)
F...11...NIC CAMPBELL (6-6, 220, Fr., 1.8 ppg, 1.3 rpg)
F...32...MARK HILL (6-5, 215, Fr., 1.3 ppg, 1.2 rpg)
G...22...ARAS BASKAUSKAS (6-4, 205, Sr., 0.9 ppg, 1.2 rpg)
F...21...RYAN SNOOK (6-6, 205, Sr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg)
G...3...J.R. STEPHENS (5-11, 175, Jr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg)

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.

December 18, 2003

**UC IRVINE EDGES PEPPERDINE 85-83 IN DOUBLE OVERTIME;
PAT DOUGLASS EARNS 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.

December 16, 2003

**ANTEATERS HOST PEPPERDINE THURSDAY, TRAVEL TO SACRAMENTO STATE
SATURDAY**

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TOY DRIVE FOR CHARITY THURSDAY: Anyone bringing a new, unwrapped toy to Thursday's game against Pepperdine will be eligible to purchase two tickets for the price of one. The toys will be donated to a local charity.

COACH DOUGLASS EYES NO. 100: UCI's next win will be victory No. 100 for Pat Douglass as the Anteaters' head coach. He is 99-80 in his seventh season at the school. Douglass will be inducted into the Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremonial dinner Feb. 19 at the Bakersfield Holiday Inn Select. Douglass, in his seventh season as head coach at UCI, won 257 games in 10 seasons (1987-97) as head coach at Cal State Bakersfield. His Roadrunner teams won three NCAA Division II championships, including 1992-93 when Bakersfield went 33-0 to become the first Division II team in history to complete a perfect season. He was named the NCAA Division II Coach of the Decade by *Division II Bulletin*.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak leads UCI in scoring at 12.6 points per game, including a career-high 29 in the Nov. 15 loss to Illinois-Chicago. Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha is averaging 12.1 points after scoring a career-high 37 points in a Dec. 6 win over Arkansas-Monticello. Senior center Adam Parada is averaging 10.3 points and 6.0 rebounds per contest. Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger leads the team in rebounding at 6.4 boards per game and he also tops the squad with 32 assists and 15 steals. He is averaging 9.7 points per game.

IN THE BREN: UCI has won 37 of its last 43 (.860) home games and the program is 119-102 all-time in the Bren Events Center.

IN THE BIG WEST STATS: In the latest Big West Conference statistics, UCI ranks second in field-goal percentage (.482), field-goal percentage defense (.411), assists per game (15.00), and rebounding defense (30.9). Individually, Jeff Gloger is second in assists per game (4.57) and fourth in steals (2.14). He ranks eighth in rebounding at 6.4. Mike Efevberha is fourth in three-point field goals made per game (2.00) and Stanislav Zuzak is eighth (1.86). Zuzak is seventh in the league in field-goal percentage at .508.

ANTEATER TRENDS: UC Irvine is 72-29 (.713) in its last 101 games, dating back to the last three games of the 1999-2000 season.....UCI is 30-9 in its last 39 games decided by five or fewer points....UCI won 66 games in the previous three seasons, including 41 conference contests to lead all Big West schools.

SCOUTING THE WAVES: Coach Paul Westphal's Pepperdine Waves are 3-5 after a weekend split on the road. Junior forward Glen McGowan, who leads the team in scoring with a 20.1 average, scored a career-high 36 points in a 96-72 loss at Maryland Sunday after notching 24 points in a 95-74 victory over Lipscomb Friday. Junior guard Terrance Johnson is averaging 14.6 points.

SCOUTING THE HORNETS: Coach Jerome Jenkins' Sacramento State Hornets will bring a 3-5 record into Saturday's game with UCI. Senior guard Joseth Dawson leads the Hornets in scoring at 13.5 points per game, followed by senior wing Joel Jones at 12.3 and senior guard Brandon Guyton at 10.8. Sacramento State has lost its last four games, including an 85-77, overtime defeat at San Jose State Saturday.

December 12, 2003

UCI'S PAT DOUGLASS TO BE INDUCTED INTO BOB ELIAS KERN COUNTY HALL OF FAME

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine men's head basketball coach Pat Douglass is one of four new members to be inducted into the Bob Elias Kern County Sports Hall of Fame during a ceremonial dinner Feb. 19 at the Bakersfield Holiday Inn Select.

Douglass, in his seventh season as head coach at UCI, won 257 games in 10 seasons (1987-97) as head coach at Cal State Bakersfield. His Roadrunner teams won three NCAA Division II championships, including 1992-93 when Bakersfield went 33-0 to become the first Division II team in history to complete a perfect season. He was named the NCAA Division II Coach of the Decade by Division II Bulletin.

Douglass, who led UCI to Big West Conference regular-season titles in 2001 and 2002, was named the 2001 Big West Conference and NABC District 15 Coach of the Year. UCI's next win will be the 100th victory for Douglass as the Anteaters' head coach. He is 99-80 at UCI and he is 475-198 in 22-plus seasons as a head coach on the four-year collegiate level.

Joining Douglass in the February induction will be the late Art Dalzell, a former long-time successful track and field coach at Bakersfield High School, David Fanucchi, a major supporter of Garces High School and Kern County sports activities, and Rick Sawyer, a Bakersfield East High School graduate who pitched for the New York Yankees and San Diego Padres.

December 8, 2003

ANTEATERS PREPARE TO HOST PEPPERDINE DEC. 18

Game #8

UC IRVINE (4-3) vs. PEPPERDINE

Thursday, December 18, 2003 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)
Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California
KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts & Brian Underwood)
Cox3 Sports; tape-delay (Mark Heller & Jeff Kearns)
Series Record: Pepperdine leads 8-6
Last Meeting: UCI won 74-69 at Malibu (11/30/02)

Game #9

UC IRVINE vs. SACRAMENTO STATE

Saturday, December 20, 2003 – 8:05 p.m. (PST)
Hornets Nest (1,400) – Sacramento, California
KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)
Series Record: Sacramento State leads 1-0
Last Meeting: Sacramento State won 82-59 at Boise State Classic (12/30/76)

UCI WITH RARE HOME APPEARANCE: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine men's basketball team (4-3 overall), after playing six of its first seven games on the road, hosts Pepperdine Dec. 18 at 7:05 p.m. before traveling to Sacramento State for a Dec. 20 contest at 8:05 p.m. These games will wrap up the pre-holiday schedule for the Anteaters who open Big West Conference action at home against Cal Poly Jan. 3 and UC Santa Barbara Jan. 5. The Anteaters are idle from competition this week for fall quarter final exams.

COACH DOUGLASS EYES NO. 100: UCI's next win will be victory No. 100 for Pat Douglass as the Anteaters' head coach. He is 99-80 in his seventh season at the school.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak leads UCI in scoring at 12.6 points per game, including a career-high 29 in the Nov. 15 loss to Illinois-Chicago. Sophomore guard Mike Efevberha is averaging 12.1 points after scoring a career-high 37 points in a Dec. 6 win over Arkansas-Monticello. Senior center Adam Parada is averaging 10.3 points and 6.0 rebounds per contest. Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger leads the team in rebounding at 6.4 boards per game and he also tops the squad with 32 assists and 15 steals. He is averaging 9.7 points per game.

IN THE BIG WEST STATS: In the latest Big West Conference statistics, UCI ranks first in field-goal percentage defense (.411) and assists per game (15.00). The Anteaters are second in field-goal percentage (.482), three-point field goal percentage (.396) and rebounding defense (30.9). Individually, Jeff Gloger is second in assists per game (4.57) and fourth in steals (2.14). He ranks eighth in rebounding at 6.4. Mike Efevberha is fourth in three-point field goals made per game (2.00) and Stanislav Zuzak is seventh (1.86). Zuzak is seventh in the league in field-goal percentage at .508.

UCI WINS 2 OF 3 ON ROAD: The Anteaters went 2-1 in a four-day span on the road last week, including 2-0 in the McCaffrey Classic at Fresno over the weekend. UCI was the only undefeated team in the event which featured pre-set games.

The trip culminated Saturday at the McCaffrey Classic as sophomore guard Mike Efevberha scored a career-high 37 points, hitting 14 of 23 field goals, in an 84-67 win over Arkansas-Monticello. Efevberha had a career-high 7 three-pointers in 12 attempts. Senior center Adam Parada added 11 points and six rebounds while sophomore guard Jeff Gloger had 10 points, nine rebounds, a career-high eight assists and four steals.

The Anteaters defeated Princeton, 57-55, in the McCaffrey Classic last Friday as Adam Parada scored on a lay-in with 1.8 seconds left off a pass from Mike Efevberha. Stanislav Zuzak and Efevberha scored 12 points each to lead the Anteaters, who rallied from a 43-35 deficit with 10 minutes remaining.

UCI lost to California, 65-57, in Berkeley last Wednesday as the Bears had 18 more possessions than UCI on 10 more offensive rebounds and eight less turnovers. The Anteaters shot 66.7 percent from the field in the first half but the game was still tied 29-29 at intermission. UCI went ahead 38-35 with 13:55 left in the game before Cal took the lead for good at 12:51. Stanislav Zuzak led the Anteaters with 18 points and Jeff Gloger added 10.

UC IRVINE'S TENTATIVE STARTERS:

F...12...STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, 240, Sr., 12.6 ppg, 3.6 rpg)
F...40...MATT OKORO (6-7, 230, Sr., 4.6 ppg, 3.4 rpg)
C...55...ADAM PARADA (7-0, 265, Sr., 10.3 ppg, 6.0 rpg)
G...10...JEFF GLOGER (6-4, 195, So., 9.7 ppg, 6.4 rpg, 4.6 apg, 2.1 spg)
G...23...MIKE EFEVBERHA (6-5, 195, So., 12.1 ppg, 2.4 rpg)

OFF THE BENCH:

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F...42...GREG ETHINGTON (6-8, 250, Jr., 5.0 ppg, 2.1 rpg)
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F...32...MARK HILL (6-5, 215, Fr., 1.0 ppg, 1.0 rpg)
F...21...RYAN SNOOK (6-6, 205, Sr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg)
G...3...J.R. STEPHENS (5-11, 175, Jr., 0.0 ppg, 0.0 rpg)

PLAYER NOTES:

#10 - JEFF GLOGER (6-4, So., PG, Capistrano Valley HS)

Gloger is UCI's leading rebounder at 6.4 boards per game and he also leads the team in assists (32) and steals (15). He had a career-high eight assists in the win over Arkansas-Monticello last Saturday. He tied for second in the Dell BCA Classic tournament record book with five steals in the win over San Diego Nov. 16. Gloger, who set the UCI single-season record with 75 steals last season, finished 14th nationally with a 2.6 average in 2002-03. In the win over San Diego, Gloger hit 6 of 8 field goals in tying his career high with 17 points and he added nine rebounds in the game. Gloger is tied with Ricky Butler and Gerald McDonald for 10th place in career steals (90) at UCI after just 36 games. Gloger is five behind current assistant coach Tod Murphy for ninth place.

#55 – ADAM PARADA (7-0, Sr., C, Alta Loma HS)

Parada, with 1,049 career points, ranks 15th on the Anteater list. With 631 rebounds, he ranks seventh at UCI, 39 behind No. 6 Ben McDonald. Parada is the career leader in blocked shots at UCI with 116. Parada, who went 9 for 9 from the field in the two games at the McCaffrey Classic, is shooting 63.4 percent on the season. He recorded a career-high four assists in the win against Princeton Dec. 5 and he scored the winning basket on a lay-in with 1.8 seconds left in that game. Parada was named to the CollegeInsider.com preseason Mid-Major All-America team and also the preseason All-Big West Conference squad. Parada is UCI's leading returning scorer (12.2) and rebounder (6.2). A two-time, All-Big West second team selection, Parada led the conference in field-goal percentage at .545 last season.

#12 – STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, Sr., F, Chodov, Czech Republic)

Zuzak has scored in double figures in five of the season's first seven games to lead UCI in scoring at 12.6 points per game. Zuzak went 10 of 15 from the field en route to his career-high 29 points in the loss to Illinois-Chicago at the Dell BCA Classic Nov. 15. He had a career-high six threes (in seven attempts) in that effort. He ranks second on the team with 13 three-point baskets this season.

#23 – MIKE EFEVBERHA (6-5, So., G, Pomona/Ganesha HS)

Efevberha scored a career-high 37 points in Saturday's win over Arkansas-Monticello, marking the most points by an Anteater player since Jerry Green notched 41 in a double overtime win over Pepperdine Nov. 20, 2001. Efevberha was 14 of 23 from the field, including a career-high 7 of 12 three-pointers, in the victory over the Boll Weevils. He scored 18 of his points in the first 10:25 of the game. Efevberha, who had a career-high four assists in the game, scored 12 points in Friday's win over Princeton. He had the assist on the winning lay-in by Adam Parada with 1.8 seconds remaining. He tied his career high with five rebounds against Arkansas-Monticello. Efevberha leads UCI with 14 three-point baskets this season.

#40 – MATT OKORO (6-7, Sr., F, Buena Park HS)

Okoro had a season-high six rebounds in the Dec. 6 win over Arkansas-Monticello at the McCaffrey Classic, with four of those boards off the offensive glass. He had a career-high four assists in the victory over the Boll Weevils. Eleven of his 24 rebounds this season have come on the offensive end. He scored a season-high 10 points in the loss to Stanford Nov. 25 and he averaged 4 points and 4.3 rebounds in the Dell BCA Classic at Cincinnati. He had five rebounds each in the games against Ohio and Illinois-Chicago.

#42 – GREG ETHINGTON (6-8, Jr., Post, Chandler, Ariz./Gilbert HS)

Ethington averaged 5 points and 2 rebounds in last week's three games. He had eight points, hitting 3 of 5 field goals, in Saturday's win over Arkansas-Monticello in the McCaffrey Classic at Fresno. He scored 12 points, second-highest in his career, in the win over Ohio at the Dell BCA Classic Nov. 17. He was 3 of 4 from the field and 6 of 6 from the line.

#14 – ROSS SCHRAEDER (6-5, So., G, Denver, Colo./Denver East HS)

Schraeder has hit 11 three-pointers to rank third on the team. He averaged 10.3 points in the Dell BCA Classic at Cincinnati, scoring a career-high 17 points in the victory over Ohio in the consolation final Nov. 17. Schraeder buried a career-high five threes (in six attempts) in the win. He had a team-high nine three-point field goals to lead UCI in the tournament.

#22 – ARAS BASKAUSKAS (6-4, Sr., G, Santa Monica HS)

Baskauskas scored five points in the win over Princeton, his largest offensive output since scoring five against Illinois State in the University Hoops Classic at Moon Township, Pa., Nov. 23, 2001. He has eight assists and five steals through the first seven games this season.

#11 – NIC CAMPBELL (6-6, RSFr., F, Launceston, Tasmania, Australia)

Campbell, who received a medical hardship (back) last year, scored a season-high five points in the win over Arkansas-Monticello at the McCaffrey Classic Dec. 6. He had four points and two rebounds in seven minutes versus Stanford Nov. 25. Campbell had a season-high three rebounds in the Nov. 17 win over Ohio at the Dell BCA Classic.

#32 – MARK HILL (6-5, Fr., F, Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman HS)

Hill had four points and four rebounds in 13 minutes of action in the Dec. 3 loss at California. All of his points came from the free-throw line as he was 4 of 6.

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.

December 5, 2003

UC IRVINE EDGES PRINCETON, 57-55 AT McCAFFREY CLASSIC

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

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.

December 1, 2003

ANTEATERS FACE 3 GAMES IN 4 DAYS BEGINNING WITH CAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Game #5

UC IRVINE (2-2) vs. CALIFORNIA (1-2)

Wednesday, December 3, 2003 – 7:00 p.m. (PST)
Haas Pavilion (11,877) – Berkeley, California
KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)
Series Record: Cal leads 3-2
Last Meeting: UCI won 56-52 at Bren Center (12/2/00)

Game #6

UC IRVINE vs. PRINCETON

Friday, December 5, 2003 – 5:30 p.m. (PST)
McCaffrey Classic at Fresno State
Save Mart Center (16,116) – Fresno, California
KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)
Series Record: First Meeting

Game#7

UC IRVINE vs. ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO

Saturday, December 6, 2003 – 5:30 p.m. (PST)
McCaffrey Classic at Fresno State
Save Mart Center (16,116) – Fresno, California
KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)
Series Record: First Meeting

UCI BACK ON THE ROAD: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine men's basketball team (2-2 overall) continues its season-opening string of six out of seven road games this week. The Anteaters face California Wednesday night then compete in the McCaffrey Classic at Fresno State this weekend. The pre-set games have UCI facing Princeton Friday and Arkansas-Monticello Saturday at the new Save Mart Center on the Fresno State campus. Both weekend games will begin at 5:30 p.m. Seven of the Anteaters' nine non-conference games this season are away from Irvine. Following this week's trip, UCI will host Pepperdine Dec. 18 at 7:05 p.m.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak leads UCI in scoring at 14.0 points per game, including a career-high 29 in the Nov. 15 loss to Illinois-Chicago. Senior center Adam Parada is averaging 10.5 points and a team-high 6.3 rebounds per contest. Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger is also averaging 10.5 points and he leads the team with 16 assists and 10 steals.

ANTEATER TRENDS: UC Irvine is 70-28 (.714) in its last 98 games, dating back to the last three games of the 1999-2000 season.....UCI is 29-9 in its last 38 games decided by five or fewer points....UCI has won 66 games in the previous three seasons, including 41 conference contests to lead all Big West schools.

SCOUTING CAL: Coach Ben Braun's Golden Bears are 1-2 on the season with the three games decided by a total of four points. Cal lost at home to Cal Poly 63-62, defeated BYU 47-46, then lost on the road to UNLV 59-57. Freshman forward Leon Powe leads the Bears in scoring and rebounding at 14.7 points and 10.7 boards per game, recording double-doubles in each of the first three contests. Senior post Amit Tamir is averaging 10.0 points and 6.7 rebounds. Tamir had the winning tip-in with 5.8 seconds left in the win over BYU.

SCOUTING PRINCETON: Coach John Thompson's Tigers are 2-0 heading into a road game against Maryland-Baltimore County Tuesday (Dec. 2). Junior post Judson Wallace is averaging 29.5 points and 10.0 rebounds per game, scoring 28 in a 73-64 win over Colgate and a career-high 31 points in a 61-55 victory over Holy Cross. Sophomore guard Scott Greenman is averaging 9 points.

SCOUTING ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO: Coach Mike Newell's Boll Weevils (NCAA Division II) are 3-2 overall, including an 86-67 win over Division I Savannah State. The Weevils are hosting Philander Smith Monday (Dec. 1). Sophomore forward Billy McDaniel and freshman guard Nate Newell are each averaging 17 points per game.

VERSUS THE PAC-10: UCI, following its 72-59 loss to Stanford in the home opener last Tuesday (Nov. 25), is 9-24 all-time against Pac-10 opponents. UCI's last victory over a Pac-10 opponent was a 56-55 win at Washington Dec. 28, 2000, and the last home win was 56-52 over California at the Bren Center Dec. 2, 2000.

ANTEATERS LOSE HOME OPENER TO CARDINAL: Sophomore guard Chris Hernandez scored a career-high 22 points, hitting 6 of 7 three-point shots, to lead then-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 Nov. 25. 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. Parada led UCI with 12 points and a game-high nine rebounds, while Zuzak, Efevberha and Matt Okoro scored 10 points apiece. UCI, after averaging over 21 turnovers in its first three games, recorded just 12 against the Cardinal.

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PARADA PASSES 1,000 POINTS, 600 REBOUNDS: UCI senior center ADAM PARADA (Alta Loma HS), with 42 points in the season's first four games, now has 1,019 career points to rank 15th on the Anteater list. With 25 rebounds on the season, he has 614 for his career to tie for seventh at UCI with Jeff Von Lutzow (1989-93) and Jerry Maras (1972-75). Parada is 56 rebounds away from No. 6 Ben McDonald. Parada is the career leader in blocked shots at UCI with 116. Parada was named to the CollegelInsider.com preseason Mid-Major All-America team and also the preseason All-Big West Conference squad. Parada is UCI's leading returning scorer (12.2) and rebounder (6.2). A two-time, All-Big West second team selection, Parada led the conference in field-goal percentage at .545 last season.

Sophomore guard JEFF GLOGER (Capistrano Valley HS) picked up where he left off last season with 10 steals in the first three games. He tied for second in the Dell BCA Classic tournament record book with five in the win over San Diego. Gloger, who set the UCI single-season record

with 75 steals last season, finished 14th nationally with a 2.6 average in 2002-03. His 85 career steals in just 33 games rank 12th at UCI. Gloger tied his career high with six assists in the loss to Illinois-Chicago. In the win over San Diego, Gloger hit 6 of 8 field goals in tying his career high with 17 points and he added nine rebounds in the game. Gloger had eight points and three assists in the loss to Stanford. He had a career-high seven steals in last season's loss to Stanford.

Senior forward STANISLAV ZUZAK (Chodov, Czech Republic) is 10 of 18 (.556) on three-pointers this season. He scored 10 points, hitting 2 of 4 threes, in the loss to Stanford. Zuzak went 10 of 15 from the field en route to his career-high 29 points in the loss to Illinois-Chicago at the Dell BCA Classic Nov. 15. He had a career-high six threes (in seven attempts) in that effort. Zuzak averaged 6 rebounds per game in the tournament.

Sophomore wing ROSS SCHRAEDER (Denver East HS) averaged 10.3 points in the Dell BCA Classic, scoring a career-high 17 points in the victory over Ohio in the consolation final Nov. 17. Schraeder buried a career-high five threes (in six attempts) in the win. He had a team-high nine three-point baskets in the tournament. With one trey against Stanford, Schraeder is tied with Zuzak for the team lead at 10 for the season.

Sophomore wing MIKE EFEVBERHA (Pomona/Ganesha HS) scored a season-high 10 points against Stanford. He averaged 6.3 points in the Dell BCA Classic. He had eight points in the win over San Diego, but struggled from the field in the tournament going 8 of 30. Efevberha, who led UCI in its two exhibition wins with 41 points, is 11 of 38 (.289) from the field in the first four games.

Junior post GREG ETHINGTON (Chandler, Ariz./Gilbert HS) scored 12 points, second-highest in his career, in the win over Ohio at the Dell BCA Classic. He was 3 of 4 from the field and 6 of 6 from the line.

Senior forward MATT OKORO (Buena Park HS) scored a season-high 10 points in the loss to Stanford. He averaged 4 points and 4.3 rebounds in the Dell BCA Classic. He had five rebounds each in the games against Ohio and Illinois-Chicago.

Senior guard ARAS BASKAUSKAS (Santa Monica HS) has eight assists through the first four games. He averaged 23 minutes of action per game in the Dell BCA Classic, recording six assists and five rebounds.

Freshman forward NIC CAMPBELL (Launceston, Tasmania, Australia), who received a medical hardship (back) last year, had four points and two rebounds in seven minutes versus Stanford. Campbell played in all three Dell BCA Classic games, pulling down a total of six rebounds.

True freshman forward MARK HILL (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman HS) played four minutes in the San Diego game, recording one assist in his lone action of the season.

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.

November 24, 2003

ANTEATERS HOST NO. 20 STANFORD TUESDAY NIGHT

Game #4

UC IRVINE (2-1) vs. NO. 20 STANFORD (1-0)

Tuesday, November 25, 2003 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)

Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)

Cox3 Sports; tape-delay (Mark Heller & Jeff Kearns)

UCI HOSTS STANFORD IN HOME OPENER: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine men's basketball team (2-1 overall) hosts No. 20 Stanford in the home opener Tuesday. Stanford is the highest-ranked opponent to visit the Bren Center since No. 8 Utah defeated UCI, 77-50, Dec. 28, 1996. The Cardinal defeated Sacramento State, 77-59, Saturday night. Forward Justin Davis led four Stanford players in double figures with 17 points.

TRIBUTE TO KEVIN: UCI will pay tribute to former Anteater two-time All-American Kevin Magee at halftime Tuesday. Magee passed away in an auto accident in October.

OPERATION 'GOLD OUT': Fans are encouraged to wear gold or yellow to Tuesday's game in order to "paint" the Bren Center a "Sea of Gold," according to UCI Assistant Athletic Director/Marketing & Promotions Blake Sasaki. Gold T-shirts will be given to the first 1,500 fans courtesy of Kustom Imprints.

TICKETS AVAILABLE: Tickets are still available for the UCI-Stanford game Tuesday. The Bren Center box office phone is (949) 824-5000.

SERIES RECORD: Stanford leads the series 4-0, including an 84-57 win at Maples Pavilion last Dec. 19. Julius Barnes led the Cardinal with 24 points, Dan Grunfeld scored 12, and Josh Childress and Rob Little added 11 points each as Stanford shot 67.4 percent from the field. Greg Ethington led UCI with a career-high 13 points and Jordan Harris added 12.

IN THE BREN: The Anteaters have won 37 of their last 42 home games (.875) at the Bren Center. UCI's all-time record in the Bren is 119-101.

UCI WINS CONSOLATION FINAL IN CINCINNATI: UCI claimed fifth place in the Dell Black Coaches Association at Xavier University with a 63-60 win over Ohio Nov. 17. The Anteaters defeated San Diego, 65-60, in a consolation semifinal Nov. 16 after losing to Illinois-Chicago, 77-65, in the first round Nov. 15. Senior forward Stanislav Zuzak averaged 15.3 points in the tournament, including a career-high 29 in the loss to Illinois-Chicago. He shot 48.5 percent from the field and 57.1 percent (8/14) from three-point range. Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger tied his career high with 17 points in the victory over San Diego and he averaged 11.3 points over the three games shooting 57.9 percent (11/19). Sophomore wing Ross Schraeder also shot 57.9 percent (11/19) and he averaged 10.3 points. Schraeder hit 9 of 16 threes for 56.3 percent. Senior center Adam Parada averaged 10 points and shot 53.3 percent from the field. On the positive side during the tournament, UCI outshot its opponents 45.4 percent to 38.6 percent (.458 to .408 on threes), and outrebounded the opponents 33.3 to 32.0. On the down side, the Anteaters committed 64 turnovers in the three games.

HOME OPENERS FOR UCI: UC Irvine, in its previous 38 years of basketball, is 28-10 in previous home openers. The Anteaters have won their past three home debuts, including 81-66 over Loyola Marymount last season.

ANTEATER TRENDS: UC Irvine is 70-27 (.722) in its last 97 games, dating back to the last three games of the 1999-2000 season.....UC Irvine is 29-9 in its last 38 games decided by five or fewer points.

GOLDEN BEARS NEXT: UCI faces another Pac-10 opponent Dec. 3 at California. The Anteaters then compete in the McCaffrey Classic at Fresno State, meeting Princeton Dec. 5 and Arkansas-Monticello Dec. 6.

AGAINST THE PAC-10: UC Irvine is 9-23 all-time versus Pac-10 schools with five of those wins coming at home. UCI's last victory over a Pac-10 opponent was a 56-55 win at Washington Dec. 28, 2000, and the last home win was 56-52 over California at the Bren Center Dec. 2, 2000.

SCOUTING THE CARDINAL: Mike Montgomery, in his 18th season as head coach at Stanford, has led the Cardinal to nine straight NCAA Tournaments. Three of Stanford's top double-digit scorers from a year ago return: Josh Childress (14.1 ppg), Matt Lottich (11.3) and Justin Davis (10.3). The team's top four rebounders are also back: Childress (8.1 rpg), Davis (7.8), Rob Little (5.7) and Nick Robinson (4.2). Stanford was picked to finish second by the media in the preseason Pac-10 poll.

UCI HEAD COACH PAT DOUGLASS: Pat Douglass, in his seventh season at UCI, has led the Anteaters to 66 wins over the previous three seasons and a league-leading 41 Big West Conference victories in that span. His .706 winning percentage at the four-year level entering 2003-04 ranks No. 14 among all active coaches in Division I and his 471 career victories rank No. 19 among active Division I coaches. He led the Anteaters to two consecutive regular-season Big West Conference titles (2001 & 2002). He is 97-78 at UCI and 473-196 after 22-plus seasons as a head coach at the four-year level.

UC IRVINE'S TENTATIVE STARTERS:

F - 12 - STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, 240, Sr., 15.3 ppg, 6.0 rpg)

F - 40 - MATT OKORO (6-7, 230, Sr., 4.0 ppg, 4.3 rpg)

C - 55 - ADAM PARADA (7-0, 265, Sr., 10.0 ppg, 5.3 rpg)

G - 10 - JEFF GLOGER (6-4, 195, So., 11.3 ppg, 6.3 rpg, 4.3 apg, 3.3 spg)

G - 14 - ROSS SCHRAEDER (6-5, 195, So., 10.3 ppg, 3.3 apg)

PARADA PASSES 1,000 POINTS, 600 REBOUNDS: UCI senior center ADAM PARADA (Alta Loma HS), with 30 points in the Dell BCA Classic, now has 1,007 career points to rank 15th on the Anteater list. He had 16 rebounds in the tournament and has 605 for his career to rank 10th at UCI. Parada is the career leader in blocked shots at UCI with 116. Parada was named to the CollegelInsider.com preseason Mid-Major All-America team and also the preseason All-Big West Conference squad. Parada is UCI's leading returning scorer (12.2) and rebounder (6.2). A two-time, All-Big West second team selection, Parada led the conference in field-goal percentage at .545 last season.

GLOGER'S THEFTS CONTINUE: Sophomore guard JEFF GLOGER (Capistrano Valley HS) has picked up where he left off last season with 10 steals in the first three games. He tied for second in the Dell BCA Classic tournament record book with five in the win over San Diego. Gloger, who set the UCI single-season record with 75 steals last season, finished 14th nationally with a 2.6 average in 2002-03. His 85 career steals in just 32 games rank 12th at UCI. Gloger, who averaged 11.3 points per game in the Dell BCA Classic, led the team in rebounding at 6.3 per game. He tied his career high with six assists in the loss to Illinois-Chicago. In the win over San Diego, Gloger hit 6 of 8 field goals in tying his career high with 17 points and he added nine rebounds in the game.

Senior forward STANISLAV ZUZAK (Chodov, Czech Republic) went 10 of 15 from the field en route to his career-high 29 points in the loss to Illinois-Chicago at the Dell BCA Classic. He had a career-high six threes (in seven attempts) in that effort. Zuzak averaged 6 rebounds per game in the tournament.

Sophomore wing ROSS SCHRAEDER (Denver East HS) averaged 10.3 points in the tourney, scoring a career-high 17 points in the victory over Ohio in the consolation final. Schraeder buried a career-high five threes (in six attempts) in the win. He had a team-high nine three-point baskets in the tournament.

Sophomore wing MIKE EFEVBERHA (Pomona/Ganesha HS) averaged 6.3 points in the Dell BCA Classic. He had eight points in the win over San Diego, but struggled from the field in the tournament going 8 of 30. Efevberha led UCI in its two exhibition wins with 41 points.

Junior post GREG ETHINGTON (Chandler, Ariz./Gilbert HS) scored 12 points, second-highest in his career, in the win over Ohio at the Dell BCA Classic. He was 3 of 4 from the field and 6 of 6 from the line.

Senior forward MATT OKORO (Buena Park HS) averaged 4 points and 4.3 rebounds in the Dell BCA Classic. He had five rebounds each in the games against Ohio and Illinois-Chicago.

Senior guard ARAS BASKAUSKAS (Santa Monica HS) averaged 23 minutes of action per game in the Dell BCA Classic. He had six assists and five rebounds in the tournament.

Freshman forward NIC CAMPBELL (Launceston, Tasmania, Australia), who received a medical hardship last year, played in all three tournament games pulling down a total of six rebounds.

True freshman forward MARK HILL (Las Vegas, Nev./Bishop Gorman HS) played four minutes in the San Diego game recording one assist.

November 21, 2003

TWO SIGN WITH UC IRVINE MEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- Darren Fells, a 6-8 forward from Fullerton High School, and Adam Metelski, a 6-10 post player from Grayson County College in Denison, Tex., signed national letters of intent with the UC Irvine men's basketball program in the early signing period.

Fells averaged 17 points and 10 rebounds for Fullerton High as a junior last season when he was named to the Division 2A All-CIF Southern Section second team. He was selected to the All-Freeway League first team and was the MVP of tournaments at Fullerton and in Hawaii.

Metelski, a native of Poland, is in his sophomore season at Grayson County College. He averaged 18 points and 8 rebounds last season when he was selected to the All-North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference first team. Metelski was named the best center in the 2002 and 2003 Polish Shootouts.

"Both of these players will fill a gap in our program next season considering three of our four seniors this year are front-line players," said UC Irvine head coach Pat Douglass. "Adam, being a third-year player next season, will have more game experience coming in but Darren will also get consideration for playing time.

"Both are mature kids and wide-bodied players who can help us inside," Douglass said. "Adam is a true post player and Darren is an inside/out player. We felt an immediate need to recruit inside players and I am excited to sign these two players who can make an instant impact next season."

UC IRVINE MEN'S BASKETBALL SIGNINGS

Darren Fells.....6-8, 250.....Forward.....Fullerton, Calif. (Fullerton High School)

Adam Metelski.....6-10, 270.....Center.....Poznan, Poland (Grayson County College)

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.

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.

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.

November 10, 2003

UC IRVINE OPENS REGULAR SEASON IN CINCINNATI; Anteaters Face Illinois-Chicago in First Round of Dell BCA Classic

Game #1

UC IRVINE (0-0) vs. ILLINOIS-CHICAGO (0-0)

Dell Black Coaches Association Classic

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2003 – 3:00 p.m. (PST)

Cintas Center (10,250) – Cincinnati, Ohio

KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM (Mark Roberts)

UCI MEETS UIC IN SEASON OPENER: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine men's basketball team faces the University of Illinois, Chicago in the first round of the Dell Black Coaches Association Classic Saturday (Nov. 15) at 3:00 p.m. (PST). The three-day tournament is being played at the Cintas Center on the campus of Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio. San Diego and Oakland (Mich.) are in the Anteaters' half of the bracket. The other half includes Xavier vs. Coppin State and Mercer vs. Ohio.

SERIES RECORD: UC Irvine has a 1-0 lead in the series against Illinois-Chicago. The Anteaters defeated the university then known as Illinois-Chicago Circle, 98-61, in Irvine Dec. 11, 1980.

RADIO COVERAGE: Beginning with Saturday's season opener, all UCI regular-season and post-season games will be carried live on KUCI Radio/88.9 FM with Mark Roberts calling the action. This is the 10th season for Roberts as the voice of the Anteaters.

UCI RANKS SECOND IN CALIFORNIA: UCI, with 66 wins over the past three seasons, ranks second among all Division I programs in California. Stanford leads the list with 75 victories, and Cal and Fresno State are tied for third with 65.

EXHIBITION WINS FOR UC IRVINE: Sophomore wing Mike Efevberha (Pomona/Ganesha HS) led UCI to a pair of exhibition victories earlier this month. Efevberha scored 28 points (23 in the second half) in the Anteaters' 94-91 win over the EA Sports Southwest All-Stars Nov. 1 then notched 13 points in a 75-49 victory over Cal State L.A. Nov. 6. Sophomore wing Ross Schraeder (Denver, Colo./Denver East HS) had 13 points against EA Sports and 12 versus Cal State L.A. Senior center Adam Parada (Alta Loma HS) averaged 11 points and 5.5 rebounds in the exhibition games while junior post Greg Ethington (Chandler, Ariz./Gilbert HS) averaged 9 points and 8 boards off the bench. Senior forward Matt Okoro (Buena Park HS) and sophomore guard Jeff Gloger (Capistrano Valley HS) averaged 8.5 points each in the two exhibition victories.

SEASON OPENERS FOR UCI: UC Irvine, in its previous 38 years of basketball, is 18-20 in season openers. The Anteaters lost last season's opener to then-No. 7 Oklahoma, 87-65, in the first round of the Sooner Invitational in Norman.

SCOUTING THE FLAMES: Illinois-Chicago, coached by former New Mexico State All-American Jimmy Collins, returns all five starters from last year's team that finished 21-9 and advanced to the NIT. UIC senior guard Cedrick Banks has been named the Horizon League Preseason Player of the Year after averaging 19 points and 5 rebounds last season. Also named to the preseason all-conference first team is point guard Martell Bailey, who is the reigning NCAA Division I assist leader (8.1 apg). The Flames have been chosen as the preseason favorite to win the Horizon League title and are ranked third in the ColleagueInsider.com preseason Mid-Major poll.

UC IRVINE HEAD COACH PAT DOUGLASS: Pat Douglass, in his seventh season at UCI, has led the Anteaters to 66 wins over the past three seasons and a league-leading 41 Big West Conference victories in that span. His .706 winning percentage at the four-year level ranks No. 14 among all active coaches in Division I and his 471 career victories rank No. 19 among active Division I coaches.

BENCH SUPPORT: Todd Lee, a former Cal State Bakersfield assistant, is in his seventh season at UCI and was named associate head coach in the summer of 2001. Former University of La Verne head coach Terry Boesel is in his first year as an Anteater assistant. Tod Murphy, a former standout player at UCI (1982-86), is also in his first season as an assistant coach with the Anteaters after serving two years as an assistant at Big West opponent UC Riverside. Murphy ranks No. 2 at UCI in career points (1,778) and rebounds (837).

UC IRVINE PLAYER NOTES

....Senior center ADAM PARADA has been named to the ColleagueInsider.com preseason Mid-Major All-America team and also the preseason All-Big West Conference squad. Parada is UCI's leading returning scorer (12.2) and rebounder (6.2). Parada ranks No. 1 in career blocked shots at UCI with 111. He is 10th in UCI career rebounding with 589 boards and is 16th in career scoring with 977 points. He averaged 15.7 points and 9.7 rebounds in last season's final three games. He recorded his fifth double-double of the season, and 15th of his career, with 24 points,

13 rebounds in the Mar. 8 win over Long Beach State. Parada had 15 points and 13 rebounds in the Feb. 22 win over Pacific, and 15 points in the Feb. 13 win at Utah State, hitting 7 of 9 from the field. Parada recorded 25 points and 11 rebounds in the Jan. 8 overtime loss at Fullerton and scored a career-high 28 points in a Dec. 4 win over Loyola Marymount. He snared 13 rebounds on three occasions during the season and has six 20-point games in his career.

....Sophomore point guard JEFF GLOGER led the Big West in steals for all games with a school-record 75, which ranks 10th in conference history, last season. Gloger's season high was seven in the Dec. 19 loss at Stanford. He had at least three steals in 13 games this season and recorded at least one in each of the first 28 games before coming up empty-handed in the season finale. He had a career-high six assists in three games during the season. He scored a career-high 17 points in the Jan. 4 win at Long Beach State. Gloger recorded his first collegiate double-double with 13 points and a career-high 11 rebounds in the Feb. 1 loss to Cal Poly.

....Senior forward MATT OKORO started eight games in 2002-03. Okoro posted a career-high 14 points on 6 of 6 from the field in the Jan. 18 win over Idaho. He had a season-high eight rebounds in wins against Cal State Northridge (3/13/03) and Florida Atlantic (12/30/02).

....Senior forward STANISLAV ZUZAK reached double figures 10 times in 2002-03, including a season-high 20 points in the Jan. 15 win over Utah State, marking his third-highest scoring game as an Ant eater (he scored 22 against UCLA and 21 vs. UC Davis in 2001-02). He scored 13 points (all in the first half) in the season-ending loss to Utah State. Zuzak tied his career high with four assists at Idaho Feb. 15 and scored nine points. He had seven points at Utah State Feb. 13, including a key three-pointer to tie the score at 54-54 after the Aggies had gone on a 19-4 run to take the lead. Zuzak scored 17 points in the Feb. 8 win over Fullerton, going 8 of 12 from the field.

....Junior post player GREG ETHINGTON scored a career-high 13 points in the loss at Stanford last Dec. 19. He made five starts during the season and recorded five points and six rebounds in the Mar. 8 win over Long Beach State. Ethington had six points and two rebounds, plus tied his career high with two blocked shots, in the season-ending loss to Utah State. He had a season-high eight rebounds in the Jan. 18 victory over Idaho. Ethington, who was a member of the 1999-2000 Big West All-Freshman team, served a two-year LDS Church mission in British Columbia before returning to the Ant eater program last season.

....Sophomore wing MIKE EFEVBERHA averaged 5.0 points last season with a high of 17 in the Dec. 22 win at Saint Mary's. He reached double figures four times, all in the non-conference schedule. Efevberha scored seven points in nine minutes during the Feb. 13 win at Utah State, including a pair of spectacular tip-ins. Efevberha had eight points in 10 reserve minutes against Northridge in the Big West Tournament quarterfinals.

....Senior guard ARAS BASKAUSKAS started the first two games last season at point guard before coming off the bench in the last 27 contests. He had a season-high four points against Cal Poly (Feb. 1), Pacific (Feb. 22) and UCSB (Mar. 1). He tied his season high with three assists in the Mar. 8 win over Long Beach State and had a season-high four steals in the Feb. 1 loss to Cal Poly.

....Sophomore wing ROSS SCHRAEDER was second on the team with 31 three-point baskets and shot 43.1 percent from that range to rank second in the Big West last season. He scored a season-high 15 points in the Dec. 28 win over IPFW, which was his only start of the season.

....Freshman forward NIC CAMPBELL received a medical hardship due to a back injury last season. He played in the first three games a year ago, scoring six points in a loss to Western Michigan at the Sooner Invitational.

....Junior guard J.R. STEPHENS, a walk-on, played in three games for UCI last season.True freshman forward MARK HILL was an all-state player at Bishop Gorman High School in Las Vegas, Nev. He averaged 15 points and 11 rebounds, scoring a career-high 38 points against Durango, at Bishop Gorman last year.

....Senior forward RYAN SNOOK is a walk-on with UCI this season. He previously played at Fullerton College.

....Freshmen JIM PAULLIN (7-1, C, Battle Ground, Wash.) and PATRICK SANDERS (6-6, F, Orange HS) are scheduled to redshirt this season.

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.

November 5, 2003

UC IRVINE MEN'S TEAM PICKED TO FINISH 3RD IN PRESEASON POLLS; PARADA NAMED TO EARLY ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men's basketball team has been picked to finish third in the conference in the preseason media and coaches' polls compiled at Big West Conference Media Day Wednesday at the Irvine Marriott. UC Santa Barbara was chosen first in both polls and Utah State second.

In the media poll, the Gauchos had 271 points and 22 first-place votes, Utah State had 246 points and four firsts, and UCI had 224 points and three first-place votes. In the coaches' poll, UCSB garnered 78 points with six first-place votes, Utah State had 74 points and three firsts, while the Anteaters had 67 points and one first-place vote.

UCI senior center Adam Parada was chosen to the preseason All-Big West team by the media. He was joined by Varnie Dennis of Cal Poly, Branduinn Fullove from UCSB, UC Riverside's Vili Morton and Nate Carter, and Ian Boylan from Cal State Northridge.

| MEDIA POLL | COACHES' POLL | PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE |
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| 1. UC Santa Barbara (22) -- - 271 | 1. UC Santa Barbara (6) -- - 78 | Adam Parada, UC Irvine |
| 2. Utah State (4) --- 246 | 2. Utah State (3) --- 74 | Varnie Dennis, Cal Poly |
| 3. UC Irvine (3) --- 224 | 3. UC Irvine (1) --- 67 | Branduinn Fullove, UCSB |
| 4. Cal Poly --- 192 | 4. Cal Poly --- 50 | Vili Morton, UC Riverside |
| 5. UC Riverside --- 132 | 5. Idaho --- 40 | Nate Carter, UC Riverside |
| 6. Idaho --- 118 | 6. Pacific --- 38 | Ian Boylan, Cal State Northridge |
| 7. Cal State Northridge --- 108 | 7. UC Riverside --- 37 | |
| 8. Pacific --- 102 | 8. Cal State Northridge --- | |

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| 10. Long Beach State --- | 63 | 10. Long Beach State --- |
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November 3, 2003

ANTEATERS HOST CAL STATE L.A. THURSDAY IN 2ND EXHIBITION GAME

Exhibition Game #2

UC IRVINE vs. CAL STATE L.A.

Thursday, Nov. 6, 2003 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)

Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California

ANTEATERS HOST CAL STATE L.A. IN SECOND EXHIBITION GAME: Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine men's basketball team hosts Cal State L.A. Thursday (Nov. 6) night at 7:05 in the Bren Center in the second exhibition game of the season.

UCI RALLIES FOR 94-91 WIN OVER EA SPORTS: Sophomore wing Mike Efevberha (Pomona/Ganesha HS) scored 23 of his game-high 28 points in the second half to lead the Anteaters to a 94-91 win over the EA Sports Southwest All-Stars in an exhibition game at the Bren Center last Saturday night. Efevberha was 8 of 15 from the field and 10 of 11 from the free-throw line in 27 minutes. He scored UCI's final nine points of the game in the last 1:28, including a three-point play with 53 seconds remaining to give the Anteaters the lead for good at 90-88.

EA Sports, which hit 14 of 22 threes in the game, led 47-38 at halftime and built a 54-40 lead with 17:57 left before UCI began its comeback. Ant eater senior center Adam Parada (Alta Loma HS) scored 14 points and grabbed five rebounds, sophomore wing Ross Schraeder (Denver East HS) had 13 points (11 in the first half) and junior post Greg Ethington (Chandler, Ariz./Gilbert HS) added 12 points and a game-high nine rebounds. Senior forward Matt Okoro (Buena Park HS) scored nine points hitting 3 of 3 field goals. Sophomore guard Jeff Gloger (Capistrano Valley HS) and senior forward Stanislav Zuzak (Chodov, Czech Republic) scored six points each. Gloger added six rebounds, five assists and three steals. UCI's bench outscored the EA reserves 55-20.

"Obviously, the role of our bench with three guys in double figures was a plus," Douglass said. "I thought we handled the ball well for a first game against some pretty good players as we had only 10 turnovers. The outburst of Mike Efevberha in the second half was a nice lift and it is good to know we have that type of output on the perimeter. The team showed good resilience in maintaining its composure when confronted with the 14-point deficit."

UC IRVINE'S TENTATIVE STARTERS VS. CAL STATE L.A. (with stats from the EA Sports game):

- F – 12 STANISLAV ZUZAK (6-11, 240, Sr., 6 points, 5 rebounds)
- F – 23 MIKE EFEVBERHA (6-5, 195, So., 28 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals)
- C – 55 ADAM PARADA (7-0, 265, Sr., 14 points, 5 rebounds)
- G – 10 JEFF GLOGER (6-4, 195, So., 6 points, 6 rebounds, 5 assists, 3 steals)
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ANTEATERS FACE ILLINOIS-CHICAGO IN SEASON OPENER: UCI opens its regular-season schedule facing Illinois-Chicago in the Dell Black Coaches Association Classic at Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 15 at 3:00 p.m. (PST). The eight-team tournament is being held at the Cintas Center on the campus of Xavier University. The Anteaters' half of the draw also includes San Diego and Oakland (Mich.). The other half features Xavier vs. Coppin State and Ohio vs. Mercer.

Illinois-Chicago, coached by former New Mexico State All-American Jimmy Collins, returns all five starters from last year's team that finished 21-9 and advanced to the NIT. UIC senior guard Cedrick Banks has been named the Horizon League Preseason Player of the Year after averaging 19 points and 5 rebounds last season. Also named to the preseason all-conference first team is point guard Martell Bailey, who is the reigning NCAA Division I assist leader (8.1 apg). The Flames have been chosen as the preseason favorite to win the Horizon League title and are ranked third in the CollegeInsider.com preseason Mid-Major poll.

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.

October 29, 2003

Exhibition Game

UC IRVINE vs. EA SPORTS SOUTHWEST ALL-STARS
Saturday, Nov. 1, 2003 – 7:05 p.m. (PST)
Bren Events Center (5,000) – Irvine, California

ANTEATERS HOST EA SPORTS SOUTHWEST ALL-STARS IN 1ST EXHIBITION GAME:

Coach Pat Douglass' UC Irvine men's basketball team opens its 2003-04 schedule with an exhibition game versus the EA Sports Southwest All-Stars Saturday (Nov. 1) night in the Bren Events Center at 7:05 p.m. The All-Stars are coached by former Cal State Northridge head coach Pete Cassidy. Their roster of ex-college players includes forward D'Cean Bryant (Long Beach State), forward Koko Archibong (Penn), guard David Bell (Montana), swingman Chris McMillian (Wyoming), Mike McIntyre (Hawaii), swingman Tony Harvey (Utah), guard Brett McFall (Wyoming) and guard Greg Minor (Cal State Northridge). Archibong was with the Los Angeles Lakers early in training camp this season before being waived.

COACH PAT DOUGLASS SAYS: "This is the first time in my seven seasons here that we have had this many returning players with game experience. The team's attention and grasp of instruction is further along than usual. With the limited practice time this year due to how the calendar fell, we have to use Saturday's game to evaluate what we need to improve on and add to our game plan heading into our Nov. 15 opener against Illinois-Chicago."

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2003-04 OUTLOOK: The 2003-04 schedule features potential matchups with five teams that competed in the NCAA Tournament last season and several other schools that played in the National Invitation Tournament. Coach Pat Douglass' Anteaters host Stanford and Pepperdine, and travel to California and Sacramento State, in the non-conference schedule. UCI will participate in two in-season tournaments, opening against a talented Illinois-Chicago squad in the first round of the Dell Black Coaches Association Classic at Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 15. The tournament is hosted by Xavier and the field also includes San Diego, Oakland, Coppin State, Mercer and Ohio. The Anteaters play in the McCaffrey Classic at Fresno State Dec. 5-6 and open against Princeton in the first round.

Coach Douglass has led the Anteaters to a 66-25 (.725) record the past three seasons and a Big West-high 41 conference victories. UCI has won 43 of its last 54 league games and the Anteaters have been victorious in 37 of their past 42 games in the Bren Events Center. The Anteaters enter the season with three returning starters after the loss of Jordan Harris, an All-Big West first team pick who averaged 12.7 points, and Mike Hood, who averaged 10.3 points and was one of the top three-point shooters in the league.

Senior center Adam Parada, who has been named a preseason All-American by [CollegeInsider.com](#), leads the Anteaters after averaging 12.2 points and 6.2 rebounds last season. The 7-foot Parada is UCI's career leader in blocked shots (111) and he led the league in field-goal percentage (.545) last year. He competed for the Mexican National Team in the Olympic Qualifying Tournament this past summer. Parada has been an All-Big West second team selection the past two seasons.

UCI's front line also features seniors Stanislav Zuzak and Matt Okoro, and junior Greg Ethington. Zuzak averaged 8.2 points and 4.3 rebounds last season, Okoro 5.1 points and 4.6 boards, and Ethington posted averages of 3.6 points and 3.2 rebounds. Jim Paullin, a 7-1 freshman center from Battle Ground, Wash., is expected to redshirt this season. Freshman Nic Campbell, who received a medical hardship for a back injury last season, and true freshman Mark Hill also will be used at the 3 and 4 positions. Hill was an all-state player at Las Vegas Bishop Gorman High School last season. Ryan Snook, a 6-6 senior, has joined the Anteater program this season as a walk-on as has 6-5 freshman Patrick Sanders, who is scheduled to redshirt.

The Anteaters' backcourt features fifth-year senior Aras Baskauskas and youthful veterans Jeff Gloger, Ross Schraeder and Mike Efevberha. Gloger, a third-year sophomore, took over the starting point-guard role in the third game last season and set a UCI single-season record with 75 steals, which ranks 10th in the Big West record book. He finished the season with a steals average of 2.6 per game to rank 14th nationally. Baskauskas, a graduate student at UCI, will be the back-up point guard once again this season. Efevberha and Schraeder will battle for the starting spot at shooting guard for the Anteaters. Efevberha averaged 5.0 points as a true freshman last season and Schraeder averaged 4.3 points hitting 31 three-pointers.

"We have some young players but then also veteran players," Douglass continued. "The key will be how they come together as a team and the question will be if the seniors can step in the leadership roles that Jordan Harris and Mike Hood provided last season as we face this challenging schedule."

Douglass' coaching staff features the return of associate head coach Todd Lee, who is also in his seventh year at UCI. Two new assistants have joined the staff --- Terry Boesel and Tod Murphy. Boesel was previously head coach at the University of La Verne. Murphy, one of the standout

players in Anteater history, returned to the University after two seasons as an assistant coach at UC Riverside. He ranks No. 2 at UCI in career points (1,778) and rebounds (837).

October 28, 2003

BIG WEST & KVMD-TV AGREE TO 14-GAME TELEVISION PACKAGE

IRVINE, CA -- Big West Conference Commissioner Dennis Farrell announced Tuesday a television deal with Southern California local station KVMD-TV, Channel 23, to air 14 Big West basketball games for the 2003-04 season. The primarily Thursday night package will feature nine regular season men's games and one women's game, in addition to all four contests from the quarterfinals and semifinals of the Big West Men's Basketball Tournament.

Ron Ulloa, the General Manager of KVMD-TV, also said today that "KVMD-TV is excited by this opportunity to add the Big West Conference basketball games to its growing schedule of local high school, college and professional sports on the Station and looks forward to its new relationship with the Big West Conference and its member institutions in Southern California."

All regular season games will tip off at 7:00 p.m. (PST). The first game of the package takes place on January 8 as UC Irvine makes the first of a league-high six appearances with a visit to Cal State Northridge. UC Irvine returns home the following Thursday to entertain UC Riverside in the first of four appearances at the Bren Center. The Utah State men and women will make consecutive appearances on the station on January 22 and 29, respectively. The Aggie men travel to Cal State Fullerton, followed by the USU women the next week in a trip to UC Irvine. Utah State is resurrecting its women's basketball program after a 16-year hiatus. The regular season finale features UC Riverside and Cal State Northridge from The Matadome on March 4.

Cal State Northridge follows UC Irvine for the most appearances on the station with three. Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, UC Riverside and Utah State are making two apiece. UC Santa Barbara, Idaho and Pacific are each featured once.

"This is an exciting opportunity for the Big West to partner with a television station whose owner has great vision," said Farrell. "Mr. Ulloa sees his station having a strong future sports presence in the Los Angeles market and it's good for the Big West to be one of the initial partners for this venture.

"The Thursday night broadcasts will continue to increase the Big West's brand presence in the Southern California region and will give the conference the most number of televised basketball games it's had since the mid-1980's."

At the time that the season begins, KVMD-TV will be available in approximately 2.1 million cable and satellite served households in the Southern California market. The station can be viewed on Channel 31 by DirecTV, Channel 8021 by Dish Network, Channel 23 by digital compatible television sets, and on Channel 23 in cable television homes. The agreement is for a three-year period.

BIG WEST BASKETBALL TELEVISION PACKAGE ON KVMD-TV

Jan. 8 Thr. UC Irvine @ Cal State Northridge 7:00 pm PST
Jan. 15 Thr. UC Riverside @ UC Irvine 7:00 pm PST
Jan. 22 Thr. Utah State @ Cal State Fullerton 7:00 pm PST
Jan. 29 Thr. Utah State @ UC Irvine (Women's Game) 7:00 pm PST
Feb. 5 Thr. Cal State Northridge @ Long Beach State 7:00 pm PST
Feb. 12 Thr. UC Irvine @ Cal State Fullerton 7:00 pm PST
Feb. 18 Wed. Long Beach State @ UC Irvine 7:00 pm PST

Feb. 19 Thr. Pacific @ UC Santa Barbara 7:00 pm PST
Feb. 26 Thr. Idaho @ UC Irvine 7:00 pm PST
Mar. 4 Thr. UC Riverside @ Cal State Northridge 7:00 pm PST
Mar. 11 Thr. Big West Tournament Men's Quarterfinals 6:00/8:30 pm PST
Mar. 12 Fri. Big West Tournament Men's Semifinals 6:00/8:30 pm PST

October 23, 2003

FORMER UC IRVINE BASKETBALL GREAT KEVIN MAGEE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

IRVINE, Calif. --- Kevin Magee, widely regarded as the greatest player in UC Irvine men's basketball history, was killed in an auto accident on Interstate 55 south of Amite, La., early Thursday morning while returning home after finishing the night shift at his job as a warehouse supervisor.

Magee played for Coach Bill Mulligan at UCI in the 1980-81 and 1981-82 seasons, averaging 26.3 points, 12.3 rebounds and shooting 66 percent from the field. Magee was first team Associated Press All-American, first team All-West Coast, and first team All-District 8 both seasons as the Anteaters compiled a 40-17 record and advanced to the second round of the 1982 NIT.

He was the Pacific Coast Athletic Association (now Big West) Player of the Year each of his two seasons and was named District 8 Most Valuable Player in 1982. He ranked in the nation's top 10 in scoring, rebounding and field-goal percentage both seasons.

Magee scored 31 points against Russia to lead the United States to the gold medal at the 1981 World University Games in Bucharest, Romania.

"Kevin was the best basketball player I ever coached," said Mulligan, who was UCI's head coach from 1980-91. "He is the only two-time, first team All-American we have had and he put UCI on the map. Kevin was the primary reason that the Bren Events Center was built. He was an amazing player and a really good friend," Mulligan added.

Magee holds the UCI single-game records for points in a game with 46 against Loyola Marymount in 1981 and for rebounds with 25 versus Long Beach State in 1982. He ranks fifth in career rebounding (690) and sixth in scoring (1,475) at UCI. Magee's No. 44 is the only number retired in UCI history and he was inducted into the UCI Hall of Fame in 1997.

He transferred to UCI after earning all-state and California community college Player of the Year honors at Saddleback College, where he scored 1,341 points in two seasons.

"I had the privilege of knowing Kevin Magee as a shy young man when he first arrived at Saddleback College," said Big West Conference Commissioner Dennis Farrell, who was the Saddleback College sports information director when Magee played there. "It was very rewarding to have watched him blossom as an athlete and into an outstanding young man who became an important part of the Orange County community."

"The Bren Events Center is a testament to Kevin Magee's impact on the UC Irvine athletics program as well as the Orange County community," said Big West Senior Associate Commissioner Rob Halvaks, who was the UCI sports information director when Magee played for the Anteaters. "His two years of play established UC Irvine as a Division I basketball program."

Magee, who was drafted by the Phoenix Suns in the second round of the 1982 NBA draft, played professionally for 12 years in Italy, France, Israel and Spain. He was born in Gary, Ind., and attended South Pike High School in Magnolia, Miss.

Magee, 44, is survived by his wife, Melanie, and children Jeremy, Brandy and Jacob. Brandy is a freshman starter on the University of Texas women's volleyball team.

October 14, 2003

UC IRVINE'S ADAM PARADA NAMED PRESEASON MID-MAJOR ALL-AMERICAN

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior center Adam Parada (Alta Loma HS) has been selected to the CollegenInsider.com preseason Mid-Major All-America team announced Tuesday.

Parada is one of 25 members of the team which also includes Cedrick Banks of Illinois-Chicago, who UCI opens the season against in the Dell Black Coaches Association Classic in Cincinnati Nov. 15.

Parada averaged 12.2 points last season and led the Anteaters in rebounding at 6.2 per contest. He is UCI's career leader in blocked shots (111) and he ranks 10th in rebounds (598) and 16th in scoring (977). Parada, a two-time member of the All-Big West Conference second team, led the league in field-goal percentage at .545 in 2002-03.

PRESEASON MID-MAJOR ALL-AMERICA TEAM

Rather than assemble a first, second, third and fourth team, the CollegenInsider.com preseason Mid-Major All-America team is one team consisting of 25 players. Division I head coaches and assistants were involved in the selection process.

Cedrick Banks Illinois-Chicago 6-2, Sr.; John Cox San Francisco 6-4, Sr.; Mark Davis George Mason 6-5, Sr.; Scott Emerson Mercer 6-9, Sr.; Luis Flores Manhattan 6-2, Sr.; Phillip Gilbert Bradley 6-3, Sr.; Tommy Gunn Middle Tennessee 6-3, Sr.; Mike Helms Oakland 6-0, Sr.; Jamar Howard Wichita State 6-5, Jr.; Juby Johnson Miami (Ohio) 6-5, Sr.; Kevin Martin Western Carolina 6-5, Jr.; Jave Meade Holy Cross 6-1, Sr.; James Moore New Mexico State 6-8, Sr.; Ricky Minard Morehead State 6-4, Sr.; Slobodan Ockoljic Weber State 6-8, Sr.; Dylan Page Wisconsin-Milwaukee 6-8, Sr.; Adam Parada UC-Irvine 7-0, Sr.; Timmy Smith East Tennessee State 5-9, So.; Alvin Snow Eastern Washington 6-2, Sr.; T.J. Sorrentine Vermont 5-11, Jr.; Blake Stepp Gonzaga 6-4, Sr.; Ronny Turiaf Gonzaga 6-10, Jr.; Zakee Wadood East Tennessee State 6-6, Sr.; Michael Watson UMKC 6-1, Sr.; Terrence Woods Florida A&M 6-3, Sr.

October 13, 2003

'MIDNIGHT MAGIC' AT UC IRVINE FRIDAY NIGHT

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men's and women's basketball teams will be previewed Friday night (Oct. 17) during "Midnight Magic 2003" in the Bren Events Center. The doors will open at 10:30 p.m. with free food, prizes and music. Friday will be the first day for students to sign up to join the Completely Insane Anteaters (CIA) for this season.

At midnight, the men's and women's players and coaches will be introduced. Activities will include a slam-dunk contest, a three-point shootout between the men's and women's teams, and scrimmages.

"Midnight Magic has grown tremendously in the past five years and it will be another exciting night for UC Irvine basketball," said Blake Sasaki, Assistant Athletic Director/Marketing & Promotions. "We are expecting over 2,000 students and other Anteater basketball fans to be in attendance."

The UCI men's team features three returning starters from last year's 20-9 squad. Senior center Adam Parada averaged 12.2 points and 6.2 rebounds, sophomore guard Jeff Gloger averaged 8.2 points and was 14th in the nation in steals per game at 2.6, and senior forward Stanislav Zuzak averaged 7.9 points. Parada was a second team All-Big West Conference selection and Gloger was named to the All-Freshman squad. Coach Pat Douglass' Anteaters have had three consecutive 20-win seasons for the first time in school history.

September 18, 2003

UC IRVINE TO APPEAR ON FOX SPORTS NET WEST 2 THREE TIMES IN CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men's basketball team will be included in three of the nine games on Fox Sports Net West 2 in the Big West Conference package announced by Big West Commissioner Dennis Farrell Thursday. The package includes eight regular-season men's games and the championship game of the women's postseason league tournament.

The package features a departure from Thursday night telecasts to a Saturday format with starting times ranging from the early afternoon to the evening. UCI's exposures include one home game and two road contests.

BIG WEST BASKETBALL PACKAGE ON FOX SPORTS NET WEST 2 (all times PST)

Jan. 17, 2004: Cal State Fullerton at UC Irvine --- 1:00 p.m.
Jan. 24, 2004: UC Santa Barbara at Pacific --- 3:00 p.m.
Jan. 31, 2004: Pacific at Cal State Northridge --- 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 7, 2004: UC Santa Barbara at Utah State --- 3:00 p.m.
Feb. 14, 2004: UC Irvine at UC Riverside --- 3:00 p.m.
Feb. 21, 2004: UC Santa Barbara at Cal State Northridge --- 3:00 p.m.
Feb. 28, 2004: Idaho at Long Beach State --- 5:00 p.m.
Mar. 6, 2004: UC Irvine at Cal Poly --- 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 13, 2004: Big West Tournament Women's Championship --- 1:00 p.m.

September 16, 2003

UC IRVINE TO OPEN SEASON AGAINST ILLINOIS-CHICAGO AT BCA CLASSIC

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men's basketball team will open its 2003-04 regular-season schedule facing Illinois-Chicago in the first round of the Black Coaches Association Classic at the Cintas Center on the campus of Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 15.

Coach Pat Douglass' Anteaters will meet the Flames at 6:00 p.m. (EST) Nov. 15. UCI's half of the bracket also includes San Diego and Oakland (Mich.) University.

Illinois-Chicago, from the Horizon League, finished 21-9 overall last season and advanced to the NIT, losing at Western Michigan, 63-62, in the first round. Coach Jimmy Collins' Flames return all five starters.

UC Irvine has three starters back from last year's squad that was 20-9 overall for the program's third straight 20-win season.

UC IRVINE TO PARTICIPATE IN 2004 ESPN BRACKET BUSTER SATURDAY

IRVINE, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men's basketball team, which has won at least 20 games in each of the last three seasons, has been selected to participate in the 2004 ESPN Bracket Buster Series in a national announcement made Tuesday.

Bracket Buster Saturday, in its second year, will take place Feb. 21, 2004, with a total of 46 teams representing 11 conferences in a 23-game, one-day event. The event was expanded from 18 teams in the inaugural year of 2003. A total of 10 games will be televised, including five games on ESPN or ESPN2, and the remaining five on ESPN's Full Court (a national subscription service). UCI is the only Big West Conference member selected for the 2004 event.

The pairings of the teams are not pre-determined. The decisions on pairings take place three weeks in advance of the event and those match-ups are determined on the basis of regular-season play. Each team that participates in the Bracket Buster Saturday Series agrees to enter a home-and-home series with its opponent. The return game of each series is made in November or December in the season following the Bracket Buster game. The return game is not part of the Bracket Buster Saturday event in the next year.

The evaluation and pairings of teams for the 10-game ESPN television package will be made by the staff of ESPN, in consultation with conference commissioners of participating conferences. Consideration will be given to avoiding match-ups of conference teams and match-ups of any teams that have met during the current season. Beginning in January, conference telephone calls will be conducted with the commissioners and ESPN personnel with the purposes of reviewing teams in the field. ESPN, in consultation with the conference commissioners, will make pairings decisions Sunday morning, Feb. 1, 2004, and conference commissioners will make final pairings decisions later that day.

"We are proud to be affiliated with ESPN and our conference colleagues in an event that will showcase a high level of college basketball and will generate increased national exposure heading into the NCAA Tournament," said Big West Commissioner Dennis Farrell. "UC Irvine, having won at least 20 games in each of the last three seasons, is an outstanding team to represent the Big West in this college basketball extravaganza."

"This is a game that will most likely enhance an already challenging schedule for us," UCI head coach Pat Douglass said. "It will be a diversion in the heat of the Big West race, but at the same time, it is a great opportunity to represent the conference and compete in a national setting."

The participating conferences, with numbers of their selected schools in parentheses, are: Big West (1), Colonial Athletic Association (1), Horizon (8), Metro-Atlantic (1), Mid-American (13), Missouri Valley (10), Ohio Valley (1), Southern (2), Sun Belt (3), West Coast (1), and Western Athletic (5).

The road teams will be UC Irvine, Gonzaga, Hawaii, Creighton, Drake, Northern Iowa, Southwest Missouri State, Wichita State, Buffalo, Eastern Michigan, Northern Illinois, Ohio, Toledo, Western Michigan, Detroit, Loyola (Chicago), Youngstown State, Western Kentucky, UNC-Wilmington, Manhattan, Austin Peay, College of Charleston and East Tennessee State.

Home teams will be Fresno State, Nevada, Rice, Tulsa, New Mexico State, Louisiana-Lafayette, Bradley, Evansville, Illinois State, Southern Illinois, Indiana State, Akron, Ball State, Bowling Green, Central Michigan, Kent State, Marshall, Miami (Ohio), Butler, Cleveland State, Illinois-Chicago, UW-Green Bay and Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

September 8, 2003

ESPN2 TO CARRY UC IRVINE-UTAH STATE MEN'S BASKETBALL GAME FROM BREN CENTER

IRVINE, Calif. ---- The UC Irvine men's basketball game with Utah State this coming season will be televised by ESPN2, marking the first ESPN telecast of the UCI program from the Bren Events Center in 15 years. This announcement is unrelated to the ESPN Bracket Buster release tomorrow (Sept. 9).

The Anteaters and Aggies are scheduled to tip off at 8:05 p.m. Saturday, February 28, 2004 from the Bren Center. UCI won both regular-season meetings last season as Mike Hood hit the game-winning shot for a 75-73, overtime win at the Bren Center, then he made two free throws in the final seconds of a 59-58 victory in Logan. Utah State gained revenge with a 62-55 win over UCI in the semifinals of the Big West Conference Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center last March 14. Four of the last five meetings between the rivals have been decided by two points or less.

Coach Pat Douglass' Anteaters recorded their third straight 20-win season with a 20-9 overall mark last season. UCI returns three starters: senior center Adam Parada (12.2 ppg, 6.2 rpg), sophomore guard Jeff Gloger (8.2 ppg, 4.3 rpg) and senior forward Stanislav Zuzak (7.9 ppg, 2.7 rpg). Parada led the Big West in field-goal percentage at .545 last season and Gloger set a UCI single-season record with 75 steals and ranked 14th nationally with a 2.6 average.

The last ESPN telecast of UCI men's basketball from the Bren Center was March 2, 1989, when Utah State defeated UCI 95-94 in overtime. The Anteaters led 74-60 with seven minutes remaining in regulation of that game.

August 28, 2003

UCI'S ADAM PARADA SCORES SEVEN POINTS IN MEXICO'S WIN OVER BRAZIL

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico --- UC Irvine senior center Adam Parada (Alta Loma HS) scored seven points and grabbed six rebounds in Mexico's 102-92 victory over Brazil in the Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament at Roberto Clemente Coliseum in San Juan Thursday. The win lifted Mexico's record to 4-4 in the tournament but the team did not advance to the semifinals.

Parada was 2 of 6 from the field and 3 of 6 from the free-throw line in 16 minutes of action. Eduardo Najera (Dallas Mavericks) did not play for Mexico to rest an injured foot. Omar Quintero led Mexico with 23 points.

In the tournament's eight games, Parada averaged 4.9 points and 5.1 rebounds.

In the tournament's semifinals Saturday, Argentina will face Canada and the U.S. will meet Puerto Rico.

August 27, 2003

UCI'S PARADA SCORES SIX POINTS IN MEXICO'S LOSS TO UNITED STATES

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico --- UC Irvine senior center Adam Parada (Alta Loma HS) scored six points and hauled down six rebounds in Mexico's 96-69 loss to the United States at the Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament at Roberto Clemente Coliseum in San Juan Wednesday night.

Parada, who started the game, played 24 minutes prior to fouling out. He was 3 of 11 from the field and four of his rebounds were off the offensive glass. Tim Duncan led the Americans with 16 points while Omar Quintero scored 21 for Mexico. The physical game saw the two teams combine for 48 fouls and 52 free throws. The U.S. improved to 7-0 overall in the tournament while Mexico fell to 3-4.

Mexico concludes second-round play versus Brazil Thursday at 2:00 p.m. (PDT).

August 26, 2003

Men's Basketball Olympic Qualifying Tournament VENEZUELA HOLDS OFF MEXICO 98-95 AT TOURNAMENT OF THE AMERICAS

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico --- UC Irvine senior center Adam Parada scored one point and grabbed one rebound in Mexico's 98-95 loss to Venezuela at the Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament in San Juan Tuesday. Parada, who played eight minutes, did not attempt a field goal and was 1 of 4 from the free-throw line. Venezuela led 58-55 at halftime and the game was tied at 75-all after three quarters.

Victor David Diaz led Venezuela with 26 points, including 20 in the first half. Omar Quintero led Mexico with 28 points while Eduardo Najera, coming off a one-game suspension, added 27 points and 14 rebounds.

Mexico faces the United States Wednesday night at 7:00 (PDT).

August 25, 2003

MEXICO OPENS SECOND ROUND WITH 100-91 WIN OVER DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico --- UC Irvine senior Adam Parada recorded four points and six rebounds as Mexico defeated the Dominican Republic, 100-91, to open the second round of the Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament at Roberto Clemente Coliseum in San Juan Monday.

Parada was 2 of 5 from the floor in 20 minutes of action. Horacio Llamas, Victor Mariscal Mata and Omar Quintero scored 21 points each for Mexico, which faces Venezuela Tuesday. Mexico standout Eduardo Najera (Dallas Mavericks) did not play in Monday's win while serving a one-game suspension after being ejected during a first-half fight in Sunday's game against Canada.

On Wednesday night, Mexico will meet the United States at 7:00 (PDT).

August 24, 2003

CANADA TOPS MEXICO 108-72 AT OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico --- UCI's Adam Parada scored six points and snared six boards in Mexico's 108-72 loss to Canada in the Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament at Roberto

Clemente Coliseum in San Juan Sunday. Despite the defeat, Mexico will advance to the second to face the Dominican Republic Monday.

Parada was 3 of 7 from the field in 26 minutes of action Sunday.

August 23, 2003

PARADA SCORES FOUR POINTS IN 92-70 LOSS TO PUERTO RICO

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico --- Adam Parada of UC Irvine had four points and five rebounds in Mexico's 92-70 loss to host Puerto Rico at the Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament Saturday. The loss drops Mexico's group play record to 2-1.

Parada was 2 of 6 from the floor and 0 of 1 from the foul line in 14 minutes of action.

August 22, 2003

PARADA SCORES THREE POINTS AS MEXICO IMPROVES TO 2-0 AT OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNEY

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico --- UC Irvine senior center Adam Parada (Alta Loma HS) scored three points as Mexico defeated Uruguay, 80-68, in preliminary round action of the Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament at Roberto Clemente Coliseum in San Juan Friday. Mexico, 2-0 in group play, faces Puerto Rico Saturday and Canada Sunday to complete the opening round. The top four teams from each of the two groups will advance to the second round beginning Monday.

Parada was 1 of 1 from the field and 1 of 2 from the free-throw line, plus pulled down three rebounds in 13 minutes of action. Eduardo Najera from the Dallas Mavericks led Mexico with 21 points.

August 20, 2003

UCI'S ADAM PARADA SCORES EIGHT IN MEXICO'S OPENING WIN

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico --- UC Irvine senior center Adam Parada (Alta Loma HS) scored eight points and grabbed eight rebounds in 24 minutes as Mexico upset defending world runner-up Argentina 91-89 in the opening game of the Americas Olympic Qualifying Tournament at the Roberto Clemente Coliseum in San Juan Wednesday. Parada was 2 of 3 from the field and 4 of 4 from the free-throw line, plus he added two assists.

Former Oklahoma star Eduardo Najera (Dallas Mavericks) led Mexico with 20 points, hitting four three-pointers. Mexico continues group play against Uruguay on Friday.

Parada was an All-Big West Conference second team choice last year when he averaged 12.2 points and 6.2 rebounds. The 7-footer led the league in field-goal percentage at .545 in 2002-03.

August 13, 2003

ADAM PARADA TO COMPETE FOR MEXICO IN OLYMPIC QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine senior center Adam Parada (Alta Loma HS) is a member of the Mexican National Basketball Team that will compete in the Americas Olympic Qualifying

Tournament at San Juan, Puerto Rico, Aug. 20-31. The tournament at the Roberto Clemente Coliseum features group play Aug. 20-24, with the second round beginning Aug. 25. The semifinals are Aug. 30 and the championship game is set for Aug. 31.

Mexico is joined by Argentina, Puerto Rico, Canada and Uruguay in Group A. The United States, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Venezuela and the Virgin Islands comprise Group B. The top three teams in the tournament will qualify for the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Parada scored 16 points in Mexico's 78-76 win over the Virgin Islands June 21 to win the bronze medal in the Central American Championships. Puerto Rico won that tournament with a 93-83 victory over the Dominican Republic.

Parada earned All-Big West Conference second team honors as a junior at UCI last season. He led the conference in field-goal percentage at .545 and he is the Anteaters' career leader in blocked shots with 111. Parada averaged 12.2 points and 6.2 rebounds in 2002-03, when UCI finished 20-9 overall for its third straight 20-win season.

The Anteaters open the 2003-04 regular season competing in the Black Coaches Association Classic at Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 15-17.

July 16, 2003

BIG WEST ADOPTS NEW BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Irvine, Calif. --- The Big West Conference announced the approval of a format change for its men's and women's postseason basketball tournament beginning with the 2003-04 season. Action on the format change was taken at the annual Big West Board of Directors meeting in Los Angeles.

Eight men's and eight women's teams will continue to advance to the tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center, March 10-13, 2004. However, Wednesday's first round games will include only teams seeded Nos. 5 to 8. Winners on Wednesday will advance to play teams seeded Nos. 3 and 4 on Thursday. Thursday's winners will meet teams seeded Nos. 1 and 2 in the semifinals on Friday. In each round the highest seeded team playing that day will play the lowest remaining seeded team. The men's and women's tournament championship games will be on Saturday.

"The Big West basketball tournament format has been under review by the Conference membership for the past 14 months," said Commissioner Dennis Farrell. "This format change is the result of input from Big West men's and women's coaches, faculty athletics representatives, directors of athletics, senior woman administrators, marketing directors and sports information directors.

"This new format is designed to reward regular season performance and create even greater incentives as teams compete for positioning in the final regular season standings," continued Farrell.

The Big West basketball tournament began in 1976 and is the longest running postseason conference basketball event in the West.

Also this week the Big West Board of Directors re-appointed Dr. Ralph Cicerone, Chancellor, UC Irvine, as Chair and Dr. Jolene Koester, President, Cal State Northridge, as Vice-Chair for 2003-04.

July 7, 2003

2003-04 SCHEDULE RELEASED

IRVINE, Calif. --- A pair of in-season tournaments and two Pac-10 opponents highlight the 2003-04 UC Irvine schedule.

Coach Pat Douglass' Anteaters will open regular-season play in the Black Coaches Association (BCA) Classic at Cincinnati Nov. 15-17. UCI will join host Xavier, San Diego, Coppin State, Illinois-Chicago, Mercer, Oakland and Ohio University in the field at the Cintas Center.

UCI also will compete in Fresno State's McCaffrey Classic Dec. 5-6, with Princeton and another team to be determined. The Anteaters host Stanford Nov. 25 and travel to California Dec. 3 in showdowns with Pac-10 foes. Other non-conference contests are home games against Pepperdine and UC San Diego, and a road game versus Sacramento State.

Big West Conference action opens at home for UCI against Cal Poly Jan. 3 and UC Santa Barbara Jan. 5