

## **2002-03 Game Recaps**

**March 14, 2003**

### **UC IRVINE FALLS TO NO. 17 UC SANTA BARBARA IN SEMIFINALS OF THE BIG WEST TOURNAMENT**

**Anaheim, CA --** A hot-shooting No. 17 UC Santa Barbara defeated UC Irvine, 83-50 in one semifinal game at the Big West Tournament.

"We got beat by a very good basketball team," head coach Mark Adams said. "They are big and strong and took away our inside game. They beat teams on the offensive glass and they shot the lights out today."

"I'm very proud of this basketball team," Adams continued. " We more than doubles our victories and have now set a new standard for UCI basketball."

The Anteaters end the season 17-12 overall, the most wins since 1995 when the squad was 19-11. UCSB improves to 25-4 on the season.

The Gauchos shot 53.4 (31-58) for the game, but started the game firing 58.1 (18-31) from the floor in the first half, including going 6-8 from three-point range.

UCI trailed by seven with 7:51 (26-19) remaining in the first half, when UCSB went on a 16-3 run that included knocking down four buckets from beyond the arc. UCI would bring the margin to 17 (46-29) at halftime, but that was as close as they would get the remainder of the game.

With 6:31 to go in the game, Wendy Gabbe knocked down a three-pointer to record her 1,000 career point. She is the 11th UCI women's player to hit the 1,000-point plateau. Gabbe led the Anteaters with 17 points on 7-18 shooting, including three three-pointers. Courtney Ferguson came off the bench to record 13 points, including three from downtown.

UCSB was led by Jess Hansen's 16 points, all scored in the first half. Hansen was 4-6 from three-point range. Mia Fisher had 15 points, while Lindsay Taylor totaled 13 points. Brandy Richardson tallied 11 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

For the game, the Gauchos were 9-14 from three-point territory. UCSB out-rebounded the Anteaters 41-32, including 29 defensive boards.

**March 12, 2003**

### **UC IRVINE GETS PAST IDAHO IN FIRST ROUND OF BIG WEST TOURNAMENT**

**ANAHEIM, CA ---** UC Irvine senior guard Wendy Gabbe led the Anteaters with 18 points, 13 of which came in the first half, as the Anteaters defeated Idaho 65-60 in the first round of the Big West Conference Tournament Wednesday at the Anaheim Convention Center.

The win is UCI's first Big West Tournament win since 1997 when the Anteaters handed New Mexico State a 65-54 loss in the quarterfinals in Reno, Nevada.

UC Irvine led by as many as 17 in the second half on a layup by Kristin Green with 18:22 remaining, but watched as the Vandals chipped away at the deficit, getting as close as three points on Keisha Moore's layup with five seconds left in the game.

However, Courtney Ferguson hit a pair of free throws with 2.8 seconds to go to shut the door on Idaho. Sophomore Ashley Biggins pulled down a career-high 12 rebounds for UCI and freshman Lauren Yadon added 13 points and six rebounds. Guard Lisa Faulkner also hit double figures in scoring with 10 while adding five assists.

"It's alot more fun," said head coach Mark Adams. "Wendy, our senior, did a really good job. On the other end, freshman Lauren Yadon stepped, filling in for Christina Callaway. We haven't hit our free throws this year, but we did down the stretch. I'm really proud of my team. It's the time of year when anything is possible."

UC Irvine will meet UC Santa Barbara Friday at noon in the semifinals.

### **March 6, 2003**

#### **LONG BEACH STATE POUNDS UC IRVINE, 97-65**

Long Beach, CA -- Long Beach State pounded UC Irvine, 97-65 in the Big West regular season finale at the Pyramid Thursday.

It is the most points allowed by the Anteaters this season and is also the largest margin of defeat this year. Long Beach (13-14, 10-6) secures third place in the league standing, while UC Irvine (16-10, 9-7) claims fourth.

Glory Johnson led all players with a career-high 30 points. She recorded her league-leading 10th double-double with 10 rebounds. Jinga Gosschalk (16 points, 12 rebounds) and Jennife Baker (13 points, 10 rebounds) also had double-doubles for the Forty-Niners.

UCI was led by freshman Lauren Yadon's second career double-double with 15 points and a career-high 13 rebounds. Kristen Green tallied 16 points and nine boards, while Christina Callaway added 14 points.

The Anteaters, who average just 14.2 turnovers per game, had 20 turnovers in the game and shot just 21.2 (7-33) in the second half.

In a tight first half, the 49ers scored the final five points of the half to take a 43-38 lead into the lockerroom. Baker put a punctuation point on the half as she hit a three-pointer at the buzzer, just inside half court.

In the second half the 49ers led 48-43 at the 17:38 mark, but went on an 8-0 run to take a 56-43 lead at 15:26. Johnson had five points in that run. From there on it was all Long Beach State as the 49ers quickly expanded the lead to 20 points, en route to the 97-65 victory.

UCI will face Idaho 30 minutes following the end of the 6:00 p.m. game at the Big West Tournament next Wednesday.

### **March 1, 2003**

#### **No. 19 UC SANTA BARBARA STOPS UC IRVINE 78-56**

**Irvine, CA** - The 19th-ranked UC Santa Barbara women's basketball team scored 50 points in the second half to overcome a halftime deficit and go on and defeat UC Irvine, 78-56 in front of 1,314 fans at the Bren Events Center Saturday.

UCSB, the Big West regular-season champion, improves to 21-4 overall and 13-1 in the Big West, while UCI goes to 16-10 on the year and 9-6 in league play.

UCI's Christina Callaway scored 10 points in the last three minutes of the first half to help UC Irvine led 33-28 at halftime . The Gauchos came out of the locker room on an 11-6 run to knot the score at 39-39 with 15:00 to go.

UCI's Lisa Faulkner and UCSB Lisa Willet would swap baskets before the score would again be tied, 44-44 at 12:47 on a Faulkner three-pointer. UCI's Courtney Ferguson would hit a lay up with 9:49 (48-51) before the Anteaters would go scoreless for the next 5:22 and watch UCSB build a 19-point lead with 4:27 remaining. UCI could get no closer than 16 the rest of the way.

UCSB's Lindsay Taylor led all players with 20 points and nine rebounds. Mia Fisher was 7-12 from the floor, ending with 14 points. Brandy Richardson added 13 points and nine rebounds, while Lisa Willett pitched-in 10 points.

Christina Callaway scored 17 of her team-high 19 points in the first half. She also led the team with eight rebounds. Wendy Gabbe totaled 13 points. Lisa Faulkner had eight points and six assists in the loss.

UCSB dominated the glass, out rebounding UCI 50-28. On the evening, the Gauchos shot 48.4 (31-64) from the field, while UCI was just 35.5 (13-35), including 9-27 in the second half.

### **February 27, 2003**

#### **UC IRVINE TOPS CAL POLY, 86-74**

Irvine, CA - Kristen Green recorded a career-high 19 points to lead five Anteaters in double-digit scoring as UC Irvine topped Cal Poly, 86-74 in the Bren Events Center, Thursday.

The 86 points equals UCI's high of the season, which they have done two other times this year. The Anteaters improve to 16-9 overall and 9-5 in Big West play and maintain a share of second place, while Cal Poly falls to 9-14 on the year and 5-8 in conference play.

The Anteaters opened up a 17-point first-half lead, but Cal Poly ended the half on a 17-6 run to go into the locker room at 45-38. The Mustangs scored the first basket out of the intermission, but UCI went on a 7-1 spurt to bring the Anteater lead to 11 (52-41) with 16-24 remaining. The Anteaters would build the margin back to 17 on five occasions as Cal Poly could pull no closer than 10 the rest of the way.

Green was 8-15 from the field, including 3-5 from three-point territory and was one shy of a double-double with nine rebounds. Wendy Gabbe had 18 points, followed by Christina Callaway with 15 points. Callaway and Gabbe each grabbed six rebounds in the win. Lisa Faulkner recorded her second career double-double with 12 points and 11 assists. Courtney Ferguson came off the bench to add 16 points, going 4-8 from three-point range.

UCI ended the evening 12-24 from three-point range. The 12 threes ties a UCI school record and ties the most in the Big West the season.

Kari Duperron led the Mustangs with 15 points. Courtney Uphoff and Heidi Wittstrom each pitched-in 11 points and six rebounds. Heather Journey tallied 10 points and six rebounds, while Kate Valdes had a team-high seven rebounds.

UCI will entertain No. 19 UC Santa Barbara Saturday (Mar. 1) in the home finale at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

### **February 22, 2003**

#### **ANTEATERS FALL TO PACIFIC 57-53**

**Stockton, Calif.** - The UC Irvine Anteaters (15-9, 8-5) lost to the Pacific Tigers (11-13, 8-5) by a score of 57-53 at the Alex G Spanos Center. The teams are each now tied with Long Beach State for second place in the Big West at 8-5.

The Anteaters went on a 9-2 run, highlighted by sophomore Courtney Ferguson's 15-footer with 31 seconds remaining to make it 52-50 Pacific. The Tigers would get make three of four free throws to take a five point lead with 15 seconds remaining. Ferguson would knock down a three-pointer for the Anteaters with six seconds left to get within two. Corrine Wong would make two free throws for the Tigers with one second remaining to seal the win.

Freshman Lauren Yadon (Orange/Villa Park HS) led the Anteaters with 15 points and seven rebounds in 40 minutes of action. Courtney Ferguson (Spokane, WA/St.Mary's/Mead HS) came off the bench and added 12 points for the Anteaters.

Gillian d'Hondt led all scorers with 20 points on the night for the Tigers.

### **February 20, 2003**

#### **ANTEATERS TOP MATADORS 58-54**

**NORTHRIDGE, Calif.** --- The UC Irvine Anteaters (15-8, 8-4) defeated the Cal State Northridge Matadors (3-20, 3-9) by a score of 58-54 in the Matadome. The win puts the Anteaters alone in second place in the Big West following Long Beach State's loss to Pacific.

For UC Irvine, four of five starters had a team-high 11 points. Christina Callaway, Lisa Faulkner, Wendy Gabbe and Kristen Green had 11, while Lauren Yadon chipped in seven points. Faulkner also had a game-high seven assists, while Green and Ashley Biggins each had seven rebounds.

With the game tied at 6-6, the Anteaters went on a 14-4 run to open up a 13 point first half lead. Northridge battled back to cut the lead to one on a pair of Breza Rhodes free throws with 3:06 left in the half. Both teams went scoreless over the final three minutes of the half and Irvine held a one-point lead at the break. UCI opened the second half on a 19-6 run to take a 46-32 lead with 9:30 left in the game. The Matadors once again battled back as they went on a 12-0 run, before Faulkner hit a three-pointer putting the Anteaters back on top by five with 4:39 to go. A Kim Gildersleeve layup cut the lead to one at 49-48 and the Matadors would cut the lead to one twice more, the last at 53-52, but could never take the lead. Faulkner hit all four of her free throws over the last 14 seconds and the Anteaters won 58-54.

Brezya Rhodes led all scorers with 13 points for Northridge.

### **February 13, 2003**

## **LISA FAULKNER FIRES 16 ASSISTS TO LEAD UCI TO A 72-59 WIN OVER IDAHO**

Irvine, CA --- UCI sophomore Lisa Faulkner fired a career-high and school record 16 assists to help UCI to a 72-59 win over Idaho at the Bren Events Center Thursday.

Faulkner, who had a previous high of 12 assists, broke Megan Stafford's old record of 15 set in 1997. Faulkner is currently ranked 26th in the nation in assists per game. The 16 assists is the most by a Big West Player this season and is tied for the fourth most in the nation.

The score was tied 42-42 at the 14:50 mark of the second half when UCI outscore the Vandals 18-2 over the next seven minutes to open a 16-point lead (60-44) and the Anteaters never looked back.

Christina Callaway led five UCI players in double figures with 17 points on 8-16 shooting from the floor. She also grabbed a game-high seven rebounds. Lauren Yadon had 14 points, while Kristen Green added 13 points and six rebounds. Wendy Gabbe and Courtney Ferguson each pitched in 12 points in the win.

The Anteaters shot 53.1 from the floor (34-64) to Idaho's 50.0 (26-52). UCI out-rebounded the Vandals 33-25. UCI is 11-2 on the year when out-rebounding opponents.

Idaho was led by Heather Thaelke with 16 points followed by Autumn Fielding with 15 points. Keisha Moore totaled 11 points and six rebounds.

UCI improves to 14-8 overall and 7-4 in the Big West, while Idaho falls to 6-15 on the season and 4-7 in league play.

**February 8, 2003**

## **UC IRVINE ROLLS PAST CAL STATE FULLERTON, 74-59 ([boscore](#))**

Fullerton, Ca -- UC Irvine's Christina Callaway scored 21 points as the Anteaters rolled past Cal State Fullerton, 74-59 at Titan Gym Saturday.

It is the 13th consecutive win over the Titans as UCI improves to 13-8 overall and 6-4 in the Big West. Cal State Fullerton falls to 5-15 on the season and 3-6 in league play.

After leading 37-27 at the half, UCI went on a 10-3 run to open the lead to 17 (47-30) with 16:13 remaining. Kristen Green scored six points and Christina Callaway had four in that stretch. The Titans could get no closer than 11 the rest of the way.

Callaway was 7-14 from the floor and added six rebounds. Green totaled 15 points and grabbed a game-high eight rebounds. Lisa Faulkner tied her career-high with 12 assists. Courtney Ferguson came off the bench to add nine points on 3-3 from beyond the arc.

Tamara Quinn and Amber Pruitt each had 10 points to lead the Titans.

On the evening, UCI shot 52.0 (26-50) from the field and 73.9 (17-23) from the line. The Titans won the battle of the boards, out-rebounding UCI, 37-32.

The Anteaters return to action Thursday (Feb. 13) hosting Idaho in the lone game of the week at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

**February 6, 2003**

**UC IRVINE FALLS TO UC RIVERSIDE, 75-59**

Riverside, Calif. -- UC Riverside's Holly Peterson led the Highlanders with a double-double of 24 points and 10 rebounds, both career-highs, in the team's 75-59 win over UC Irvine at the Student Recreation Center on Thursday night.

The Highlanders (5-15, 2-7) led 48-35 with 16:14 left in the game but the Anteaters (12-8, 5-4) used an 11-0 run to cut the margin to 48-46 with 11:43 to go. UCI kept battling and took their first lead since the early going at 56-54 with 8:01 to go but UCR ended the game on a 21-3 run.

Riverside shot 24-of-53 (45.3%) from the field and 4-of-10 (40.0%) from three-point range while Irvine shot 22-of-69 (31.9%) from the field and 9-of-32 (28.1%) from behind the arc. The 32 three-point attempts was a school record.

Sophomore Courtney Ferguson led the Anteaters with 15 points while junior Christine Callaway had her eighth double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Riverside held UCI leading scorer Wendy Gabbe to eight points on 3-of-14 shooting.

Reeves had 22 points, 12-of-12 from the line while UCR hit 23-of-24 (95.8%) for the game. Junior Crystal Harris and freshman Kirsten Muir each had 10 points and seven rebounds.

**February 1, 2003**

**BIG SECOND HALF LEADS UCI OVER CAL POLY**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA** --- The Anteaters built up a 22-point lead in the second half and went on to hand Cal Poly a 73-61 loss Saturday in Mott Gym.

Coming out of halftime knotted at 35-35, UC Irvine's defense held the Mustangs to three points, while the offense was ignited by Lauren Yadon's two three pointers as UCI went on a 25-3 run to take a 63-38 lead with 8:33 left in the game.

Cal Poly rallied back, going on a 19-7 run to close the gap to 10 points with 1:41 remaining. However, Anteater Lisa Faulkner hit four consecutive free throws and a Kristin Green layup capped the game as UCI improved to 12-7 overall and 5-3 in the Big West.

Wendy Gabbe led all scorers with 19 points while Green poured in 17 and grabbed nine rebounds. Faulkner was three assists shy of a double-double, contributing 14 points and seven assists. Yadon rounded out the double-figure scoring with 10 and also pulled down nine boards. UCI shot 48 percent and was 7-15 from the arc.

Cal Poly's Heather Journey and Michelle Heneke led the team with 13 and 12 points, respectively and eight rebounds apiece. Cal Poly shot 33 percent and were 1-9 from three-point range as the Mustangs fell to 8-10 overall and 4-4 in conference action.

The Anteaters continue Big West action next Thursday (Feb. 6) at UC Riverside for a 7:00 PM game.

**January 30, 2003**

## **UCSB STOPS UC IRVINE 77-58**

**SANTA BARBARA, Calif.** --- Junior center Lindsay Taylor scored 18 points to lead 19th-ranked UC Santa Barbara (14-3, 7-1) past UC Irvine, 77-58, in Big West Conference action at the Thunderdome Thursday night. The win extended the Gauchos' home winning streak to 18 games.

Freshman forward Lauren Yadon led UC Irvine (11-7, 4-3) with 20 points, while Christina Callaway added 12 points on 5-of-9 shooting. Lisa Faulkner had seven assists in the loss.

UCSB, which shot 50 percent for the game, including 56 percent in the second half, led 35-22 at halftime. The Gauchos outrebounded UCI 51-31 in the game. UCSB's bench outscored the Anteaters' reserves 34-8. UCI shot 34 percent from the field in the game.

The Anteaters travel to Cal Poly for a 7:00 p.m. Saturday in San Luis Obispo.

**January 25, 2003**

## **UC IRVINE DOWNS CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE, 62-46**

Irvine, CA - The UC Irvine women's basketball team downed Cal State Northridge, 62-46, in a Big West game at the Bren Events Center Saturday.

The Matadors' 46 points is the second fewest points scored by an opponent this year. UCI jumped out to a 32-17 halftime lead, holding the Matadors scoreless for the last 7:42 of the first half. The Anteaters never let the Matadors get any closer than 11 in the second half. The Anteaters hit nine three-pointers and shot 42.3 (22-52) for the game. UCI out-rebounded the Matadors 31-29 and forced 23 Northridge turnovers.

Wendy Gabbe led UCI with 18 points, knocking down four three-pointers. Courtney Ferguson and Christina Callaway each pitched in 10 points. Callaway and Gabbe each had a game-high six rebounds.

Ofa Tulikihifo paced Cal State Northridge with 17 points. Kim Gildersleeve and Brezya Rhosdes each had 10 points in the loss.

UCI improves to 11-6 overall and 4-2 in Big West Play, while the Matadors drop to 1-17 and 1-6 in league action.

**January 23, 2003**

## **UCI TOPPLES PACIFIC, 67-59**

Irvine, CA - Behind Wendy Gabbe's 22 points, the UC Irvine women's basketball team defeated the University of Pacific, 67-59 Thursday in a Big West Conference game at the Bren Events Center.

After UCI led 32-26 at halftime, Pacific came out of the locker room on a 13-3 run to jump ahead 39-35 with 14:06 remaining. The lead flip-flopped back and forth with neither team leading by more than six, before the Anteaters went on a 16-6 run that built the lead to 12 (66-54) with just 1:09 to play.

Gabbe was 8-19 from the field, hitting two three-pointers, playing all 40 minutes. Sophomore guard Lisa Falkner also played 40 minutes, recording 12 points and four assists. Lauren Yadon had her first career double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Christina Callaway added eight points and eight rebounds in 25 minutes of action.

Nancy Dinges led UOP with 12 points, including knocking down 4-4 from three-point range. Gillian d'Hondt totaled 11 points in the loss.

The Tigers shot 60.5 percent (23-38), but took 32 fewer shots than UCI and turned the ball over 26 times. UCI hit just 34.3 (24-70) from the floor. The Anteaters dominated the glass, out-rebounding the Tigers 42-30.

UCI will return to action Saturday, hosting Cal State Northridge at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Center.

**January 18, 2003**

### **IDAHO DEFEATS UC IRVINE 74-68 IN BIG WEST ACTION**

**MOSCOW, Idaho** --- Taylor Benson scored 19 points and Autumn Fielding added 18 in leading Idaho past UC Irvine, 74-68, in a Big West Conference game at the Cowan Spectrum in Moscow Saturday night.

Heather Thoeke pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds as the Vandals (5-11, 3-3) outrebounded UCI 42-30. Idaho shot 43 percent from the field and UCI 48 percent, but the Vandals converted 19 of 24 free throws while the Anteaters were just 3 of 12.

Christina Callaway led UCI (9-6, 2-2) with 20 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. Kristen Green added 18 points on 8-of-12 shooting, while Lisa Faulkner scored 10 points and passed for a 11 assists, her first career double-double. Wendy Gabbe also scored 10 points for the Anteaters, who led 36-35 at halftime.

UCI returns to action hosting Pacific Thursday night in the Bren Center at 7:00.

**January 11, 2003**

### **CALLAWAY LEADS UC IRVINE PAST UC RIVERSIDE, 79-72**

Irvine, CA - Junior forward Christina Callaway poured in a career-high 25 points to lead UC Irvine to a 79-72 win over UC Riverside Saturday in front of 917 fans at the Bren Events Center.

After a close first half UC Irvine led 39-38 at halftime. The Anteaters never relinquished the lead, but saw a nine-point lead drop to 1 (61-60) when Cassandra Reeves hit a three-pointer with 6:32 to go. UCI built the lead to 11 (77-66) after a 16-6 Anteater run that was capped by a Lisa Faulkner free throw at 50.6. The Highlanders closed the game on a 6-3 run as time expired.

Callaway was 12-19 from the floor and recorded her sixth double-double with 10 rebounds. Wendy Gabbe had 18 points, including knocking down three three-pointers. Kristen Green added 12 points, six rebounds and six assists, while Lisa Faulkner recorded 10 points and fired nine assists. Freshman Lauren Yadon led all players with a career-high 11 rebounds to go with six points.

UCR's Crystal Harris led all players with 26 points followed by 21 points from Cassandra Reeves. Reeves was 4-9 from beyond the arc and had five rebounds and four steals. Agnes Frankovits recorded 13 points and nine rebounds in the loss.

It was a Big West shootout as the Anteaters ended the game shooting 47 (31-66) percent from the floor, while the Highlanders were 26-58 for 44.8 percent. UCI won the battle of the boards, out-rebounding UCR 40-34.

UC Irvine improves to 9-5 overall and 2-1 in Big West play. UC Riverside falls to 3-11 and 0-3 in the conference.

**January 9, 2003**

### **UC IRVINE CRUISES PAST CAL STATE FULLERTON, 72-43**

Irvine, CA - Kristen Green's season-high 17 points led UC Irvine to a 72-43 victory over cross-county rival Cal State Fullerton Thursday at the Bren Events Center.

The 29-point victory is the fourth largest in the series record and the most by UCI this season. The Titans' 43 points is the fewest points allowed by the Anteaters this year. This is the 12th-consecutive win for UCI over Cal State Fullerton. UCI improves to 8-5 overall and 1-1 in Big West play. The Titans are 3-10 on the season and 1-2 in league action.

After trailing by one at the 3:10 mark, UCI went on a 13-1 run to go into halftime with a 33-24 lead. The Anteaters, who built a 15-point lead in the first four minutes of the half, watched the Titans get as close as 10 (43-33) with 14:38 minutes remaining. Cal State Fullerton managed three more points before going on a 11-minute dry spell.

UCI's Green was 7-17 from the floor and added eight rebounds. Christina Callaway recorded her fifth double-double of the year with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Lisa Faulkner was 4-8 from three-point range, ending the evening with 14 points and four assists in 27 minutes of action. Ashley Biggins came off the bench to grab 10 rebounds.

Rochelle Ortega paced Cal State Fullerton with 10 points. Heather Hansen had eight rebounds, four points and three blocked shots.

After shooting just 28.2 (11-39) in the first half, the Anteaters fired 48.5 (16-33) in the second half compared to the Titans 28.0 (7-25). UCI tied a season-high with 52 rebounds.

The Anteaters will host UC Riverside Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

**January 5, 2003**

### **YADON'S CAREER-HIGH NOT ENOUGH AS LONG BEACH STATE BEATS UC IRVINE**

Irvine, CA - UCI freshman Lauren Yadon poured in a career-high 21 points but it was not enough as Long Beach State defeated UC Irvine, 64-50 in the Big West Conference opener Sunday at the Bren Events Center.

It is the first time this season UCI has lost back-to-back games and is the ninth consecutive loss to the Forty Niners. UCI goes to 7-5 overall and 0-1 in conference play, while Long Beach State is 4-8 on the season and 1-0 in league action.

The score was tied with 14:04 remaining in the game when Long Beach State went on a 20-5 run over the next 10 minutes to extend the lead to 15 (58-43) and put the game out of reach.

UCI shot a season-low 30.9 (17-55) from the floor. Once again the free throw line was crucial as the Forty-Niners knocked down 10-12 (83.3) and UCI hit just 13-23 (56.5). Long Beach State dominated the glass, grabbing 47 boards to UCI's 28.

Glory Johnson led Long Beach State with 20 points and eight rebounds. CeCe Rush had a team-high 10 rebounds. Jinga Gosschalk came off the bench to add 11 points and seven rebounds.

Yadon was 8-19 from the floor and 4-5 from the charity stripe and recorded five rebounds. Christina Callaway had a game-high 11 rebounds and a career-high six steals to go with five points, while Kristen Green had 12 points.

UCI continues conference action hosting cross-county rival Cal State Fullerton Thursday (Jan. 9) at the Bren Events Center at 7:00 p.m.

### **January 3, 2003**

#### **SAN FRANCISCO USES FREE THROW LINE TO EDGE UC IRVINE, 70-66**

Irvine, CA - The University of San Francisco women's basketball team hit five of six free throws in the last minute of the game to clinch a 70-66 victory over UC Irvine in a non-conference game at the Bren Events Center Friday.

UC Irvine pulled within one (65-63) with 1:43 remaining, but USF's Toni Russell hit two, Lisa Whiteside knocked down another before Joy Hollingsworth clinched the win with two free throws at 10.1 to go. On the evening, the Lady Dons were 21-26 from the charity stripe.

UCI led by 12 in the first half before USF went on a 16-5 run to close the half down by one 35-34. San Francisco built a seven-point lead with 10:08 in the second half, but UCI went on a 9-3 streak to narrow the score to one (54-53). The lead bounced back and fourth until the Dons decided it on the free throw line in the final minute.

USF's Lisa Whiteside led all players with 19 points, including going 11-16 from the line. Joy Hollingsworth added 15 points, while Carey Sauer had 12 points and Mary Jane Krueger totaled 10 points.

Christina Callaway paced UCI with 17 points, 10 coming in the second half. Callaway also had six rebounds. Wendy Gabbe and Kristen Green recorded 14 points. Lauren Yadon added 10 points and six rebounds.

UCI goes to 7-4 overall, while USF is 5-9 on the season. UCI opens Big West Conference season, hosting Long Beach State Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

### **December 30, 2002**

#### **UC IRVINE CRUISES PAST PORTLAND STATE, 86-64**

Irvine, CA - Wendy Gabbe tied her career-high with 26 points to lead UC Irvine to an easy 86-64 victory over Portland State at the Bren events Center Monday.

Nikki Petticrew opened the game with a three-pointer, but that was the only lead Portland State ever had as UCI built an 18-point lead at the half (48-30). The Anteaters, who lead by as many as 27 in the second-half, allowed the Vikings to come only as close as 16 (67-49) with 9:29 remaining.

Gabbe was 10-16 from the field, including 4-6 from three-point range. Kristen Green had a season-high 16 points and tied her career-high with seven assists. Ashley Biggins came off the bench to add a career and game-high 11 rebounds. Lauren Yadon totaled 13 points, while Lisa Faulkner pitched in 10 points and six assists.

Petticrew led three Vikings in double-digit scoring with 16. Heidi Stuart followed with 13 points, while Carrie Spencer added 12 points in the loss. Jenna Washington had a team-high seven rebounds.

The Anteaters dominated the boards, out-rebounding the Vikings 41-27. UCI shot a season-high 49.2 from the floor (30-61) and 90.5 from the free throw line (19-21). The team's 86 points ties the most points scored this season.

The Anteaters improve to 7-3 overall, while the Vikings fall to 4-6 on the season. It is only the second win all-time for UCI against Portland State (4-2). The other win came on Dec. 18, 1996.

UCI will return to action Friday (Jan. 3) as they entertain the University of San Francisco at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

**December 28, 2002**

### **ANTEATERS FALL SHORT AT LOYOLA MARYMOUNT**

Los Angeles, Calif. --- The Loyola Marymount women's basketball team let a 10-point second half lead slip to three, but held on for a 50-47 victory over UC Irvine Saturday at Gersten Pavilion.

LMU lead by 10 with 7:55 to go when UCI went on a 7-0 run to bring the game within three (41-38) with 6:22 remaining. The Lions built back a six-point advantage at 4:09 (47-41) when UCI's Wendy Gabbe knocked down a three to bring it within three at 2:54. Raelen Self hit a three-pointer for Loyola Marymount and Lisa Faulkner hit a three for UCI to close out the scoring. The Anteaters missed two three-point attempts with 20 seconds remaining and were forced to commit four fouls to attempt to steal the inbound as time expired.

UC Irvine was led by Gabbe's game-high 16 points, including four three-pointers. Christina Callaway added nine points and six rebounds, while Lisa Faulkner totaled eight points and eight assists.

Claudine Auld led Loyola Marymount with 12 points, while Adreienne Slaughter notched a career-high 17 rebounds to go with eight points. Jennifer Henry and Michele Brown each pitched in eight points in the win.

UCI goes to 6-3 overall, while Loyola Marymount, who is receiving votes in the USA TODAY/ESPN/ WBCA Division I Top 25 Coaches' poll, improves to 7-3 on the season.

UCI will return to action Monday hosting Portland State in the first game of a double header at 5:15 p.m. in the Bren Center.

**December 21, 2002**

## **UC IRVINE FLIES BY AIR FORCE, 86-59**

Irvine, CA - The UC Irvine women's basketball team recorded a school record 12 three-pointers on the way to a 86-59 victory over the Air Force Academy at the Bren Events Center Saturday.

UCI shot 50.0 from beyond the arc (12-24) to break the old school record of 10 set in 1994. The 24 attempts ties the school record.

Wendy Gabbe and Courtney Ferguson led the Anteaters with 21 points each. Gabbe hit five threes, which ties her career-high, while Ferguson knocked down four off the bench. The 21 points is a career-high for Ferguson. Kristen Green recorded a double-double with 12 points and a career-high 10 rebounds, while Lauren Yadon added 14 points and Christina Callaway had 11 points.

It is the most points scored by the Anteaters this season and the largest margin of victory.

Air Force's Latoya Howell led all players with 23 points. Shawna Neff pitched in 14 points in the loss.

UCI improves to 6-2 overall while Air force goes to 4-3. The Anteaters return to action, traveling to Loyola Marymount Saturday Dec. 28 at 2:00 p.m.

**December 20, 2002**

## **CREIGHTON TOPPLES UC IRVINE, 80-57**

Irvine, CA - The Creighton women's basketball team started the game 13-0 and never looked back as the Bluejays ran past UC Irvine, 80-57 at the Bren Events Center Friday.

The loss snaps a four-game Anteater winning streak as UCI goes to 5-2 on the season. Creighton improves to 6-2 overall.

Creighton utilized 16 players, of which only three did not score. Dayna Finch led the balanced attack with 13 points, including three three-pointers. Off the bench, Angie Janis added 11 points and Codi Walker had 10 points.

Guard Lisa Faulkner paced UCI with 11 points, including going 6-6 from the charity stripe. Wendy Gabbe had 10 points, while Christina Callaway was held to just nine points and a game-high eight rebounds. Freshman center Joanna Usher had a career-high nine points in 12 minutes of action.

UCI entered the game ranked ninth in the country in least amount of turnovers per game (14.0), but the Bluejay defense caused 27 Anteater turnovers. UCI was held to a season-low 57 points, while giving up a season-high 80 points. On the evening, Creighton shot 53.8 from the floor and 63.6 from beyond the three-point arc.

UCI returns to action tomorrow hosting Air Force at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

**December 17, 2002**

## **ANTEATERS DEFEAT BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN, 61-47**

Birmingham, Alabama --- Forward Christina Callaway poured in 20 points and had a career-high 19 rebounds to lead UC Irvine past Birmingham-Southern 61-47 tonight at the Bill Battle Coliseum.

The Anteaters used an 8-0 run to break a 37-37 tie at the 13:37 mark in the second half and never looked back, outscoring BSC 24-10 in the last 13 minutes and 22 seconds of the game.

Guard Lisa Faulkner dished out a career-high 12 assists while forward Wendy Gabbe and guard Kristen Green added 12 points apiece.

Forward Lauren Yadon gave UCI an eight-point, eight-rebound performance in her college debut.

The Panthers were led by three players in double figures. Lindsay Boyett, Atia Agee and Candace Byrd each had 10 points for the offense, but BSC managed only one offensive rebound in the second half as UCI out-rebounded their hosts 52-32.

UCI improves to 5-1, its best start since 1984-85 when the Anteaters were also 5-1. Birmingham-Southern falls to 3-5 with the loss.

**December 4, 2002**

### **ANTEATERS TOP SAN DIEGO STATE 61-58 IN OVERTIME**

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** --- Freshman forward Lauren Yadon had 15 points and nine rebounds off the bench to lead UC Irvine past San Diego State, 61-58, in overtime at San Diego Wednesday night.

Lisa Faulkner drained a three-pointer with 41 seconds remaining to send the game into overtime. After falling behind by three in the extra period, Yadon hit a bucket and Ashley Biggins hit a free throw to tie the game at 57-57 with 2:46 to go. A San Diego State free throw gave the Aztec's the advantage at 1:27 (58-57), but that would be the last point they scored. Yadon hit a shot in the paint followed by two free throws by Biggins to seal the victory.

Yadon's nine rebounds included seven off the offensive glass. She was 5 of 10 from the field and hit 5 of 7 free throws. Sophomore guard Lisa Faulkner added 13 points, four assists and four steals, while junior forward Christina Callaway had 12 points and nine boards.

The Anteaters capitalized on 23 Aztec turnovers in improving to 4-1 on the season. Ashlee Dunlap led SDSU (2-3) with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

UCI returns to action Dec. 17 with a road game at Birmingham Southern at 4:00 p.m. (PST).

**December 3, 2002**

### **UC IRVINE DEFEATS SAN DIEGO 68-61**

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** --- Kristin Thawley's career-high 15 points led UC Irvine past the University of San Diego, 68-61, in non-conference action at San Diego Tuesday night.

Thawley led a balanced scoring attack that saw six Anteater players score in double figures. Wendy Gabbe, Christina Callaway and Lisa Faulkner scored 11 points each, while Kristen Green and Lauren Yadon added 10 apiece.

San Diego (2-2) led 36-26 at halftime on 52-percent shooting in the first 20 minutes, but UCI shot 57 percent in the second half and held the Toreros to 26 percent from the floor. The Anteaters outscored USD 15-8 down the stretch led by Faulkner's seven points. Callaway, Green and Yadon each grabbed six boards as UCI outrebounded USD 41-37

UCI, 3-1 overall, travels to San Diego State for a non-conference game Wednesday (Dec. 4) night at 7:00.

## **November 31, 2002**

### **UCI RALLIES TO DEFEAT WILLIAM & MARY**

**Albuquerque, NM** --- UC Irvine battled back after trailing by seven late in the second half to defeat William & Mary 70-67 Saturday at the Holiday Inn Mountain View Invitational hosted by the University of New Mexico.

The Anteaters went on a 7-0 run after trailing 61-54 with 6:50 remaining to tie the game 61-61 with 4:28 to go. During the run, junior Kristen Green scored three points and had an assist. The teams traded free throws to knot the score at 63-63 then Christina Callaway had a layup and was fouled with 2:54 remaining to put UCI up 66-63. Green then tied up a William & Mary player to give UCI the ball on alternating possessions and came down the floor and dished a pass to Wendy Gabbe who knocked down a free throw line jumper to extend the lead to 68-65. William & Mary's Jen Sobota scored on a baseline jumper at 1:36 to narrow the lead to three before freshman Lauren Yadon answered with a rebound put-back at 1:15. Sobota quickly ran down the court and dropped in a layup with 1:00 remaining (70-67). The Anteaters could not convert on the next possession and Sobota launched a jump shot with six seconds to go that bounced off the rim. Gabbe and Colleen McCaffrey each grabbed for the rebound and a jumpball was called, but just 1.4 seconds remained. The Tribe called timeout and the inbound pass was intercepted by Lisa Faulkner to end the game.

UCI was led by Callaway who had a career-high 24 points and recorded her third consecutive double-double grabbing 11 rebounds. She was named to the all-tournament team, after going 9-11 from the floor on the evening. Kristen Green totaled 11 points and a career-high seven rebounds. Lisa Faulkner added nine points and a career-high nine assists. Lauren Yadon came off the bench to record nine points and two blocks.

Sobota led the Tribe with 21 points followed by Jami Lange with 11 points. Colleen McCaffrey had 11 rebounds and eight points.

UCI improves to 2-1 overall, while William & Mary goes to 1-3.

## **November 30, 2002**

### **ANTEATERS EDGED OUT BY KENT STATE**

**Albuquerque, NM** ---The Anteaters opened the first half with an 11-0 run and Wendy Gabbe poured in 26 points, but it was not enough as Kent State got past UC Irvine 67-65 at the New Mexico Tournament Friday.

Christina Callaway added 14 points to the UCI offense, including a six of eight performance from the charity stripe while leading all players with 14 rebounds.

Kent State was led by guard Valerie Zona's 28 points while forward Jamie Rubis added 16.

The Anteaters shot 34.8 percent from the field while Kent State was 48.1 percent. Kent State also outshot UCI from the free-throw line, hitting 12 of 14 (85.7 percent) to UCI's 12 of 23 (52.2 percent).

UCI will meet William & Mary in the consolation game on Saturday. The game will be broadcast live at 5:00 PM on KUCI 88.9 FM

**November 17, 2002**

### **FAULKNER'S CAREER-HIGH LEADS UCI TO VICTORY OVER CENTENARY**

Irvine, CA - Sophomore Lisa Faulkner scored a career-high 22 points to lead UC Irvine to a 72-56 victory over Centenary at the Bren Events Center Monday.

UCI squandered a seven-point first half lead, but a three-footer by Courtney Ferguson with 16.3 remaining sent the Anteaters into the locker room, leading 29-28. The Anteaters went on a 16-4 run out of halftime, capped by a Faulkner three-pointer to go up 13 (45-32) with 13:57 remaining. Centenary could only come as close as seven before UCI scored six straight to build back a 13-point margin.

Faulkner, who was 7-13 from the floor, including four three-pointers, led four Anteaters in double-digit scoring. Christina Callaway recorded her second career double-double with a career-tying 14 points and 10 rebounds. Guard Kristen Green scored 14 points and a career-high seven assists, while freshman Lauren Yadon poured in a career-high 10 points in her Anteater debut. Green also tied her career-high with six rebounds.

Centenary was led by Alexis Pettway with 11 points, nine of which came in the first half. She also grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds. Katie Nicole, Demetria Dorsey, Van'asha Brabson and Lindsay Way all pitched in nine points a piece.

On the evening, UCI shot 45.9 percent (28-61) from the field and 31.6 from three-point territory (6-19), while Centenary managed just 37.3 from the floor (22-59). All, but one Anteater scored at least one point.

UCI opens the season 1-0, while Centenary falls to 0-3.

**November 25, 2002**

### **STRAKONICE DEFEATS UC IRVINE IN OVERTIME**

Irvine, CA - Strakonice from the Czech Republic defeated the UC Irvine women's basketball team 73-67 in overtime in an exhibition game at the Bren Events Center, Sunday.

UC Irvine missed four consecutive free throws within the last 29 seconds of the game which could have sealed the victory before Jana Kleckova hit a three-pointer with five seconds remaining to send the game into overtime (63-63). Strakonice had two layups and hit six of seven free throws in the extra period, while UCI missed another four free throws and managed just four points in the overtime session.

Strakonice was led by Jitka Musilova with 27 points and Kleckova with 25 points. Each pulled-down a game-high 11 rebounds.

The Anteaters were led by freshman Kristin Thawley with 16 points, including 8-8 from the charity stripe. Christina Callaway recorded a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds. Courtney Ferguson and Kristen Green each pitched in 10 points, while Wendy Gabbe came off the bench to add nine points. Green also dished 10 assists.

**November 5, 2002**

### **VANGUARD SNEAKS PAST UCI IN EXHIBITION GAME**

Irvine, CA - Robbin Dittenbir's 5-foot baseline shot at the buzzer lifted Vanguard to a 50-48 win over UC Irvine in an exhibition game Tuesday at the Bren Events Center.

Dittenbir missed a shot with 10 seconds remaining and after a scramble, Dittenbir found the loose ball and tossed up a five-foot shot on the right side of the basket to clinch the game. She had been 0-7 before her game-winner.

UCI built a 18-6 lead to start the game, but watched the Lions go on a 17-5 run to tie the game 23-23 at the 6:48 mark. UCI regained the lead on a Kristin Thawley three-pointer at 4:54, but could not score the rest of the half and Vanguard went into the locker room with a 30-26 lead.

The drought continued as UCI was scoreless until Courtney Ferguson knocked down a three-pointer with 11:55 remaining. After Vanguard led 41-28, UCI went on a 20-7 run topped off by Wendy Gabbe's three-pointer to tie the score at 48-48 with 33.2 to go. Following a Vanguard time out, the Lions let the clock run down to take the final shot.

Vanguard won the game on the free-throw line, going 20-32 while UCI was just 3-7.

Vanguard's Courtney McKinney and Jennifer Wilcox led all scorers with 12 points. Wilcox also had a game-high 12 rebounds.

Courtney Ferguson, Kristen Green and Kristin Thawley each had 10 points for the Anteaters. Thawley, a freshman from Irvine High School, grabbed a team-high nine boards.

UCI will host Strakonice from the Czech Republic Sunday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m. in another exhibition game at the Bren events Center.