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THREE NAMED TO BIG WEST ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Irvine, Calif. - Three members of the UC Irvine women's soccer team were named to the Big West All-Academic team. Sophomore goalkeeper Chelsea McCarthy (Manhattan Beach/Mira Costa HS) is majoring in Economics. Sophomore midfielder Julie Scheppele (Fountain Valley HS) is majoring in Sociology and sophomore defender Jessica Hakim (Atascadero HS) is majoring in English. Each of the three sophomores were named UCI scholar athletes last year as freshmen.

November 12, 2002

MCNALLAN, KABE AND WELDON NAMED TO ALL-BIG WEST SECOND TEAM

Irvine, Calif.- The Big West Conference announced the 2002 All-Big West teams on Tuesday. Junior Hayley McNallan (Tacoma, WA/Curtis HS), junior Caroline Kabe (Palos Verdes Estates/Peninsula HS) and Tara Weldon (Los Angeles/Immaculate Heart HS) were all named to the All-Big West second team. Sophomore Lachelle Manzano (Huntington Beach/Edison HS), junior Leah Dawson (Anaheim Hills/Canyon HS) and senior Robyn Piotrowski (San Dimas HS) were each named to the honorable mention team.

November 4, 2002

UCI FINISHES FOURTH IN BIG WEST: The UC Irvine Anteaters finished their season last week with a 2-1 victory over Pacific. The victory gave the Anteaters 16 points in the Big West enough to clinch a fourth place finish in the conference. The Anteaters finished 8-10-1 overall and 5-3-1 in the Big West.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Hayley McNallan (Tacoma, WA/Curtis HS) led the Anteaters with six goals and 15 points on the season. Caroline Kabe (Palos Verdes Estate/Peninsula HS) had four goals and four assists on the season; she led UCI in assists. Lindsay Duke (LaVerne/Bonita HS) and Kim Lloyd (Monrovia HS) each had three goals. Robyn Piotrowski (San Dimas HS) and Sara Henderson (Dove Canyon/Santa Margarita HS) each had two goals. Chelsea McCarthy (Manhattan Beach/Mira Costa HS) had 59 saves this season and a 1.38 GAA in 14 games.

October 28, 2002

UCI HOSTS SAN DIEGO, CS NORTHRIDGE AND PACIFIC: The Anteaters will host a trio of games this week with a non-conference match against San Diego on Thursday at 7:00 P.M. UCI will return to Big West action on Friday against Cal State Northridge at 7:00 P.M. The 'Eaters will close out their 2002 season against the Pacific Tigers at 12:00 P.M.

FINAL GAMES FOR SENIORS: Sunday's game against Pacific will mark the final regular season game as an Anteater for UCI's four seniors; Robyn Piotrowski (San Dimas HS), Sarah Swancutt (Simi Valley HS), Gina Hintz (Lake Forest/El Toro HS), and Sara Henderson (Dove Canyon/Santa Margarita HS).

SCOUTING THE OPPONENTS: The San Diego Toreros are 9-6-2 this season. Three players have 15 points for USD. Lee Ann Klopschinski has seven goals and an assist; Brenna Mullen has six goals and three assists and Brooke Roby has four goals and seven assists. Cal State Northridge is 2-13-1 overall and 1-5-1 in the Big West. Melissa Cleal leads the Matadors with nine

points. Shannon DeVos and Leila Pate each have three goals on the season. The Pacific Tigers are 10-5-2 overall and 2-3-2 in the Big West. Gabby Olivares leads the Tigers with eight goals and 20 points this season.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Hayley McNallan leads the Anteaters with six goals and 13 points on the season. Caroline Kabe has four goals and four assists on the season; she leads UCI in assists. Lindsay Duke (LaVerne/Bonita HS) and Kim Lloyd each have three goals. Robyn Piotrowski has two goals and four points. Chelsea McCarthy has 56 saves this season and a 1.33 GAA in 13 games.

October 21, 2002

UCI TRAVELS TO UCSB AND CAL POLY: The Anteaters will travel to Santa Barbara on Friday night to take on UCSB at 7:00 P.M. On Sunday, UCI will head to Cal Poly to take on the Mustangs at 1:00 P.M. The UCSB Gauchos are 10-3-2 overall and 3-0-1 in the Big West. UCSB has the two leading scorers in the conference with Krystal Sandza with 21 goals this season and Jennifer Borchich has 12 goals and seven assists. Cal Poly is undefeated in the Big West and is 4-0-0. The Mustangs are 10-5-0 overall this season. Megan Schlegel leads Cal Poly with six goals and six assists on the season. Goalkeeper Greta Shirdon is second in the Big West with a 0.81 GAA average.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Hayley McNallan leads the Anteaters with five goals on the season. Caroline Kabe and Lindsay Duke (LaVerne/Bonita HS) each have three goals with Kabe leading UCI with three assists this season. Robyn Piotrowski (San Dimas HS) and Kim Lloyd are tied for fourth on the team with two goals and four points. Chelsea McCarthy has 40 saves this season and a 1.30 GAA in 11 games.

October 14, 2002

UCI HOSTS UC RIVERSIDE AND CAL STATE FULLERTON: The Anteaters will return home after two weeks on the road to play their first Big West home game on Friday the 18th against UC Riverside and again on Sunday afternoon to take on Cal State Fullerton. The Anteaters are in third place in the conference with a total of seven points. The Highlanders (9-4-1, 3-0-1) are currently in second place in the Big West with a total of 10 points. Renee Scachetti who has seven goals and 18 points on the season leads UCR. The Titans are 10-1-1, 4-0-0 this season and lead the Big West with 12 points. Goalkeeper Karen Bardsley who through 12 matches has 61 saves and a 0.83 GAA leads the Titans.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Hayley McNallan leads the Anteaters with five goals on the season. Caroline Kabe (Palos Verdes Estates/Peninsula HS) and Lindsay Duke (LaVerne/Bonita HS) each have three goals with Kabe leading UCI with a pair of assists this season. Robyn Piotrowski (San Dimas HS) is fourth on the team with two goals and four points. Chelsea McCarthy has 35 saves this season and a 1.29 GAA in nine games.

October 7, 2002

UCI PLAYS AT LMU AND LONG BEACH STATE: The UC Irvine Anteaters will continue on the road this week as they travel to Loyola Marymount (6-3-2) on Thursday night at 4:00 P.M. The Lions have three players tied with three goals for the team lead; Kelly Lewandowski, Myka Peck and Kellie Schroeder. Long Beach State is 3-6-3 and 1-0-1 in Big West action. The leading scorer for the 49ers is Abie Curry with six goals and two assists. Long Beach opened Big West play with a 3-1 win at Utah State and a 2-2 tie at Idaho.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Hayley McNallan (Tacoma,WA/Curtis HS) leads the Anteaters with four goals on the season. Caroline Kabe and Lindsay Duke (LaVerne/Bonita HS) each have three goals with Kabe leading UCI with a pair of assists this season. Robyn Piotrowski (San Dimas HS) is fourth on the team with two goals and four points. Chelsea McCarthy has 32 saves this season and a 1.38 GAA in nine games.

September 30, 2002

UC IRVINE TO OPEN BIG WEST ACTION: The Anteaters open Big West play this week at Idaho and Utah State. The Idaho Vandals are 2-5-2 after this past weekend. Emily Nelson leads the Vandals with four goals and eight points. Utah State is 6-2-2 this season. Brigid Turner leads the Aggies with eight goals and 17 points.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Hayley McNallan (Tacoma,WA/Curtis HS) and Lindsay Duke lead the Anteaters with three goals and six points this season. Robyn Piotrowski (San Dimas HS) is third on the team with two goals and four points. Caroline Kabe (Palos Verdes Estates/Peninsula HS) leads the team with two assists and has one goal for four points. Chelsea McCarthy has 24 saves this season and a 1.76 GAA in six games.

September 23, 2002

'EATERS HOST NEVADA AND USC: UC Irvine will finish the pre-Big West portion of their schedule with home matches against the Nevada Wolf Pack and the USC Women of Troy. Nevada is currently 3-5-0 for the season. The Wolf Pack is 0-4 so far this season against the Big West. Annie Baxter and Kaula Rowe each have three goals this season to lead the Wolf Pack. USC is currently 3-3-1 to start the week with a match against San Diego on Friday before taking on the Anteaters. Senior Ali Fennel who has three goals on the season leads the Women of Troy. Goalkeeper Julie Peterson has a 0.69 GAA through seven matches this season.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: Hayley McNallan leads the Anteaters with three goals and six points this season. Robyn Piotrowski (San Dimas HS) is second on the team with two goals and four points. Caroline Kabe (Palos Verdes Estates/Peninsula HS) leads the team with two assists. Chelsea McCarthy has 15 saves this season. Sarah Swancutt has a 1.94 GAA after playing in five matches.

September 20, 2002

ANTEATERS FALL 0-2 TO #5 PORTLAND

Cano's Quotes:" I felt that we played one of the best games of the season against Portland. Our defensive game plan, we executed almost to perfection. Robyn Piotrowski played the best game she has ever played here by marking their Canadian national team star, Sinclair, out of the game. Sinclair was limited to one shot on goal the entire 90 minutes. We were cursed and Portland was given a penalty kick in the last few minutes and Sinclair capitalized and got a goal. We felt we limited their other Canadian national player, Huie, from dominating the game, even though she was dangerous on numerous occasions. We turned in many defensive plays into counter attacks to offensive opportunities that gave Portland problems. The week before Portland beat a very good Nebraska 4-0 and we felt our performance today frustrated them all game long with every player on UC Irvine playing exceptional for 90 minutes.

September 16, 2002

BIG GAMES FOR THE 'EATERS: UC Irvine will travel to Seattle this weekend where they will take on 6th ranked (NSCAA) Portland on Friday and 18th ranked (NSCAA) Washington on Sunday. The Pilots (5-2-0) were in the national semi-finals last year before losing to North Carolina. The Pilots return first team All-American and Freshman of the Year, Christine Sinclair. Sinclair has six goals already this season after missing the first two games of the year while playing for the Canadian U-19 team. The Washington Huskies (3-2-1) are led by second-team All-American goalkeeper Hope Solo. Solo has a 0.59 GAA so far this season. Junior Melissa Bennett leads the Huskies with 13 points with three goals and seven assists.

September 4, 2002

PIOTROWSKI NAMED TO *SOCCER AMERICA* TEAM OF THE WEEK

Irvine, CA --- Senior Robyn Piotrowski was named to the *Soccer America* Team of the Week (Aug. 30-Sept. 2) after scoring both goals in a 2-0 win over Eastern Washington last Saturday.

She joins defenders Breanna Boyd of Nebraska and Heather Forsyth from Illinois State as honorees this week.

Piotrowski, the Big West co-Player of the Week, will lead the Anteaters against Montana Friday (Sept. 6) at the UCI/Nike Invitational this weekend at Anteater Stadium.

PIOTROWSKI NAMED BIG WEST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Robyn Piotrowski has been named Big West Co-Player of the Week after scoring two goals in the Anteater 2-0 victory over Eastern Washington. Piotrowski, a senior from San Dimas HS, shares the award with freshman Adriane Kehl of Idaho who also scored two goals in a game against Boise State. Piotrowski had three previous career goals at UCI. She also has matched her career high in goals in a season with two, she had scored two goals in 1999.

August 26, 2002

'EATERS DEFEAT ALUMNI 4-1; BEGIN SEASON AGAINST EASTERN WASHINGTON AT SOCCER TOWN CLASSIC

Irvine, CA --- The UC Irvine women's soccer team defeated the Alumni 4-1 Sunday in preparation for the season opener next week. The season begins Saturday (August 31) when the Anteaters battle Eastern Washington at 5:00 p.m. in the Soccertown Classic hosted by Cal State Fullerton.

The Alumni team included Stephanie Boes, Nicole Harris, Shawna Berke, Jenni Tanaka, Lori Muzzonigro, Tracie Manz, Nicole Bucciarelli, Simone Ferrara, Anna Klein, Natalie Franklin, Danica Holt and Mary Peters.

Bucciarelli, UCI's all-time leading goal scorer, knocked in a goal in the first half on an assist by Anna Klein. The Anteaters responded in the second half with goals by Hayley McNallen, Tiffany Schiebly, Laci Fulk and Lachelle Manzano to defeat the Alumni 4-1.

Coach Cano's Comments: "We have a lot of work to do, in the areas of being able to be a consistent team in terms of being able to play well in both halves."

"What was very good to see was depth on our bench, I could make a change and have the level of play increase with a shot of adrenaline."

"The players know there is a lot of competition to make the starting roster as well as the traveling roster, key players have to step up; Sarah Swancutt can improve with consistency, every forward on the roster needs to step forward and put away our chances that we're creating. Our execution in the first half was shoddy and the score could have been 8-1. Practice this week will be very intense."