

## **2003-04 Releases**

**July 13, 2004**

### **TARA WELDON SELECTED TO PLAY AT US SOCCER FESTIVAL IN MILWAUKEE**

IRVINE, Calif. - UC Irvine senior Tara Weldon (Los Angeles/Immaculate Heart HS) has been selected to represent Region IV at the 2004 US Soccer Festival in Milwaukee, Wis. from July 16th-18th at Uihlein Soccer Park.

The US Soccer Festival is held annually at locations around the country. Teams are made up of players from the State Select teams in each region. Region IV, the team Weldon will represent, consists of California, Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico.

**May 18, 2004**

### **FIVE WOMEN'S SOCCER PLAYERS NAMED BIG WEST SCHOLAR-ATHLETES**

IRVINE, Calif. --- Lauren Baer, Leah Dawson, Julie Scheppele, Tara Weldon and Marissa Welliver were among the school-record 176 UCI student-athletes who were honored as 2003-04 Big West Conference Scholar-Athletes at the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics' annual banquet Monday night at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This year's honorees bring 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.

Men's basketball player Matt Okoro and women's soccer player Melody Mangrello received the University's Academic Challenge Award from the UCI Admissions Office.

**March 8, 2004**

### **UC IRVINE WOMEN'S SOCCER SIGNS SIX**

Irvine, Calif. -- UC Irvine women's soccer head coach Marine Cano announced the signing of the following student-athletes to national letters of intent.

Kelly Little  
Midfield, Long Beach, CA, Wilson HS, Slammers FC

2003 NSCAA California High School Player of the Year.  
2003 NSCAA High School All-America Team  
2003 All-CIF Div. I – 1st Team

Makenzie Beahm  
Defense, San Clemente, CA, San Clemente HS, So Cal Blues

2004 CIF Champion at San Clemente High School  
2003-04 San Clemente High School Team Captain

Lauren Wiley  
Midfield, Highland, CA, Redlands East Valley HS, West Coast Premier

2003 All-CIF Div. II – 1st Team  
2003 CBL League MVP

Joy Grey  
Defense, Diamond Bar, CA, Troy HS, Long Beach City College

2003 State Tournament MVP  
Two-time first team All-South Coast Conference  
Led state with 28 assists in 2002

Kim Conlan  
Midfield, Atascadero, CA, Atascadero HS, So Cal United

2002 All CIF Div. IV – 2nd Team  
2002-2003 All-Pac 5 League

Frankee Kelly  
Midfield, Tustin, CA, Foothill HS, ISC Strikers

2001-03 All Century/Seaview League  
2002-03 Strikers leading scorer

### **December 16, 2003**

#### **JULIE SCHEPPELE AND TARA WELDON NAMED TO BIG WEST ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM**

Irvine, Calif. --- Junior Julie Scheppele (Fountain Valley HS) and junior Tara Weldon (Los Angeles/Immaculate Heart HS) were named to the Big West Academic All-Conference team for fall sports.

To be eligible for the All-Academic team, student-athletes had to maintain a 3.2 cumulative grade-point average, have attained a sophomore standing academically and competed in at least 50 percent of their team's contests.

A total of 161 student-athletes from the conference's 10 member institutions received the honor, including 12 from UC Irvine.

### **November 11, 2003**

#### **THREE ANTEATERS EARN FIRST TEAM ALL-BIG WEST HONORS**

Irvine, Calif. - The UC Irvine women's soccer team had three players named to the All-Big West first team on Tuesday. Senior Hayley McNallan (Tacoma, WA/Curtis HS) earned the honor for the second time in her career as an Ant eater; becoming just the second player in UCI history to earn first team honors in more than one season (Nicole Bucciarelli in 1996, 1997 and 1998). Senior Caroline Kabe (Palos Verdes Estates/Peninsula HS) earned first team honors after being named All-Big West second team the past two years. Junior Alyson Spencer (Temecula/Chaparral HS) is the third Ant eater to earn first team honors.

Two Anteaters were named All-Big West honorable mention this season. Junior Tara Weldon (Los Angeles/Immaculate Heart HS) and senior Leah Dawson (Anaheim Hills/Long Beach CC) each were named honorable mention.

November 10, 2003

**ANTEATERS END SEASON:** The UC Irvine women's soccer team (10-5-5, 4-2-3) season ended with a 2-0 loss to Cal Poly at the Big West Tournament held at Anteater Stadium. UCI finished the season with 15 points in the Big West for a tie for fourth place with Long Beach State.

**NATIONALLY RANKED:** The Anteaters entered last week ranked 21st in the country in team goals against average according to the NCAA weekly statistics. Freshman goalkeeper Marissa Welliver was ranked 27th nationally in goals against average with a 0.729 average. UCI is 34th in the country with a shutout in 47% of their games.

**ANTEATERS IN OVERTIME:** The Anteaters played in nine overtime games this season. UCI is 3-1-5 in overtime games this season. The Anteaters have played 95.35 minutes per game in 2003. The nine overtime games is a new school record, the five ties equal a UCI and Big West record.

**WELLIVER IN NET:** Freshman goalkeepers Marissa Welliver played like an upperclassman this season for UCI. Against Pepperdine, Welliver held the 13th ranked Waves scoreless through regulation before an overtime goal. In the UCI Nike Holiday Inn Invitational, Welliver earned two shutouts and was named Goalkeeper MVP for the tournament. She earned her eighth shutout of the season at UC Riverside. Welliver finished with a goals against average of 0.79 this season. With eight shutouts, Welliver is now tied for 5th in Big West history for shutouts in a single season and has entered the career top-10 in shutouts.

**STATISTICAL LEADERS:** Senior forward Hayley McNallan was the leading scorer for the Anteaters with 19 points. She had seven goals and five assists including two game-winning goals. Sophomore Kim Lloyd had 13 points on the year with five goals including the game-winner against Akron and three assists. Freshman Britney Webster was third on the team with 10 points. Freshman Lauryn Birkinshaw had eight points on the year. Junior Alyson Spencer was fifth on the team with three goals and an assist for seven points. Three Anteaters tied for sixth on the team with three points. Marissa Welliver had 69 saves and a 0.79 GAA in 2003.

**RECORD BOOK:** Senior Hayley McNallan finished her career eighth all-time at UCI with 52 points. She also is in a tie for fifth all-time with 22 goals. Junior Chelsea McCarthy (Manhattan Beach/Mira Costa HS) is 10th in saves with 70, tied for ninth in shutouts with three solo shutouts, and is currently seventh with a goals against average of 1.46. Marissa Welliver has entered the record books with her eight career shutouts and is now sixth all-time. Welliver is in 11th place with her 69 career saves and finished the year with the second-lowest single season goals against average in UCI history with a 0.79 goals against average.

**November 5, 2003**

### **BIG WEST TOURNAMENT MOVES TO UC IRVINE**

Irvine, Calif. - The Big West women's soccer tournament has been moved to UC Irvine from its original site at Cal State Fullerton. The dates and times will remain the same with the first semifinal (UC Irvine vs. Cal Poly) starting at 5:00 p.m. on Friday at Anteater Stadium. The championship match will be Sunday, November 9th at 1:00 p.m.

Concerns with field conditions at Cal State Fullerton's Titan Stadium as the result of recent weather and the volume of regular season use prompted the move to Anteater Stadium.

Tickets purchased at Cal State Fullerton will be honored at UC Irvine. Tickets for the tournament can now be purchased at the UC Irvine ticket office or by calling (949) 824-6202.

#### 2003 BIG WEST CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOV. 7

No. 1 Cal Poly VS. No. 4 UC Irvine 5:00 P.M.

No. 2 UCSB VS. No. 3 UC Riverside 7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, NOV. 9

WINNER, GAME 1 VS. WINNER, GAME 2 1:00 P.M.

\*Championship Game to be televised on KVMD (DirecTV) Channel 31

For the first time since the 1997 season, the Big West Conference will hold a four-team postseason tournament to determine its representative to the NCAA Tournament.

UC Irvine will host the postseason tournament for the second time in the history of the event, having hosted the last tournament back in 1997. The tournament will feature the conference's top four teams, with the semifinals to be held on Friday, Nov. 7, at 5 and 7:30 p.m., followed by the championship match on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 1 p.m.

In the first-ever Big West Conference tournament, Cal Poly and UC Irvine advanced out of the semifinal round, eliminated host Cal State Fullerton and Pacific, respectively. The Mustangs emerged as conference champions with a 2-0 victory over the Anteaters. The 1997 tournament in Irvine, Calif., was closely contested, with all three matches decided by a single goal. Cal Poly defeated Cal State Fullerton, 3-2, and UCI defeated Pacific, 2-1, to set up a rematch of the previous year's finale. This time, the Anteaters exacted some revenge, defeating the Mustangs, 3-2, in double-overtime.

#### **October 6, 2003**

**ANTEATERS ON THE ROAD:** The UC Irvine women's soccer team (6-3-3) will travel to Northridge on Friday, October 10th to face the Cal State Northridge Matadors at 3:30 p.m. UCI will then travel to Stockton to face the Pacific Tigers on Oct. 12th at 12:00 p.m.

**WELLIVER NAMED CO-BIG WEST PLAYER OF THE WEEK (SEPT. 22):** Freshman goalkeeper Marissa Welliver (Aliso Niguel HS) has been named Co-Big West Player of the Week for her back to back shutouts of Boise State and USC along with goalkeeper Laura Janke of Cal State Fullerton. This is the second time an Anteater has earned Player of the Week honors this season (Hayley McNallan, Sept. 8th).

**NATIONALLY RANKED:** The Anteaters entered last week ranked second in the country in team goals against average according to the NCAA weekly statistics. UCI allowed only three goals through the first 10 games of the season. North Carolina is the only team to rank higher than the 'Eaters having played 67 more minutes of soccer and also allowing just three goals. UC Irvine was tied for fourth in the country in shutout percentage, with shutouts in seven of their 10 games. Freshman goalkeeper Marissa Welliver was ranked fourth nationally in goals against average with a 0.317 average.

**THREE NAMED TO DIADORA CUP ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM:** The Anteaters had three players named to the Montana Diadora Cup All-Tournament team. Junior Alyson Spencer (Temecula/Chapparal HS), senior Leah Dawson (Anaheim Hills/Long Beach CC) and junior Tara Weldon (Los Angeles/Immaculate Heart HS) were each given honors.

McNALLAN, WILSON, SPENCER AND WELLIVER NAMED MVP'S OF UCI NIKE HOLIDAY INN INVITATIONAL: The UC Irvine Nike Holiday Inn Invitational honored four players for their outstanding performances. Offensive Co-MVP's were Hayley McNallan for UCI and Kandace Wilson for Cal State Fullerton. The Defensive MVP for the tournament was junior Alyson Spencer of UC Irvine and the Goalkeeper MVP went to Marissa Welliver of UCI.

September 29, 2003

#### **ANTEATERS RANKED SECOND IN THE COUNTRY IN GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE**

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**September 22, 2003**

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USC in their house for 110 minutes, with five saves on the day and two of them being on the incredible side. The players on this team are making our defensive system brilliant, six shutouts and three goals against on the year are something to be proud of. We will concentrate this week on improving our offensive possession and creating more scoring chances. The players are looking forward to the day off this coming Friday so we can be ready for Nevada on Sunday. This was the best game of the year for the 'Eaters. A total team effort from everyone including the players, our trainers, the coaching staff and the loyal UC Irvine fans that made the trip to LA, you could hear them throughout the game."

**September 8, 2003**

#### **McNALLAN NAMED BIG WEST CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

Irvine, Calif. - Senior forward Hayley McNallan (Tacoma, WA/Curtis HS) has been named Big West Co-Player of the Week along with Kandace Wilson of Cal State Fullerton. McNallan and Wilson each were named the Co-Offensive MVP at the UC Irvine Nike Holiday Inn Invitational. McNallan finished the week with two goals and an assist including the gamewinning goal over San Diego State. McNallan leads the Big West in points with eight. She is tied for the Big West lead in goals and assists with three goals and two assists.

**August 14, 2003**

#### **UC IRVINE WOMEN'S SOCCER PICKED TO FINISH FOURTH IN BIG WEST PRESEASON COACHES' POLL**

Irvine, Calif. - The UC Irvine women's soccer team has been picked fourth in this year's preseason coaches' poll. The Anteaters edged out Long Beach State for fourth place by one point.

UC Santa Barbara beat out Cal Poly by three points for first place. Each team received four first place votes. Cal State Fullerton is picked third and received the remaining two first place votes. Cal Poly, UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Fullerton finished first second and third last season respectively.

UC Irvine finished 8-10-1 overall and 5-3-1 in the Big West to finish fourth in the conference. The Anteaters return All-Big West second-team members senior Hayley McNallan (Tacoma, WA/Curtis HS), senior Caroline Kabe (Palos Verdes Estates/Peninsula HS) and junior Tara Weldon (Los Angeles/Immaculate Heart HS). All-Big West honorable mention honorees, senior Leah Dawson (Anaheim Hills/Long Beach CC) and junior Lachelle Manzano (Huntington Beach/Edison

The Anteaters open the season on August 29th against Pepperdine in Malibu.

**May 20, 2003**

### **EIGHT SOCCER PLAYERS HONORED AS SCHOLAR-ATHLETES**

Eight women's soccer players were among a school record 170 student-athletes honored as 2002-03 Big West Conference Scholar-Athletes at the program's annual banquet Monday night (May 19) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

Lindsay Duke, Jessica Hakim, Sara Henderson, Chelsea McCarthy, Robyn Piotrowski, Tiffany Scheibley, Julie Scheppele, Tara Weldon were honored at the banquet. This year's list of scholar-athletes brings UCI's total to 2,221 since 1984. The 170 honorees bests the old mark of 148 set in 1998-99.

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.

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