

## **2003-04 Game Recaps**

**March 6, 2004**

### **GREEN'S CAREER-HIGH NOT ENOUGH AS UCI FALLS TO CAL POLY IN SEASON FINALE**

Irvine, Calif. – UC Irvine's Kristen Green poured in a career-high 28 points, but it wasn't enough as the Anteaters lost to Cal Poly, 78-71 in the season finale Saturday at the Bren Events Center.

With the loss, UC Irvine closes the season 6-20 overall and 5-13 in the Big West. Cal Poly improves to 14-13 on the year and 10-8 in league play.

Cal Poly led 38-33 at the half and led by as many as eight (53-45) with 14:11 remaining. The Anteaters went on a 12-0 run to close within one (58-57) on a Kristen Green 15-footer with 11:29 to go. The teams traded baskets until Courtney Uphoff buried a three-pointer to start a 10-2 Mustang spurt to give Cal Poly a nine (70-61) point cushion with 6:14 remaining. UCI returned the favor with an 8-2 run of their own to narrow the margin to three (74-71) with 51.5 to go. UCI then fouled Cal Poly guard Sparkle Anderson with 23.5 to go. Anderson missed the free throw, but the Mustangs controlled the rebound and tossed it back out to Anderson who was again fouled (15.9). She made the first three throw, but missed the second and again Cal Poly got an offensive rebound and Jessica Eggleston was fouled and sent to the line (14.9) . She made the first and missed the second with Cal Poly getting its fourth consecutive offensive rebound. Courtney Uphoff made both free throws with 11.4 remaining to end the game.

UCI's senior guard Kristen Green led all players with a career-high 28 points on 11-20 shooting from the floor. Fellow senior Christina Callaway recorded her ninth double-double of the season with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

UCI shot a blazing 59 percent (16-27) in the second half, but Cal Poly shot 50 (16-32) percent in the second stanza. Cal Poly's bench out-scored UCI 35-7.

Cal Poly had four players in double-figure points led by Sparkle Anderson with 14 points. Jennifer Dooley and Courtney Uphoff each added 13 points followed by Katy Paterson with 10 points and a team-high seven rebounds.

**March 4, 2004**

### **UC SANTA BARBARA TOPS UC IRVINE, 77-59**

Irvine, Calif. – The UC Santa Barbara women's basketball team topped UC Irvine, 77-59 at the Bren Events Center Thursday.

UC Santa Barbara led by 13 (32-19) with 4:43 remaining in the first half, before UCI went on a 12-4 run to close out the half and narrow the Gaucho lead to five (36-31) at the intermission.

UCI remained closed to start the second half and were down by five (41-46) with 11:54 to go. UCSB went on a 10-2 spurt to increase the lead to 13 (56-43) on a Lisa Willett lay up with 8:35 remaining. UCI could get no closer than nine the rest of the way as the Gauchos outscored UCI 21-13 to end the game.

Lindsay Taylor and Lisa Willett led the Gauchos off the bench with 16 and 15 points, respectively. Kristen Mann added 11 points, while Jenna Green totaled a team-high eight rebounds.

UCI's Courtney Ferguson led all players with 17 points followed by Kristen Green with 13 points and eight rebounds. Christina Callaway notched her eighth double-double of the year with 10 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

UCSB, who improves to 22-6 overall and 16-1 in the Big West, shot a blazing 55.8 (29-52) from the field, scoring 38 of their points in paint.

UCI, who is 6-19 on the year and 5-12 in league play, shot 31 percent for the game (19-60) and a dismal 24 percent in the second half (7-29).

UCI will close out the regular season, hosting Cal Poly Saturday (Mar. 6) at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

### **February 28, 2004**

#### **UTAH STATE UPENDS UC IRVINE 61-46**

**LOGAN, Utah** --- Freshman guard Christina Zdenek scored 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead Utah State past UC Irvine, 61-46, in Big West Conference women's basketball action at Logan, Utah Saturday afternoon.

Ali Aird added 14 points and 10 boards, and Terrin Johnston scored 11 points as the Aggies moved into a virtual tie with UCI for eighth place in the Big West. Utah State is 5-20 overall and 5-12 in the conference while the Anteaters are 6-18 and 5-11. The Aggies host Idaho next Friday while UCI hosts UC Santa Barbara Thursday and Cal Poly Saturday.

Senior Kristen Green led UCI with 14 points and eight assists while senior forward Christina Callaway added 11 points and nine rebounds.

Utah State opened the game with a 9-0 run and led 32-23 at halftime. A jumper by Green drew UCI within three at 38-35 with 12:50 left in the game but the Aggies scored the next six points to go up 44-35 on a layup by Brittany Tressler with 10:33 remaining. Green's basket with 9:27 left cut the margin to five at 44-39 but Aird hit a pair of free throws with 8:31 remaining to put Utah State back up by seven and the Aggies eventually pulled away.

The Aggies outrebounded UCI 43-36 and the Anteaters committed 24 turnovers. Utah State shot 34.9 percent from the field and UCI 37.7 percent. The Aggies were 14 of 18 from the free-throw line, including 9 of 11 in the second half. UCI was 2 of 5 from the foul line for the game.

### **February 26, 2004**

#### **ANTEATERS LOSE TO IDAHO**

Moscow, Idaho ---Vandal forward Emily Faurholt shot 10-20 from the field and 11-12 from the charity stripe to lead all players with 32 points as Idaho defeated UC Irvine 71-60 on Thursday at Kibbie Dome.

UCI guard Kristen Green put in 19 points to lead the Anteaters while forward Christina Callaway added 14 points and seven rebounds. UC Irvine took a 31-30 lead into the half, but was limited to just 29 points in the second half. The Anteaters committed 23 fouls to Idaho's nine, and the Vandals took advantage, shooting 76 percent (22-29) from the free-throw line.

Idaho's Heather Toelke and Taylor Benson both scored in double figures with 14 and 11 points, respectively, with Thaelke grabbing a team-high six rebounds.

UC Irvine falls to 6-17 overall and 5-10 in conference action while Idaho improves to 20-5 overall (12-4 Big West).

The Anteaters travel to Utah State Saturday for a 1:00 p.m. start.

## **February 21, 2004**

### **SECOND HALF SURGE LEADS UC IRVINE OVER LONG BEACH STATE, 60-50**

Long Beach, Calif. -- UC Irvine went on a 9-0 run coming out of halftime and never looked back as the Anteaters went on to a 60-50 victory over Long Beach State Saturday at the Pyramid.

The win snaps an 11-game losing streak against the 49ers and takes UCI to 6-16 overall and 5-9 in the Big West. Long Beach State, who shot 26.5 percent in the second half, goes to 10-13 on the year and 6-8 in league action.

The Anteaters shot 63% from the field in the second half and out-rebounded The Beach, 37-35 for the game.

UC Irvine's Kristen Green knocked down a three-pointer with 3:35 to play to give the Anteaters a 54-46 lead. Petra Gläser made a basket at the 2:16 mark to close within 54-48, but a lay-up by Shayna Stanley would push Irvine's lead back to 56-48 and seal the victory for the Anteaters.

Green led the Anteaters with 17 points, while Christina Callaway had 14 points. Freshman guard Shayna Stanley totaled a career-high 13 points, while junior center Ashley Biggins led all players with a career-high 14 rebounds.

LBSU led by as many as 10 before the Anteaters used a 10-4 run to close within 25-21 at the halftime break.

## **February 14, 2004**

### **UC IRVINE EDGES UC RIVERSIDE, 56-55**

Irvine, Calif. – UC Irvine freshman guard Shayna Stanley hit the eventual game winner on a free throw with 7.9 seconds remaining to help the Anteaters to a 56-55 victory over UC Riverside Saturday at the Bren Events Center.

Following Stanley's free throw, UC Riverside's Cassandra Reeves threw up a 28-foot three-pointer that went in with 0.9 on the clock to narrow the margin to 56-55, but time expired when UCI inbounded the ball.

UC Irvine (5-16, 4-9) led by six (23-18) with 1:44 to go in the first half which would be the largest lead for either team in the game. UC Riverside (6-15, 5-7) scored the last four points in the half to narrow UCI's lead to 24-22 at intermission.

In the second half, the lead was never more than four as the game was tied 13 times with the last coming on an Ashley Biggins free throw (52-52) with 1:37 remaining. A Christina Callaway turn-around four-footer extended UCI's lead to three (54-52) with 28.9 left in the game. Reeves shot a leaning five-footer that missed with 21 seconds to go and Callaway came down with the rebound then dished to Shayna Stanley who was then fouled. With UCI in the double-bonus, Stanley made the second of her two free throws with 14.7 on the clock to put UCI up by three (55-52). After three consecutive timeouts, UCR brought the ball up the floor and with 9.2 seconds to go Jennifer Valdez threw the ball out of bounds. The Highlanders again fouled Stanley on the inbound pass and again she made the second of her two shots, which ended up being the difference in the game.

UCI was led by Christina Callaway with 18 points and a season-high 14 rebounds. It is her Big West leading seventh double-double of the year. Forward Lauren Yadon totaled a season-high 17 points, while junior center Ashley Biggins came off the bench to record a career-high 12 points, including going 6-11 from the free throw line. Biggins was UCI's offense from the 3:07 to 2:16, scoring six points and going 4-7 from the line in that time. Senior guard Kristen Green had nine rebounds.

UC Riverside's Casandra Reeves led all players with 28 points, going 10-20 from the field. Crystal Harris added 12 points and seven rebounds in the loss.

## **February 12, 2004**

### **TITAN TANDEM LEADS CAL STATE FULLERTON PAST UC IRVINE, 59-50**

Irvine, Calif. – Cal State Fullerton's Charlee Underwood and Tamara Quinn scored a combined 35 points to lead the Titans past UC Irvine, 59-50 Thursday at the Bren Events Center.

Underwood led Cal State Fullerton (6-14, 6-5) with 18 points followed by Quinn's 17 points. Underwood was 8-15 from the field, while Quinn was 6-13, including 4-7 from three-point range. Amber Pruitt added 12 points and a game-high nine rebounds.

Cal State Fullerton hit three consecutive three-pointers with the last coming by Underwood at the 16:14 mark of the first half to give the Titans a three-point lead at 11-8. Cal State Fullerton would never relinquish the lead after that point, building an 11-point (34-23) lead at the half. UCI came out of the intermission on a 7-0 run to close within four (30-34), but that is as close as they would come as the Titans would go on a 10-3 spurt, including six points from Underwood, to extend the lead back to 11 (44-33) with 13:05 remaining.

UCI's Christina Callaway had a game-high 19 points and a team-high six rebounds. Lauren Yadon came off the bench to add 12 points and four rebounds in the loss. UCI's leading scorer Kristen Green was 1-10 from the field, recording just two points. With the loss, UCI falls to 4-16 overall and 3-9 in Big West Conference play.

UCI out-shot the Titans 47.7 – 40.4, but Cal State Fullerton had a 32-30 advantage in rebounding. The Anteaters were held to a season low 1-6 (16.7) shooting from three-point range, while Cal State Fullerton poured in eight from long range.

## **February 7, 2004**

### **STRONG SECOND HALF LIFTS UC IRVINE OVER CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE**

Irvine, Calif. – The UC Irvine women's basketball team (4-15, 3-18) used a strong second half to defeat Cal State Northridge, 63-48 in a Big West Conference game Saturday in the Bren Events Center.

UC Irvine led by seven (17-10) with 7:51 remaining in the first half before the Matadors (3-16, 2-9) went on a 16-0 run to go ahead by nine (26-17) with 1:59 to go before the intermission. UCI returned the favor going on a 16-0 run of their own to lead 33-26 on a Kristen Green three-pointer with 17:22 left in the game. In a game of runs, Cal State Northridge scored seven unanswered to knot the score at 33-33 with 12:19 remaining. UCI went on their next run, outscoring the Matadors 12-2 to go up by 10 (45-35) on another Green three-pointer at 8:19. After the Anteaters built a 12 point lead, Cal State Northridge had a 6-1 streak to close within seven (51-44) but that is as close as the Matadors would come as UCI cashed in on nine of 12 free throws in the last 1:23 to go onto the 63-48 victory.

A school record 1,759 fans watched as UCI senior guard Kristen Green had a game-high 19 points, eight points and six assists in 40 minutes of action. Green was 6-12 from the field and 5-8 from three-point range. Senior forward Christina Callaway followed with 17 points on 7-11 shooting from the field and had seven rebounds. Freshman guard Shayna Stanley tied her career-high with eight points and grabbed a career-high six rebounds in the win.

The Anteaters out-shot the Matadors 41.7 to 28.6 and edged them in rebounding 40-39. UCI was 7-18 from three-point range, as Green tied her career-high with five from long range.

Cal State Northridge was led by Brezya Rhodes with 15 points. Ofa Tulikihifo had 12 points and a game-high nine rebounds.

UCI returns to action Thursday (Feb. 12), hosting cross-county rival Cal State Fullerton at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

## **February 5, 2004**

### **PACIFIC HOLDS OFF UC IRVINE 72-66**

Stockton, Calif. --- UCI guard Kristen Green shot 11 of 25 from the field and 5 of 10 from three-point range to lead all players with a career-high 27 points, but the Anteaters were unable to catch Pacific (9-10, 8-2 Big West) as they fell 72-66 Thursday at the Alex G. Spanos Center.

Down 35-24 at the half, the Anteaters would not score until 15:21 as the Tigers built up an 18 point lead. Four Tigers scored in double-figures with Corinne Wong posting the team-high 19. Nancy Dinges added 14 points while Gillian D'Hondt was 14 of 20 from the free-throw line, totaling 14 points. Jessie Menkens also had 14 points.

UCI held Pacific to just two baskets in the final 15 minutes of the game, but the Tigers hit 25 of 39 from the free-throw line as UCI committed 22 fouls in the second half. The Anteaters closed to within five points twice, the second coming at 29 seconds remaining on a Green three-pointer.

Forward Lauren Yadon was 7 of 7 from the free-throw line as she added 11 points. Freshman Shayna Stanley tied her career-high with eight points in her fourth career start. UCI forward Christina Callaway suffered a knee injury in the second half and played just six minutes and had six points and seven rebounds. With the loss, the Anteaters fall to 3-15 overall and 2-8 in the Big West.

UCI returns to action this Saturday against Cal State Northridge in a double-header with the men's squad. Tipoff is 5:15 p.m.

#### **January 31, 2004**

##### **IDAHO UPENDS UC IRVINE, 68-49**

Irvine, Calif. – The University of Idaho women's basketball team upended UC Irvine, 68-49 in a Big West contest at the Bren Events Center Saturday.

With the win, the Vandals improve to 14-4 overall and 6-3 in the Big West, while UCI drops to 3-14 on the year and 2-7 in league play.

Idaho led by 10 (21-11) with 4:26 remaining in the first half when UCI outscored the Vandals 6-2 to close the gap to 23-17 at the half. The halftime score was as close as UCI would come as Idaho built an 18-point advantage following a 10-2 Vandal run that was capped by a Heather Thielke reverse layup with 9:00 to go.

The Vandals shot 55 percent for the game (27-49) while holding the Anteaters to just 33 percent (20-60). The Vandals also out-rebounded UCI, 39-25.

The nation's leading scorer Emily Faurholt led Idaho with 26 points, shooting 10-14 from the floor. She also added seven rebounds. Heather Thielke added 14 points and eight rebounds. Courtney Goetz led all players with nine rebounds to go with seven points.

UCI was paced by senior guard Kristen Green with 19 points and a team-high six rebounds. She also totaled four assists and three steals. Lauren Yadon totaled 11 points in the loss.

#### **January 29, 2004**

##### **JOANNA USHER'S CAREER-HIGH 15 POINTS LEADS UC IRVINE PAST UTAH STATE, 66-45**

Irvine, Calif. – UC Irvine sophomore center Joanna Usher recorded a career-high 15 points to lead UC Irvine past Utah State, 66-45 in a Big West game at the Bren Events Center Thursday.

Usher returned to the team after being sidelined for six days due to a concussion suffered in practice to shoot 6-9 from the field and record a block and two steals in the Anteater win.

UCI wins its second conference game (2-6) and goes to 3-13 overall on the season, while the Aggie fall to 2-14 on the year and 2-6 in league play.

The Anteaters led 27-15 at halftime as the UCI defense held Utah State to just two baskets in the first 20 minutes, making the Aggies shoot just 16.7 (2-12) from the floor. UCI led by 10 with 13:04 remaining in the second half when Joanna Usher scored four of UCI's six unanswered points to break open the game 40-24 with 10:44 remaining. Utah State never got closer than 13 the rest of the way.

UCI's Lauren Yadon totaled 12 points and a season-high eight rebounds. Senior Christina Callaway, UCI's leading scorer and rebounder, came off the bench after suffering from the flu to add 10 points in 17 minutes of action.

Utah State was led by Ali Aird with 11 points and eight rebounds and Stephanie Grant with 10 points.

UCI returns to action Saturday hosting Idaho at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

**January 24, 2004**

**LONG BEACH STATE SCORES FINAL SIX POINTS DEFEAT UC IRVINE IN FINAL TWO MINUTES**

Irvine, Calif. – Long Beach State's Candice Wilson scored six unanswered points in the final two minutes to defeat UC Irvine, 57-51 in a Big West match-up at the Bren Events Center.

With the score tied 51-51 with 2:21 remaining, Christina Callaway missed two free throws and watched Candice Wilson streak down the court for a layup and give the 49ers a two point lead (53-51). UCI would turn the ball over and Wilson would score on a baseline layup and get fouled and make the extra point to put the Beach up 56-51. Wilson would cap off the scoring with a free throw at 9.1 for the 57-51 final score. UCI went scoreless for the final 3:49 minutes of the game.

UCI began the game on a 13-4 run, but Long Beach State returned the favor with a 12-2 run of their own to take their first lead (16-15) with 5:34 left in the first half. The Anteaters extended the lead to four but Long Beach State scored the final four points to go into the half deadlocked at 24-24. The 49ers built a seven point lead to begin the final stanza (37-30) when Kristen Green scored three consecutive three-pointers combined with a Ashley Biggins two-foot bank shot to give the Anteaters the 41-39 advantage. Long Beach regained the lead and led by four with 50-46 with 4:40 to go when UCI went on a 5-1 run with all of the Anteaters' scoring coming from Stephanie Duda to knot the score at 51-51.

UCI's Kristen Green led all players, scoring 11 points in each half on her way to the career-high 22 points. Green was 9-14 from the floor and 4-5 from three-point range. Christina Callaway added 10 points and five rebounds, while Ashley Biggins had a game-high nine rebounds.

Petra Glaser led Long Beach State with 13 points, going 4-6 from the field and 5-6 from the charity stripe. Wilson finished with 11 points.

The free throw line was a factor with Long Beach State going 13-16 and UCI making just 3-7. For the game, Long Beach State shot 50.0 (22-44) from the field, while UCI was 43.8 (21-48). The 49ers out-rebounded the Anteaters 28-24.

Long Beach State improves to 7-9 overall and 3-4 in Big West play, while UCI drops to 2-13 on the year and 1-6 in league action.

**January 17, 2004**

**DUDA'S CAREER-HIGH 18 POINTS GIVES UCI FIRST CONFERENCE WIN**

Irvine, Calif. – UC Irvine had three players in double figures led by freshman Stephanie Duda's career-high 18 points as the Anteaters won their first Big West Conference game of the season, 69-57, over Cal State Fullerton Saturday night at Titan Gym.

The victory is the first Big West Conference win for UCI (2-12, 1-5) and snaps a six game losing streak for the Anteaters. The Titans fall to 2-12 overall and 2-3 in league play.

Duda came off the bench to score 12 of her 18 points in the second half, going 8-10 from the free throw line all in the final 20 minutes. The forward grabbed eight rebounds and had a career-high six steals in 33 minutes of action. Duda entered the game averaging 4.6 ppg and 3.3 rpg in 12 games this season.

UCI senior guard Kristen Green knocked down a career-high five three-pointers on her way to 17 points, while junior guard Courtney Ferguson added 14 points. Center Joanna Usher had a career-high eight points in the win

UCI which shot .467 from the floor and 57 percent from three-point range for the game. The Anteaters also out-rebounded the Titans 33-32.

Sophomore Amber Pruitt was the lone Titan in double-figures with 10 points as the offense struggled to shoot 35 percent from the floor, including just 28 percent (7-for-25) in the first half.

Fullerton got off to a quick start, jumping out to a 6-0 lead and led 12-7 with 14:24 remaining. The Anteaters battled back, taking their first lead of the game on a three-point basket by Green at the 7:32 mark to lead 18-17.

A lay-up by Pruitt gave the Titans the lead back, but that would be the final field goal Fullerton would muster in the final 5:40 of the opening period. UCI tied and took the lead on a pair of free throws by Lauren Yadon and proceeded to score 13 of the next 14 points, surrendering only a free throw to the Titans' Catherine Holman during that stretch, to lead 33-20 at halftime.

Three-pointers by Wagner started the second half strong for the Titans, who closed to within nine points on three occasions in the opening five minutes as the two teams traded baskets.

With Fullerton trailing by nine at 42-33 with 11:28 to go, UC Irvine went on an 8-2 run over the next 3:45 to open up a 15-point advantage and the Anteaters never looked back. The Titans would get no closer than nine points (54-45) with 4:13 remaining.

**January 15, 2004**

### **ANTEATERS UNABLE TO HOLD OFF HIGHLANDERS**

**Riverside, Calif.** --- UC Riverside rallied behind Casandra Reeves in the last three minutes of the game to edge UC Irvine 55-53 Thursday at the Student Recreation Center in Riverside. With the win, the Highlanders improved to 3-10 overall and 2-2 in the Big West while UCI fell to 1-12 overall and 0-5 in league action.

With 2:20 remaining in the game and the Anteaters holding on to a 53-49 lead, Reeves hit a jumper with 2:10 left to close the deficit to 53-51. UCR forward Jodi Reber followed with a five-footer to tie the game with 58.1 seconds to go. Reeves then capitalized on an Anteater turnover with 12 seconds remaining, sealing the game with an off-balanced 15-footer.

UCI had 11 seconds to try to force overtime, but the Highlander defense held up as the Anteaters were unable to get a shot off before time expired.

Reber and Reeves each had 10 points while forward Crystal Harris had 13 points to lead UC Riverside. Guard Kristin Peters had eight rebounds for the defense.

UCI forward Christina Callaway had 14 points to lead UCI and snared 10 rebounds for her sixth double-double of the season. Katie Urban totaled 10 points, including three three-pointers, while

guard Courtney Ferguson came up with 10 points, all of which came in the second half. The Anteaters edged UCR on the boards 36-35, with center Ashley Biggins pulling down seven rebounds.

The Anteaters travel to Cal State Fullerton this Saturday for a 7:05 p.m. game.

**January 10, 2004**

### **PACIFIC SURVIVES UC IRVINE SECOND HALF RALLY, 62-57**

Irvine, Calif. – The University of Pacific (5-8, 4-0) women's basketball team survived a second half comeback by UC Irvine (1-11, 0-4) and went onto a 62-57 win at the Bren Events Center Saturday.

After trailing 12 (32-44) with 14:23 to go in the second half, UCI went on a 17-6 run capped by a Stephanie Duda six-footer at 6:43 to close within one (50-49). Pacific held UCI scoreless while they scored the next eight points, including six points from Jessie Menkens to bring the Tiger lead back to nine (58-49) with 3:39 to go. Kristen Green hit a pair of three-pointers and two free throws in the last 2:26 but UCI could only get as close as five the rest of the way.

Pacific jumped out to a 19-point lead in the first half which UCI whittled down to 12 to go into the half at 39-27. The Tigers shot 58.6 (17-29) in the first half and 53.3 (24-45) for the game.

Pacific's Nancy Dinges led all players with 16 points, including 4-11 from three-point range. Andrea Niderostek had 14 and Menkens added 13 points for Pacific in the win.

For UCI, Christina Callaway notched her fifth double-double of the year with 10 points and a season-high 13 rebounds. She also had six steals. Courtney Ferguson had 12 points, knocking down four three-pointers. The Anteaters out-rebounded Pacific, 38-34, but shot just 30.2 (19-63) for the game.

### **UC IRVINE FALLS TO CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE**

Irvine, Calif. - Freshman Krisztina Fuleki poured in a game and career-high 17 points as Cal State Northridge defeated UC Irvine 56-50 Thursday in Northridge.

With the win, the Matadors improve to 2-9 overall and 1-2 in the Big West, while the Anteaters drop to 1-10 overall and 0-3 in conference play.

The Matadors opened the game with a 6-0 run only to see UCI answer with a 10-0 run of its own. CSUN then scored the next 11 points to go top 17-10 with 8:32 left in the half. The Matadors would lead the rest of the half until the Anteaters came back to tie the score 26-26 on a Ferguson jumper. Jazelle Burries made a short jumper to give Northridge a 28-26 halftime lead.

The Matadors opened up a five-point lead (33-28) just two minutes into the second half only to see UCI go on a 10-1 run to take a 38-34 lead with 14:51 left. After Northridge took a 43-42 lead with 7:56 remaining, Stephanie Duda made a layup and the free throw giving the Anteaters their last lead 45-43 with 7:05 left. CSUN's Kim Gildersleeve made a three-pointer to put the Matadors back on top 46-45 and Northridge would never give back the lead, settling on the six-point winning margin.

Fuleki was 7-10 from the field, including 3-4 from three-point range. She also added four rebounds, three steals and two assists. Senior Brezya Rhodes was the only other Matador player

to reach double figures with 12 points. The Anteaters held Northridge's leading scorers Ofa Tulikihihifo (five points) and LaJoyce King (two) to a combined seven points. Tulikihihifo did pull down a team-high nine rebounds.

For UC Irvine, Courtney Ferguson had a team-high 14 points, including four three-point baskets. Christina Callaway added eight points and eight rebounds, while Ashley Biggins had a game and season-high 11 boards. Center Joanna Usher made her first start of the season, setting a career-high with eight rebounds and tying her career-high in points with four.

**January 5, 2003**

### **GAUCHOS CRUISE PAST UCI**

**Santa Barbara, Calif.** --- UC Santa Barbara was led by guard Lisa Willett's 20 points as the Gauchos handled UC Irvine with a 70-44 win at the Thunderdome Monday.

The Anteaters managed to stick close to the Gauchos in the first half and found themselves down by just 10 points (35-25) at the half. However, UCSB went on a 15-4 run in the first seven minutes of the second half and outscored UCI 35-19, hitting 12 of 30 from the field.

UCSB's Mia Fisher was the only other Gaucho to score in double figures with 12 points and guard Kristin Mann had six steals as the team improved to 8-4 overall and 2-0 in conference action.

UCI forward Christina Callaway led the Anteaters with 10 points and 10 rebounds for her fourth double-double of the season while center Ashley Biggins recorded a season-high nine rebounds as the Anteaters controlled the boards 39-33. Forward Joanna Usher also snagged a career-high seven rebounds as UCI fell to 1-9 overall and 0-2 in the Big West.

UCI travels to Cal State Northridge Thursday (Jan. 8) for a double-header with the men's team.

**January 3, 2003**

### **ANTEATERS FALL TO CAL POLY**

**San Luis Obispo, Calif.** --- UC Irvine (1-8, 0-1 Big West) was unable to maintain its hold on a three-point lead late in the game as Cal Poly (5-5, 1-0) rallied from behind to hand the Anteaters a 60-56 loss Saturday at Mott Gym.

The Mustangs opened the game with a 12-0 lead before UC Irvine went on an 18-4 run for its first lead with 7:59 remaining on a basket by forward Christina Callaway. The teams traded points with Callaway putting UCI up by three points at 25-22 with 3:19 to go in the first half. However, the Mustangs would score 10 straight points, including a three pointer as time expired by guard Courtney Uphoff as Cal Poly left the court with a 32-25 halftime lead.

In the second half, UCI guard Courtney Ferguson hit four consecutive free throws, the last coming at 6:21 to give UCI the 54-50 edge but a three pointer by Mustang guard Sparkle Anderson at 3:55 narrowed the Anteater lead to one. However, Callaway answered with a jumper at 2:49 to up the lead back to three points for UCI. That would be the Anteaters' last basket as Anderson's jumper at 1:42 and a key rebound and put-back by Jessica Eggleston gave Cal Poly the lead at 57-56 with a minute remaining.

Anderson added a layup with three seconds left and Cal Poly guard Catrina Taylor sealed the win with a free throw as the Mustangs scored the last seven points of the game. Anderson and Uphoff each had 14 points to lead Cal Poly and Uphoff and Eggleston controlled the boards with 12 rebounds apiece.

Ferguson recorded a season-high 17 points while Callaway had 13 points, nine rebounds, five steals and two blocks in 40 minutes of work. Guard Kristin Green added 12 points and seven assists in the loss.

The Anteaters travel to UC Santa Barbara Monday (Jan. 5) for a 7:05 p.m. matchup.

### **December 29, 2003**

#### **BROSSMAN'S 26 POINTS LEADS IDAHO STATE PAST UC IRVINE, 75-66**

Irvine, Calif. -- Christa Brossman scored 26 points to lead Idaho State past UC Irvine, 75-66 in a non-conference game at the Bren Center Monday.

Brossman was 10-17 from the field, including 5-8 from three-point range. The freshman scored 18 points in the last 10 minutes of the game to erase an eight point UCI lead. Brossman hit a three-pointer to tie the game 60-60 with 6:25 to play then after the teams traded baskets, Brossman then sunk an eight-footer to put the Bengals up by two (64-62) with 5:20 to go, a lead they would never relinquish. UCI pulled within three (66-63) with 3:28 remaining, but Brossman scored five consecutive points to put ISU on top by eight with 2:51 to go.

UCI led 21-6 to begin the game, but Idaho State went on a 20-5 run to knot the game at 26-26 with 7:12 remaining in the first half. The Bengals went into the locker room with a 31-30 advantage.

Annie Anderson came off the bench for Idaho State to record 15 points and 10 rebounds. Heidi Gifford was 5-6 from the field for 10 points in the win.

UCI was led by Christina Callaway with 17 points and six rebounds. Kristen Green added 16 points and six assists. Freshman Katie Urban had a career-high 12 points and seven rebounds in the loss. Center Ashley Biggins was 3-5 from the field, adding a career-high seven points.

ISU shot 58 percent (32-55) from the field, while UCI shot a season-high 48 percent (27-56). The Anteaters hit a season-high nine three-pointers.

UCI falls to 1-7 on the season, while Idaho State improves to 6-3 overall. The Anteaters begin Big West Conference traveling to Cal Poly Saturday (Jan. 3).

### **December 20, 2003**

#### **ANTEATERS DEFEAT SACRAMENTO STATE 55-41 FOR FIRST WIN**

Sacramento, Calif.--- UCI's Christina Calloway grabbed a season-high 13 rebounds and added 15 points for her third double-double game of the season to lead the Anteaters their first win of the season, a 55-41 victory over Sacramento State on Saturday.

Guard Kristen Green had a career-high 11 rebounds and scored 14 points for her first double-double of the season. Courtney Ferguson added 12 points for the Anteater scoring and the squad knocked down a season-high seven three-pointers as it improved to 1-6 on the season.

Sacramento State's Danielle Iceman and sophomore Katelyn Ciampi each tallied a team-high 10 points but the Hornets could not overcome the late surge by UC Irvine as they fell to 0-10 on the season.

Ciampi finished 4-of-6 from the floor (2-for-2 from the free-throw line) while also recording a team-high nine rebounds. Iceman was 4-for-7 from the field and registered a career-best three blocked shots in the contest. Junior Samania Black (five assists and four steals) and junior Kristine Knowlton (five blocked shots) also contribute to the squad.

As a team, the Hornets finished 15-of-51 (.294) from the floor compared to UC Irvine's 17-for-56 (.304) performance. The Anteaters also out-rebounded the Hornets by a margin of 48-to-33, including a 19-to-9 advantage on the offensive boards.

In the first half, UCI led by three (18-15) at the 5:31 mark before Sacramento State took a 19-18 lead after a layup by Iceman. The Anteaters answered with an 8-3 run to take a 26-22 halftime lead.

In the second half, Sacramento State trailed by as many as eight before cutting the deficit to 36-32 at the 11:38 mark. UC Irvine used a 10-2 run to lead 44-32 with 6:36 remaining. The Hornets climbed within six points (45-39) at the 4:07 mark but the Anteaters ended the game with a 10-2 run to seal the contest.

### **December 19, 2003**

#### **UC IRVINE LOSES TO SAN JOSE STATE 68-48**

**San Jose, Calif.** --- The Anteaters shot just 25 percent from the field as they fell to San Jose State 68-48 at Walt McPherson Court on Friday.

UC Irvine (0-6) was led by Christina Calloway who had 15 points for her third consecutive double-digit game, but the Anteaters were unable to contain Spartan forward Tatiana Taylor, who had 22 points to lead all players, hitting 9 of 13 from the floor.

Calloway narrowed the lead to four points (30-26) with 1:44 remaining in the first half, but an offensive board by San Jose State's Nica Gemo and two turnovers by UCI would see the Spartans build an eight-point lead to enter the half at 34-26.

In the second half, UCI chipped away at an early 10-point lead, cutting the deficit to five on guard Shayna Stanley's layup, but the Spartans rallied, building a 20-point lead with 3:57 remaining to put the game out of reach.

Guard Kristen Green had 13 points for UCI, including going 3 for 6 from the three-point line and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds. Calloway and Ashley Biggins each pulled down six rebounds while Stanley came off the bench to match a season and career-high eight points while recording three steals.

SJSU's Chene Tuimolou and Cricket Williams added 16 and 13 points, respectively as the Spartans improved to 5-1 overall.

UC Irvine travels to Sacramento State tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.

### **December 16, 2003**

## **ANTEATERS FALL 61-60 TO PORTLAND STATE**

Portland, Ore. - The UC Irvine women's basketball team lost in a heartbreaker 61-60 to the Portland State Vikings at the Stott Center in Portland, Ore. on Tuesday.

The Anteaters fall to 0-5 on the season while Portland State improved to 2-6 on the season.

Christina Callaway put the Anteaters up 58-57 with 2:01 remaining in the second half. The Vikings made four straight free throws to give PSU a three-point lead with 21 seconds to go. A missed shot from beyond the arc by Lauren Yadon was rebounded by Christina Callaway and put back for two points, leaving UCI a point short.

Portland State made 24 of 30 from the charity stripe, with UCI going 3 of 8. The Anteaters ended the game going 3-18 from beyond the arc. UCI had a season high with 16 steals.

Courtney Ferguson had a season high 13 points, all of which came in the first half. Christina Callaway led all scorers with 17 points and had 11 boards for her second double-double of the season. Lauren Yadon shot 50% from the field contributing 14 points for the Anteaters. Kristen Green had a career high 14 assists, tied her career high with six steals and also had eight points and seven rebounds on the night.

The Anteaters continue on the road as they look for their first win of the season on Friday in San Jose against the San Jose State Spartans at 7:00 p.m.

**December 13, 2003**

## **MONTANA STATE HOLDS OFF UC IRVINE**

Irvine, Calif. -- The Montana State women's basketball team held off a late UC Irvine surge to win 83-72 at the Bren Events Center Saturday.

UC Irvine continues to look for their first win of the season (0-4), while Montana State improves to 7-3 on the year.

After Montana State built a 26-point lead in the second half, UC Irvine began eating away at the lead with a 22-4 run to pull within eight (70-62) with 5:10 remaining. Nine of the 22 points were scored from the free-throw line as Montana State fouled out three starters (Sheila Hutchison, Nina Sanford, Kati Burrows) in a four minute span. MSU's Belinda Stubbs hit a four-footer to extend the lead back to 10, but Lauren Yadon and Christina Callaway hit baskets to pull UCI within six, the smallest margin since the first minute of the ballgame, 66-72 with 2:51 remaining. Christina Callaway would pick up her fifth foul and Montana State would record a pair of free throws, before Stephanie Duda would knock down two from the charity stripe to close within six again with 1:43 to go. Montana State would hit 7-8 free throws and get a basket from Hillary Scott, while holding UCI to just two free throws the rest of the game to go onto the 83-72 victory.

Montana State jumped out to a 12-2 lead in the first four minutes of the game and led by as many as 20 in the first half. The Anteaters would end the half on a 16-7 spurt to go into the locker room trailing a 42-31. UCI could not sustain the comeback as they would remain scoreless until the 15:26 mark of the second half, but the Bobcats had built back a 21-point lead (54-33).

Sheila Hutchison scored a game-high 22 points to lead Montana State. Jana Smith went 11-12 from the line on her way to 16 points. Jaimey Tanner was 3-4 from three-point range, finishing with 14 points.

Christina Callaway had a season-high 19 points and 10 rebounds for her first double-double of the season for UCI in the loss. Kristen Green had 18 points, while freshman Stephanie Duda came off the bench for a career-high 17 points, going 11-13 from the charity stripe. Duda also grabbed a career-high nine rebounds.

Montana State dominated the boards, totaling 53 to UCI's 38.

### **December 2, 2003**

#### **SECOND HALF PUSH HELPS SAN DIEGO STATE PAST UC IRVINE, 51-40**

Irvine, Calif. -San Diego State used a strong second half to defeat UC Irvine 51-40 in a non-conference game at the Bren Events Center Tuesday.

San Diego State (3-1) outscored UCI (0-3) 32-16 in the second half on their way to their third consecutive victory.

UCI's Christina Callaway would score four points in a 8-1 run that would put the Anteaters up by nine (22-13) in the first half and go into the locker room with a 24-19 advantage. UCI built the lead back to seven (26-19) on a Shayna Stanley jumper on the first possession of the second half, before San Diego State went on a 12-4 run, including five points by Michelle Elliott and capped by a Jessica Huettle three-pointer to give the Aztecs the one-point lead (31-30) with 16:40 to go. The teams traded one point leads before San Diego State scored seven unanswered points to go up 40-34 with 10:34 remaining. SDSU would not relinquish the lead as UCI would score just more six points the rest of the way.

San Diego State was led by Huettle and Elliott who scored 15 points apiece. Huettle scored her career-high 15 points, going 5-8 from three-point range. Elliott would score 12 of her team-leading 15 points in the second half. Ashlee Dunlap recorded a double-double in the win with 12 points and a game-high 11 rebounds. The Aztecs would shoot just 32 percent for the game (17-53), but were 10-22 (45.5) in the final 20 minutes.

Christina Callaway led UCI with 14 points on 7-13 from the floor. Shayna Stanley scored a career-high eight points in 22 minutes of action. Kristen Green led the team off the glass with a season-high eight rebounds. After shooting 42 percent in the first half (11-26), the Anteaters were 7-26 (26.9) in the final stanza.

UCI will take 10 days off and will resume action Saturday, Dec. 13 hosting Montana State at 7:30 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

### **November 24, 2003**

#### **PEPPERDINE CRUISES PAST UC IRVINE, 71-47**

Irvine, Calif. - The Pepperdine women's basketball team started the game on a 7-0 run and never looked back on their way to a 71-47 non-conference victory over UC Irvine Monday at the Bren Events Center.

Pepperdine led 35-18 at the half as UCI shot just 18 percent from the field (6-33) compared to the Waves' 48 percent (14-29). The Anteaters opened the second half on a 9-2 run to close the gap to 10 (27-37) with 16:36, but Pepperdine returned the favor with a 14-4 run to extend the lead to 20 (31-51) with 10:41 remaining.

Pepperdine was paced by Nicole Funn's game-high 16 points followed by Shanell Law's 12 points. Law was 3-6 from three-pointer range. Shannon Mayberry totaled a team-high seven rebounds.

Kristen Green led UCI with 15 points and eight rebounds. Lauren Yadon pitched in 10 points and six rebounds. Jackie Lord, in her first appearance as an Anteater since transferring from Cal, had five points and four assists in 18 minutes of play.

The Anteaters shot just 25 percent for the game (15-59), while the Waves were 29-58, shooting 50 percent. Pepperdine also out-rebounded UCI 47-36.

**November 21, 2003**

### **EASTERN WASHINGTON TOPPLES UC IRVINE, 81-67 IN SEASON OPENER**

Irvine, Calif. -- Kathleen Nygaard's 22 points and 14 rebounds led Eastern Washington to a 81-67 victory over UC Irvine in both team's season opener at the Bren Events Center Friday.

In a close first half where the lead was never more than four, Eastern Washington went into the locker room with a 37-36 lead. The Eagles went on a 10-3 run to open the half and jumped out to a 47-39 lead with 16:37 remaining. UCI would close to three (46-49) following a Courtney Ferguson three-pointer at 15:07 before Eastern Washington would rattle off eight consecutive points to give the Eagles an 11-point cushion. The Anteaters could come no closer than nine the rest of the way.

Nygaard scored 16 of her game-high 22 points in the second half, going 9-12 from the field for the game. Stephanie Ulmer followed Nygaard with 14 points on 3-7 from three-point range. Brandie Bounds had 13 points and Joanna Chadd added 10 points in the victory.

UCI was led by senior forward Christina Callaway and sophomore forward Lauren Yadon with 14 points apiece. Yadon also pulled down a team-high seven rebounds in 23 minutes of action. Junior guard Courtney Ferguson had 10 points, while senior guard Kristen Green tied her career-high with seven assists.

UCI will be back in action Monday (Nov. 24) hosting Pepperdine at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

**November 16, 2003**

### **LOVE AND BASKETBALL BEATS UC IRVINE IN EXHIBITION GAME**

Irvine, Calif. - Love and Basketball defeated the UC Irvine women's basketball team, 72-55 in an exhibition game Sunday at the Bren Events Center.

It was a tale of two halves as UCI controlled the first 20 minutes building a 17-point lead at one point. The Anteaters went into the locker room with a 34-29 lead, but Love and Basketball held UCI to just three points in the first 9:59 of the second half to take an 11-point lead (51-37) with 10:41 remaining. The Anteaters could only get as close as six the rest of the way. 11 second-half turnovers hurt UCI as Love and Basketball scored 21 points off Anteater miscues in the final 20 minutes.

Love and Basketball was led by Michelle Greco (UCLA) with 16 points and nine rebounds. Former UCI All-American Allah-mi Basheer had 13 points in 24 minutes of action.

Senior forward Christina Callaway had 15 points and seven rebounds to lead UCI. Junior guard Courtney Ferguson added 13 points with 10 coming in the first half. Senior Kristen Green totaled seven points and had a game-high six assists.

UC Irvine will open up the regular season hosting Eastern Washington on Friday (Nov. 21) at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.