

2004-05 Game Recaps

March 10, 2005

IDAHO TOPS UCI, 63-50 AT BIG WEST TOURNAMENT

Anaheim, Calif. -- The Idaho women's basketball team defeated UC Irvine 63-50 in the second round of the Big West Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center Thursday.

Leilani Mitchell scored a game-high 27 for the Vandals and Emily Faurholt added 21 points to lead Idaho to the victory.

After trailing 32-21 at the half, UCI pulled within five (49-44) on a three-pointer by Hayley Tull with 7:00 remaining, but Idaho answered with a 9-1 run, including a pair of threes to extend the lead back to 13 (58-45) with 3:39 to go.

Freshman Hayley Tull recorded 15 points, including five three-pointers to pace the Anteaters. Sophomore Angie Ned recorded 10 points, while senior Ashley Biggins totaled a game-high 11 rebounds.

UCI ends the year 8-21 overall.

March 9, 2005

UC IRVINE COMES FROM BEHIND TO BEAT UTAH STATE AT BIG WEST TOURNAMENT; SETS BIG WEST TOURNAMENT RECORD FOR FREE THROWS

Anaheim, Calif. -- The UC Irvine women's basketball team came from behind to defeat Utah State, 75-63 in the first round of the Big West Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center Wednesday.

The Anteaters hit a tournament record 32 free throws, bettering the 19-old record of 31 set by UNLV in 1986. It is the most free throws made and attempted (37) by UCI this season.

The Antetaers led 46-39 with 12:27 to go in the game before Utah State scored 13 unanswered, including three three-pointers to take the 52-46 advantage with 8:23 remaining. UCI then outscored the Aggies 10-2 to go back on top 56-54 with 2:57 left. On the next possession, Jessica Freeman hit a jumper to tie the game at 56-56 (2:35), before the Anteaters went on a 10-0 spurt to take the 66-56 lead with 49 seconds remaining. UCI ended the game hitting seven of eight from the line, going on to the 75-63 victory.

Sophomore Angie Ned led all players with 23 points, while senior Ashley Biggins had her fifth double double of the year with 15 points and 10 rebounds. 13 of Biggins' points came in the second half. Junior guard Melissa Jacob was 8-8 from the line, finishing with 15 points. Junior post player Lauren Yadon added 13 points and seven rebounds, while frehman guard Annie Mai had seven points and tied her career-high with seven assists.

For Utah State, Brittany Tressler came off the bench to lead the Aggies with 13 points, draining 3-6 three pointers. Taylor Richards had 11 points, while Ali Aird led the team with nine rebounds.

The Anteaters, who average 5.3 three-pointers per game, tied their season low going 1-7 from downtown.

Seventh-seeded UCI will battle third seed Idaho at noon Thursday.

March 5, 2005

ANTEATERS DEFEAT CAL POLY 79-65; CLINCH BIG WEST TOURNAMENT BERTH

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. – The UC Irvine women's basketball team defeated Cal Poly 79-65 Saturday night in Big West Conference play at Mott Gym. The Anteater victory clinches a berth in the Big West Tournament for UCI.

UC Irvine led 27-23 with 6:35 left in the first half and then did not score for three minutes as Cal Poly went on a 9-0 to take a 32-27 lead with 3:34 left in the half. The Mustangs did not score again in the half as UCI scored six points to take a 33-32 lead at the break.

UCI jumped out to a 39-34 lead with 18:30 left in the second half. The Mustangs whittled the 'Eater lead down until they tied the game at 47-37 with 10:11 left. The Anteaters scored 13 unanswered points from there with two three-pointers from Hayley Tull and one from Angie Ned to put UCI up 60-47 with 7:22 left. Cal Poly would get no closer than within 10 points for the remainder of the game.

The Anteaters went 27-34 from the free-throw line including 21-27 in the second half. UCI out-rebounded the Mustangs 42-31 and had eight three-pointers in the game.

Angie Ned led UCI with 25 points including three three-pointers and 10-10 shooting from the charity stripe. Hayley Tull had a career high 20 points and was 6-8 from the field, 4-6 from beyond the arc and 4-4 from the line. Ashley Biggins had a game-high 10 rebounds and three blocks.

The Anteaters improve to 7-20 overall and 6-12 in Big West action and will enter the Big West Tournament as the No. 7 seed and will face No. 6 seed Utah State in the second game of the opening round Wednesday, March 9th. UCI's game will begin 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first game featuring No. 5 seed UC Riverside and No. 8 seed Cal State Fullerton that begins at 12:00 p.m. at the Anaheim Convention Center.

March 3, 2005

GAUCHOS DEFEAT ANTEATERS 79-53

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. – The UC Irvine women's basketball team lost 79-53 at UC Santa Barbara Thursday night in Big West Conference action at the Thunderdome.

The Anteaters were led by sophomore Angie Ned with 18 points. Mia Fisher led all players as she scored 20 points for the Gauchos. Kristen Mann had a double-double for UCSB with 15 points and a game-high 10 rebounds.

The Gauchos shot 42-53 from the free throw line as UCI committed 32 fouls in the contest. UCSB led the game from start to finish never trailing.

The Anteaters travel up the coast to San Luis Obispo to face Cal Poly Saturday March 5th at 7:00 p.m. at Mott Gym.

February 26, 2005

ANTEATER TRIO LEAD UC IRVINE TO WIN OVER UTAH STATE

Irvine, Calif. – Three UC Irvine women's basketball players scored in double-figures to help the Anteaters defeat Utah State, 81-74 in a Big West Conference game Saturday at the Bren Events Center.

The Anteaters were led by Melissa Jacob with 24 points, going 10-14 from the free throw line. Sophomore Angie Ned recorded 19 points and four steals, while Ashley Biggins had 18 points and seven rebounds. Ned scored 15 of her points in the second half while Biggins poured in 14 after the intermission. Junior Lauren Yadon had a team-high eight rebounds in the win.

The Anteaters led 33-32 at the half, but it was short-lived as Utah State 11-6 run to go ahead 43-39 with 16:32 remaining. The Anteaters answered on a 10-2 spurt of their own to take back the 49-45 advantage with 14:35 to go. UCI built a six point lead at 9:23 (59-53), but the Aggies scored seven unanswered, including four from Jessica Freeman to put Utah State ahead 60-59 at 7:53. On the next possession, Ashley Biggins hit a basket in the lane followed by a Kimberly Martin layup to put UCI up 63-60 and they would never trail again. In the final 57 seconds of the game, UCI hit 12-16 free throws.

Taylor Richards led Utah State with 20 points, followed by Brittany Tressler with 16 points, going 4-5 from three-point range. Jessica Freeman added 12 points and a game-high nine rebounds.

It is the first time this season UCI has won back-to-back games and improves to 6-19 overall and 5-11 in Big West action. Utah State goes to 14-12 overall and 9-8 in league play. UCI is in sole possession of seventh place, one game ahead of Cal Poly and Cal State Fullerton heading into the final two games of the year. UCI will battle UC Santa Barbara Thursday and Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo in the last regular season game next Saturday (Mar. 5).

February 24, 2005

HOT SHOOTING UC IRVINE UPSETS IDAHO, 71-60; BIGGINS POURS IN CAREER-HIGH 20 POINTS

Irvine, Calif. – The UC Irvine women's basketball team shot a season-high .519 (28-54) from the floor to defeat Idaho, 71-60 in a Big West Conference game at the Bren Events Center Thursday.

The Anteaters shot 63 percent (17-27) in the second half and were led by Ashley Biggins' career-high 20 points. The center was 8-9 from the floor and grabbed a game-high eight rebounds. Sophomore Angie Ned added 16 points in the win. All nine Anteaters scored at least one point and grabbed at least one rebound. UCI out-rebounded the Vandals 40-23 on the night.

UCI led 26-23 at the half, but Idaho came out of the lockerroom on a 10-2 run to take the 33-28 advantage. The score was then tied four times the last coming at 10:38 with the teams deadlocked at 44-44. Kimberly Martin and Angie Ned had back-to-back jumpers followed by freshman Hayley Tull draining a three-pointer to give UCI the 51-44 lead with 8:37 remaining. The Vandals pulled within two four times, but the Anteaters would answer each time. A Leilani Mitchell jumper at 2:51 narrowed UCI's lead to 62-60, but that would be the last point Idaho would score as UCI closed out the game on a 9-0 run.

Idaho's Emily Faurholt scored a game-high 25 points, hitting 12-15 from the free throw line. Mitchell added 21 points and four steals, while Heather Thaelke totaled nine points and a team-best seven rebounds. The Vandals recorded nine three-pointers.

The Anteaters go to 5-19 on the year and 4-11 in the Big West, while Idaho goes to 16-9 overall and 11-5 in league play.

UCI will host Utah State Saturday (Feb. 26) in the home finale beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Bren Events Center.

February 19, 2005

ANTEATERS FALL 81-71 TO UC DAVIS

DAVIS, Calif. - The UC Irvine women's basketball team (4-19, 3-11) lost 81-71 to UC Davis Saturday night at The Pavilion in non-conference action.

UC Davis trailed early in the game before taking a 12-10 lead on a layup from Ellen Porshneva at the 13:28 mark. The Aggies continued to open their lead, going up by nine points on a pair of occasions, the last one coming at 29-21 with 3:30 left before halftime. However, the Anteaters closed the gap the rest of the way, taking the intermission lead with three seconds on the clock after a jumper by Angie Ned.

The Aggies posted a pair of three-pointers in the first half, the first one coming from Smith just past the midway point. That trey gave UC Davis 145 for the season, breaking the school record of 144 set last season.

The Anteaters led 52-47 with 11:53 remaining in the second half. The Aggies then went on an 11-0 run to take a six point lead at 58-52 and never trailed again in the game.

UC Davis shot 58 percent (15 of 26) from the field in the second half and finished the game with a 41-31 advantage on the boards.

Ned converted 10 of 18 shots to pace the Anteaters, scoring 15 points in the first half on 7-of-11 shooting. Guard Melissa Jacob had a game-high nine assists while forward Lauren Yadon had three blocks.

Angie Ned led UCI with 24 points on the night. Ashley Biggins fell just short of a double-double with 12 points and nine boards; she added five assists. The Aggies were 21-28 from the free throw line; while UCI was 11-12.

UCI hosts Idaho Thursday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Bren Events Center.

February 17, 2005

LONG BEACH STATE CRUISES PAST UC IRVINE, 66-47

Irvine, Calif. – The Long Beach State women's basketball team defeated UC Irvine, 66-47 in a Big West Conference game at the Bren Center Thursday.

Long Beach State, winners of four straight, improve to 16-6 overall and 11-3 in conference, while UCI goes to 4-18 on the year and 3-11 in league play. The Forty-Niners have won 12 of their last 14 outings.

Long Beach State jumped out 18-8 to start the game and never looked back. After trailing 34-19 at the half, UCI could get no closer than 15 the rest of the game.

Candice Wilson had a game-high 20 for Long Beach State, going 8-11 from the field. Crystal McCutcheon followed with 18 points, hitting 3-3 from three-point range. The Forty-Niners out-rebounded UCI 46-26, while shooting 46.2 (24-52) on the evening. Long Beach State out-scored UCI on the fast break 14-4.

Sophomore Angie Ned led UCI with 12 points and freshman Hayley Tull added 10 points in the loss. Seven of the nine Anteater players recorded a block, totaling eight for the game. The Anteaters had 20 points from their bench.

February 12, 2005

ANTEATERS FALL 81-72 TO HIGHLANDERS IN OVERTIME

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – UC Riverside used a 12-0 run in overtime to defeat UC Irvine 81-72 Saturday night at the Student Recreation Center in Riverside in a Big West Conference game.

UCR guard Casandra Reeves was awarded two free throws on what appeared to be a clear block by Ashley Biggins with 1.1 seconds remaining and hit both to force overtime. She scored a game-high 21 points to lead the Highlanders.

Reeves scored eight straight points in the last four minutes of regulation to knot the score at 64-64 with 1:13 remaining. UCI's Annie Mai gave the Anteaters a 66-64 lead with a free throw line jumper with 38 seconds left. Reeves then found herself wide-open at the three-point line with a chance to win it but her shot was off. Agy Frankovits missed a three-point attempt off a Highlander offensive rebound, but Reeves rebounded the shot with six seconds remaining and was then fouled to set up the game tying free throws.

Lauren Yadon paced the Anteaters with 20 points. Haley Tull added 15 points and Melissa Jacob chipped in 11. Biggins scored eight points and grabbed six rebounds in 19 minutes of action.

The game was a tight affair all the way through, with six lead changes and eleven ties, including both at halftime, 33-33, and at the end of the game, 66-66. The difference was at the free-throw line, as UCR outscored the Anteaters by 15, 34-19. The Highlanders also held the advantage on the glass, outrebounding UCI 47-37.

February 10, 2005

NED MATCHES CAREER-HIGH IN WIN OVER CAL STATE FULLERTON

Fullerton, Calif. – Sophomore Angie Ned tied her career-high with 30 points in a 65-52 victory over Cal State Fullerton in a Big West game at Titan Gym Thursday.

Ned was 10-19 from the floor, including four three-pointers. She scored 18 of her points in the second half.

UCI led 29-20 at the half and watched the Titans get as close as 32-30, 4:30 into the second half, but couldn't catch the Anteater offense. UCI shot 47 percent (22-for-45) from the field and 58 percent (7-for-12) beyond the three-point line.

Junior guard Melissa Jacob followed Ned with 10 points and five assists. Freshman Annie Mai had seven points and a career-high seven assists in the win. Center Joanna Usher led the squad with seven rebounds. The Anteaters out-rebounded the Titans 36-26.

Cal State Fullerton was led by Charlee Underwood with 21 points. Melanie Mosley added seven rebounds and five points, while Amber Pruitt recorded nine points.

The Anteaters are 4-16 overall and 3-9 in the Big West, while the Titans go to 4-16 on the year and 2-9 in league play.

February 5, 2005

LATE RALLY COMES UP SHORT AS CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE DEFEATS UC IRVINE, 68-58

Irvine, Calif. – Ofa Tulikihifo recorded 16 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Cal State Northridge's (11-7, 7-4) women's basketball team past UC Irvine (3-16, 2-9), 68-58 in a Big West contest at the Bren Events Center Saturday.

Cal State Northridge jumped out to a 6-0 lead to start the game and opened up a 12-point advantage (24-12) with 7:44 remaining in the half. UCI went on a 9-1 spurt to close within four (25-21) at 4:03, but Northridge would go into the locker room with the 30-25 lead.

Following intermission, the Matadors outscored UCI, 20-4 and looked as if they would run away with the game up by 21 (50-29) with 10:27 to play. UCI rallied with a 22-1 spurt, which included five three-pointers to narrow the margin to five (56-51) with 2:28 remaining. Northridge's Katie Holloway hit two free throws before UCI's Lauren Yadon knocked down a three to close within four (58-54) at 1:39. On the next possession, Holloway hit a desperation three-pointer from the corner with one second on the shot clock to put the Matadors back up by seven (61-54) with 1:10 on the clock. The Anteaters had a layup by Melissa Jacob then fouled LaJoyce King who hit two free throws. Yadon would hit a layup (63-58) with 30 seconds remaining and that would be the last Anteater score as Cal State Northridge hit five of six free throws to end the game.

Tulikihifo's double-double is the 10th of the year for the junior. Cal State Northridge also got double-digit scoring from LaJoyce King (15), Katie Holloway (14) and Jamie McCaa (10). The Matadors out-rebounded UCI 38-28.

Melissa Jacob paced UCI with 16 points, including three three-pointers. Angie Ned added 10 points and a team-high seven rebounds. After shooting just 1-8 from beyond the arc in the first half, UCI drained 6-12 in the final 20 minutes.

February 3, 2005

NED LEADS UC IRVINE OVER PACIFIC, 61-58

Irvine, Calif. – Sophomore forward Angie Ned had a game-high 28 points to lead the UC Irvine women's basketball team to a 61-58 victory over Pacific in a Big West contest at the Bren Events Center Thursday.

After not scoring for the first five minutes of the game and letting Pacific jump out to a 14-1 lead, UCI slowly chipped away at the margin and took their first lead (24-23) of the game on a Melissa Jacob jumper with 5:41 remaining in the first half. The score was tied three times before UCI used jumpers by Haley Tull and Ned to outscore the Tigers 4-1 heading into halftime. Ned scored 15 of her 28 in the first half.

To begin the second half, UCI missed their first seven shots, but got a turnaround jumper by Ned and a layup after a steal by Kimberly Martin to take the 39-37 lead with 14:29 to go. The

Anteaters would never give up the lead after that point with the Tigers coming only as close as three on a three-pointer by Jessica Brantley to end the game.

Ned was 11-23 from the field and tied her career-high with eight rebounds. Junior guard Melissa Jacob was the only other Anteater in double-digit points with 11. Junior Kimberly Martin made her Anteater debut scoring six points and recording two rebounds and two steals in seven minutes of action.

UCI controlled the boards, 45-39. The Anteaters out-scored UOP 14-0 on fast breaks points and 32-18 in points in the paint.

Tina Sanerivi led the Tigers with 18 points, while Jessie Menkens was 5-9 from three point range, adding 15 points. Carolina Ruiz totaled nine points and a game-high nine rebounds.

The Anteaters improve to 3-15 overall and 2-8 in conference play, while UOP drops to 5-13 on the year and 2-8 in league action.

UCI will entertain Cal State Northridge Saturday (Jan. 5) at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

January 29, 2005

UC IRVINE FALLS TO IDAHO

MOSCOW, Idaho --- UCI guard Melissa Jacob scored a career-high 28 points, going 6 of 11 from the three-point line, but Idaho used a 12-2 run in the second half to take the lead and go on to win 68-60 Saturday in Moscow.

UCI built an 8-0 point lead at 31-23 on a Jacob three-pointer, with 3:06 remaining the first half, but the Vandals answered with an 8-3 run to cut the lead to 36-33, entering the half.

The Vandals opened the second with a 12-2 run and take a 45-38 advantage with 16:07 left in the game.

UCI would get as close as four points with three minutes to go but Idaho scored the next six to build a 10-point lead with 16 seconds left.

Forward Lauren Yadon had 10 points while guard Annie Mai tied a career-high six assists and grabbed a career-high five rebounds.

Idaho's Emily Faurholt led all scorers with 31 points and Leilani Mitchell added 14 points and nine assists in the win. Idaho was 14 of 19 from the free-throw line while UCI was 7 of 9.

UCI is now 2-15 overall and 1-8 in the Big West while Idaho improves to 12-6 overall and 7-2 in conference action.

January 27, 2005

ANGIE NED'S CAREER HIGH 30 POINTS NOT ENOUGH; UCI FALLS 71-68 AT UTAH STATE

LOGAN, Utah - Jessica Freeman scored a career high 20 points to lead Utah State to a 71-68 victory in Big West women's basketball action at the Dee Glen Smith Spectrum Thursday night.

UCI fell to 2-14 overall and 1-7 in the Big West. USU improved to 10-7 overall and 6-3 in the Big West while winning for the fifth time in its last six games. UC Irvine was led by Angie Ned, who scored a career-high 30 points, while adding a career-high tying eight rebounds and three steals. Melissa Jacob added 17 points for UCI.

Freeman scored 14 points in her first 13 minutes of action. Freeman hit eight of 11 shots from the field while adding two rebounds and three blocked shots. Taylor Richards added 14 points, six rebounds and matched her career high with seven assists, while Ali Aird pumped in 13 points, while chipping in six rebounds and three blocks.

Utah State never trailed during the first 26 minutes, but fell behind 47-46 when Ned hit a layup with 13:46 remaining in the game. The Anteaters completed a 20-10 run to start the second half to take a 52-48 lead when Ned hit one of her six three-pointers at the 9:35 mark.

USU went on a 13-3 run to lead 61-55 with less than five minutes left in the game. The 'Eaters cut the margin to two on three occasions, including 70-68 with 29 seconds left after a three-pointer by Lauren Yadon.

Trailing 71-68, UCI attempted to tie the game on a Ned three-pointer, but her attempt was blocked by Kalhie Quinones and the Aggies escaped with the narrow victory.

USU matched its season best field goal percentage by shooting 46.4 percent. The Aggies won despite getting out-rebounded 40-27.

The Anteaters travel to Moscow, Idaho Saturday to face the Idaho Vandals at 7:00 p.m. at the Cowan Spectrum.

January 20, 2005

LONG BEACH STATE TOPS ANTEATERS 74-50

LONG BEACH, Calif. - The UC Irvine women's basketball team lost 74-50 to Long Beach State Thursday night in a Big West game at the Pyramid in Long Beach.

After trailing 35-20 at halftime, the Anteaters went on a 16-10 run to open the second half to get within 9 points (45-36) as Joanna Usher made a basket with 15:28 remaining. Long Beach State's Aisha Hollans scored the next seven points to open the lead back to 16 and that was as close as UCI would get the rest of the game.

Angie Ned led UCI with 16 points and five rebounds, while Melissa Jacob added 12 points.

Aisha Hollans led all scorers with 27 points on 11-22 shooting. Crystal McCutcheon contributed 17 points for the 49ers. LBSU outrebounded UCI 52-31 on the night.

UCI will return to action, traveling to Utah State next Thursday (Jan. 27) and Idaho Saturday (Jan. 29).

January 15, 2005

BIGGINS DOUBLE-DOUBLE LEADS UCI OVER CAL STATE FULLERTON

Irvine, Calif. – Senior center Ashley Biggins had a career-high 16 points and 21 rebounds to lead the UC Irvine (2-12, 1-5) women's basketball team to a 75-74 victory over Cal State Fullerton (1-12, 0-5) in a Big West game at the Bren Events Center Saturday.

Cal State Fullerton led 10-8 with 15:07 remaining in the first half before UCI scored seven straight, including five from freshman Annie Mai to take a 15-10 advantage at 13:17. The Anteaters would close out the half outscoring the Titans 23-16 to go into the locker room with the 38-26 lead. UCI built a 15-point lead (49-34) on an Angie Ned jumper with 14:36 remaining. Fullerton began chipping away with a Charlee Underwood three-pointer narrowing the UCI lead to four (60-56) with 6:28 to go. The Anteaters scored the next seven to go back up by 11 (67-56) at 4:14, but the Titans kept battling going on a 13-5 run, which included three three-pointers to close within three (72-69) with 41 seconds left in the game. UCI's Lauren Yadon knocked down a pair of free throws (74-69) with 18 seconds remaining before Melanie Mosely had a rebound put-back with seven seconds to keep the Titans within three (74-71). Cal State Fullerton immediately fouled Ned and she hit the first and missed the second to give UCI the four-point cushion. Andrea Adams hit a three-pointer (75-74) with three seconds remaining, but time ran out as UCI in-bounded the ball. UCI was 5-6 from the free throw line in the final 2:25 of the game.

Biggins' 21 rebounds is just two shy of the UCI record and is the most for an Anteater player since Jinelle Williams recorded the school's top mark of 23 in 1994. The 21 rebounds is the most by a Big West player and is the second most in the country this year. The center was 8-11 from the floor in 35 minutes of action. It was her fourth-double-double of the year.

UCI freshman Annie Mai had a career-high 16 points, while Lauren Yadon and Angie Ned each added 13 points in the victory.

The Titans were led by Charlee Underwood and Andrea Adams with 17 points a piece. Melanie Mosely grabbed a team-high 13 rebounds.

January 13, 2005

UC RIVERSIDE CRUISES PAST UC IRVINE, 64-44

Irvine, Calif. – Kemie Nkele scored 16 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead UC Riverside past UC Irvine, 64-44 in a Big West Conference game at the Bren Center Thursday.

An Ashley Biggins two-footer put UCI up by four (16-12) with 11:01 remaining in the first half before UC Riverside hit three consecutive three-pointers to take a 21-16 lead at 8:54. On the next possession, UCI's Angie Ned returned the favor with a three-pointer, but that was the last basket UCI would score other than a free throw for the rest of the half. The Highlanders built a 36-20 halftime advantage and UCI could only get no closer than 14 the rest of the game.

Nkele led all players going 6-9 from the field and 4-7 from the free throw line. 10 of her game-high 15 rebounds were on the defensive end. She also added four blocks. Jodi Reber recorded 12 points and six rebounds while Agy Frankovits totaled 10 points.

The Highlanders out-rebounded UCI 42-28 and out-shot the Anteaters .444-.288. As a team, UC Riverside had nine blocks on the night.

Melissa Jacob and Lauren Yadon each scored 11 points for UC Irvine. Jacob was 3-5 from three-point range and recorded four assists. Ashley Biggins led the team with eight rebounds.

UC Riverside improves to 7-5 overall and 3-1 in the Big West, while the Anteaters fall to 1-12 on the year and 0-5 in league action.

UCI will host cross-county rival Cal State Fullerton Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Center.

January 8, 2005

PACIFIC COMES FROM BEHIND TO TOP UC IRVINE 54-42

STOCKTON, Calif. - The Pacific Tigers completed a second-half comeback to defeat the UC Irvine Anteaters 54-42 at the Alex G. Spanos Center in Stockton Saturday in a Big West Conference game.

The Tigers led 21-18 at the half. The Anteaters opened the second half on a 15-2 run, including a pair of three-pointers from Courtney Ferguson, to give UCI a 33-23 lead with 14:00 left in the second half. The Tigers went on a 10-0 run over the next four minutes to tie the game at 33-33. With the Anteaters leading 39-38 with 5:20 left in the game Tina Sanerivi knocked down a pair of free throws to put UOP on top for good. Dana Zimmerman scored 10 straight points as part of a 16-0 run by the Tigers. UCI's only points in the final five minutes coming off a three-point shot by Hayley Tull with 51 seconds remaining. The basket by Tull was UCI's only field goal in the final 14 minutes of the game.

Dana Zimmerman led all scorers with 20 points for Pacific. UCI was led by Lauren Yadon with nine points, she also had seven boards. Angie Ned had eight points and eight rebounds. The Anteaters fall to 1-11 overall on the year and 0-4 in the Big West. The Tigers improve to 4-7 overall and 2-2 in Big West play.

The Anteaters will next host UC Riverside Thursday January 13th at 7:00 p.m. at the Bren Events Center in a Big West Conference game.

January 6, 2005

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE TOPS UC IRVINE 81-61

NORTHRIDGE, Calif. - Sophomore LaJoyce King matched a career-high with 21 points as Cal State Northridge improved to 7-3 overall and 3-0 in Big West play with an 81-61 win over UC Irvine, the visiting Anteaters fall to 1-10 overall and 0-3 in conference, on Thursday at Wells Fargo Court in Big West Conference action.

King finished the night 7-11 from the floor and was a perfect 6-6 from the free throw line to match her career-high. She also pulled down five rebounds and had two steals, two assists and a pair of blocks. Jamie McCaa and Ofa Tulikihifo also reached double figures for the Matadors as McCaa had 12 points and Tulikihifo chipped in 10. Ofa nearly notched the triple-double as she added a game-high 13 rebounds and dished out seven assists in 32 minutes. Alexis Johnson added nine for the Matadors, who also got seven points from Krisztina Fuleki and six from Katie Holloway. The remaining four CSUN players that suited each had four points, Megan Ching had four assists.

For UC Irvine, Lauren Yadon had 19 points to lead four players in double figures. Yadon also had eight boards on the night. Angie Ned wound up 8-20 from the field for 16 points and had three steals. Melissa Jacob and Ashley Biggins each added 10 points. Biggins posted her third double-double of the season by hauling in 10 rebounds. Jacob added five assists and three steals for the Anteaters.

The Matadors threatened to pull away throughout the first half as CSUN teetered on a double-digit lead. After the Anteaters led by two at 6-4, the Matadors went on a 19-6 run to open up an 11-point bulge at 23-12. The lead eventually swelled to 17 points just before the half as Johnson converted a layup with :03 seconds left before the break.

The Northridge lead grew to as many as 29 in the second half as another Johnson layup gave the Matadors a 56-27 lead with 16:12 left in the game. UCI cut the lead down to 18 a pair of times over the next six minutes but could get no closer down the stretch.

After shooting 42.9% (15-35) in the first half, CSUN wound up shooting 44.6% (29-65) for the game. UC Irvine shot 35.5% (11-31) in the opening frame and 41.7% (25-60) in the game. The Matadors also posted a 45-33 rebound edge and had a season-high 23 assists.

UC Irvine will continue Big West Conference play traveling to Pacific Saturday (Jan. 8) for a 7:00 game.

January 2, 2005

UCI PICKS UP FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON WITH VICTORY OVER SAN DIEGO, 86-81

Irvine, Calif. -- The UC Irvine women's basketball team picked up its first win of the season with an 86-81 victory over the University of San Diego in a non-conference game at the Bren Center Sunday.

San Diego jumped out to an early 6-0 lead to start the game and led by as many as 20 (37-17) with 4:53 to go in the half. UCI went on a 15-2 run capped by two Hayley Tull free throws at 1:50 to close the gap to seven (39-32). San Diego then hit two of their nine first half three-pointers to go into the locker room with the 45-32 advantage.

Sophomore Angie Ned, UCI's leading scorer who had missed the two previous games while attending her grandmother's funeral in Louisiana, got off a plane and entered the Bren Center with 7:00 minutes remaining, but did not see the court until she was inserted into the lineup to start the second half. Ned made an immediate impact hitting two three pointers and a layup plus free throw in UCI's 17-7 spurt to open the half to bring the Anteaters within three (52-49) with 13:31 to go. A layup by Ashley Biggins and a jumper by Joanna Usher gave UCI it's first lead (53-52) with 12:41 remaining. A free throw by USD's Sabine Loewe knotted the score at 53-53, before another Biggins layup put UCI ahead (55-53) for good at 12:02. The Toreros got as close as two (66-64) with 6:11 remaining, but a Lauren Yadon bank and a Biggins three point play on a layup and free throw gave UCI the six point cushion again. In the final 1:22, UCI was 11 of 13 from the free throw line to secure the 86-81 victory.

The Anteaters had five players score in double figures on their way to a season-high 86 points. UCI was led by guard Melissa Jacob with a career-high 18 points. Angie Ned, Lauren Yadon and Ashley Biggins each added 15 points, while Hayley Tull came of the bench to record 10 points. Yadon and Biggins each had their second double-double of the year, grabbing 10 and 11 rebounds, respectively.

The Anteaters who averaged 21.3 turnovers coming into the game had just nine versus the Toreros. UCI shot 47.2 (17-36) in the second half and out-rebounded USD 41-37.

USD's Amber Sprague led all players with 33 points, going 11-22 from the floor and 11-12 from the line. She scored nine points in the last 1:22 of the game. Tiara Harris totaled 13 points in the

loss, hitting 3-6 from three-point range. After hitting nine three-pointers in the first half, USD was just 1-10 from long range in the final 40 minutes.

The Anteaters are 1-9 overall, while San Diego is 5-8 on the season. It is interim head coach Molly Tuter's first career coaching victory. UCI will continue Big West Conference play traveling to Cal State Northridge Thursday (Jan. 6) for a 7:00 game.

December 30, 2004

STRONG SECOND HALF PUSHES UC SANTA BARBARA PAST UC IRVINE, 84-57

Irvine, Calif. – A strong second half helped the UC Santa Barbara women's basketball team breeze past UC Irvine, 84-57 in a Big West Conference game Thursday at the Bren Center.

UC Irvine began the game 6-0 and led by as many as seven twice before UCSB battled back to take the lead 22-21 on a Brandy Richardson three-pointer with 8:08 remaining. The Gauchos led by 10 with 2:12 to go in the half when UCI scored seven unanswered to narrow UCSB's lead to 42-39 going into the break.

The Gauchos opened up the second half on a 23-5 run to open the lead to 21 (65-44) with 12:13 remaining. UCSB dominated the second half, outscoring UCI 42-18 in the final 20 minutes. UCSB shot 55 percent (16-29) in the second half, while the Anteaters were just 4-23 (.174).

UCSB's Mia Fisher led all players with 20 points, while Kristen Mann recorded her first double-double of the season, adding 15 points and 12 rebounds. Kat Suderman came off the bench to record 10 points.

Freshman Hayley Tull led UCI with a career-high 19 points, including going 3-6 from three-point range and a perfect 8-8 from the free throw line. Lauren Yadon totaled 15 points, while Ashley Biggins grabbed nine rebounds.

December 28, 2004

CAL POLY DEFEATS UC IRVINE IN BIG WEST OPENER, 55-48

Irvine, Calif. – The Cal Poly women's basketball team defeated UC Irvine 55-48 in the Big West Conference opener at the Bren Center Tuesday.

The Mustangs improve to 6-2 overall and 1-0 in league play, while UCI falls to 0-8 and 0-1.

UCI opened the game outscoring the Mustangs 12-2, but could not sustain the lead as Cal Poly went into the lockerroom with a 27-26 advantage at the half. The Mustangs opened the second stanza on a 14-2 run to go up 41-28 with 12:58 remaining, but the Anteaters battled back on an 11-0 run of their own to close within two (41-39) with 6:02 to go. Both teams remained scoreless until the Mustangs hit back to back three pointers by Courtney Cameron and Michelle Henke to extend the lead to eight (47-39) with 2:15 left. UCI could not get closer than three the rest of the way as the Mustangs were 8-10 from the free throw line in the last 1:24.

Heidi Wittstrom paced Cal Poly with 14 points. Courtney Cameron added nine points and Katy Paterson added seven points and a team-high seven rebounds. 10 of Cal Poly's 11 players all contributed at least two points in the win.

UCI freshman Miranda Forry had a career-high 13 points and eight rebounds to lead the Anteaters. Lauren Yadon and Melissa Jacob each recorded 10 points. Senior Ashley Biggins tied her season-high with 12 rebounds.

The Anteaters had just seven players in uniform, holding Cal Poly to just 55 points, the second fewest by an opponent this season.

UCI will host UC Santa Barbara Thursday (Dec. 30) at 2:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.

December 21, 2004

SACRAMENTO STATE EDGES UC IRVINE IN OVERTIME

Irvine, Calif. – Sacramento State's Cindy Alldrin hit a five-footer with three seconds remaining in overtime to help the Hornets edge UC Irvine 70-68 in a non-conference game at the Bren Events Center Tuesday.

UCI led by 11 (51-40) with 8:22 remaining in the second half, when Sacramento State went on a 20-2 run that included four three-pointers to take a seven point lead (60-53) with 2:04 to go. UCI battled back as Angie Ned hit a three-pointer with six seconds remaining to cap a 7-0 run by the Anteaters to send the game into overtime with the score deadlocked 60-60.

UCI scored the first five points of overtime only to watch the Hornets hit a layup by Katelyn Ciampi and back-to-back threes by Alldrin to take a three point lead (68-65) with 57 seconds remaining. UCI's Melissa Jacob hit a three-pointer with 13 seconds to go, knotting the score at 68-68. Following a Sacramento State timeout, Alldrin hit a leaning five-footer from the left side with time winding down to win the game.

Alldrin totaled 14 points for the game, including eight in the last 1:25 of overtime. Lindsey Heard came off the bench to lead Sacramento State with 15 points, going 6-9 from the floor and connecting on 3-4 from three-point range. Kim Sheehy had 13 points, while Ashley Cadotte and Katelyn Ciampi each added 10 points apiece. Cadotte also had a team-high nine rebounds.

Angie Ned paced UCI with 22 points, eight rebounds and three steals. Lauren Yadon had 13 points, while senior Ashley Biggins grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds to go with eight points. Melissa Jacob recorded 10 points and five assists.

The Hornets are 3-5 overall, while UCI falls to 0-7 on the season. The Anteaters open Big West conference play hosting Cal Poly Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bren Events Center.

December 17, 2004

PORTLAND STATE BEATS UC IRVINE, 80-74

Irvine, Calif. – Heather Arns scored a game-high 27 points to lead the Portland State women's basketball team to a 80-74 victory over UC Irvine in a non-conference game at the Bren Events Center, Friday.

UC Irvine led 36-35 at the half, but Portland State came out of the locker room on a 14-8 run to go up by five (49-44) with 14:47 remaining. That was the largest lead by either team the entire rest of the game. After the lead flip-flop, UCI trailed by five (74-69) with 1:00 minute to go and closed within one (75-74) on an Angie Ned three-pointer with 25 seconds remaining, but Portland State hit five of six free throws to end the game.

For the game, the Vikings shot 50.9 from the field and out-rebounded UCI 30-28.

Arns was 10-15 from the field including 5-7 from three-point range. Sharon Wahinekapu added 13 points and five assists while Jameelah Magee had 13 points off the bench.

UCI had four players in double-figure points led by Angie Ned's career-high 23. Courtney Ferguson totaled 16 points and had a team-high four assists. Ashley Biggins had a career-high 15 points and a season-high 13 rebounds. Melissa Jacob added 11 points in the loss.

December 13, 2004

UC IRVINE LOSES TO EASTERN WASHINGTON

CHENEY, WA --- Eastern Washington guard Stephanie Ulmer scored a team-high 23 points, including seven three-pointers to lead the Eagles to a 65-50 win over UC Irvine Monday in Cheney, Wash. UCI dropped to 0-5 on the season while EW improved to 5-3 on the season.

UCI forward Lauren Yadon paced the Anteaters with 19 points and guard Angie Ned put in a career-high 18 points, 16 of which came in the second half. The Eagles kept the Anteaters off the boards and hauled down 44 rebounds to UCI's 27.

UC Irvine would get no closer than 14 points and trailed at the half 36-18. The Anteaters bounced back from a 29-percent shooting performance in the first half to shoot 42-percent in the second, but were unable to cut into the Eagle lead.

December 11, 2004

YADON'S CAREER-HIGH NOT ENOUGH AS UC DAVIS RALLIES TO BEAT UCI, 76-73

Irvine, Calif. – UC Irvine junior Lauren Yadon had a career-high 27 points, but it was not enough as the UC Davis women's basketball team rallied from a 21-point second half deficit to beat UC Irvine, 76-73, in a non-conference game at the Bren Events Center Saturday.

UCI led by 21 (51-30) with 19:09 left in the second half when UC Davis went on a 40-8 run that put the Aggies up 70-59 with 4:19 to go. UCI rallied to close the lead to two (73-75) with 16 seconds remaining, but Jackie Turpin hit a free throw with 14 seconds and the Anteaters could not score on the last possession.

Yadon was 9-12 from the field and a perfect 9-9 from the line for her career-best 27 points. She also added six rebounds and a block. Sophomore forward Angie Ned added 11 points, while Katie Curtis and Joanna Usher each had 10 points in the loss. Senior Ashley Biggins tied her season-high with 11 rebounds.

Four Aggies had double figure points led by Jessica Campbell and Ellen Porshneva with 17 a piece. Porshneva pulled down 11 rebounds and 13 of her points came in the second half. Lara Gray added 15 points, while Kimberly Smith recorded 12 points and five assists.

The Anteaters fall to 0-4 on the year and the Aggies to go 3-6.

December 3, 2004

MONTANA STATE DEFEATS UC IRVINE 67-52

BOZEMAN, Mont. --- Montana State shot 58 percent from the field in the second half and went on to defeat UC Irvine, 67-52, in non-conference women's basketball before 1,727 at Worthington Arena in Bozeman, Mont., Friday night.

The loss overshadowed a strong performance by UCI freshman guard Katie Curtis, who scored 25 points and tied the school record for three-point baskets with seven (in 11 attempts). Curtis tied the record originally set by Kathy Lizarraga, who hit seven three-pointers in a game against Fresno State in the 1988-89 season.

Junior forward Lauren Yadon added 11 points and sophomore guard Angie Ned scored 10 points. Senior center Ashley Biggins had a game and season-high 11 rebounds and junior guard Melissa Jacob led the Anteaters with five assists.

Montana State, which trailed 26-22 at halftime, was led by Scotta Morton, Hillary Scott and Jaimey Tanner with 15 points each. The Anteaters allowed 13 three-point field goals for the second straight game as the Bobcats were 13 of 25 beyond the arc, including 8 of 14 in the second half.

UCI opened the game with a 14-3 run. UCI's last lead was at 37-36 on a three by Curtis with 13:51 remaining before the Bobcats went on a 13-2 run to take a 49-39 lead with 8 minutes left. UCI shot 24 percent from the floor in the second half and 32 percent for the game. Montana State shot 45 percent for the contest.

The Anteaters return to action hosting UC Davis next Saturday (Dec. 11) at 7:00 p.m.

November 30, 2004

IDAHO STATE TOPS ANTEATERS 93-73

POCATELLO, Idaho --- Idaho State capitalized on 25 UC Irvine turnovers and defeated the Anteaters, 93-73 at Reed Gym in Pocatello Tuesday night.

Sophomore guard Angie Ned scored a career-high 17 points for UCI and senior guard Courtney Ferguson also added 17. Lauren Yadon added 10 points for the Anteaters.

UCI was down 47-37 at half but cut the deficit to 59-54 with 12:19 left in the game before the Bengals went on a 15-2 run to take a 74-56 lead with 6:52 remaining. Molly Hays and Monika Marekova led ISU with 18 points apiece.

UCI returns to action at Montana State Friday night at 6:00 p.m. (PST).

November 23, 2004

SAN JOSE STATE SURVIVES UC IRVINE, 54-52

Irvine, Calif. – The UC Irvine (0-1) women's basketball team went scoreless for the last 3:48 of the game and watched San Jose State (2-0) go on to win 54-52 in a non-conference game at the Bren Events Center Tuesday.

San Jose State's Jessica Kellogg hit her first field goal of the night after missing her first 11 attempts with 3:08 remaining in the game to tie the score at 52-52. SJSU's Lindsay Harris was fouled and made the first free throw, but the Spartans were called for a lane violation on the second free shot giving San Jose State a one point advantage (53-52) with 2:31 to go. UCI's

Lauren Yadon missed the front end of a one and one at 1:51 and the Anteaters never got a shot off for the remainder of the game. UCI brought the ball up with 25.5 remaining, but the Anteaters turned the ball over and had to foul with 6.8 remaining. UCI wasn't in the bonus so San Jose inbounded the ball and sent Harris to the line with four seconds to go. Harris made the first, but missed the second and UCI long pass up the court was intercepted to end the game.

UCI's Melissa Jacob hit a layup with 6:20 left in the first half to give the Anteaters a 15-point lead (28-13). SJSU would then outscore UCI, 14-4 down the stretch, including nine points from Lamisha Augustine narrow the Anteaters' halftime lead to 32-27. San Jose State scored the first 15-points of the half with nine coming from Amber Jackson to take a 42-34 lead with 14:04 remaining in the game. UCI would then go on a 18-8 run capped by a layup and free throw by Kalee Davidson with 3:48 to go, but it would be the last time the Anteaters would score.

UCI's Lauren Yadon led all players with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Courtney Ferguson added 15 points on 4-7 from three-point range. She also had four assists.

Amber Jackson led San Jose State with 15 points and seven rebounds. She scored 11 points and had all seven boards in the second half. Lamisha Augustine ended the night with 11 points and six rebounds.

November 20, 2004

LOVE AND BASKETBALL DEFEATS UC IRVINE, 65-55 IN EXHIBITION GAME

Irvine, Calif. – Former Loyola Marymount player Bryn Britton led Love and Basketball to a 65-55 victory over UC Irvine in an exhibition women's basketball game Saturday at the Bren Events Center.

Britton scored 18 of her game-high 23 in the first half and was 5-10 from three-point range for the game. Michelle Greco came off the bench and added 10 points for Love and Basketball.

UCI jumped out to a 10-5 lead, but Love and Basketball tied the game at 17-17 with 8:27 remaining in the first half. The Anteaters responded with an 8-3 run to go up 25-20 with 4:41 to go in the half before Love and Basketball outscored UCI 20-2 to go into the locker room with a 40-27 lead. After trailing by as many as 23 in the second stanza, the Anteaters outscored the opponent 15-2 to close out the game.

UCI was led by junior Lauren Yadon with 19 points and nine rebounds. Senior Ashley Biggins grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds, including nine defensive. Senior Courtney Ferguson recorded nine points and six rebounds, while freshman Miranda Forry had eight rebounds, four points and four steals. Freshman Katie Curtis had eight assists and freshman Kalee Davidson tallied eight points.

UCI opens the regular season hosting San Jose State Tuesday (Nov. 23) at 7:00 p.m. in the Bren Events Center.