

2004-05 Game Recaps

March 10, 2005

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE KNOCKS UCI OUT OF BIG WEST TOURNEY

ANAHEIM, Calif. --- Cold shooting doomed UC Irvine as the fifth-seeded Anteaters lost to No. 4 seed Cal State Northridge, 72-56, in the quarterfinals of the Big West Conference Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center Thursday night.

UCI shot just 29.2 percent from the field in the second half and 33.3 percent for the game in losing to the Matadors for the third time this season and fourth consecutive time dating back to last season.

Joseph Frazier led CSUN (18-12) with a game-high 18 points, Ian Boylan added 16 and seven rebounds, and Davin White scored 10 points. The Matadors, who led 35-30 at halftime, shot 54.2 percent from the floor in the final 20 minutes and hit 23 of 29 free throws in the game.

Juniors Jeff Gloger and Ross Schraeder scored 14 points apiece for the Anteaters, who finished 16-13 overall in recording their fourth winning season in the past five years. Gloger and Nic Campbell added four assists apiece.

UCI never led in the game and was outscored in the paint 32-18. The Anteaters never came closer than five points in the second half, the last time at 50-45 on a pair of free throws by Gloger with 10:09 remaining.

March 9, 2005

AARON FITZGERALD LEADS UC IRVINE PAST IDAHO IN FIRST ROUND

ANAHEIM, Calif. --- Guard Aaron Fitzgerald scored a career-high 30 points, lifting UC Irvine to an 80-67 win over Idaho in the first round of the Big West Tournament Wednesday at the Anaheim Convention Center. The Anteaters also pulled down a season-best 50 rebounds led by 12 from forward Darren Fells as UCI out-rebounded the Vandals 50-25. The victory marks the 11th time UCI has defeated Idaho in the last 12 meetings.

Fitzgerald scored 16 points in the first half, hitting 3 for 5 from the arc and 5 of 6 from the free-throw line. UCI led by as much as seven in the first half, but Idaho caught the Anteaters at 36-36 on a jumper by guard Dandrick Jones with less than a minute remaining. A foul by Idaho's Tanoris Shepard led to a pair of UCI free throws, giving the Anteaters a 38-36 lead into the half.

In the second half, Fitzgerald continued where he left off, scoring 11 of UCI's 14 points in the first 10 minutes. Fells also contributed, scoring 10 points to finish with his second double-double of the season (10 points, 12 rebounds). UCI built up its largest lead of 13 points at 68-55 on a Fells layup and matched it again with 40 seconds remaining on two free throws by Fells.

Idaho got as close as three points (70-67) on a three-point play by Lionel Davis. However, Fitzgerald answered with a three-point field goal while Greg Ethington knocked down two free throws to extend the lead back to six (73-67)

Three Vandals combined for 55 points, led by Dillan Higdon and Jones, who had 19 points apiece. Higdon hit 5 of 7 three-pointers and shot 7 for 12 overall. Shepard finished with 16 points, leading Idaho at the free-throw line, hitting 6 of 7.

UCI guard Jeff Gloger added 12 points and had five rebounds while Ethington put in 10 points and totaled eight boards for the Anteaters.

UCI has won six of its last eight games and improves to 16-12 overall while Idaho finishes the season with an overall mark of 8-22. The Anteaters will face Cal State Northridge in the second round Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Anaheim Convention Center.

March 5, 2005

**ETHINGTON LEADS UC IRVINE PAST CAL POLY 79-49;
ANTEATERS WILL FACE IDAHO WEDNESDAY AT BIG WEST TOURNAMENT**

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior center Greg Ethington, playing the final home game of his career, recorded his second straight double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds in leading UC Irvine past Cal Poly, 79-49, in the Big West Conference regular-season finale before 2,046 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Ethington was 7 of 11 from the field and 6 of 8 from the free-throw line in 23 minutes of action. He had 17 points and 12 rebounds in Thursday's win over UC Santa Barbara.

With the victory over Cal Poly, the Anteaters secured the No. 5 seed for next week's Big West Conference Tournament. UCI will face No. 8 Idaho in the first round Wednesday night at 6:00 at the Anaheim Convention Center. The Anteaters, 15-12 overall and 8-10 in the Big West, are guaranteed of a winning season for the fourth time in the past five years.

Sophomore Nic Campbell tied his career high with 11 points Saturday night. Junior guard Shamar Armstrong came off the bench and snared a career-high seven rebounds and scored nine points. Redshirt freshman Patrick Sanders scored a career-high nine points and added three blocked shots.

Freshman guard Dawin Whiten led Cal Poly (5-22, 3-15) with 14 points while senior forward Vladimir Lisinac scored 11 points. Senior forward Mike Titchenal had a game-high 11 rebounds for the Mustangs.

The Anteaters shot 57.1 percent in the first half in building a 45-21 lead as Ethington scored 15 of his points in the first 20 minutes. UCI's largest lead of the night was 70-36 with 8:40 remaining in the game.

March 3, 2005

**SCHRAEDER LIFTS UC IRVINE PAST UC SANTA BARBARA 72-63;
ANTEATERS CLINCH BIG WEST TOURNEY BERTH**

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior guard Ross Schraeder hit five three-point shots in the final 11:53 to rally UC Irvine past UC Santa Barbara, 72-63, in Big West Conference action before 2,187 at the Bren Events Center Thursday night.

Schraeder scored 19 of his game-high 21 points in the second half as the Anteaters clinched a Big West Tournament berth and improved to 14-12 overall and 7-10 in the Big West. UCI, which had lost its last six games against the Gauchos, is tied for fifth place with UCSB. The Anteaters host Cal Poly Saturday night at 7:05 while the Gauchos travel to Long Beach State for a 5:05 p.m. game.

Senior guard Chrismen Oliver, who led UCSB with 18 points, hit a three-pointer to give the Gauchos a 50-40 lead with 13:26 remaining. The Anteaters then went on a 29-11 run to go up 69-61 capped by Schraeder's last trey of the game with 2:04 left.

UCI senior center Greg Ethington added 17 points and 12 rebounds in recording his first double-double of the season. Junior wing Jeff Gloger scored 12 points and with three assists, moved into seventh place for career assists at UCI with 287. Junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald added 11 points and six assists. The Anteaters hit 20 of 24 free throws in the game, including 13 of 17 in the second half, and out-rebounded the Gauchos 36-31.

Freshman guard Derek Rasp scored 15 points for UCSB (10-16, 7-10).

The Big West Tournament is next Wednesday through Saturday at the Anaheim Convention Center featuring the top eight teams in the final regular-season standings.

February 26, 2005

UTAH STATE POWERS PAST UC IRVINE 87-49

LOGAN, Utah --- Jaycee Carroll scored 22 points and Spencer Nelson added 21 as Utah State handed UC Irvine its worst loss in 7 1/2 years with an 87-49 win in Big West Conference action before a sellout crowd of 10,270 at the Spectrum in Logan Saturday night.

The Aggies used a 22-7 run to end the first half and never looked back in defeating UCI for the fifth straight time. The loss was the Anteaters' worst margin of defeat since Utah topped UCI 83-45 Nov. 29, 1997, in Salt Lake City.

Junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald led UCI (13-12, 6-10) with 17 points, all in the first half. Senior center Greg Ethington added 10 points while freshman forward Darren Fells tied for the game high in rebounds with seven.

Junior swingman Jeff Gloger recorded one steal to become the Anteaters' career leader with 163, passing Jerry Green, who had 162 from 1998-2002.

Fitzgerald's layup with 8:31 left in the first half gave UCI a 23-22 lead before the Aggies went on their run to lead 44-30 at the break.

The Anteaters scored just three points in the first 10 minutes of the second half as Utah State built a 69-33 lead on a free throw by Nate Harris with 10:10 remaining.

The Aggies shot 55.6 percent for the game to UCI's 36 percent. Utah State hit 10 of 16 threes and the Anteaters 3 of 17. Carroll hit 6 of 7 three-pointers for the Aggies, including four in the first five minutes of the game.

Utah State, which improved to 21-7 overall and 12-5 in the Big West, defeated the Anteaters by a combined 63 points in two meetings this season.

"They dominated us on both ends of the court," UCI head coach Pat Douglass said. "After two games against us this season, they proved that they are the superior team."

UCI, which sits in sixth place in the Big West, ends the regular season hosting UC Santa Barbara Thursday and Cal Poly Saturday in 7:05 p.m. games at the Bren Events Center.

February 24, 2005

UC IRVINE TOPS IDAHO IN OVERTIME

MOSCOW, Idaho --- Greg Ethington and Jeff Gloger scored five points each in overtime to lift UC Irvine past Idaho, 67-62, in Big West Conference action at Memorial Gym in Moscow, Idaho, Thursday night.

With the win, UCI moved into a fifth-place tie with UC Santa Barbara in the Big West with 6-9 league marks. The victory was the Anteaters' 10th in their last 11 meetings with the Vandals.

Gloger hit a bucket with under three minutes left in overtime to give UCI the lead for good at 63-62. Aaron Fitzgerald hit a pair of free throws and Ross Schraeder and Gloger added single charity shots for the final margin.

Ethington led UCI with 16 points, Gloger scored 13, Nic Campbell 11 and Schraeder added 10 on his 22nd birthday. Fitzgerald, who also turned 22 Thursday, had five assists.

Tanoris Shepard led Idaho (8-19, 6-10) with 28 points, all in the second half. Dandrick Jones added 11 points as the Vandals lost for the eighth time in their last nine games in falling to seventh place in the Big West.

UCI, despite going scoreless for 9 1/2 minutes in the first half, led 22-18 at intermission as sophomore center Andrew Bruckner scored a career-high eight points in 12 reserve minutes.

"Any road win is a great one, especially this time of year as we were able to move up a bit in the standings," UCI head coach Pat Douglass said.

"We had a strong rebounding effort in the first half and Andrew Bruckner gave us a good lift off the bench, but we could not capitalize with a bigger lead at halftime.

"(Tanoris) Shepard really caught fire in the second half and when a guy gets in that type of rhythm, it is hard to stop him, but we were able to hold on."

UCI, 13-11 overall, travels to Utah State for a 6:05 p.m. (PST) conference game Saturday.

February 19, 2005

GLOGER LEADS UC IRVINE PAST UC DAVIS 77-66

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior swingman Jeff Gloger tied his career high with 20 points and added eight rebounds and three assists in leading UC Irvine past UC Davis, 77-66, in non-conference action at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Gloger was 6 of 9 from the field and 8 of 12 from the free-throw line as he scored 20 points for the third time this season. Junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald scored 14 points and had six assists as the Anteaters improved to 12-11 overall. UCI, which was 7-2 in non-conference games this season, received 10 points apiece from senior center Greg Ethington (eight rebounds) and sophomore forward Nic Campbell.

Sophomore guard Rommel Marentez led UC Davis (10-15) with 16 points, five assists and two steals. Junior center Madison Butts scored 12 points off the bench and senior forward Ryan Moore added 11 points.

UCI, which led 34-30 at halftime, shot 55.2 percent from the field in the second half and 52.8 percent for the game. The Anteaters committed just nine turnovers and out-rebounded the Aggies 38-25.

A layup by freshman forward Darren Fells gave UCI its largest lead of the night at 54-40 with 7:16 remaining. The Aggies closed to within seven points three times down the stretch, the last at 69-62 on a three-point play by Marentez with 1:03 left.

UCI returns to Big West Conference action at Idaho Thursday night at 7:00 in Moscow, Idaho.

February 17, 2005

UC IRVINE FALLS TO LONG BEACH STATE 55-50

Long Beach, Calif. -- UC Irvine's Greg Ethington scored a game-high 17 points, but it was not enough as Long Beach State defeated the Anteaters 55-50 in a Big West Conference game at the Pyramid Thursday.

Ethington was 5 of 11 from the floor and grabbed eight rebounds and had two blocked shots. Jeff Gloger added 10 points and had two steals to bring his career total to 160, just two shy of Jerry Green's 162 that ranks No. 1 at UCI. Gloger also had five assists and has 279 for his career, six short of No. 7 Mike Hess, who registered 285 from 1985-88.

UCI shot just 32.1 percent (9 of 28) from the floor in the second half and 39.2 percent for the game. The Anteaters hit only 1 of 11 three-pointers and are 3 of 23 in the last two games.

Long Beach State was led by Jibril Hodges with 15 points followed by Shawn Hawkins with 12 points and eight rebounds. Kevin Houston came off the bench to total 11 points, going 5 for 7 from the floor.

The 49ers went on a 15-4 run in the second half to take a 41-34 lead on a three-pointer by Hawkins with 10:23 left. The Anteaters cut the deficit to one at 49-48 on two free throws by Ethington with 3:12 remaining. Houston hit back-to-back jumpers to put Long Beach back up 53-48 before UCI's Adam Metelski scored inside with 1:54 left to pull the Anteaters within 53-50. Hodges and Houston hit free throws in the final 19 seconds for the final margin.

UCI goes to 11-11 on the year and 5-9 in the Big West, while Long Beach State is 6-18 overall and 4-10 in league action. The Anteaters remain in seventh place in the Big West, one game ahead of the 49ers, two games ahead of UC Riverside in the win column and three in front of Cal Poly.

The Anteaters host future Big West member UC Davis Saturday (Feb. 19) at the Bren Events Center in a non-conference game at 7:00 p.m. UCI moves back into conference action at Idaho next Thursday (Feb. 24) at 7:05 pm.

February 12, 2005

UC IRVINE DEFEATS UC RIVERSIDE 56-53 IN BIG WEST ACTION

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior center Greg Ethington scored 17 points and grabbed seven rebounds to lead UC Irvine over UC Riverside, 56-53, in Big West Conference action before a Homecoming crowd of 3,123 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Ethington scored 12 of his points in the first half on 6-of-7 shooting as the Anteaters led 28-27 at intermission. UC Riverside built a 38-33 lead, culminated by a jumper from Steve Williams with 15:25 remaining, but UCI then went on a 13-1 run over the next 5:40 to lead 46-39 when Adam Metelski converted a three-point play with 9:45 left.

Back-to-back baskets by the Highlanders' Larry Cunningham at 1:06 and 12 seconds left cut UCI's lead to 54-53. Junior guard Ross Schraeder hit a pair of free throws with 11 seconds remaining to put the Anteaters up 56-53 and UC Riverside could not get a shot off before time expired as UCI broke a three-game losing streak.

Junior guard Aaron Fitzgerald scored 11 points and added six rebounds and five assists off the bench for UCI, which improved to 11-10 overall and 5-8 in the Big West. Schraeder scored 10 points and Nic Campbell added seven. Jeff Gloger started at point guard for the first time this season and registered six points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals.

Williams, a junior guard, led the Highlanders (8-14, 3-9) with 14 points on 6-of-9 shooting. Senior guard Brett Ost added 13 points and four assists while junior guard Rickey Porter scored 11 points.

Both teams committed 14 turnovers in the game. UCI shot 47.1 percent from the field for the game, including 58.3 percent in the first half. UC Riverside shot 45.5 percent for the contest.

UCI, which retained its hold on seventh place in the Big West, travels to Long Beach State for a 7:00 p.m. Thursday at the Pyramid before returning home to host UC Davis next Saturday night at 7:05.

February 10, 2005

CAL STATE FULLERTON HOLDS OFF UC IRVINE 71-70 IN WILD FINISH

IRVINE, Calif. --- Cal State Fullerton saw a 16-point, second-half lead disappear but held on for a 71-70 victory over UC Irvine in Big West Conference action before 1,895 at the Bren Events Center Thursday night.

The Titans went up 56-40 on a layup by Yaphett King with 11:00 remaining before the Anteaters went on a 26-9 run to go up 66-65 on a three-point field goal by Davis Baker with 3:02 remaining. Jamaal Brown put the Titans back up on a bucket with 2:02 left, but Baker then hit a pair of free throws with 1:41 remaining to give UCI a 68-67 lead. Jamaal Brown put Fullerton up for good at 69-68 on a basket with 25 seconds left, then he hit two free throws with six seconds left for a 71-68 margin. UCI's Ross Schraeder was fouled going up for a jumper with 1.5 seconds remaining and the officials originally signaled the play as a three-shot foul, but after reviewing television replay, awarded only two free throws. Schraeder drained both and the Titans left with the 71-70 victory in winning their fifth straight game for the first time in five years. Fullerton recorded its third straight win on the road for the first time in 30 years and its 13-7 overall record is the school's best 20-game start since opening up 16-4 in 1982-83.

Jamaal Brown led all scorers with 22 points, Ralph Holmes added 17 and Bobby Brown scored 10 points for the Titans (13-7, 7-4 Big West). King pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds and Justin Burns added 10 boards as Fullerton out-rebounded UCI 40-29. Fullerton had 12 offensive rebounds.

Schraeder led the Anteaters (10-10, 4-8) with 21 points and hit a trio of three-pointers to move into the No. 4 career spot at UCI with 143 treys. Greg Ethington added 16 points and Baker scored all 13 of his points in the second half. Jeff Gloger had six points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

After shaky shooting in the first half, both teams warmed up in the final 20 minutes as Fullerton shot 58.3 percent in the second half and UCI 53.8 percent. The Titans shot 45.2 percent for the game and the Anteaters 44.8 percent.

UCI hosts UC Riverside Saturday night in the Homecoming game at 7:05.

February 5, 2005

BOYLAN LEADS CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE OVER UCI, 79-60

Northridge, Calif. -- Cal State Northridge's Ian Boylan scored a game-high 25 points to lead the Matadors to a 79-60 defeat of UC Irvine at the Matadome Saturday.

UCI's Ross Schraeder hit a three-pointer to narrow Northridge's lead to 24-21 with 6:09 remaining in the first half, but the Anteaters scored just two points the rest of the half as the Matadors went into the intermission with a 36-23 advantage.

Boylan was 8-12 from the field, including 3-3 from three-point range and 6-9 from the free throw line. Davin White was the only other Matador in double-digit scoring with 13. On the night, Cal State Northridge shot 53.3 from the field, including a blistering 65.0 percent (13-20) in the second half.

Schraeder led UCI with 14 points, going 4-9 from long range. He is one shy of Scott Brooks (141) for fourth place on UCI's all-time three-pointer list. Guard Aaron Fitzgerald added 12 points and four assists, while forward Darren Fells had 10 points and a team-high six rebounds.

Cal State Northridge goes to 12-9 overall and 9-3 in the Big West, while UCI is 10-9 on the season and 4-7 in conference play.

The Anteaters host Cal State Fullerton Thursday night at 7:05 and UC Riverside next Saturday, also at 7:05 p.m., in the Homecoming/Hall of Fame game at the Bren Events Center.

February 3, 2005

UC IRVINE FALLS 71-61 AT PACIFIC

STOCKTON, Calif. – The UC Irvine men's basketball team lost 71-61 at Pacific Thursday night in a Big West match-up at the Alex G. Spanos Center in Stockton.

The Anteaters fall to 10-8 overall and 4-6 in the Big West, while the Tigers improve to 17-2 overall with their 13th straight win and are now 11-0 in Big West action.

David Doubley led all scorers with 21 points, 13 of which came in the second half. Guillaume Yango added 18 points and nine rebounds.

Ross Schraeder led UCI with 18 points with 7-11 shooting from the field and was 4-5 beyond the arc.

The Anteaters opened a 10-0 lead in the first 1:54 of the first half. The Tigers came back to take a 30-26 lead at the break. The Anteaters had the lead at 48-47 with 8:22 left, when Guillaume Yango hit a free throw to tie the game. Doubley would score the next seven straight points to put UOP up 55-48 with 6:41 left. UCI's Ross Schraeder cut the lead to 57-55 on a jumper with 3:55 left, but Doubley and Tyler Newton hit consecutive baskets to put Pacific back up by six.

The Tigers went 8-10 from the charity stripe in the final 1:28 and outscored the 'Eaters 25-6 from the line for the game. Pacific's bench was 5-10 from the field for 14 points while the UCI bench did not score, going 0-4.

"I was very pleased with our effort tonight. I thought Jeff Gloger played his heart out. Pacific is a veteran team that uses it's depth to their advantage," said Anteater head coach Pat Douglass.

The Anteaters continue on the road as they will travel to Northridge Saturday at 7:00 p.m. to face Cal State Northridge at the Matadome. The Matadome was the site of UCI's only conference road victory in 2004.

January 29, 2005

UC IRVINE HANGS ON FOR 71-70 WIN OVER IDAHO

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior guard Ross Schraeder scored 17 points, all in the second half, to spark UC Irvine to a 71-70 win over Idaho before 2,143 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Schraeder hit 5 of 7 three-point field goals to move into a fifth-place tie with Rod Palmer (1988-90) with 132 career threes at UCI.

Junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald added 16 points and five assists while junior swingman Jeff Gloger had 13 points and seven rebounds. Sophomore forward Nic Campbell came off the bench to score nine points and added a career-high five assists. Freshman forward Darren Fells, who did not start for the first time this season, had eight points and senior Greg Ethington added seven points and seven boards. The Anteaters, 10-7 overall and 4-5 in the Big West, shot 60.9 percent from the field in the second half and 54.3 percent for the game.

Senior guard Dandrick Jones led Idaho (7-13, 5-4) with 31 points, one shy of his career high. He hit 13 of 24 from the field and added five rebounds and three assists. Senior forward Anton Lyons posted a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds, while senior forward Armend Kahrmanovic scored 11 points off the bench.

Jones scored 14 of his points in the first 20 minutes as the Vandals led 28-26 at halftime. UCI opened the second half with a 16-4 run to lead 42-32 on a layup by Fitzgerald with 14:52 remaining, but Idaho then went on a 15-2 run and took a 47-44 lead on a pair of free throws by Kahrmanovic with 10:42 left.

A jumper by Lyons gave the Vandals a 59-58 lead with 4:08 remaining before Gloger countered with a basket at 3:49 to give UCI the lead at 60-59. Jerod Haynes made 1 of 2 free throws for

Idaho to tie the game at 60-all with 3:35 left, then the Anteaters went up 64-60 on consecutive baskets by Ethington and Fitzgerald.

Schraeder hit two free throws with 13 seconds remaining to put UCI up 71-67 and Jones hit a three-pointer with .5 second left for the final margin.

UCI travels to league-leading Pacific for a 7:00 p.m. game Thursday in Stockton.

January 27, 2005

NELSON LEADS UTAH STATE OVER UC IRVINE 77-52

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior forward Spencer Nelson scored 25 points and grabbed a game-high seven rebounds in leading Utah State over UC Irvine, 77-52, in Big West Conference action before 2,831 at the Bren Events Center Thursday night.

Nelson was 7 of 8 from the field in the second half when he scored 18 of his points. The Aggies (14-5, 5-3 Big West) shot 72 percent (18/25) from the floor in the second half, including 7 of 8 (.875) on threes. Utah State hit 59.6 percent from the field for the game. Junior forward Nate Harris and senior forward Jason Williams added 12 points each and Harris also snared seven boards. Junior guard David Pak recorded a game-high eight assists and junior guard Chris Huber scored 11 points off the bench. The Aggies outscored UCI 38-22 in the paint and outrebounded the Anteaters 29-21.

Junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald led the Anteaters (9-7, 3-5) with 18 points and five assists. Junior guard Ross Schraeder added 15 points and senior center Greg Ethington scored 10 points. He and sophomore forward Nic Campbell had a team-high four rebounds apiece as the Anteaters had their three-game winning streak stopped.

UCI shot 39 percent from the field in the second half and 44.7 percent for the game. The Anteaters had 10 first-half turnovers and 15 for the game.

UCI went nearly 10 minutes without scoring from late in the first half into the second half. Utah State led 32-27 at the break and gradually pulled away for the win. A layup by Fitzgerald with 15:29 left pulled the Anteaters to within 40-33 but the Aggies scored eight unanswered points to cap the victory.

The loss was the worst home defeat for UCI since New Mexico State topped the Anteaters, 81-47, Feb. 8, 1997.

UCI hosts Idaho Saturday night in a conference game at 7:05.

January 24, 2005

UC IRVINE HOLDS OFF UC DAVIS

DAVIS, Calif. --- Head coach Pat Douglass' Anteaters shot a season-high 62.5-percent from the field to hold off future Big West Conference member UC Davis, 71-64, in a non-conference game Monday at The Pavilion. UC Irvine improves to 9-6 overall (3-4 Big West) while the Aggies dropped to 8-10 on the season.

UC Davis opened the game with eight straight points in the first minute of the game and led UCI 10-0 before center Greg Ethington's dunk would put the Anteaters on the board at 16:50

remaining in the first half. UCI would go on a 22-6 run to reclaim the lead, but the rallying Aggies battled back to take a slim 29-28 lead into the half.

The second half was a seesaw battle and the Anteaters were able to limit themselves to just three turnovers after committing 10 in the first half. UCI forward Darren Fells' layup with 4:35 left in the game broke a 55-55 tie to give the team the lead for good at 57-55. UC Irvine pulled away on a pair of free throws by forward Nic Campbell with 16 seconds remaining.

Junior guard Aaron Fitzgerald led the Anteaters with 14 points, seven rebounds and five assists while guard Ross Schraeder hit 4 of 8 from the field, including 3 of 5 from beyond the arc to put in 13 points. Junior guard Jeff Gloger also hit double-digit points with 10 while totaling five rebounds. Ethington added nine points and pulled down six rebounds for the team.

"We settled down a bit in the second half and got into our rhythm," said head coach Pat Douglass. "We had some strong contributions off the bench from Davis Baker, Adam Metelski and Nic Campbell, who played good defense."

UC Davis was led by guard Fowzi Abdelsamad, who had 22 points, while forward Ryan Moore put in 19. Guard Rommel Marentez hauled down a game-high nine rebounds for the Aggies while putting in nine points.

"UC Davis is playing good basketball," said Douglass. They execute well. [Ryan] Moore and [Fowzi] Abdelsamad are as good as any other two players in the Big West. It was a hard-fought win for us."

UCI takes a three-game win streak into Thursday night's home conference game against Utah State.

January 20, 2005

UC IRVINE RUNS PAST LONG BEACH STATE 78-58

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior swingman Jeff Gloger tied his career high with 20 points to lead UC Irvine past Long Beach State, 78-58, in Big West Conference action before 2,619 at the Bren Events Center Thursday night.

Gloger was 9 of 11 from the field and added four assists as the Anteaters improved to 8-6 overall and 3-4 in the conference. Junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald scored 13 points and had a UCI career-high 11 assists in recording his second straight double-double. Junior center Adam Metelski scored 12 points in 15 minutes off the bench, hitting all five of his field-goal attempts. Senior center Greg Ethington scored 10 points and joined freshman forward Darren Fells with a team-high eight rebounds each.

Junior guard Jibril Hodges led Long Beach State (2-14, 0-7) with 16 points and senior forward Cody Pearson pulled down a game-high nine rebounds. The loss was the seventh straight for the 49ers, who are winless in nine road games this season.

UCI shot 60.7 percent from the field in the first half to build a 39-26 lead, led by 11 points from Gloger. The Anteaters shot 55.9 percent for the game while Long Beach State shot 30.9 percent, including 29.2 percent in the second half.

Long Beach State closed the gap to 58-46 following a jumper by Sam Byrd with 8:29 remaining but the Anteaters then went on an 11-1 run to lead 69-47 on a free throw by Greg Ethington with 4:34 left.

UCI travels to UC Davis for a non-conference game Monday night at 7:00.

January 15, 2005

UC IRVINE TOPPLES CAL STATE FULLERTON 97-81

FULLERTON, Calif. --- Juniors Aaron Fitzgerald and Jeff Gloger combined for 42 points to lead UC Irvine past Cal State Fullerton, 97-81, in a wild Big West Conference game before 1,472 at Titan Gym Saturday night.

Fitzgerald finished with 22 points, 10 assists and five rebounds while Gloger scored a career-high 20 points and added seven rebounds and three assists. The duo shot a combined 15 of 19 from the field.

The balanced UCI scoring attack included 17 points from junior guard Ross Schraeder (5 of 8 threes), 11 points and seven boards from senior center Greg Ethington, and 10 points in 10 minutes off the bench by freshman guard Davis Baker. UCI shot a season-high 58.9 percent from the field.

The Anteaters took what appeared to be a commanding 48-30 lead at halftime, but the Titans scored 30 points in the opening 8 1/2 minutes of the second half and hit nine three-pointers in the first 10 minutes to cut UCI's lead to 67-66 when Bobby Brown connected on a trey with 10:22 left. Fitzgerald and Gloger then scored 10 consecutive points to give the Anteaters a 77-66 lead and UCI maintained at least a nine-point lead the rest of the way.

Brown led Fullerton (8-5, 3-2 Big West) with 24 points, nine assists and three steals, and Yaphett King scored 21 points. The Titans shot 41.5 percent from the field for the game, including 29 percent in the first half. UCI outrebounded Fullerton 36-29.

The Anteaters (7-6, 2-4) host Long Beach State Thursday night at 7:05 in the Bren Events Center.

January 13, 2005

CUNNINGHAM'S 29 POINTS LEADS UC RIVERSIDE PAST UC IRVINE, 68-55

RIVERSIDE, Calif. -- Redshirt freshman Larry Cunningham had a team season-high tying 29 points, including 15 straight in the first half, to help UC Riverside to a 68-55 win over UC Irvine in a Big West Conference game at the Student Recreation Center in Riverside Thursday.

The Highlanders improved to 5-8 and 1-3 in the Big West, snapping a five-game losing streak. UC Irvine fell to 6-6 overall and 1-4 in the Big West in losing its fourth straight game.

The Highlanders jumped out to a 9-3 lead over the first 6:40, spreading the ball around and connecting from inside and out. Irvine cut the margin to four, the last time at 15-11 with 11:25 remaining, but then Cunningham took over. He scored 15 consecutive points to lead UCR on a 15-4 run to build the margin to 30-15. Cunningham opened with a layup and a free throw, then followed with four consecutive treys in four possessions.

The Anteaters chipped away at the lead, narrowing it to eight at 36-28 with 1:17 remaining on a three-pointer by Ross Schraeder, but Justin Bell hit a pair of free throws in the final 10 seconds for a 38-28 halftime advantage.

UCR opened the second half on a 17-2 run and led 55-30 with 11:16 remaining before Schraeder broke the string with a pair of free throws. The Anteaters were 1-of-14 from the field (7.1%) in the the first nine and a half minutes and committed five turnovers.

Cunningham tied the Highlanders' season-high 29 points on 8-of-11 shooting from the field, 5-of-7 from the three point line and 8-of-10 from the free throw line. Junior forward Klaus Schille had 11 points on 4-of-4 shooting from the field.

For the Anteaters, Schraeder had 12 points, but no other Anteater had more than eight. Jeff Gloger had eight points, six rebounds, five assists and two steals, while Darren Fells also recorded eight points and six boards, plus added three steals. Greg Ethington also scored eight points and grabbed five rebounds while Davis Baker came off the bench to score a career-high seven points in nine minutes.

The Highlanders shot 20-of-49 from the field (40.8%) and had one of their best nights from the free throw line, hitting 22-of-27 (81.5%). The Anteaters were 18-of-51 (35.3%). UCR had just 10 turnovers, their second lowest total of the season, while UCI had 16. UCR had 25 points off turnovers to UCI's 11 and the Highlanders' bench outscored the Anteaters' reserves 40-13.

UCI travels to Cal State Fullerton for a 7:05 p.m. game Saturday.

January 8, 2005

YANGO'S JUMPER LIFTS PACIFIC OVER UC IRVINE 67-65

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior center Guillaume Yango's 15-foot jumper from the left side with 3.9 seconds remaining lifted Pacific over UC Irvine, 67-65, in Big West Conference action at the Bren Events Center in Irvine Saturday night.

The win was the Tigers' sixth straight and improved their conference-leading record to 10-2 overall and 5-0. Idaho is also undefeated in league play at 3-0.

UCI freshman forward Darren Fells had tied the game at 65-65 on a free throw with 24 seconds left but he missed the second preceding Yango's game-winning shot. A desperation shot from 38 feet by Anteater junior guard Aaron Fitzgerald hit the rim as time expired.

The second half featured eight lead changes, including a 64-62 UCI lead on a jumper by Fitzgerald with 59 seconds remaining. Pacific junior forward Christian Maraker tied the game on a layup with 43 seconds left and he hit 1 of 2 free throws with 25 seconds remaining to give the Tigers a 65-64 lead.

UCI, fueled by 13 points from junior guard Ross Schraeder, led for most of the first half before a layup by Yango and a three-point field goal from junior guard Johnny Gray gave the Tigers a 35-32 lead at intermission.

Maraker and Gray led Pacific with 14 points each as the Tigers shot 53.1 percent for the game and outrebounded UCI 31-29.

Fitzgerald scored 19 points for the Anteaters (6-5, 1-3), including 11 in the second half. He added six assists and four steals. Schraeder followed with his 13 points, 11 of which he scored in the game's first 5 1/2 minutes. Fells had a game-high 10 rebounds for UCI, while junior forward Jeff Gloger had seven rebounds, six assists and three steals. UCI shot 44.1 percent from the floor in losing its third straight game. The Anteaters tied their season low for turnovers with eight.

UCI travels to UC Riverside Thursday night for 7:00 game.

January 6, 2005

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE USES BIG SECOND HALF TO DOWN UC IRVINE 66-52

IRVINE, Calif. --- Cal State Northridge outscored UC Irvine 41-16 in the second half and defeated the Anteaters, 66-52, in Big West Conference action at the Bren Events Center Thursday night.

UCI, which led 36-25 at halftime, went without a field goal during a stretch of 7 1/2 minutes of the second half and CSUN used a 35-8 run over a span of 15 minutes to improve to 5-7 overall and 3-1 in the Big West. The Matadors also picked up their first road win in six attempts this season. CSUN forced the Anteaters into 22 turnovers, 14 of them in the second half.

UCI led 40-29 on a jumper by freshman forward Darren Fells with 16:48 left in the game before CSUN took the lead for good at 45-42 on a three-pointer by senior guard Davin White with 10:46 remaining.

Senior forward Ian Boylan led CSUN with 19 points, hitting 10 of 14 free throws, and added seven rebounds and three steals. Freshman guard Jonathan Heard had 16 points, White scored 15 and sophomore center Thomas Shewmake had a team-high eight rebounds.

Junior guard Aaron Fitzgerald led UCI (6-4, 1-2) with 13 points and six assists, Fells had 11 points and a career-high 13 rebounds, and senior center Greg Ethington scored 10 points. Junior guard Ross Schraeder, who entered the game at UCI's leading scorer at 15.6 points per game, scored a season-low two points before fouling out. The Anteaters shot 35 percent from the field in the second half and were 1 of 13 on three-point shots for the game.

UCI hosts Pacific Saturday night in the Bren Center at 7:05.

December 30, 2004

UC SANTA BARBARA SNAPS UCI WINNING STREAK WITH 62-45 VICTORY

Santa Barbara, Calif. – The UC Santa Barbara men's basketball team defeated UC Irvine, 62-45 in a Big West Conference game Thursday at the Thunderdome.

The loss snaps UCI's five game winning streak this season and is the sixth consecutive defeat to the Gauchos. UCI goes to 6-3 overall and 1-1 in Big West play, while UCSB is 4-5 overall and 2-0 to begin conference action.

"We did not come out in the first half with the type of effort we needed and UCSB shot the ball well in the first 12 or 14 minutes of the game," head coach Pat Douglass said. "We played better in the second half, but had dug ourselves a big hole. We didn't move the ball as well as we needed to and when we finally got it inside we couldn't finish."

The Anteaters shot a season-low 32.6 percent (15-46) from the floor and were out-rebounded 40-30. The Gauchos had 14 offensive rebounds.

UCI closed to 43-35 on a free throw from Patrick Sanders with 11:05 left in the game, but Santa Barbara went on a 9-3 run capped by a Michael Chambers field goal to go up 52-38 with 6:04 remaining.

Greg Ethington and Aaron Fitzgerald each had 12 points to lead the Anteaters. Ethington and Darren Fells had a team-high seven rebounds.

UCSB was led by Chrismen Oliver with 12 points and Casey Cook with 11 points, including 10 in the first half. Chambers added 10 points off the bench for the Gauchos. Cameron Goettsche totaled a game-high 14 rebounds with 10 coming in the first half.

UCI returns home to host Cal State Northridge Thursday (Jan. 6) at 7:05 p.m. in the Bren Center.

December 28, 2004

UC IRVINE TOPS CAL POLY 85-75 IN BIG WEST OPENER

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. -- Junior guard Ross Schraeder hit six three-pointers and scored 20 points to lead UC Irvine to an 85-75 victory over Cal Poly in a Big West Conference opener for both schools Tuesday night before 2,328 in Mott Gym.

Schraeder made six of 14 floor shots and both free throws. He has now made 18 three-pointers in the past three games. Freshman forward Darren Fells added a career-high 15 points, senior center Greg Ethington had 14 and sophomore forward Nic Campbell recorded 11 as UC Irvine improved to 6-2 for the season and 1-0 in the Big West.

Junior center Phil Johnson scored 18 points for Cal Poly (2-6, 0-1), making seven of 10 floor shots. Nick Enzweiler added 15 points and a career-high 11 rebounds while freshman guard Dawin Whiten had 14 points.

The see-saw first half featured 20 lead changes and 11 ties as UC Irvine built a 42-40 lead at the break.

After Whiten hit a three-pointer to open the second half for Cal Poly, the Anteaters reeled off eight unanswered points for a 50-43 advantage with 18:18 to play -- Campbell's layup capping the run - - and UC Irvine never trailed the rest of the way.

Cal Poly was within six points at 79-73 with 1:42 to play, but UC Irvine made all of its six free throws down the stretch for the win. Campbell's two free throws with 18 seconds to play provided the Anteaters with their largest lead of the game at 12 points, 85-73.

Junior guard Aaron Fitzgerald had a career-high seven rebounds and tied a career-high with nine assists as UC Irvine snapped an eight-game conference road losing streak.

UC Irvine made 41.6 percent of its shots while Cal Poly made 40.3 percent. The Anteaters compiled a 46-42 advantage on the boards, led by Campbell with nine and Ethington with eight. UC Irvine turned the ball over just 11 times compared to 17 for the Mustangs.

"I thought our bench played very well with key contributions from Jeff Gloger, Shamar Armstrong and Adam Metelski," said UCI head coach Pat Douglass. "They are a good shooting team, but we hung in there. We are developing confidence we've been a pretty good second half ball club all year. It is big anytime you get a win on the road in conference play."

UC Irvine will travel down the coast to Santa Barbara where they will face UC Santa Barbara on Thursday at 7:05 p.m. at the Thunderdome.

December 21, 2004

UC IRVINE DEFEATS NEW MEXICO STATE 75-62

IRVINE, Calif. --- All five UC Irvine starters scored in double figures as the Anteaters defeated New Mexico State, 75-62, in non-conference action at the Bren Events Center Tuesday night.

Senior center Greg Ethington led the way with 19 points, hitting 7 of 9 from the field. Junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald added 14 points and six assists, while junior guard Ross Schraeder scored 12 points on 4 of 5 threes, and added a career-high six rebounds. Sophomore forward Nic Campbell had 11 points and freshman forward Darren Fells added 10 points and six rebounds.

The Anteaters (5-2), who have won four straight games for the first time since February 2003, led 43-34 at halftime as Ethington scored 10 of his points in the opening 20 minutes. After New Mexico State closed the gap to 43-36 early in the second half, Fells and Fitzgerald scored back-to-back baskets for UCI and the Anteaters maintained a double-digit lead the rest of the game. A three-pointer by Schraeder with 5:27 remaining gave UCI its largest lead of the night at 71-52.

Freshman guard Josh Jenkins led New Mexico State (3-7) with 18 points on 7-of-10 shooting off the bench. Sophomore guard Antwan Alexander added 14 points while junior center Trevor Lawrence scored 10. Senior forward Jeff Jones had a game-high seven rebounds for the Aggies, who lost their fifth straight game.

UCI opens Big West Conference action next week traveling to Cal Poly Tuesday and UC Santa Barbara Dec. 30 in 7:00 p.m. games.

December 17, 2004

SCHRAEDER LEADS UC IRVINE OVER SAN JOSE STATE, 76-55

SAN JOSE, Calif. – The UC Irvine men's basketball team led by guard Ross Schraeder's career-high eight three-pointers defeated San Jose State, 76-55 Friday at Walt McPherson Court in a non-conference game. The Anteaters improve to 4-2 on the season, while the Spartans fall to 3-5.

The 21-point win is the largest margin of victory on the road for UCI since a 72-46 win at Cal State Fullerton on Feb. 2, 2002.

Schraeder went 9-14 from the floor, including a career-high eight three-pointers for a game-high 26 points. Jeff Gloger came off the bench for UCI and picked up 11 points, six assists and five rebounds.

UCI jumped out to a 12-2 lead to start the game following a pair of three-pointers from both Nic Campbell and Ross Schraeder. The Anteaters never trailed in the game with the only tie coming at 26-26 as the Spartans converted a pair of free throws with 3:42 left in the first half. UCI would end the half on an 8-2 run to take a 34-28 lead into the break.

The Anteaters held San Jose State to 34.5% shooting from the floor, the fourth time this season UCI has held an opponent under 40.0% from the field, all resulting in Anteater victories. UCI shot 57.1% from the field in the second half and 52.8% from the field for the game.

Marquin Chandler led SJSU with 24 points on 8-16 shooting. Matt Misko had a double-double for the Spartans with 10 points and 11 boards.

"We got off to a positive start against the zone with four early threes," said UCI head coach Pat Douglass. "We got a big boost from Jeff Gloger off the bench after Aaron Fitzgerald's early foul trouble."

"We showed good patience in the second half. We've made good strides this week, as long as we keep on this learning curve we'll be fine."

The two road wins this week for UCI are the first consecutive road wins for the Anteaters since February of 2003 when they won at both Utah State and Idaho.

The eight turnovers for the 'Eaters was a season low.

UCI will face New Mexico State Tuesday, Dec. 21st at 7:35 p.m. at the Bren Events Center as part of a double-header the Anteater women's team who host Sacramento State at 5:00 p.m.

December 14, 2004

UC IRVINE DEFEATS SANTA CLARA

SANTA CLARA, Calif. --- UC Irvine, paced by guard Aaron Fitzgerald's 17 points, outscored Santa Clara 39-27 in the second half and went on to defeat the Broncos 70-58 Tuesday at the Leavey Center. The win snapped an 11--game road losing streak and was the Anteaters' first non-conference road win since December 22, 2002, when UCI defeated Saint Mary's College, 62-50. UCI improves to 3-2 with the win while Santa Clara drops to 6-4.

"This was a great win for us," said head coach Pat Douglass. "Anytime you can win on the road, it's big. I thought we had a great team effort on both ends of the court. After a 10-day break, we were rushing things at first, but then we were able to settle down. I thought Aaron Fitzgerald did a great job in the second half and you need that from your point guard. I also thought Jeff Gloger stepped it for us as well." continued Douglass.

Fitzgerald was 5 of 10 from the three-point arc, scoring 12 of his 17 points after the break. Guard Ross Schraeder and Greg Ethington added 14 points apiece. Schraeder scored UCI's last six points, all from the charity stripe and dealt out a career-high five assists in the game. Ethington led UCI with nine rebounds while Fitzgerald pulled down six rebounds and totaled five assists.

Santa Clara was led by Kyle Bailey and Doron Perkins, who recorded 13 points apiece. Perkins also led the Broncos with 11 rebounds. Santa Clara cut the Anteater margin to one at 57-56 on a lay-up by Tristan Parham with 3:28 remaining, but UCI scored nine straight points to build a 66-56 lead on a pair of free throws by Schraeder with 52 seconds remaining.

The Anteaters held Santa Clara to 29-percent shooting from the field in the second half and 32-percent for the game while UCI shot 45-percent in the contest. UCI hit 9 of 9 free throws in the final 1:39, including three from center Adam Metelski.

UC Irvine takes on the Spartans of San Jose State Friday at 7:00 p.m.

December 4, 2004

ETHINGTON LEADS UC IRVINE PAST SACRAMENTO STATE 81-69

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior post player Greg Ethington scored a career-high 24 points and grabbed eight rebounds in leading UC Irvine past Sacramento State, 81-69, in non-conference action before 3,778 at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Ethington scored 19 of his points in the second half, including 11 of 14 from the foul line as the Anteaters improved to 2-2 on the season. Junior wing Ross Schraeder scored 14 points and junior guard Shamar Armstrong added 10 in 18 reserve minutes. Redshirt freshman forward Patrick Sanders pulled down a game-high 10 rebounds and added three blocked shots. Junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald had eight points and six assists while junior wing Jeff Gloger and freshman post Darren Fells also scored eight points each.

Junior guard Jason Harris scored 15 points and grabbed six rebounds for Sacramento State (1-4), which led 29-28 at halftime. Junior guard DaShawn Freeman added 12 points and sophomore Alex Bausley 11 off the bench.

Bausley's three pointer gave Sacramento State a 47-42 lead with 12:20 remaining in the game before the Anteaters rallied to take the lead for good at 54-52 on a layup by Fells with 9:10 left. UCI gradually pulled away, building 14-point leads of 73-59 with 2:13 remaining and 79-65 with 56 seconds left. The Anteaters hit 12 of 17 free throws in the final 5:43 of the game.

The Hornets built their halftime lead on the strength of 13 offensive rebounds to UCI's three in the opening 20 minutes. Each team finished the game with 41 boards apiece. The Anteaters shot 48.9 percent from the field in the game, including 51.9 percent in the second half. Sacramento State shot 31.5 percent for the game, which featured 51 fouls and 69 free throws between the teams. UCI hit 31 of 41 free throws, including 22 of 30 in the second half.

UCI, following final exams this coming week, travels to Santa Clara Dec. 14 and San Jose State Dec. 17 in 7:00 p.m. games.

November 27, 2004

UCLA DOWNS UC IRVINE 76-65

LOS ANGELES, Calif. --- UCLA scored eight unanswered points with under seven minutes remaining to thwart UC Irvine's comeback bid as the Bruins defeated the Anteaters, 76-65, before 6,247 at Pauley Pavilion Saturday night.

UCI junior Jeff Gloger, who scored all 11 of his points in the second half, hit a bank shot from the right side with 6:49 left to pull the Anteaters within 56-53. UCLA's Dijon Thompson hit a three-pointer from the left corner at 6:34 to extend the lead to six, then the Bruins' Brian Morrison hit a controversial three-pointer at 5:33 as the shot clock expired to give UCLA a 62-53 lead. Jordan Farmar then converted a steal into a layup with 5:16 remaining to put UCLA up 64-53 and the the closest UCI came after that was 67-61 on a twisting shot underneath by Adam Metelski with 2:51 left.

UCI junior guard Aaron Fitzgerald had 17 points and five assists to lead the Anteaters (1-2), while junior wing Ross Schraeder added 14 points. Gloger and Metelski led UCI with seven rebounds apiece. Thompson, Farmar and Arron Afflalo led UCLA (3-0) with 14 points each and Michael Fey added 13 points and nine boards.

The Bruins, who led 40-28 at halftime, shot 43.9 percent from the field for the game to UCI's 41.5 percent. The Anteaters won the battle of the boards 38-34, but UCLA was 21 of 27 from the foul line to UCI's 7 of 10.

UCI hosts Sacramento State Saturday night at 7:00 at the Bren Events Center in the Anteaters' next game.

November 22, 2004

TROJANS DOWN ANTEATERS 90-70; FITZGERALD SCORES 24 TO LEAD UCI

LOS ANGELES, Calif. --- USC overcame a 37-36 halftime deficit and the Trojans hit 13 three-pointers to defeat UC Irvine, 90-70, at the Sports Arena Monday night.

USC (1-0) outscored UCI 31-13 to open the second half, taking a 67-50 lead with 11:14 remaining, and the Trojans cruised from there as the Anteaters never came within 12 points from that point. Errick Craven and Gabe Pruitt scored 13 points apiece to lead six USC players in double figures.

UCI built a 27-20 lead with 4:47 left in the first half before USC's Dwayne Shackelford came off the bench to hit three treys in just over two minutes to bring the Trojans back. Shackelford, Errick Craven and Lodrick Stewart each connected on a trio of threes. Jeff McMillan had 12 points and 12 rebounds for the Trojans.

Junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald scored a career-high 24 points and added four assists for UCI (1-1). Junior wing Ross Schraeder added 15 points with 10 of those in the first half. Senior post Greg Ethington had a team-high eight rebounds to go with his seven points, while Adam Metelski had six rebounds in 18 reserve minutes.

UCI, which outrebounded USC 36-35 for the game, shot 52 percent from the field in the first half and 36 percent in the second 20 minutes to finish the game at 43 percent. USC shot 55 percent in the second half and 48 percent for the game. The Anteaters committed 20 turnovers, 10 in each half.

UCI heads back to L.A. Saturday to face UCLA at Pauley Pavilion at 5:00 p.m.

November 19, 2004

UC IRVINE DEFEATS CAL STATE DOMINGUEZ HILLS 106-69 IN SEASON OPENER

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior Greg Ethington scored a career-high 22 points and junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald had 20 points and nine assists to lead UC Irvine over Cal State Dominguez Hills, 106-69, in the season opener for both teams at the Bren Events Center in Irvine Friday night. That was the most points scored by an Anteater team since a 111-06, overtime loss at Long Beach State Jan. 27, 1994.

Ethington was 6 of 10 from the field and 10 of 11 from the free-throw line, plus he added eight rebounds. Fitzgerald hit 8 of 11 from the floor and added six boards. Junior wing Ross Schraeder scored 17 points, converting 6 of 10 from the field, including 3 of 5 threes. Freshman Darren Fells, starting his first regular-season collegiate game, had eight points and five rebounds. UCI shot 58.2 percent from the field and outrebounded Dominguez Hills 46-34.

Senior guard Les Norman led the Toros with 22 points, 18 of them in the first half. Junior guard Jamel Gay added 19 points, hitting 9 of 12 free throws. Senior Quenton Harvey and junior Quishawn Harrell led Dominguez Hills with six rebounds each. The Toros shot just 31.3 percent from the field.

Schraeder scored 12 points in the opening 20 minutes, including seven in a 22-second span, to lead the Anteaters to a 51-35 lead at halftime. UCI's largest lead of the night was 38 on two occasions late in the contest.

The Anteaters face USC Monday night at 7:30 in the Los Angeles Sports Arena. The game will be broadcast live on KUCI/88.9 FM and KWRM/1370 AM, and telecast on Fox Sports Net West 2.

November 11, 2004

UC IRVINE TOPS CAL STATE LOS ANGELES 67-41

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior wing Ross Schraeder scored 16 points, senior Greg Ethington added 12 points and eight rebounds, and junior guard Shamar Armstrong had 10 points to lead UC Irvine past Cal State Los Angeles, 67-41, in an exhibition game at the Bren Events Center Thursday night.

Schraeder was 3 of 8 from the field but converted 9 of 11 free throws. Junior wing Jeff Gloger reached double-figure rebounds for the second straight game with 10 and he added nine points, five assists and four steals. Junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald had seven points, six boards, five assists and a pair of steals while freshman forward Darren Fells made his first start and responded with six points and eight rebounds. Ethington went 5 of 9 from the field.

Junior forward Jon Folonis led Cal State Los Angeles with 13 points (6 of 12 from the field) and sophomore guard Mario Kralj added 12 points.

Neither team had a stellar night from the field as UCI shot 38.6 percent and the Golden Eagles 29.1 percent. UCI hit 19 of 29 from the free-throw line to 5 of 13 for Cal State Los Angeles. The Anteaters outrebounded the Eagles 49-32.

UCI led 36-14 at halftime and the closest Cal State Los Angeles came in the second half was 57-40 on a layup by DeJesus Brown with 5:48 remaining.

The Anteaters open their regular-season schedule hosting Cal State Dominguez Hills Nov. 19 in the Bren Center at 7:05 p.m.

November 6, 2004

UC IRVINE TOPS SIMON FRASER 84-62 IN EXHIBITION GAME

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior wings Jeff Gloger and Ross Schraeder combined for 38 points to lead UC Irvine past Simon Fraser University, 84-62, in men's exhibition college basketball at the Bren Events Center Saturday night.

Gloger was 9 of 9 from the field en route to 22 points and he added 13 rebounds and four assists. Schraeder scored 16 points, hitting 4 of 10 from three-point range. Senior post Greg Ethington had 14 points, going 7 of 13 from the floor, and added seven rebounds. Junior point guard Aaron Fitzgerald had nine assists while junior guard Shamar Armstrong added nine points in 17 minutes.

Guard Raj Mander led Simon Fraser with 19 points and forward Aaron Christensen had 11 points and six boards. Brent Charleton and Melvyn Mayott scored 10 points apiece.

UCI outrebounded the Canadian school 53-28 and the Anteaters shot 50.8 percent from the field in the game to SFU's 34.5 percent. UCI led 42-21 at halftime and had its largest lead of 27 at 83-56 with 1:52 remaining.

The Anteaters host Cal State Los Angeles in another exhibition game Thursday (Nov. 11) at 7:05 p.m. at the Bren Center.