

## 2001-2002 Headlines

May 14, 2002

### WOMEN'S SOCCER PLAYERS HONORED AS BIG WEST SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

**Irvine, CA** -- Ashley Brooks, Heather Burgio, Jessica Hakim, Chelsea McCarthy, Robyn Piotrowski, and Julie Scheppele were honored as Big West Scholar-Athletes at the annual banquet Monday night (May 13).

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.

142 student-athletes were honored, bringing UCI's total to 2,051 conference scholar-athletes since 1984.

April 4, 2002

### UC IRVINE WOMEN'S SOCCER SIGNS FOUR

**Irvine, CA**---UCI women's soccer head coach Marine Cano announced the signing of the following student-athletes to National Letters of Intent:

**Lauren Baer.....Forward.....Thousand Oaks, CA.....Westlake HS**

Lettered four years at Westlake High...2001 Marmonte League Offensive Player of the Year...first-team All-County...won a conference championship all four years...2001 club state championship with Southern Cal United...**Coach Cano's Comments:** "Lauren has proven to be a goal scorer at the club level. We will rely on her to come in at certain times to give us offensive firepower. The bottom line is we brought her in to score goals."

**Kim Lloyd.....Forward.....Monrovia, CA.....Monrovia HS**

Twice named first-team all-league at Monrovia High...third-team All-CIF in junior year...eight-year member of Santa Anita Strikers club...league champions in 2001...**Coach Cano's Comments:** "Kim has good size, strength, and power. She is a versatile player who can play up front and midfield. She can score and give us the strength we need to break open a match."

**Leah Dawson.....Midfield.....Anaheim Hills, CA.....Long Beach CC**

Back-to-Back California State Championships at Long Beach City College in 2000 and 2001...first-team all-conference both years...Rookie of the Year at Villa Park High...Offensive and Defensive Player of the Year at Canyon High...competed for Cerritos Excel Club....**Coach Cano's Comments:** "Leah has an endless work rate. She is a very aggressive type of player which our team needs. A very unselfish player who will have many assists here at UCI but will also be pushed to score. She has the potential to start at attacking center-half or right wing-half. Time will tell how fast she adapts to the Division I level."

**Joanna Irwin.....Midfield.....Laguna Niguel, CA.....Dana Hills HS**

2002 first-team all-league at Dana Hills High...led team in points with four goals, 16 assists in 2002...won CIF Championship at Santa Margarita High...National Cup Finalist in 2001 with

Southern Cal Blues Club...**Coach Cano's Comments:** "Joanna is an attack-oriented player and was brought in to help our left side attack. She is the assist leader at her club and high school and is capable of scoring goals which she will be pushed to do. Her strength is her ability to run very fast all day."

**Apr.12**

**Ajax Women's Team (Tied, 1-1)**

Goal: Alyson Spencer  
Assist: Melody Mangrello

**Coach Cano's Comments:**

"I felt Ajax dominated us in the first half. We were very [lethargic] and the effort was not even 50 percent. It reminded me a lot of the fall in certain matches. Taking nothing away from Ajax, I thought they played at a very fast pace that we could not handle. Yet, our defense was solid in the back with Piotrowski, Kabe, and Scheppelle keeping Ajax at bay, until former UCI standout Nicole Bucciarelli came back to haunt coach Cano on a goal off a mediocre cross. We made a lot of adjustments in the second half. We were playing at home and wearing the UCI uniform. The intensity and motivation were there and the effort with smart soccer made us look very good and shows what we are capable of."

" We are still having trouble putting the ball in the net and that's why we needed these recruits we're bringing in. This could be a team that has the possibility of playing good soccer and cashing in on scoring opportunities in 2002. The lesson to be learned is that it takes two halves to be a good team. Our spring and fall practices will be turned up full blast."

**Apr. 7**

**at Cal Poly Pomona:**

**University of New Mexico (Won, 1-0)**

Goal: Melody Mangrello  
Assists: Gina Hintz, Robyn Piotrowski

**Coach Cano's Comments:** "We were up against a very physical New Mexico team. We felt their aggressive style was to distract our flow which they did in the first half. We played better in the second half but lost our grip in the last 10 minutes of the game due to the high pressure. We are learning how to win but our need to improve falls in the area of finishing chances. The game was closer than it needed to be."

**San Diego Women's Futbol Club (Tied 1-1)**

Goal: Hayley McNallan  
Assist: Melody Mangrello

**Coach Cano's Comments:** "We faced a big and experienced squad made up of mostly ex-college players. We came out with a lot of intensity in the opening minutes and created two great scoring opportunities which set the tempo for the rest of the game. We gave a top club team limited scoring chances so it was upsetting to give up the goal the way we did. But at the end we turned up the heat and applied pressure."

**Mar. 8**

### **Blues Women's Team 7:00 P.M. (Tied 0-0)**

**Coach Cano's Comments:** "We played well against the Blues. It was a night of experimenting with a new system. The players adapted to it very quickly. It produced greater opportunities to score and very limited scoring opportunities for the Blues. The system was needed after last season's defensive performances and the UCI players were much more aggressive and could be counted on in tough situations. What is needed now in our last spring games is for us to cash in and score goals when we create opportunities."

### **Feb. 23**

Pepperdine 7-A-Side Tournament (Southern Cal Blues, Westmont College, Pepperdine University, CS Dominguez Hills, Long Beach State, CS Bakersfield, AJAX, UCI)

#### **Results:**

So Cal Blues (Tie, 2-2)  
Cal State Dominguez Hills (Won, 2-0)  
Pepperdine (Won, 2-1)  
Westmont (Won, 4-2)  
Semi-Final: Pepperdine Alumni (Won, 1-0)  
Final: Pepperdine (Lost, 3-1)

**Coach Cano's Comments:** "I am very proud of the way our team played in this tournament. We improved 100 percent in our defensive system which created a lot of opportunities to score. The evidence was obvious with us playing in the final. It was a very positive weekend and something for us to build on."

### **February 11, 2002**

#### **FRANKLIN EARNS SECOND TEAM ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN HONORS**

**Irvine, CA---**UC Irvine women's soccer senior Natalie Franklin (Torrance/Cal State Dominguez Hills) has been named a second team Verizon Academic All-American.

To be eligible for this award, a competitor must have at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average, must be a starter or important reserve, and be in at least their second season at their current school. A total of 33 female student athletes were honored as first, second, or third team Academic All-Americans.

Franklin, who started in 16 of the Anteaters' 17 games this year, collected two goals and four assists for a total of eight points. She was also a second-team All-Big West Conference selection in 2000 and 2001. Majoring in social sciences, Franklin has been on the UCI Dean's list every quarter in her two years at UCI.

Franklin was also honored in January as a Verizon Academic All-District VIII student-athlete.

### **January 10, 2002**

#### **FRANKLIN HONORED AS ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT**

**Irvine, CA---**UC Irvine senior midfielder Natalie Franklin (Torrance/Cal State Dominguez Hills) was honored Thursday (Jan. 10) as a Verizon Academic All-District VIII student-athlete.

To be eligible for this award, a competitor must have at least a 3.20 cumulative grade point average, must be a starter or important reserve and be in at least their second season at their current school. A total of 11 female student athletes were selected for the All-District VIII team, which includes schools from nine different states in the west.

Franklin, who started in 16 of the Anteaters' 17 games this year, collected two goals and four assists for a total of eight points. She was also a second-team All-Big West Conference selection in 2000 and 2001. Majoring in social science, Franklin has been on the UCI Dean's list every quarter in her two years at UCI.

As an All-District VIII student-athlete, Franklin advances to the Verizon All-American national ballot. The Academic All-American women's soccer team will be announced February 7, 2002.

**November 28, 2001**

### **FRANKLIN; TUVEY EARN BIG WEST ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS**

IRVINE, CA --- Natalie Franklin and Erin Tuvey earned Big West Conference Fall All-Academic honors, the Big West Conference announced Wednesday.

Each honoree maintained a 3.2 cumulative grade point average or better and participated in over 50 percent of the team's competition. Student-athletes must also reach sophomore standing.

The Anteaters were among 132 Big West Fall honorees in the sports of men' and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country and women's volleyball.

**November 13, 2001**

### **UCI'S HAYLEY McNALLAN NAMED FIRST TEAM ALL-BIG WEST IN WOMEN'S SOCCER**

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine sophomore forward Hayley McNallan (Tacoma, Wash./Curtis Senior HS) has been named to the All-Big West Conference first team for the 2001 women's soccer season.

McNallan led the Anteaters in scoring this season with 18 points on nine goals, including three game-winners. UCI was 7-9-1 overall and 4-4-1 in the Big West for fifth place.

Senior midfielder Natalie Franklin (Torrance/CS Dominguez Hills) and sophomore midfielder Caroline Kabe (Palos Verdes Estates/Peninsula HS) were named second team all-conference. Franklin had eight points on two goals and four assists, while Kabe had seven points on three goals and an assist.

Junior defender Robyn Piotrowski (San Dimas HS) and freshman defender Julie Scheppele (Fountain Valley HS) were named to the All-Big West honorable mention team.

**ANTEATERS END SEASON:** The UC Irvine women's soccer team (7-9-1, 4-4-1) has completed the 2001 season, finishing in fifth place in the Big West Conference. The Anteaters lost four of their last five league games to finish alone in the middle of the standings.

**UCI LEADERS:** McNallan led UCI with 18 points, owning nine goals on the year. Franklin collected eight points on two goals and four assists. Caroline Kabe (Palos Verdes/Peninsula HS) picked up seven points on three goals and one assist in her sophomore year. Junior goalkeeper

Sarah Swancutt (Simi Valley HS) collected 72 saves in 15 outings, carrying a 1.59 goals-against average.

**COACH CANO:** Marine Cano completed his eighth season as head coach of the Anteater program, owning a UCI career mark of 86-56-19. Jamie Surprenant wrapped up her first season as assistant coach.