

2003-04 Headlines

May 17, 2004

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYERS NAMED SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Irvine, Calif. -- Three women's basketball players were recognized at the annual Scholar-Athlete Banquet Monday night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Kristen Green, Katie Sturgeon and Joanna Usher were named Scholar-Athletes.

A school record 176 athletes were honored, bringing UCI's total to 2,397 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.

May 5, 2004

ALUMNA IS SOURCE FOR N.Y. TIMES ARTICLE

Former women's basketball player Leticia Oseguera (1994-98) provided research for a recent article in The New York Times about students from wealthy families edging out those from middle-class families in Ivy League and flagship state universities.

Oseguera, who received her bachelor's degree in sociology, is a postdoctoral research analyst at UCLA.

March 9, 2004

UCI'S KRISTEN GREEN EARNS BIG WEST BEST HUSTLE AWARD

Irvine, Calif. – UC Irvine's Kristen Green earned the Big West Best Hustle Award as voted on by her peers.

Green, a 5-8 senior guard, was recognized for her consistent hard play by her peers. She finished eighth in the league in scoring (13.6 ppg), 15th in rebounding (5.5 rpg), third in assists (5.0 apg) and sixth in assist-to-turnover ratio (1.14).

UC Santa Barbara's Brandy Richardson was named Best Defensive Player and Pacific's Gillian d'Hondt was selected as Best Sixth Man.

The three Specialty Team awards are being given for the fourth straight season and were voted on by the conference's players. Nominations were submitted by the league's coaches, one nominee per school per award. Players could not vote for players on their own team.

Defensive Player of the Year: Brandy Richardson, UC Santa Barbara
Best Sixth Man: Gillian d'Hondt, Pacific
Best Hustle: Kristen Green, UC Irvine

March 8, 2004

GREEN, CALLAWAY EARN ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS:

Guard Kristen Green was named to the All-Big West second team and forward Christina Callaway was named to the honorable mention squad. Green was eighth in the Big West in scoring (13.6), 15th in rebounds (5.5), third in assists (5.00), sixth in assist/turnover ratio (1.1) and second in the conference in three-pointers made per game (2.20). Callaway was second among Big West players in rebounds (8.0) and fourth in the league in steals (2.00). She was also 11th in scoring at 12.4 per game.

UCI FINISHES SEASON AT 6-20: UC Irvine ended the season with a 78-71 loss to Cal Poly. The Anteaters finish the year 6-20 overall and 5-13 in the Big West. UCI tied Cal State Northridge and Utah State for eighth place in the league standings, but the Aggies advanced to the Big West Tournament due to holding the three-way tiebreaker. The last time the Anteaters missed the league tournament was 2000.

SENIORS GO OUT IN STYLE: Senior Kristen Green poured in a career-high 28 points in her final game as an Anteater. She was 11-20 from the floor and totaled seven rebounds. Christina Callaway recorded her ninth double-double of the year with 18 points and 11 rebounds. She was 8-15 from the floor and had two blocks. The seniors each played 40 minutes.

TOUGH LOSSES: UCI lost nine of its 13 Big West games by a combined total of 54 points. Three times, UCI led or had been tied with 2:30 remaining and never scored again as the opponents scored six or seven straight points to win the game.

DEFENSE IS STRONG; OFFENSE STRUGGLES IN 2004: UCI was ranked second in the Big West in scoring defense, allowing opponents just 62.8 points per game, but the Anteaters struggled to score, managing just 57.0 points per contest, which ranked last in the league. UCI shot a season-high .519 (28-54) in the season finale against Cal Poly.

February 16, 2004

CALLAWAY NAMED BIG WEST PLAYER OF THE WEEK: Senior forward Christina Callaway was named Big West Player of the Week after averaging 18.5 points and 10.0 rebounds per game last week. Callaway led UCI to a win over UC Riverside, recording her seventh double-double with 18 points and 14 rebounds. She shot 16-29 (.500) from the floor overall and .588 (10-17) from the field in the second half. It is her third career Player of the Week honor.

November 25, 2003

TWO SIGN WITH UC IRVINE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PROGRAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- Miranda Forry, a 5-10 guard from Marin Catholic High School, and Haley Tull, a 6-1 forward from Cleburne High School in Cleburne, Tex., signed national letters of intent with the UC Irvine women's basketball program in the early signing period.

Forry averaged 12.0 points and 6.9 rebounds per game as a junior at Marin Catholic High School last season. She also recorded 5.6 assists and 2.7 steals a year ago, while earning All-Marin County Athletic League honors. Forry is the Marin Catholic career record holder for three-pointers made in a game (7), season (38) and is six shy of the career record entering her senior year. She was a member of the CIF Division IV state championship team in 2001-02 and has played on three consecutive Marin County Athletic League championship teams.

Haley Tull was a District 8 4-A first team all-region selection as well as a District 8 4-A second team all-state honoree . She averaged 17.7 points and 7.7 rebounds as a junior. Tull hails from Cleburne High School, the same high school assistant coach Kim Lummus-Crabtree attended.

"Miranda is a great three-point shooter and plays aggressive defense," head coach Mark Adams said. "Haley is a smart offensive player who knows how to get herself shots."

UC IRVINE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SIGNINGS

Miranda Forry.....5-10.....Forward.....Novato, Calif. (Marin Catholic High School)

Haley Tull.....6-1.....Forward.....Cleburne, Tex. (Cleburne High School)

UCI ASSISTANT WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH KIM LUMMUS-CRABTREE TO BE INDUCTED INTO TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME

Irvine, Calif. - UC Irvine assistant women's basketball coach Kim Lummus-Crabtree was inducted into the Texas High School Basketball Hall of Fame on Nov. 15 in Waco, TX.

Lummus-Crabtree was a four-year starter on the Cleburne High School basketball team from 1991-95 and was a four-time all-district selection for coach Judy Brown-Mizell. While she was at Cleburne, the team went 105-30 and won a state championship in 1995. She was the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches (TABC) free throw champion (83%) in 1993-94 and the three-point champion (114/220-52%) in 1994-95, making her the only player to ever win both titles. Her senior year, Lummus-Crabtree made every all-state team and was the 4A Player of the Year, as well as MVP of the state tournament. During the 1995 state tournament, she scored 34 points, including 10 three-pointers, had 10 assists and seven steals. She was chosen honorable mention All-America by USA Today as a senior. After graduating from Cleburne, Lummus-Crabtree played at the University of Texas from 1995-99.

Lummus-Crabtree is in her fourth year as an assistant coach for the Anteaters.

Lummus-Crabtree will enter the Hall of Fame with Coach Don Tullos (Latexo, Slocum, Grapeland & Lovelady High Schools), Bill Overall (San Marcos High School), Jerry Kroll (Houston Memorial High School), Coach Harley Redin (Wayland Baptist University) and Coach Charles Breithaupt (Beaumont Westbrook, Hardin-Jefferson High School).

November 6, 2003

UC IRVINE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL ON TV IN 2003-04

Irvine, Calif. -- The UC Irvine women's basketball team will have two games televised during the 2003-04 season.

The first game will be carried by Cox3 Sports Jan. 8, 2004 versus Pacific at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Center. KVMD-TV will televise the Jan. 29 meeting against Utah State, also at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Center. This is the first season Utah State has sponsored a women's team since 1987.

TELEVISION SCHEDULE

Jan. 10	UCI vs Pacific	Cox3 Sports	7:00 p.m	Bren Events Center
Jan. 29	UCI vs Utah State	KVMD-TV	7:00 p.m.	Bren Events Center

November 5, 2003

UCI PICKED TO FINISH FOURTH AT BIG WEST MEDIA DAY

Irvine, Calif. -- Head coach Mark Adams and senior guard Kristen Green attended Big West Media Day held at the Irvine Marriott Wednesday.

Adams and Green answered media questions and gave television and radio interviews.

The team was picked to finish fourth in both the coaches and media polls. The Anteaters finished fourth in the conference last year, going 17-12 overall and 9-7 in league action.

Coaches Poll

1. UC Santa Barbara	81
2. Pacific	72
3. Long Beach State	61
4. UC Irvine	56
5. Idaho	46
6. UC Riverside	43
7. Cal State Northridge	28
8. Cal Poly	25
9. Cal State Fullerton	23
10. Utah State	15

Media Poll

1. UC Santa Barbara	180
2. Pacific	146
3. Long Beach State	137
4. UC Irvine	124
5. UC Riverside	94
6. Cal Poly	87
7. Idaho	81
8. Cal State Northridge	61
9. Cal State Fullerton	51
10. Utah State	27

July 16, 2003

BIG WEST ADOPTS NEW BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Irvine, Calif. --- The Big West Conference announced the approval of a format change for its men's and women's postseason basketball tournament beginning with the 2003-04 season. Action on the format change was taken at the annual Big West Board of Directors meeting in Los Angeles.

Eight men's and eight women's teams will continue to advance to the tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center, March 10-13, 2004. However, Wednesday's first round games will include only teams seeded Nos. 5 to 8. Winners on Wednesday will advance to play teams seeded Nos. 3 and 4 on Thursday. Thursday's winners will meet teams seeded Nos. 1 and 2 in the semifinals on Friday. In each round the highest seeded team playing that day will play the lowest remaining seeded team. The men's and women's tournament championship games will be on Saturday.

"The Big West basketball tournament format has been under review by the Conference membership for the past 14 months," said Commissioner Dennis Farrell. "This format change is the result of input from Big West men's and women's coaches, faculty athletics representatives,

directors of athletics, senior woman administrators, marketing directors and sports information directors.

"This new format is designed to reward regular season performance and create even greater incentives as teams compete for positioning in the final regular season standings," continued Farrell.

The Big West basketball tournament began in 1976 and is the longest running postseason conference basketball event in the West.

Also this week the Big West Board of Directors re-appointed Dr. Ralph Cicerone, Chancellor, UC Irvine, as Chair and Dr. Jolene Koester, President, Cal State Northridge, as Vice-Chair for 2003-04.

June 4, 2003

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HONORED FOR EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE

Irvine, CA -- The UC Irvine women's basketball team received the Outstanding Community Outreach and Leadership Award given by the Community and Youth Programs office.

Most recently, the team volunteered their time for the Make a Wish Foundation at the Tustin Street Fair and Chili Cook-off.