

2006-07 Headlines

July 26, 2007

Former Anteaters Bailey, Powers Score in USA Win at Pan Am Games

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil --- Former UC Irvine All-Americans Ryan Bailey and Jeff Powers scored one goal each in the USA Men's National team's 9-2 win over host Brazil in the gold-medal game Thursday of the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro. Ex-Anteater Genai Kerr had six saves in goal.

Tony Azevedo led the U.S. with four goals as the Americans led 5-0 at halftime at Julio Delamare Aquatic Park. With the victory, the Americans earned an automatic berth in the 2008 Summer Olympic Games at Beijing, China. All three former UCI players competed on the 2004 USA Olympic team.

The U.S. squad compiled a 5-0 record at the 2007 Pan Am Games.

May 15, 2007

Six Men's Water Polo Players Honored As Scholar-Athletes

Irvine, Calif. -- Six men's water polo players were among 163 student-athletes named 2006-07 Big West Conference Scholar-Athletes at the program's annual banquet Monday night (May 14) at the Irvine Radisson.

[Kyle Baxter](#), [Greg Enloe](#), [Jaime Frank](#), [Curt Merlo](#), [Harvey Newland](#) and [Ty Newland](#) received scholar-athlete distinction.

This year's list brings UCI's total to 2,894 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. UCI expanded the award to include teams that do not participate in Big West-sponsored sports.

The keynote speaker was Aras Baskauskas, a UCI basketball player from 2001-04, who won Survivor Panama Exile Island.

May 9, 2007

Ted Newland to Receive UCI's Highest Honor

IRVINE, Calif. --- Edward "Ted" Newland, UC Irvine's men's water polo head coach from 1966-2004, is one of four individuals selected to receive the university's highest honor, the Medal, which annually gives formal and lifelong recognition to those who have made extraordinary contributions to the university's mission of teaching, research and public service.

Newland, as coach emeritus, continues to assist the UCI men's water polo program. He was inducted into the UCI Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999, the Occidental College Hall of Fame in 1996 and the U.S. Water Polo Hall of Fame in 1995.

Here is the official Medal announcement from UCI Chancellor Michael V. Drake:

Each year, the Medal is bestowed upon a few extraordinary individuals who have made remarkable contributions to the mission, spirit and vision of the University of California, Irvine. The Medal is the university's most prestigious honor, and I am delighted to share with you the names of those who will receive this year's tribute. The following distinguished recipients will be recognized for their extraordinary leadership, dedication and generosity:

EDWARD H. NEWLAND, collegiate water polo's all-time leader in coaching victories, is coach emeritus of the University of California, Irvine men's water polo team. Newland came to UC Irvine in 1966 as the men's water polo and swimming coach. He coached six of UC Irvine's national championships while producing 72 All-Americans and 14 UC Irvine Athletics Hall of Fame members. Newland built a 714-345-5 record in men's water polo at UC Irvine, and his teams captured NCAA titles in 1970, 1982 and 1989. Newland also served as the coach for numerous U.S. National teams and placed 11 UC Irvine student athletes on U.S. Olympic Water Polo teams, including five at the most recent Olympic Games. When UC Irvine planned to eliminate water polo in the early '90s due to budget cuts, Newland led the fundraising effort to save the program and decided to coach UC Irvine men's water polo teams for more than 10 years at an annual salary of \$1.

GAVIN S. HERBERT is founder, chairman emeritus and former CEO of Allergan, Inc., a global specialty pharmaceutical and medical device company in Irvine. Through his direction, Allergan has supported the Department of Ophthalmology at UC Irvine for more than 25 years, sponsoring research fellowship programs, collaborating with retina clinical research faculty and providing lab space, research materials, mentoring and development opportunities. Herbert was instrumental in designing and implementing the Department of Ophthalmology - including the Irving Leopold Chair, and he was the first president of the Chancellor's Club. Herbert is also chairman of Roger's Garden's nursery in Newport Beach and is chairman and founder of Regenesys Bioremediation Products.

The late **WILLIAM L. PEREIRA** was a visionary architect who helped shape Orange County and was the designer of the Irvine master plan. He helped bring together the UC Regents and The Irvine Company and, as a result, the campus received an initial 1,000 acres from The Irvine Company. Pereira envisioned the campus to evolve around two concentric rings, with a park as its center and the northern part of the rings to be the campus hub. At the time of his death in 1985, Pereira was credited with more than 400 projects, including the Transamerica Pyramid in San Francisco. He is UC Irvine's first posthumous recipient of the Medal.

AUDREY M. SCHNEIDERMAN, a longtime supporter of UC Irvine, is an Ambassador of the University of California, Irvine Foundation and a lifetime member of the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory. She is the widow of Dr. Howard A. Schneiderman, who served as the third dean of the School of Biological Sciences. Schneiderman made her largest gifts to the campus in honor of her husband, who died in 1990. Through her widespread volunteer support, Schneiderman regularly shares UC Irvine's achievements with others. Her generosity, including extraordinary support for the School of Biological Sciences and the Center for the

Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, has provided scholarships, fellowships and opportunities for growth.

Hosted by the University of California, Irvine Foundation, the Medal Awards - A Celebration of Stars - is one of Orange County's premier events. The event will be held on October 6 at the Bren Events Center and will be chaired by Richard and Cheryll Ruszat, owners of Montessori Schools of Irvine.

For more information on tickets and sponsorships, call (949) 824-1655.

February 16, 2007

4 UCI PLAYERS NAMED TO ALL-AMERICAN ACADEMIC TEAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- Four UC Irvine players --- Kyle Baxter, Ty Newland, Matt Garcia and Andrew Dunn --- have been named to the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches All-American Academic Team.

Eligible student-athletes had to have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.20 and had to be a starter or a player who saw significant playing time. Dunn, a starter, was injured early in the season but was awarded the honor by the ACWPC.

January 8, 2007

COLIN MELLO NAMED SECOND TEAM ALL-AMERICA

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine junior driver Colin Mello (Sanger/Reedley HS) has been named second team All-America by the Association of Collegiate Water Polo Coaches.

Mello led UCI and the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation in scoring with 87 goals this season. He was the Anteaters' top scorer in 24 of the team's 31 games.

December 21, 2006

FOUR UC IRVINE PLAYERS NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine water polo players Curt Merlo, Ty Newland, Matt Garcia and Greg Enloe have been named to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation (MPSF) All-Academic team, announced executive director Al Beard.

Student-athletes must have a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average, be at least a sophomore academically and have competed in fifty percent or more of the sport's contests.

Enloe scored six goals on the season for UC Irvine while Newland, a two-time all-academic honoree had two goals. Merlo was the team's fourth-leading scorer with 18 goals and Garcia, who also earned his second all-academic nod, started in all 31 games and recorded 314 saves for the Anteaters.

November 29, 2006

COLIN MELLO NAMED TO ALL-MPSF SECOND TEAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine junior driver Colin Mello (Sanger/Reedley HS) has been named to the 2006 All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation second team.

Mello led UCI and the MPSF in scoring with 87 goals this season. He was the Anteaters' top scorer in 24 of the team's 31 games. UCI finished the season 10-21 overall and 2-6 in the MPSF.

November 28, 2006

ANTEATERS END SEASON; MELLO LEADS MPSF WITH 87 GOALS

ANTEATERS END SEASON AT 10-21: The UC Irvine men's water polo team finished the 2006 season at 10-21 overall after placing eighth in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament at Anteater Pool this past weekend. UCI was seeded eighth in the tournament after tying for sixth place in the MPSF with a 2-6 league mark.

The Anteaters lost to top-seeded USC, 13-2, in the opening game, 13-11 to UC Santa Barbara in a consolation semifinal and 12-11 to Long Beach State in the seventh-place game.

Senior Curt Merlo and freshman Kyle Baxter led the Anteaters with five goals each in the tourney, sophomore Cole Bielskis scored four, and junior Colin Mello and freshman Jamie Frank three apiece.

SCORING LEADERS: Mello led UCI and the MPSF in scoring this season with 87 goals, followed by Baxter with 38, Bielskis with 30 and Merlo 18.

IN GOAL: Junior Matt Garcia started each of the 31 games, recording 314 saves.

NEXT SEASON: UCI will feature a veteran squad in 2007 with just two seniors (Merlo, Ty Newland) on this year's team. The Anteaters will be bolstered by the return of Tim Hutten and Cole Bitter, both who redshirted this year. Hutten was a second-team All-America in 2005.

November 13, 2006

ANTEATERS END REGULAR SEASON AT LBSU, UCLA; MELLO NAMED MPSF PLAYER OF WEEK

2 ROAD GAMES END REGULAR SEASON: The UC Irvine men's water polo team (10-16, 2-4 MPSF) closes out its regular-season schedule on the road against Long Beach State Saturday (Nov. 18) at noon and UCLA Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

ANTEATERS KNOCK OFF STANFORD: UCI, ranked 11th last week, upset No. 4 Stanford on the road, 9-8, last Saturday. Junior Colin Mello scored four goals, including the game-winner with 1:57 remaining. Kyle Baxter added three goals and Curt Merlo a pair. Junior goalie Matt Garcia had 13 saves. UCI lost at No. 5 UC San Diego, 10-6, last Wednesday. Mello led the Anteaters with three goals.

MELLO NAMED MPSF PLAYER OF WEEK: Colin Mello was named the MPSF Player of the Week for the second straight week after his performance against Stanford. He shared this week's honor with UCLA's Logan Powell.

SCORING LEADERS: Mello leads UCI in scoring with 79 goals, followed by Kyle Baxter with 31 and Cole Bielskis with 26. **IN GOAL:** Garcia has started each of the first 26 games, recording 263 saves.

MPSF TOURNEY AT UCI: UCI will host the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championship Tournament Nov. 24-26 at Anteater Pool.

November 7, 2006

COLIN MELLO NAMED MPSF MIKASA PLAYER OF WEEK

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine junior driver Colin Mello has been named the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Mikasa Player of the Week after scoring 13 goals in the Anteaters' two victories over the past week.

Mello scored six goals, including both UCI scores in overtime, during a 12-11 win over Long Beach State last Thursday night. He scored a career-high seven goals in the Anteaters' 11-8 win over Cal Baptist Sunday evening.

Mello leads UCI and the MPSF with 72 goals on the season. The Anteaters travel to UC San Diego for a non-conference game Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. before playing at Stanford in a MPSF contest Saturday at noon.

October 30, 2006

ANTEATERS END HOME SCHEDULE WITH THREE GAMES

UCI ENDS HOME SCHEDULE WITH TRIO OF GAMES: UC Irvine (7-14, 1-3 MPSF) closes out its regular-season home schedule with three games.

The Anteaters host Long Beach State in a non-conference game Thursday (Nov. 2) night at 7:00 before playing two games Sunday. UCI faces UC Santa Barbara in a Mountain Pacific Sports Federation contest at noon and Cal Baptist in a non-conference encounter at 6:00 p.m.

UCI GAINS FIRST MPSF WIN: The Anteaters picked up their first MPSF win of the season with a 7-5 victory at Pepperdine last Wednesday as junior Colin Mello scored five goals. Junior goalie Matt Garcia recorded five saves. UCI lost to top-ranked USC, 16-6, at Anteater Pool Saturday. Sophomore Cole Bielskis led UCI with a pair of goals.

SCORING LEADERS: Mello leads UCI in scoring with 59 goals, followed by Kyle Baxter with 26 and Bielskis with 19.

IN GOAL: Garcia has started each of the first 21 games, recording 212 saves.

NEXT FOR UCI: Following Sunday's games, UCI faces four straight road games to end the regular season. The Anteaters are at UC San Diego Nov. 8 and Stanford Nov. 11.

October 23, 2006

ANTEATERS TRAVEL TO PEPPERDINE, HOST USC

WAVES, TROJANS THIS WEEK: UC Irvine (6-13, 0-2 MPSF) faces Pepperdine Wednesday (Oct. 25) in Malibu at 2:00 p.m. before hosting top-ranked USC Saturday at 12:00 p.m. at Anteater Pool.

This will be the fourth meeting of the season between UCI and Pepperdine, with the Anteaters holding a 2-1 edge. UCI has lost two previous games to USC this year.

UCI DROPS MPSF GAMES: The Anteaters lost their first two Mountain Pacific Sports Federation games of the season at home this past weekend. Second-ranked California cruised to a 15-3 win Saturday and No. 6 Pacific rallied from a 4-1 deficit late in the third quarter to edge UCI, 6-5, in overtime Sunday.

Junior Colin Mello led the Anteaters with two goals in each game. Junior goalie Matt Garcia had a total of 21 saves in the two games, including 13 versus Pacific.

SCORING LEADERS: Mello leads UCI in scoring with 53 goals, followed by Kyle Baxter with 25 and Cole Bielskis with 16.

IN GOAL: Garcia has started each of the first 19 games, recording 195 saves.

October 16, 2006

ANTEATERS OPEN MPSF PLAY HOSTING CAL, PACIFIC

MPSF SCHEDULE BEGINS: The UC Irvine men's water polo team (6-11) opens its Mountain Pacific Sports Federation schedule hosting California Saturday (Oct. 21) and Pacific Sunday in noon games at Anteater Pool.

Cal is ranked second in the nation and was runner-up to USC at the Southern California Tournament this past weekend. Pacific was ranked seventh in last week's poll and placed sixth in the SoCal Tournament.

UCI FINISHES 8TH: The Anteaters finished eighth at the Southern California Tournament, going 1-3. UCI opened with an 8-7 win over UC Santa Barbara as freshman Jamie Frank scored the game-winning goal with 2:05 left in regulation. UCI then sustained losses to USC (14-3), Pacific (12-8) and Pepperdine (12-11, OT).

Junior Colin Mello led the Anteaters with nine goals in the tourney. Freshman Kyle Baxter notched seven, Jesse Hatch four and Cole Bielskis three to lead UCI.

SCORING LEADERS: Mello leads UCI in scoring with 49 goals, followed by Baxter with 25 and Bielskis with 15.

IN GOAL: Matt Garcia has started each of the first 17 games, recording 174 saves.

October 9, 2006

UC IRVINE COMPETES AT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TOURNAMENT

ANTEATERS OPEN WITH GAUCHOS: The UC Irvine men's water polo team (5-8) competes in the Southern California Tournament at USC this weekend (Oct. 14-15).

UCI opens against UC Santa Barbara Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at McDonald's Swim Stadium. The Anteaters face top-ranked USC at 4:00 p.m. later that day. Sunday's pairings will be determined by Saturday's results.

UCI has lost twice to UCSB this season --- 8-7 in overtime Sept. 4 at UC San Diego's Triton Invitational and 10-6 in Santa Barbara Sept. 30.

UCI SPLITS LAST WEEK: The Anteaters split a pair of games last week, losing at Loyola Marymount, 7-5, Wednesday and defeating Pepperdine, 9-8, in Irvine Friday night. Junior Colin Mello had two goals in the loss to LMU and recorded a game-high four goals in the victory. Freshman Kyle Baxter added three against the Waves and sophomore Cole Bielskis scored a pair. Junior goalie Matt Garcia had 16 saves in the win over Pepperdine.

SCORING LEADERS: Mello leads UCI in scoring with 40 goals, followed by true Baxter with 18 and Bielskis and Andrew Dunn with 12 apiece. Freshman Jamie Frank has scored seven goals and senior Curt Merlo six.

IN GOAL: Garcia has started each of the first 13 games, recording 140 saves.

MPSF PLAY STARTS OCT. 21: UCI opens Mountain Pacific Sports Federation action at home against California Oct. 21 and Pacific Oct. 22.

October 2, 2006

ANTEATERS TRAVEL TO LMU; HOST PEPPERDINE

ANTEATERS FACE LIONS, WAVES: The UC Irvine men's water polo team (4-7) travels to No.7 Loyola Marymount Wednesday (Oct. 4) for a game at 3:00 p.m. before hosting Pepperdine Friday night at 7:00. Both games are non-conference contests.

UCI and Pepperdine have met once earlier this season, with the Anteaters prevailing 10-8 in overtime at the Northern California Tournament.

UCI TOPPED BY GAUCHOS: UCI lost on the road to UC Santa Barbara, 10-6, last Saturday. Junior Colin Mello led all scorers with four goals and freshman Jamie Frank added two. Junior goalie Matt Garcia recorded 10 saves.

SCORING LEADERS: Mello leads UCI in scoring with 34 goals, followed by true freshman Kyle Baxter with 15 and junior Andrew Dunn with 12. Sophomore Cole Bielskis has eight goals, freshman Jamie Frank seven and senior Curt Merlo six.

IN GOAL: Garcia has started each of the first 11 games, recording 117 saves.

SOCAL NEXT: After Friday night's game, UCI competes in the Southern California Tournament at USC Oct. 14-15.

September 25, 2006

UC IRVINE TRAVELS TO UCSB SATURDAY

ANTEATERS, GAUCHOS BATTLE SATURDAY: The UC Irvine men's water polo team (4-6) travels to No. 9 UC Santa Barbara Saturday (Sept. 30) for a 12:00 p.m., non-conference game at the UCSB Campus Pool.

UCI LOSES TO BRUINS: Third-ranked UCLA defeated the No. 11 Anteaters, 15-4, in UCI's home opener at Anteater Pool Friday night. Junior Colin Mello scored two goals to lead UCI while junior goalie Matt Garcia had six saves.

SCORING LEADERS: Mello leads UCI in scoring with 30 goals, followed by true freshman Kyle Baxter with 15 and junior Andrew Dunn with 12. Sophomore Cole Bielskis has eight goals, senior Curt Merlo six and freshman Jamie Frank five.

IN GOAL: Garcia has started each of the first 10 games, recording 107 saves.

LIONS ON DECK: After Saturday's game, UCI travels to Loyola Marymount Oct. 4 for a 3:00 p.m. game.

September 18, 2006

ANTEATERS HOST UCLA FRIDAY NIGHT

HOME OPENER FOR UCI: The UC Irvine men's water polo team (4-5) opens its 2006 home schedule against third-ranked UCLA Friday (Sept. 22) night at 7:00 at Anteater Pool.

The Bruins, 4-1 on the season, finished third in the Northern California Tournament at Stanford this past weekend while the Anteaters placed 11th.

UCI AT THE NORCAL: UCI went 2-2 at the Northern California Tournament, defeating UC Santa Cruz 9-5 and Pepperdine 10-8 for 11th place. The Anteaters sustained losses of 10-8 in overtime to UC San Diego and 14-9 to Navy.

Junior Colin Mello scored 18 goals in the four games, including six against Navy and five versus UC Santa Cruz. Freshman Kyle Baxter added five goals in the tournament, sophomore Cole Bielskis four and junior Andrew Dunn three. Junior goalie Matt Garcia had 48 saves in the four games.

SCORING LEADERS: Mello leads UCI in scoring with 28 goals, followed by Baxter with 14 and Dunn 12. Bielskis has eight goals, senior Curt Merlo six and freshman Jamie Frank five.

IN GOAL: Garcia has started each of the first nine games, recording 101 saves.

GAUCHOS ON DECK: After Friday night's game, UCI travels to UC Santa Barbara Sept. 30 for a 12:00 p.m. game.

September 11, 2006

ANTEATERS COMPETE AT NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TOURNAMENT

UCI OPENS TOURNEY AGAINST UCSB: The UC Irvine men's water polo team (2-3) travels to Stanford this weekend (Sept. 16-17) for the Northern California Tournament. Coach Marc Hunt's Anteaters open against UC San Diego Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in group play at the Avery Stadium

Pool. Top-ranked California and UC Santa Cruz are the other two teams in the UCI/UC San Diego bracket.

Twelve other teams comprise the remaining three brackets. Fourteen of the top-16 ranked teams in the nation are in the 16-team field.

ANTEATERS DEFEATED BY USC: Nine different Trojan players scored as second-ranked USC defeated No. 11 UCI, 10-4, at the McDonald's Swim Stadium Saturday. Junior Colin Mello led the Anteaters with three goals and freshman Kyle Baxter added the other score. Junior goalie Matt Garcia had six saves.

SCORING LEADERS: Mello leads UCI in scoring with 10 goals, followed by junior Andrew Dunn and Baxter with nine each. Senior Curt Merlo, sophomore Cole Bielskis and freshman Jamie Frank have four goals apiece.

IN GOAL: Matt Garcia has started each of the first five games, recording 53 saves.

HOME OPENER NEXT WEEK: UCI hosts third-ranked UCLA in the Anteaters' home opener Sept. 22 at 7:00 p.m.

September 5, 2006

UCI TRAVELS TO NO. 2 USC SATURDAY

TOUGH TASK IN L.A. SATURDAY: The UC Irvine men's water polo team (2-2) travels to Los Angeles Saturday (Sept. 9) for a 12:00 p.m. game against second-ranked USC. The Anteaters were eighth in the preseason national coaches' poll.

ANTEATERS 7TH AT TRITON INVITATIONAL: UCI went 2-2 to finish seventh in the Triton Invitational at UC San Diego this past weekend.

The Anteaters opened with a 14-1 win over Pomona-Pitzer before losing consecutive overtime games to UC Davis (9-8) and UC Santa Barbara (8-7). UCI defeated Redlands, 14-7, in the seventh-place game.

Junior Andrew Dunn led UCI with nine goals in the four tournament games. True freshman Kyle Baxter netted eight and junior Colin Mello seven. Curt Merlo, Cole Bielskis and Jamie Frank added four goals each. Junior goalkeeper Matt Garcia recorded 47 saves in four starts.

NORCAL TOURNEY NEXT: Following Saturday's game at USC, the Anteaters compete in the Northern California Tournament at Stanford Sept. 16-17. UCI opens against UC San Diego Sept. 16 at 12:30 p.m.

August 29, 2006

UCI OPENS 2006 SEASON AT TRITON INVITATIONAL THIS WEEKEND

SEASON OPENS IN LA JOLLA: The UC Irvine men's water polo team opens its 2006 schedule in the Triton Invitational, hosted by UC San Diego in La Jolla Saturday and Sunday (Sept. 2-3).

Second-year head coach Marc Hunt's squad opens group play against Pomona-Pitzer Saturday at 9:00 a.m. The Anteaters play UC Davis at 3:00 p.m. with both games at Canyonview East Pool

on the UCSD campus. Sunday's games will be determined by the results from the four groups Saturday. Other teams joining host UCSD include Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount, Pacific, UC Santa Barbara, Cal Baptist, Redlands, UC Santa Cruz, Air Force, Whittier and Claremont-Mudd-Scripps.

The Anteaters have been picked seventh in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation preseason coaches' poll and eighth in the national preseason poll.

LAST YEAR: UCI ended the 2005 season with an 18-12 overall record and was 6-2 for second place in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. The Anteaters ended the year with a final national ranking of fourth. The graduated Dreason Barry led the team in scoring with 66 goals as he was named second team All-American.

THIS SEASON: The team's top two returning scorers, second-team All-American Tim Hutten (64 goals in 2005) and Cole Bitter (24 goals), are redshirting this year. Junior driver Colin Mello, who sat out last year with a knee injury, returns to action after scoring 26 goals in 2004. Other Anteaters to watch this season include junior Andrew Dunn, who scored 19 goals a year ago, senior Curt Merlo (9 goals), and sophomores Taylor Wells (3 goals) and Jesse Hatch, who notched a pair of goals in '05. Hunt is also high on true freshman driver Kyle Baxter, who earned first-team All-American honors at Clovis West High School. Junior goalkeeper Matt Garcia returns after recording 99 saves in 14 starts last season.

COACH MARC HUNT SAYS: "We have some good, young talent that will gain some needed experience at the Triton Invitational this weekend.

"With Tim Hutten and Cole Bitter redshirting, this weekend will provide a great opportunity for our younger players to start establishing roles."

COACH HUNT: Former Anteater All-American Marc Hunt is in his second season as head coach at UCI after leading the team to an 18-12 record in his initial season. He is assisted by coach emeritus Ted Newland, who stepped aside a year ago after 39 seasons and 714 victories as the program's head coach. Pat Glasgow also returns as an assistant coach.

August 6, 2006

POWERS SCORES 3 GOALS AS TEAM USA TAKES FIFTH

ATHENS, Greece --- Former UCI All-American Jeff Powers scored three goals to help lead Team USA to an 11-4 win over France for fifth place in the FINA World League Super Final tournament Sunday. Genai Kerr, another Anteater All-American product, had three saves in goal.

In an earlier game, Australia defeated the USA, 14-13, in a shootout. Former UCI All-American and two-time Olympian Ryan Bailey netted two goals while Rick Merlo added one.

August 4, 2006

MERLO SCORES IN LOSS TO SPAIN

ATHENS, Greece --- Former UCI All-American Rick Merlo scored one goal in Team USA's 13-10 loss to Spain at the FINA World League Super Final tournament Friday.

August 3, 2006

BAILEY SCORES IN WIN OVER GREECE

ATHENS, Greece --- Former UC Irvine All-American Ryan Bailey scored a goal in Team USA's 7-5 win over Greece Thursday in the FINA World League Super Final.

The Americans lost later in the day to Serbia and Montenegro, 15-4, as ex-Anteater Jeff Powers scored once.

July 23, 2006

POWERS SCORES TWICE IN WIN OVER AUSTRALIA

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. --- Former Anteater All-American Jeff Powers scored a pair of goals in Team USA's win over Australia Sunday in the FINA World League semifinals. The game was tied 5-5 at the end of regulation before the Americans won in a shootout.

The USA, Australia and France advance to the FINA World League Super Finals in Athens, Greece, Aug. 2-6.

July 22, 2006

GENAI KERR SHUTS OUT BRAZILIANS

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. --- Former UCI All-American goalkeeper Genai Kerr notched 10 saves in Team USA's 11-0 victory over Brazil Saturday in the FINA World League semifinals. Two other ex-Anteater standouts, Ryan Bailey and Rick Merlo, scored one goal apiece.

July 21, 2006

POWERS RECORDS HAT TRICK IN WIN OVER FRANCE

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. --- Jeff Powers, a former UCI All-American, scored three goals in Team USA's 11-6 victory over France in the FINA World League semifinals Friday. Ex-Anteater Rick Merlo added one goal in the win.

July 20, 2006

BAILEY SCORES 3 GOALS IN USA'S WIN OVER CANADA

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. --- Former UCI All-American and two-time Olympian Ryan Bailey scored three goals in Team USA's 16-7 victory over Canada in the FINA World League semifinals Thursday.

Jeff Powers, another former Anteater standout, added two goals. The U.S. faces France Friday (July 21) night at 8:45.

July 19, 2006

THREE FORMER UCI PLAYERS SCORE IN USA WIN OVER CHINA

LOS ALAMITOS, Calif. --- Three former UC Irvine All-Americans scored goals in Team USA's 20-2 win over China in the FINA World League semifinals at Los Alamitos Wednesday.

Ryan Bailey notched three goals while Rick Merlo added two and Jeff Powers one as the U.S. improved to 3-0 in FINA World League play. The Americans face Canada Thursday (July 20) at 8:45 p.m.

July 15, 2006

RYAN BAILEY ADDS GOAL IN USA'S FINA WORLD LEAGUE OPENER

VICTORIA, CANADA - Former UC Irvine All-American Ryan Bailey added a goal in the USA National Team's 13-3 victory over Brazil in the first game of the FINA World League.

USA defeated Canada 16-10 on Sunday.

July 7, 2006

TIM HUTTEN, 4 FORMER ANTEATERS NAMED TO USA SENIOR NATIONAL TEAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine's Tim Hutten, who will be a senior in the fall, and four former Anteater standouts have been named to the USA Men's Senior National Water Polo Team for the FINA World League Preliminaries.

Hutten was a second-team All-American last season after scoring 64 goals for the Anteaters.

Former UCI players on the national team include two-time Olympian Ryan Bailey, Genai Kerr (2004 Olympian), Jeff Powers (2004 Olympian) and Rick Merlo, who was an All-American at UCI in 2003 and 2004.

Head coach for the USA team is Ricardo Azevedo. The squad competes in the FINA World League Preliminaries at Victoria, Canada, July 14-16.

June 28, 2006

FORMER UCI STANDOUTS BAILEY, MERLO NOTCH GOALS IN USA WIN OVER AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY, Australia --- Former UC Irvine men's water polo All-Americans Ryan Bailey and Rick Merlo scored one goal each in Team USA's 13-12 win over Australia at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Center Wednesday.

Two other past Anteater All-Americans are also on the national team's roster --- Jeff Powers and goalkeeper Genai Kerr.

Team USA is preparing for the preliminary round of the FINA World League Series in Victoria, Canada, July 14-16.