

2004 Results

November 28, 2004

USC DEFEATS UC IRVINE 7-4 FOR 3RD PLACE AT MPSF TOURNAMENT

STANFORD, Calif. --- Juan Delgadillo scored three goals to lead USC past UC Irvine, 7-4, in the third-place game of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Men's Water Polo Tournament at Stanford Sunday.

The third-seeded Trojans (22-5) built a 5-2 halftime lead on the strength of two second-quarter goals by Delgadillo. USC scored two unanswered goals in the third quarter to extend its lead to 7-2 before UCI's Colin Mello (5:06) and Rick Merlo (2:42) scored in the fourth period for the final margin.

Dan Noon and Dreason Barry scored first-half goals for fifth-seeded UCI, which ended its season at 16-14 overall. Junior goalie Joe Wynne had eight saves while USC's Don Ricci had seven stops in the first three quarters and Adam Shilling made three stops in the fourth quarter.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	1	1	0	2	4
USC	3	2	2	0	7

UCI: Barry, Mello, R. Merlo, Noon.

USC: Delgadillo 3, Clark, Cook, Kaiser, Zatovic.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 8; Ricci (USC) 7, Shilling (USC) 3.

November 27, 2004

UC IRVINE FALLS 10-6 TO NO. 1 UCLA AT MPSF TOURNAMENT

STANFORD, Calif. - The fifth-seeded UC Irvine men's water polo team (16-13) lost 10-6 to the No. 1 seed UCLA in the semi-finals of the MPSF Tournament at the Avery Aquatic Center in Stanford, Calif.

The Bruins jumped out to a 2-0 lead after the first period and a 4-1 lead at the half. UCLA would increase the lead to 8-2 after the third period. UCI would add four goals in the fourth, but it would not be enough to come back as UCLA would add a pair of goals in the fourth period for the 10-6 victory. UCI senior Dan Noon (Santa Ana) and junior Dreason Barry (Eugene, Ore.) each had two goals for the Anteaters. A total of eight players scored for UCLA with Josh Hewko and Brett Ormsby each scoring a pair. Junior Goalkeeper Joe Wynn (Los Altos) had eight saves for the Anteaters. Keeper Joe Axelrad had 14 saves for the Bruins.

UCI will face the loser of the USC/Stanford match at 3:00 p.m. in the third place game of the MPSF Tournament.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	0	1	1	4	6

victory, where neither team scored in the first three-minute session. Alexander then ended the game with his goal as both teams closed out the regular season.

Gaicho goalie Jon Bonafede recorded 13 saves while Anteater junior Joe Wynne had eight stops.

UCI, seeded fifth, opens play in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament Friday, facing fourth-seeded Long Beach State at 2:00 p.m. at Stanford.

	1	2	3	4	OT	OT	OT	OT	FINAL
UC Irvine	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	7
UC Santa Barbara	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	8

UCI: R. Merlo 3, Mello, Noon, Bitter, Peters.

UCSB: Alexander 2, Sinclair 2, Gronow 2, Schoneberger, Saldain.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 8; Bonafede (UCSB) 13.

November 17, 2004

UC IRVINE TOPS CAL BAPTIST 12-8 IN NON-CONFERENCE GAME

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior Dreason Barry scored five goals to lead fifth-ranked UC Irvine past No. 19 Cal Baptist, 12-8, in non-conference men's water polo at the Anteater Aquatics Complex Wednesday night.

Seniors Dan Noon and Rick Merlo, playing in the final home game of their UCI careers, added three and two goals, respectively. Junior goalie Joe Wynne had 11 saves as the Anteaters improved to 15-11 overall.

Senior Goran Milic led the Lancers (19-14) with four goals and junior Leo Laterza added a pair. Freshman goalie Jon Miller had five saves.

Noon and Barry scored two goals each in UCI's five-goal second quarter as the Anteaters built an 8-5 halftime lead. Third-quarter goals by Tim Hutten (5:43) and Barry (3:05) extended UCI's lead to 10-5.

UCI closes regular-season play Saturday with a non-conference game at UC Santa Barbara at 2:00 p.m. The Anteaters open play in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament at Stanford Nov. 26 against Long Beach State at 2:00 p.m.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Cal Baptist	2	3	1	2	8
UC Irvine	3	5	2	2	12

CB: Milic 4, Laterza 2, Abellano, Netzley.

UCI: Barry 5, Noon 3, R. Merlo 2, Hutten, Mello.

Saves: Miller (CB) 5; Wynne (UCI) 11.

November 14, 2004

TOP-RANKED UCLA RALLIES TO DEFEAT UC IRVINE 7-6

LOS ANGELES, Calif. --- Top-ranked UCLA rallied from a 4-3 halftime deficit to defeat fifth-ranked UC Irvine, 7-6, in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation men's water polo at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center Sunday. The Bruins (21-2, 8-0 MPSF) captured their first perfect conference record and first outright MPSF regular-season title since 1999.

Seniors Dan Noon and Rick Merlo scored two goals each to give UCI its 4-3 lead at halftime. Bruin senior Brett Ormsby scored his second of three goals at 3:01 in the third quarter to tie the game at 5-5 and senior teammate Josh Hewko notched an extra-man goal at 2:06 to put UCLA up 6-5 entering the fourth quarter. Ormsby scored with 5:21 left in regulation to give the Bruins a 7-5 lead before UCI junior Chris Peters scored with three seconds left for the final margin.

UCLA goalie Joseph Axelrad recorded 10 saves while junior Joe Wynne had six stops for the Anteaters (14-11, 4-4 MPSF). UCI was 5 of 10 on extra-man opportunities while UCLA scored on 5 of 8 power plays.

UCI closes out its home schedule hosting Cal Baptist Wednesday night at 7:00 before ending the regular season with a non-conference game at UC Santa Barbara Saturday at 2:00 p.m.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	3	1	1	1	6
UCLA	2	1	3	1	7

UCI: Noon 2, R. Merlo 2, Hutten, Peters.

UCLA: Ormsby 3, Powell, March, Garcia, Hewko.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 6; Axelrad (UCLA) 10.

November 13, 2004

LONG BEACH STATE EDGES UC IRVINE 11-10

LONG BEACH, Calif. --- Junior Brett McCleave scored four goals to lead eighth-ranked Long Beach State past No. 5 UC Irvine, 11-10, in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation men's water polo at the 49ers' Campus Pool Saturday.

The teams were tied 6-6 at halftime before Long Beach State outscored UCI 3-0 in the third quarter on goals by McCleave (6:34), Reid Tomassi (4:15) and Brad Scoles (1:56). The 49ers' Blake Bartak scored at 6:30 of the fourth quarter to put Long Beach up 10-6 before the Anteaters mounted a comeback attempt. UCI scored back-to-back goals by sophomore Colin Mello (5:01) and senior Dan Noon (3:40) to pull the Anteaters within 10-8. McCleave then scored what proved to be the game-winner at 2:17 before UCI scored the game's final two goals by sophomore Tim Hutten (1:58) and junior Dreason Barry with 21 seconds left.

Hutten led the Anteaters with three goals while Noon and Barry added two each. Junior goalie Joe Wynne had four saves for the Anteaters, who fell to 14-10 overall and 4-3 in the MPSF. Tomassi added a pair of goals for Long Beach (15-9, 4-3) and goalie Thomas Onyshko had seven saves.

UCI travels to No. 1 UCLA for a 1:00 p.m. game Sunday at the Sunset Canyon Recreation Center.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	2	4	0	4	10
Long Beach State	1	5	3	2	11

UCI: Hutten 3, Barry 2, Noon 2, White, R. Merlo, Mello.

LBSU: McCleave 4, Tomassi 2, Brady, Scoles, Bartak, Gerardi, Shafer.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 4; Onyshko (LBSU) 7.

November 7, 2004

UC IRVINE DEFEATS UC SANTA BARBARA 9-8

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior Dreason Barry and sophomore Colin Mello scored three goals each to lead fifth-ranked UC Irvine past No. 7 UC Santa Barbara, 9-8, in a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation game at the Anteater Aquatics Complex Sunday.

Sophomore Tim Hutten added two goals as UCI improved to 14-9 overall and 4-2 in the MPSF. Senior Andrew Schoneberger led the Gauchos (17-10, 2-5 MPSF) with a pair of goals.

The Anteaters broke a 5-5 halftime tie with a goal by Mello at 4:50 of the third quarter and an extra-man goal by Hutten with 1:39 remaining in that period. Senior Cameron Bassett scored with 5:28 left in the fourth quarter to give UCI an 8-5 lead, but goals by Schoneberger (4:34) and junior Chris Gronow (1:42) drew UCSB within 8-7. Mello gave the Anteaters a 9-7 lead on a power-play score with 53 seconds remaining, then UCSB junior Jarrod Muentner notched an extra-man goal with 40 seconds left in regulation to close the gap back to one. The Gauchos got the ball back with six seconds left but could not get a shot off.

UCI junior goalie Joe Wynne had eight saves and Gaucho junior Jon Bonafede had nine stops.

The Anteaters, who have won six of their last seven games, return to action with a MPSF game at Long Beach State Saturday at noon.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Santa Barbara	2	3	0	3	8
UC Irvine	2	3	2	2	9

UCSB: Schoneberger 2, Alexander, Dale, French, Sinclair, Gronow, Muentner.

UCI: Barry 3, Mello 3, Hutten 2, Bassett.

Saves: Bonafede (UCSB) 9; Wynne (UCI) 8.

November 4, 2004

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT EDGES UC IRVINE 7-6

LOS ANGELES, Calif. --- Endre Rex-Kiss scored four goals, including the game-winner, to lead sixth-ranked Loyola Marymount over No. 5 UC Irvine, 7-6, in non-conference men's water polo at the Aquatics Complex at Burns Recreation Center on the LMU campus Thursday. The loss snapped the Anteaters' five-game winning streak.

UCI took a 6-5 lead on a goal by junior Dreason Barry with 39 seconds left in the third quarter before the Lions' Brian McShane tied the game on a goal with 5:29 remaining in the fourth period and Rex-Kiss notched the game-winner with 1:54 left in the game.

Senior Rick Merlo led the Anteaters (13-9) with four goals and junior goalie Joe Wynne had four saves. LMU goalie Ian Elliott recorded 13 saves as the Lions improved to 16-8 overall.

UCI hosts No. 7 UC Santa Barbara Sunday at noon in a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation game.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	1	4	1	0	6
Loyola Marymount	2	2	1	2	7

UCI: Merlo 4, Noon, Barry.

LMU: Rex-Kiss 4, Wimer, McShane, Reynolds.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 4; Elliott (LMU) 13.

October 31, 2004

UC IRVINE DEFEATS UC SAN DIEGO 10-6 IN NON-CONFERENCE ACTION

LA JOLLA, Calif. --- Seventh-ranked UC Irvine ran its winning streak to five with a 10-6 win over No. 8 UC San Diego in non-conference men's water polo at Canyonview Pool in La Jolla Sunday.

Junior Dreason Barry led the Anteaters (13-8) with four goals and senior Dan Noon added three. Barry scored three times in the first two quarters to give UCI a 5-4 lead at halftime, then the Anteaters broke the game open in the third quarter with unanswered goals by Barry, Chris Peters and Noon to go up 8-4.

Sophomore Tim Hutten added two goals for UCI and junior goalie Joe Wynne had 10 saves.

Nathan Weiner and Adnan Jerkovic scored two goals each for the Tritons (18-10) and goalie Colin McElroy had six saves.

UCI is back in action on the road Thursday (Nov. 4) against sixth-ranked Loyola Marymount at 3:00 p.m.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	3	2	3	2	10
UC San Diego	2	2	0	2	6

UCI: Barry 4, Noon 3, Hutten 2, Peters.

UCSD: Weiner 2, Jerkovic 2, Eichholz, Casellini.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 10; McElroy (UCSD) 6.

October 30, 2004

UC IRVINE STUNS THIRD-RANKED USC 9-7

IRVINE, Calif. --- Sophomore Tim Hutten scored three fourth-quarter goals to lift seventh-ranked UC Irvine over No. 3 USC, 9-7, in a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation game at the Anteater Aquatics Complex Saturday.

Hutten, who had a game-high four goals, scored a natural goal at 4:34 of the fourth quarter, then converted power-play goals at 3:04 and 1:02 to break a 7-7 tie after USC sophomore Thomas Hale had scored an extra-man goal with 3:32 remaining to draw the Trojans even. UCI's Dreason Barry and Rick Merlo had key steals in the final two minutes as the Anteaters improved to 12-8 overall and 3-2 in the MPSF. The win was UCI's fourth straight and it snapped USC's eight-game winning streak.

UCI never trailed in the game and built a 5-1 lead on an extra-man goal by Barry with 3:58 left in the second quarter. The Trojans scored three consecutive goals, the last by Jordan Van Norman with 2:32 remaining in the third quarter, to cut the margin to 5-4. Goals by UCI's Dan Noon and USC's Hale gave the Anteaters a 6-5 lead after three periods. Hale opened the fourth quarter with an extra-man goal at 5:04 to tie the game at 6-6 before Hutten began his hat trick to spark UCI.

Barry and Noon had two goals apiece for UCI. Hale led the Trojans (17-3, 3-2 MPSF) with three goals and Van Norman scored twice. USC goalie Adam Shilling had eight saves while Anteater junior Joe Wynne recorded nine stops.

UCI travels to UC San Diego for a non-conference game at noon Sunday.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
USC	1	2	2	2	7
UC Irvine	3	2	1	3	9

USC: Hale 3, Van Norman 2, Delgadillo, Shin.

UCI: Hutten 4, Barry 2, Noon 2, Mello.

Saves: Shilling (USC) 8; Wynne (UCI) 9.

October 24, 2004

UC IRVINE HOLDS OFF NO. 5 CALIFORNIA 8-7

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior Rick Merlo scored three goals as UC Irvine held off No. 5 California, 8-7, in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation water polo at the Anteater Aquatics Complex Sunday.

Merlo scored back-to-back goals with 2:24 and 20 seconds left in the second quarter to give the eighth-ranked Anteaters a 4-2 lead at halftime. The teams exchanged three goals each throughout the third quarter as UCI maintained its two-goal lead at 7-5 entering the fourth period. Anteater sophomore Cole Bitter scored an extra-man goal with 3:52 left in regulation to extend the lead to 8-5 but the Golden Bears answered quickly.

Cal sophomore Andrija Vasiljevic scored with 3:30 remaining and freshman teammate Jeff Tyrrell converted a goal just 19 seconds later to pull the Bears within 8-7 with 3:11 left. Cal narrowly missed several scoring opportunities in the final minute, including a shot that hit the crossbar as time expired on a late power-play chance.

Junior goalie Joe Wynne had six saves for UCI (11-8, 2-2 MPSF), which won its third consecutive game. Junior Nate Bennett recorded six stops for Cal, which fell to 11-7 overall and 1-4 in the MPSF.

The Anteaters host No. 3 USC Saturday at noon.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
California	1	1	3	2	7
UC Irvine	0	4	3	1	8

Cal: Vasiljevic 3, Mann, Bacharach, Kinsel, Tyrrell.

UCI: R. Merlo 3, Barry, Noon, Peters, Mello, Bitter.

Saves: Bennett (Cal) 6; Wynne (UCI) 6.

October 23, 2004

UC IRVINE DEFEATS PACIFIC 9-6 IN MPSF ACTION

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior Rick Merlo scored three goals to lead No. 8 UC Irvine past 15th-ranked Pacific, 9-6, in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation action at the Anteater Aquatics Complex Saturday.

Drearon Barry and Colin Mello added two goals each as UCI improved to 10-8 overall and 1-2 in the MPSF. Junior goalie Joe Wynne recorded 10 saves, including five in the fourth quarter.

Six different players scored for the Tigers (5-13, 0-4) and freshman goalie Brian Domacus had 11 saves.

Merlo scored all three of his goals in the first two quarters as the Anteaters built a 5-2 halftime lead. Mello's extra-man goal with 5:21 remaining in the third period extended the lead to 6-2 and the teams traded goals until Pacific's Clint McLaughlin and Andy Skora scored consecutive goals closing the gap to 7-5 entering the final quarter.

The Tigers' Kenny Yamanoto scored a goal with 1:02 left in the game to pull Pacific within 8-6, but Barry notched a power-play goal for UCI with 43 seconds remaining to close out the scoring.

UCI hosts fifth-ranked California in a MPSF game Sunday at noon.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Pacific	1	1	3	1	6
UC Irvine	1	4	2	2	9

Pacific: Zobler, Turnbull, Skora, Matt Mitchell, McLaughlin, Yamanoto.

UCI: R. Merlo 3, Barry 2, Mello 2, Hutten, Noon.

Saves: Domacus (P) 11; Wynne (UCI) 10.

October 17, 2004

UC IRVINE STOPS PEPPERDINE 9-7 IN NON-CONFERENCE GAME

IRVINE, Calif. --- Junior Dreason Barry scored five goals to lead UC Irvine past Pepperdine, 9-7, in non-conference men's water polo at the Anteater Aquatics Complex Sunday afternoon.

Senior Rick Merlo added a pair of goals as the Anteaters (9-8) snapped a five-game losing streak in the contest that featured the two teams tied for eighth in the nation this week. Barry's fourth goal of the game gave UCI a 5-1 lead with 5:05 remaining in the second quarter, but the Waves battled back, cutting the margin to 5-4 on a goal by Grant Miller with 3:04 left before halftime. The Anteaters took a 7-5 lead at the half, but Pepperdine's Josh Acosta and Tom Jasper notched goals to tie the game at 7-7 with 3:08 left in the third quarter. Merlo scored an extra-man goal with 2:24 remaining in the that period and Barry scored his final goal of the game on a power play with 5:43 left in the fourth quarter.

Miller led the Waves (9-8) with three goals and Jasper added two. UCI goalie Joe Wynne tied his career high with 14 saves, including five in the fourth quarter, and Pepperdine counterpart Robbie Miller stopped six shots.

The Anteaters are back home next weekend to host No. 15 Pacific Saturday and fourth-ranked California Sunday in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation games beginning at noon.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Pepperdine	1	4	2	0	7
UC Irvine	3	4	1	1	9

Pep: G. Miller 3, Jasper 2, Stricklen, Acosta.

UCI: Barry 5, R. Merlo 2, Peters, Mello.

Saves: R. Miller (P) 6; Wynne (UCI) 14.

October 16, 2004

STANFORD TOPS UC IRVINE 10-5 IN MPSF ACTION

STANFORD, Calif. --- Peter Varellas scored four goals to lead second-ranked Stanford past No. 8 UC Irvine, 10-5, in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation men's water polo at Avery Aquatic Center Saturday.

The Cardinal (12-2, 2-0) built an 8-0 lead early in the third quarter before UCI senior Rick Merlo scored the first of his four goals with 2:03 left in that period.

Stanford's Tony Azevedo scored both of his goals in the second quarter as the Cardinal led 5-0 at halftime. Thomas Hopkins also scored four goals for Stanford and Cardinal goalie Chad Taylor recorded five saves.

Andrew Dunn scored the other goal for the Anteaters (8-8, 0-2) and goalie Joe Wynne had nine saves.

UCI hosts Pepperdine Sunday at noon in a non-conference game at the Anteater Aquatics Complex.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	0	0	2	3	5
Stanford	1	4	3	2	10

UCI: R. Merlo 4, Dunn.

Stan: Varellas 4, Azevedo 2, Hopkins 2, Garton, Crum.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 9; Taylor (S) 5.

October 9, 2004

PEPPERDINE EDGES UC IRVINE 6-5 IN MPSF OPENER

MALIBU, Calif. --- Pepperdine scored five consecutive goals in the middle two quarters and held on to defeat seventh-ranked UC Irvine, 6-5, in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation men's water polo opener for both teams at Malibu Saturday.

The Anteaters (8-7, 0-1), with two first-quarter goals by Rick Merlo and one by Dan Noon with 4:41 left in the second quarter, built a 3-1 lead before the 10th-ranked Waves started their scoring surge. Grant Miller scored two and Tom Jasper, Matt MacDonell and Matt Digges notched one apiece to give Pepperdine a 6-3 lead after three quarters.

Nate White and Merlo scored for UCI in the fourth period, but an Anteater shot hit the post with under 20 seconds remaining and Waves' goalie Robbie Miller was solid as Pepperdine improved to 7-6 overall and 1-0 in the MPSF. Miller had eight saves in the game while UCI's Joe Wynne recorded two.

The Anteaters travel to No. 1 Stanford for a noon game next Saturday.

1 2 3 4 FINAL

UC Irvine	2	1	0	2	5
Pepperdine	1	3	2	0	6

UCI: R. Merlo 3, Noon, White.

Pep: G. Miller 2, MacDonell, Digges, Jasper, Acosta.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 2; R. Miller (Pep) 8.

October 3, 2004

UC IRVINE LOSES TWICE SUNDAY TO FINISH 8TH AT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TOURNAMENT

STOCKTON, Calif. --- The fifth-ranked UC Irvine men's water polo team dropped a pair of games to finish eighth in the Northern California Tournament at Stockton Sunday.

UCI lost the seventh-place game to No. 7 Loyola Marymount, 8-6, as the Lions outscored the Anteaters 3-0 in the fourth quarter. Sean Wimer led LMU (10-4) with three goals while Scott Marshall and Matt Reynolds scored two each. Lions' goalie Justin Coleman recorded 10 saves. Junior Dreason Barry led UCI (8-6) with three goals and Andrew Dunn added two. Joe Wynne had eight saves in goal for the Anteaters.

In a consolation semifinal Sunday morning, 10th-ranked UC Santa Barbara topped UCI, 9-7. Ross Sinclair, Brian Alexander, Andrew Schoneberger and Matt Dale scored two goals apiece for the Gauchos. UCSB goalie Jon Bonafede had 12 saves. Barry scored three goals to lead the Anteaters and Rick Merlo notched two. Wynne had five goalie saves for UCI, which travels to Pepperdine Saturday for a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation game at noon.

(7th-Place Game) 1 2 3 4 FINAL

UC Irvine	2	2	2	0	6
Loyola Marymount	1	2	2	3	8

UCI: Barry 3, Dunn 2, Noon.

LMU: Wimer 3, Marshall 2, Reynolds 2, McShane.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 8; Coleman (LMU) 10.

(Consolation Semifinal) 1 2 3 4 FINAL

UC Santa Barbara	2	1	4	2	9
UC Irvine	0	2	4	1	7

UCSB: Sinclair 2, Alexander 2, Schoneberger 2, Dale 2, Saldain.

UCI: Barry 3, R. Merlo 2, Noon, Mello.

Saves: Bonafede (UCSB) 12; Wynne (UCI) 5.

October 2, 2004

UC IRVINE SPLITS AT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TOURNAMENT SATURDAY

STOCKTON, Calif. --- The fifth-ranked UC Irvine men's water polo team split at the Northern California Tournament in Stockton Saturday, defeating Long Beach State, 7-4, before losing to No. 4 UCLA, 10-9.

The Anteaters defeated 12th-ranked Long Beach State, 7-4, in the team's first game Saturday. Junior Dreason Barry led all scorers with four goals. Rick Merlo, Chris Peters and Nate White also scored for the Anteaters, who outscored the 49ers 3-1 in the second quarter to take a 4-2 halftime lead. Junior goalie Joe Wynne had 11 saves for UCI.

John Filipponi scored twice for Long Beach and 49er goalie Thomas Onyshko had 10 saves.

UCLA outscored the Anteaters, 2-0, in the second quarter and that proved to be the difference as the Bruins prevailed 10-9 Saturday night. Eight UCLA players scored in the game, led by Albert Garcia and Grant Zider with two goals each. Joseph Axelrad had 11 saves in goal as the Bruins improved to 8-2 on the season.

Rick Merlo led UCI (8-4) with four goals, Andrew Dunn scored three and Barry two. Wynne had six saves for UCI, which faces UC Santa Barbara in a consolation semifinal Sunday at 8:10 a.m.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	3	0	3	3	9
UCLA	3	2	2	3	10

UCI: R. Merlo 4, Dunn 3, Barry 2.

UCLA: Garcia 2, Zider 2, Belden, Foley, Johnson, March, Ormsby, Pulido.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 6; Axelrad (UCLA) 11.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	1	3	2	1	7
Long Beach State	1	1	2	0	4

UCI: Barry 4, R. Merlo, Peters, White.

LBSU: Filipponi 2, McCleave, Gerardi.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 11; Onyshko (LBSU) 10.

September 25, 2004

UCLA DEFEATS UC IRVINE 6-4

IRVINE, Calif. --- Fourth-ranked UCLA held No. 5 UC Irvine scoreless in the second half as the Bruins went on to a 6-4 win in non-conference men's water polo action at the Anteater Aquatics Complex Saturday night.

UCI took a 4-3 lead at halftime on the strength of two extra-man goals by junior Dreason Barry. UCLA senior Brett Ormsby scored the lone goal of the third quarter with 1:09 left to knot the game at 4-4. Bruins' sophomore Logan Powell scored what proved to be the game-winning goal on a power play with 2:39 left in the game for a 5-4 lead and senior Ted Peck scored his third goal of the game with 1:21 remaining for insurance. Five of the Bruins' scores were extra-man goals.

Senior goalie Joe Axelrad had six saves for UCLA, which improved to 6-2 on the season. Junior Joe Wynne recorded six stops for the Anteaters, who fell to 7-3. Both teams compete in the Northern California Tournament at Stockton next weekend.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UCLA	1	2	1	2	6
UC Irvine	1	3	0	0	4

UCLA: Peck 3, Ormsby, Powell, Hewko.

UCI: Barry 2, Noon, R. Merlo.

Saves: Axelrad (UCLA) 6; Wynne (UCI) 6.

September 19, 2004

UC IRVINE WINS TWICE TO CLAIM FIFTH PLACE AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOURNAMENT

LOS ANGELES, Calif. --- The UC Irvine men's water polo team won two games Sunday to finish fifth in the Southern California Tournament at USC's McDonald's Swim Stadium.

Rick Merlo and Dreason Barry scored three goals each to lead fifth-ranked UCI past No. 6 Pepperdine, 10-5, in the fifth-place game. Colin Mello added two goals for the Anteaters (7-2), who led 4-0 after the first quarter. Junior goalie Joe Wynne recorded 10 saves. Matthew MacDonell led the Waves (4-3) with three goals.

The Anteaters defeated No. 10 UC Santa Barbara, 7-3, in a consolation semifinal Sunday morning on the strength of two goals each by Merlo and Barry. Wynne had seven saves in goal as UCI held the Gauchos scoreless in the second and fourth quarters. Ross Sinclair led UCSB with two goals and goalie Jon Bonafede had 10 saves.

The Anteaters host No. 3 UCLA in UCI's home opener Saturday night at 7:00 at the Anteater Aquatics Complex.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	4	0	4	2	10
Pepperdine	0	1	2	2	5

UCI: R. Merlo 3, Barry 3, Mello 2, Noon, Peters.

Pep: MacDonell 3, Mann, Digges.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 10; Miller (P) 3.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	4	0	2	1	7
UC Santa Barbara	1	0	2	0	3

UCI: R. Merlo 2, Barry 2, Hutten, Mello, Foley.

UCSB: Sinclair 2, Morimoto.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 7; Bonafede (UCSB) 10.

September 18, 2004

UC IRVINE SPLITS PAIR OF GAMES AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOURNAMENT

LOS ANGELES, Calif. --- The fifth-ranked UC Irvine men's water polo team split a pair of games in the Southern California Tournament at USC's McDonald's Swim Stadium Saturday.

In the Anteaters' first game Saturday, junior Dreason Barry scored four goals to propel UCI past No. 15 Pacific 13-4. Dan Noon and Rick Merlo added three while goalie Joe Wynne recorded a career-high 14 saves. Matt Turnbull led Pacific with three goals.

Saturday night, UCI was edged by fourth-ranked California, 7-6. The Golden Bears (7-0) led 5-1 at halftime before the Anteaters mounted a second-half comeback led by Rick Merlo's three goals. Merlo scored twice in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 5-3. Merlo then opened the fourth quarter with an extra-man goal at 6:18 and Dan Noon followed with a goal at 5:29 to tie the game at 5-5. Cal then received back-to-back goals from Michael Sharf and Brian Bacharach to move ahead 7-5 before UCI's Colin Mello closed out the scoring with a goal at 1:01.

UCI converted just 3 of 13 extra-man opportunities while the Bears scored on 4 of 8 power-play chances. Wynne had seven saves for UCI, which fell to 5-2 on the season. The Anteaters face UC Santa Barbara Sunday morning at 8:00 in a consolation semifinal game.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	1	0	2	3	6
California	2	3	0	2	7

UCI: R. Merlo 3, Noon 2, Mello.

Cal: Bacharach 2, Mann 2, Kinsel, Tyrrell, Sharf.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 7; Bennett (Cal) 5.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Pacific	0	2	1	1	4
UC Irvine	3	3	3	4	13

UOP: Turnbull 3, Mitchell.

UCI: Barry 4, Noon 3, R. Merlo 3, White, Hutten, Foley.

Saves: Popovic (UOP) 2, Domascus (UOP 6; Wynne (UCI) 14.

September 11, 2004

USC RALLIES TO DEFEAT UC IRVINE 10-6

LOS ANGELES, Calif. --- Second-ranked USC scored nine second-half goals and went on to defeat No. 7 UC Irvine, 10-6, in non-conference men's water polo at McDonald's Swim Stadium in Los Angeles Saturday.

Freshman Thomas Hale scored all of his game-high three goals in the second half to help the defending national champion Trojans erase a 3-1 halftime deficit. Hale and Juraj Zatovic scored back-to-back goals in the third quarter to tie the score at 3-3, then UCI sophomore Cole Bitter put the Anteaters back up at 4-3 on a goal with 3:04 left in that period. James Shin scored 19 seconds later to draw USC even again at 4-4, then Hale put USC ahead at 5-4 on a score with 1:50 left in the third. The Anteaters' Colin Mello scored an extra-man goal 20 seconds later to knot the game at 5-5 entering the fourth quarter.

Consecutive goals by Shin, Juan Delgadillo and Cameron Kaiser in the last period gave the Trojans an 8-5 lead and USC secured the victory in its season opener. Shin and Zatovic added two goals for USC while Hutten led UCI (4-1) with a pair of goals.

Anteater goalie Joe Wynne had six saves, as did USC counterpart Don Ricci. Both teams compete in the Southern California Tournament hosted by USC next Saturday and Sunday.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Irvine	2	2	2	1	6
USC	1	0	4	5	10

UCI: Hutten 2, White, Bitter, R. Merlo, Mello.

USC: Hale 3, Shin 2, Zatovic 2, Kaiser, Zepfel, Delgadillo.

Saves: Wynne (UCI) 6; Ricci (USC) 6.

September 5, 2004

UC IRVINE WINS TRITON INVITATIONAL

LA JOLLA, Calif. --- The seventh-ranked UC Irvine men's water polo team (4-0) won twice more Sunday to capture the title of the Triton Invitational at UC San Diego.

The Anteaters defeated 10th-ranked UC Santa Barbara, 4-2, Sunday morning as Dreason Barry scored a pair of goals. Barry's goal with 1:03 left in the second quarter broke a 1-1 tie, then Colin Mello scored in the third quarter and Barry in the fourth to seal the win.

UCI topped No. 9 UC San Diego, 13-6, Sunday afternoon as Rick Merlo scored four goals and Dan Noon three. Merlo scored a hat trick in the first quarter as the Anteaters led 4-0 after the opening period and were never threatened.

With Sunday's victories, UCI head coach Ted Newland leads all collegiate water polo coaches with 702 wins (702-331-5). The Anteaters return to action on the road against USC Saturday at McDonald's Swim Stadium at 2:30 p.m.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC Santa Barbara	1	0	0	1	2
UC Irvine	1	1	1	1	4

UCSB: Alexander, Schoenberger.

UCI: Barry 2, White, Mello.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
UC San Diego	0	2	0	4	6
UC Irvine	4	4	3	2	13

UCSD: Jerkovic 2, Eicholz, Weiner, Azarenok, Takahashi

UCI: R. Merlo 4, Noon 3, Mello 2, Peters, Barry, Hutten, Bassett.

September 4, 2004

UC IRVINE HEAD COACH TED NEWLAND GAINS 700TH CAREER WIN

LA JOLLA, Calif. --- UC Irvine men's head water polo coach Ted Newland claimed career victory No. 700 Saturday night as the Anteaters topped the University of Redlands, 19-8, in the Triton Invitational at UC San Diego. Newland, in his 39th season at UCI, leads all collegiate water polo coaches in wins and currently has a career mark of 700-331-5.

The Anteaters defeated the University of La Verne, 20-0, in their first game Saturday as Dan Noon and David Foley scored four goals each. Rick Merlo and Dreason Barry added three goals apiece while Colin Mello scored twice.

In the win over Redlands, Barry led UCI with seven goals and Rick Merlo added five.

In Sunday's action, UCI meets UC Santa Barbara at 10:30 a.m. and UC San Diego at 2:15 p.m.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
La Verne	0	0	0	0	0
UC Irvine	6	6	4	4	20

UCI: Noon 4, Foley 4, R. Merlo 3, Barry 3, Mello 2, Dunn, White, Bitter, Masterson.

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Redlands	1	1	4	2	8
UC Irvine	7	5	4	3	19

Redlands: Dinnean 3, Hale 2, Culton, Walters, Collins.

UCI: Barry 7, R. Merlo 2, Hutten 2, Dunn 2, C. Merlo, Mello, Foley.