

2004-05 Releases

May 17, 2005

EIGHT WOMEN'S SOCCER PLAYERS NAMED BIG WEST SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

IRVINE, Calif. - Lauren Baer, Brittany Del Soldato, Frankee Kelly, Gina Scachetti, Julie Scheppele, Alyson Spencer, Tara Weldon and Lauren Wiley were among a school-record 182 student-athletes named as 2004-05 Big West Conference Scholar-Athletes at the annual UCI athletics scholar-athlete banquet Monday night (May 16) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

This year's list brings UCI's total to 2,579 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.

In addition to the 182 scholar-athletes, UCI also recognized several individuals. Women's volleyball player Ashlie Hain was recognized as the Lauds & Laurels Senior Athlete of the Year, the most prestigious award given by the UCI Alumni Association. Hain is a two-time All-Big West Conference honoree who ended her career as UCI's all-time assist leader. The setter ranks second in assists among Big West players all-time (5,698) and holds the Big West record for set assist average (13.07). The two-time Big West scholar-athlete, guided UCI to two consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances. UCI's Big West Scholar-Athletes of the Year were senior Anna Bentzer (tennis) and junior Ross Schraeder (basketball). Each conference school honors one male and one female athlete each year.

Women's volleyball player Kelly Wing, a two-time All-American, received the University's Academic Challenge Award from the UCI Admissions Office. Women's volleyball player Dana Kurzbard and men's soccer player Chris Klotz received the UCI Athletics Leadership Award, while the women's crew team accepted the Faculty Athletic Representative Award for the highest team GPA. Swimmer Megan Baker garnered the third annual Robert and Phyllis Chichester Award.

February 14, 2005

UC IRVINE WOMEN'S SOCCER SIGNS EIGHT

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

"The 2005 recruiting class is very athletic, which is something that we need. We're bringing in two solid keepers in Erin Henry and Rosie Aguilera," said Cano. "It's a well balanced group of players that will supply UCI with good defenders like Jackie Tomblin, a physical and very versatile player and an upgrade to the midfield with midfielders Alexandra Fries, Rachel Flemming and Kathleen Lemieux. I feel that Megan Ortiz and Lauren Curtis give us bite up front."

2005 SIGNEES

Rosie Aguilera

Goalkeeper – Piedmont, Calif. – Piedmont HS – Bay Oaks SC

Lauren Curtis

Forward – Santa Cruz, Calif. – Archbishop Mitty HS - SCC

Rachel Flemming

Midfielder – Mission Viejo, Calif. – Mission Viejo HS – Irvine Strikers

Alexandra Fries

Midfielder – Hidden Hills, Calif. – Chaminade Prep – So Cal United

Erin Henry

Goalkeeper – Irvine, Calif. – Mater Dei HS – Slammers

Kathleen Lemieux

Midfielder – Redlands, Calif. – Redlands East Valley HS – Arsenal

Megan Ortiz

Forward – Corona, Calif. – Corona HS – Irvine Strikers

Jackie Tomblin

Defender – Phelan, Calif. – Serrano HS – OJSC

January 25, 2005

SPRING SCHEDULE AND BANQUET ANNOUNCED

IRVINE, Calif. - The UC Irvine women's soccer team has announced its 2005 spring schedule and can be found by clicking [here](#). The schedule features a home match February 18th at 3:00 p.m. against Koalas FC, a club team from Australia.

The 2004 UCI women's soccer banquet will be held Monday, January 31st at the Spaghetti Factory in Newport Beach at 6:30 p.m. contact the women's soccer office for more details at (949) 824-1095.

December 20, 2004

SPRING SCHEDULE AND BANQUET DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED IN JANUARY

IRVINE, Calif. - The UC Irvine women's soccer team will announce their spring schedule and the date for the 2004 team banquet in January following the holiday season.

December 14, 2004

FOUR PLAYERS HONORED ON BIG WEST ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE FALL TEAM

IRVINE, Calif. --- Senior Gina Scachetti (Torrance/Bishop Montgomery HS), senior Julie Scheppele (Fountain Valley HS), senior Tara Weldon (Los Angeles/Immaculate Heart HS) and sophomore MARRISA Welliver (Aliso Niguel HS) were four of fifteen UC Irvine student-athletes to be named to the 2004 Big West Conference 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.

The UC Irvine honorees included five from women's cross country: Kim Handel, Jennifer Lewis, Kim Ramirez, Natalie St. Andre and Kelli Vanderburg; four from women's soccer: Gina Scachetti, Julie Scheppele, Tara Weldon and Marissa Welliver; three from women's volleyball: Ashlie Hain, Dana Kurzbard and Jennifer Moser; two from men's cross country: Matt Grilli and Tim Hearst and one from men's soccer: Cameron Rossi.

A total of 154 student-athletes from the conference's 10 member institutions received the honor.

November 9, 2004

TARA WELDON AND BRITNEY WEBSTER RECEIVE ALL-BIG WEST HONORS

IRVINE, Calif. - Senior Tara Weldon (Los Angeles/Immaculate Heart HS) was named to the All-Big West second team for the second time in her career, she was named All-Big West second team in 2002 and All-Big West honorable mention in 2003. Sophomore Britney Webster (Capistrano Valley HS) was named All-Big West honorable mention for the first All-Big West honors of her career.

November 1, 2004

ANTEATERS CONCLUDE SEASON: The UC Irvine women's soccer team ends their season with a 4-14-2 record overall and a 1-8 record in Big West games to finish in 9th place in the conference.

BIG WEST TOURNAMENT AT UC IRVINE: The Big West Women's Soccer Tournament will be held this weekend at Anteater Stadium. The semi-finals will take place Friday with the first game starting at 5:00 p.m. and the second semi-final begins at 7:30 p.m. The No. 1 seed UC Santa Barbara Gauchos will face No. 4 seed Cal State Northridge in the opening game. No. 2 seed Cal State Fullerton will then face the No. 3 seed Cal Poly Mustangs. The championship game will be played Sunday at 1:00 p.m. between the two winning teams from Friday.

WEEK IN REVIEW: The Anteaters lost 3-1 to the UC Riverside Highlanders and 1-0 in overtime to the Cal State Fullerton Titans at Anteater Stadium. Senior Gina Scachetti (Torrance/Bishop Montgomery HS) scored the lone goal of the week for the 'Eaters as she knocked home a corner kick taken by sophomore Britney Webster (Capistrano Valley HS). Sophomore keeper Marissa Welliver (Aliso Niguel HS) had nine saves on the year. Freshman goalkeeper Jackie Vazquez (Santa Barbara HS) had two saves in 45 minutes of action on the week.

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UCI RECORD BOOK: Goalkeeper Marissa Welliver currently has the fourth best career goals against average at UCI, allowing 1.28 goals per game. She is fifth in shutouts with 11 and third in

career saves with 187 saves. Welliver has the fourth highest single season save total with 118 this season. Britney Webster is now tied for seventh all-time with 11 career assists and tied for seventh all-time with seven assists this season

ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomore Britney Webster led the team with three goals and seven assists for 13 points. Lauryn Birkinshaw and Gina Scachetti each have three goals and an assist and are tied for second on the team with seven points. Marissa Welliver has three shutouts on the year and now has 11 in her career and is fifth on the UCI all-time list. Welliver leads the Big West with 118 saves and her 6.21 saves per game.

October 25, 2004

ANTEATERS HOST UC RIVERSIDE, CAL STATE FULLERTON: The UC Irvine women's soccer team (4-12-2, 1-6) will host their final matches of the season as they face UC Riverside Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Cal State Fullerton Sunday at 1:00 p.m. The games are both Big West Conference matches and will be played at Anteater Stadium.

ABOUT THE OPPONENTS: The Highlanders are 12-2-3 overall and 2-2-3 in the Big West. Jenna Leonti and Renee Scachetti each have 18 points to lead UCR on the year. Keeper Tawny Poggio has five shutouts and has allowed 0.69 goals per game.

The Titans are 9-7-1 overall and 5-1-1 in Big West action this season. Kandace Wilson leads the Titans with nine goals and an assist for 19 points on the year. Goalkeeper Karen Bardsley has three shutouts on the year and has allowed 0.85 goals per game.

WEEK IN REVIEW: The Anteaters lost 3-1 to the Long Beach State 49ers at George Allen Field in Long Beach in their lone Big West match last week. UCI lost 2-0 to UC Davis in a non-conference match. Freshman Lauren Wiley (Highland/Redlands East Valley HS) scored her first career goal as she headed in a corner kick by sophomore Britney Webster (Capistrano Valley HS). Sophomore goalkeeper Marissa Welliver (Aliso Niguel HS) had six saves on the week for the 'Eaters.

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UCI RECORD BOOK: Goalkeeper Marissa Welliver currently has the fourth best career goals against average at UCI, allowing 1.25 goals per game. She is fifth in shutouts with 11 and fourth in career saves with 178 saves.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomore Britney Webster leads the team with three goals and six assists for 12 points. Lauryn Birkinshaw has three goals and an assist and is second on the team with seven points. Gina Scachetti has two goals and an assist and is third with five points. Marissa Welliver has three shutouts on the year and now has 11 in her career and is fifth on the UCI all-time list. Welliver leads the Big West with 109 saves and her 6.41 saves per game.

October 18, 2004

ANTEATERS AT LONG BEACH STATE; HOST UC DAVIS: The UC Irvine women's soccer team (4-10-2, 1-5) will travel to Long Beach to face the Long Beach State 49ers Friday at 3:00 p.m. in a Big West Conference match. The Anteaters will return home to host the UC Davis Aggies Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Anteater Stadium in a non-conference match.

ABOUT THE OPPONENTS: The 49ers are 5-8-2 overall and 0-5-1 in Big West play. Senior Kristin Travis leads the team with three goals and four assists for 10 points. Goalkeeper Tara Gotthardt has allowed 1.44 goals per game.

The Aggies are 5-8-1 on the season. Lindsey Raymond leads the team with eight goals and three assists for 19 points. Goalkeeper Krystyn Lizak has allowed 1.63 goals per game.

WEEK IN REVIEW: The Anteaters split a pair of Big West games on the road last week defeating Idaho 3-2 in Moscow and losing 3-1 at Utah State. Senior Gina Scachetti (Torrance/Bishop Montgomery HS) scored the first and second goals of her career over the weekend with one in each game. Her goal against Utah State came 15 seconds after a goal for the Aggies, the 14th fastest time in NCAA history. Sophomore Britney Webster (Capistrano Valley HS) had a goal and three assists on the weekend. Freshman Makenzie Beahm (San Clemente HS) scored the game-winning goal against Idaho 13 seconds after Idaho tied the game. Beahm's goal was the 9th fastest goal of its kind in NCAA history. Sophomore goalkeeper Marissa Welliver (Aliso Niguel HS) had 15 saves on the weekend.

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UCI RECORD BOOK: Goalkeeper Marissa Welliver currently has the fourth best career goals against average at UCI, allowing 1.18 goals per game. She is fifth in shutouts with 11 and fourth in career saves with 172 saves.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomore Britney Webster leads the team with three goals and five assists for 11 points. Lauryn Birkinshaw has three goals and an assist and is second on the team with seven points. Gina Scachetti has two goals and an assist and is third with five points. Marissa Welliver has three shutouts on the year and now has 11 in her career and is fifth on the UCI all-time list. Welliver leads the Big West with 103 saves and her 6.86 saves per game.

October 11, 2004

ANTEATERS ON THE ROAD: The UC Irvine women's soccer team (3-9-2, 0-4) will take to the road this week as they travel to Moscow, Idaho Friday to face the Idaho Vandals at 3:00 p.m. UCI will then head to Logan, Utah to play the Utah State Aggies, Sunday at 12:00 p.m. MDT.

ABOUT THE OPPONENTS: The Vandals are 2-9-0 overall on the year and 0-3 in Big West play. Ashley Cox leads the team in scoring with three goals for six points. Goalkeeper Lindsay Smith has allowed 1.60 goals per game.

The Aggies are 4-7-1 overall and 1-1-1 in the Big West Conference. Nicole Gooch leads Utah State with seven goals for 14 points. Goalkeeper Megan Mill has a pair of shutouts on the year and has allowed 0.77 goals per game.

WEEK IN REVIEW: The Anteaters went 0-2 in Big West play as they lost 2-0 to Cal State Northridge and 2-1 to Pacific. Freshman Frankee Kelly (Foothill HS) scored the lone goal for the week for UCI. Sophomore Britney Webster (Capistrano Valley HS) and freshman Kim Conlan (Atascadero HS) each had an assist on the play. Sophomore goalkeeper Marissa Welliver (Aliso Niguel HS) had 14 saves on the week.

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UCI RECORD BOOK: Goalkeeper Marissa Welliver currently has the third best career goals against average at UCI, allowing 1.10 goals per game. She is fifth in shutouts with 11 and sixth in career saves with 157 saves.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomore Lauryn Birkinshaw leads the team with seven points on the year. Britney Webster has a pair of goals and a pair of assists and is second on the team with six points. Marissa Welliver has three shutouts on the year and now has 11 in her career and is fifth on the UCI all-time list. Welliver leads the Big West with 88 saves and her 6.7 saves per game.

October 4, 2004

ANTEATERS HOST CSUN, PACIFIC: The UC Irvine women's soccer team (3-7-2, 0-2) will host the Cal State Northridge Matadors Friday at 7:00 p.m. The Anteaters will then host the Pacific Tigers Sunday at 12:00 p.m. Both games will take place at Anteater Stadium.

ABOUT THE OPPONENTS: The Matadors are 8-2-1 overall and 2-0 in Big West play entering the week. Brianna Monka leads the team with 11 points on five goals and an assist. Goalkeeper Karen Comstock has six shutouts on the year and allows 0.60 goals per game.

The Tigers are 5-3-3 overall and 1-0-1 in the Big West and will face Long Beach State before arriving in Irvine. Carmen Padilla has 15 points on five goals and five assists to lead UOP on the year.

JULIE SCHEPPELE ON THE BLUE & GOLD REPORT: Senior Julie Scheppele (Fountain Valley HS) will be one of this weeks guests on UC Irvine's new "Blue & Gold Report" radio program on KUCI Radio / 88.9 FM in Irvine. The show is every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. and is hosted by Mark

Roberts. The show features interviews each week with UCI student-athletes, coaches and administrators. The show is also available via the internet at www.athletics.uci.edu.

WEEK IN REVIEW: The Anteaters went 0-2 in the first week of Big West play as they lost 1-3 on the road to defending Big West champion Cal Poly and 0-2 at UC Santa Barbara. Freshman Kim Conlan (Atascadero HS) scored her first career goal in the game against Cal Poly off an assist from sophomore Britney Webster (Capistrano Valley HS). Sophomore Marissa Welliver (Aliso Niguel HS) had 19 saves on the weekend.

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UCI RECORD BOOK: Goalkeeper Marissa Welliver currently has the second best career goals against average at UCI, allowing 0.94 goals per game. She is fifth in shutouts with 11 and seventh in career saves with 143 saves.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomore Lauryn Birkinshaw leads the team with seven points on the year. Britney Webster has a pair of goals and is second on the team with five points. Marissa Welliver has three shutouts on the year and now has 11 in her career and is fifth on the UCI all-time list. Welliver leads the Big West with 74 saves and her 6.7 saves per game.

September 27, 2004

ANTEATERS AT CAL POLY AND UCSB: The UC Irvine women's soccer team (3-5-2) will open the Big West Conference season this week as they travel to San Luis Obispo to face the Cal Poly Mustangs Friday at 7:00 p.m. UCI will travel to Santa Barbara Sunday at 1:00 p.m to play the UCSB Gauchos.

ABOUT THE OPPONENTS: The Mustangs are 4-1-3 on the year as they open up Big West play as well. Sharon Day leads the Mustangs with six goals and 12 points. Goalkeeper Liz Hill has three shutouts on the year and has allowed 0.75 goals per game.

The Gauchos are 5-4-1 and host Long Beach State before hosting the 'Eaters. Jennifer Borcich leads UCSB with 16 points and six goals. Goalkeeper Jamie Considine has three shutouts and has allowed 1.42 goals per game.

WEEK IN REVIEW: The Anteaters tied the Loyola Marymount Lions 0-0 after two overtime periods as sophomore goalkeeper Marissa Welliver (Aliso Niguel HS) picked up her third shutout of the season and 11th of her career in the game. UCI lost 2-1 to the USC Women of Troy. Junior Lauren Baer scored her first goal of the year off assists from senior Tara Weldon (Los Angeles/Immaculate Heart HS) and sophomore Lauryn Birkinshaw (Aliso Niguel HS).

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UCI RECORD BOOK: Goalkeeper Marissa Welliver currently has the second best career goals against average at UCI, allowing 0.94 goals per game. She is fifth in shutouts with 11 and ninth in career saves with 124 saves.

ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomore Lauryn Birkinshaw leads the team with seven points on the year. Britney Webster (Capistrano Valley HS) has a pair of goals and is second on the team. Marissa Welliver has three shutouts on the year and now has 11 in her career and is fifth on the UCI all-time list. Welliver leads the Big West with 55 saves and her 6.1 saves per game.

September 20, 2004

ANTEATERS HOST LOYOLA MARYMOUNT AND USC: The UC Irvine women's soccer team (3-4-1) will host the Loyola Marymount Lions, Friday at 7:00 p.m. The Anteaters will then host the USC Women of Troy, Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Anteater Stadium.

ABOUT THE OPPONENTS: The Lions are 5-2 entering this week and face Cal State Northridge before they meet the Anteaters. Lori Sims leads LMU with 10 points on three goals and four assists. Goalkeeper Kelly Yukihiro has three shutouts on the year and has allowed 0.89 goals per game.

The Women of Troy are 4-3-1 entering this week and face the Saint Mary's Gaels before arriving in Irvine. Rosa Anna Tantillo leads USC with six goals and 13 total points on the season.

WEEK IN REVIEW: The Anteaters lost 3-0 to the 14th ranked Texas A&M Aggies in College Station and lost 2-1 to the Baylor Bears in Waco last week. Sophomore Lauryn Birkinshaw (Aliso Niguel HS) scored the lone goal for the Anteaters in the game at Baylor. Goalkeeper Marissa Welliver had 11 saves over the two games.

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ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomores Britney Webster (Capistrano Valley HS) and Lauryn Birkinshaw share the team lead in goals with two each this season. Webster is tied for the Big West lead with two game-winning goals. Marissa Welliver has a pair of shutouts on the year and now has 10 in her career and is fifth on the UCI all-time list. Welliver leads the Big West with 48 saves and her 7.4 saves per game.

September 13, 2004

ANTEATERS TRAVEL TO TEXAS; FACE AGGIES AND BEARS: The UC Irvine women's soccer team (3-2-1) will travel to Texas to face a pair of Big 12 teams. The Anteaters will face the No. 15 Texas A&M Aggies Friday at 6:00 p.m. in College Station and the Baylor Bears Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Waco.

ABOUT THE OPPONENTS: The Aggies are 4-2-0 entering this week after defeating No. 6 Texas 3-1 and Army 6-1 last week. Christina Echavarry leads the Aggies with five goals and two assists.

The Bears are 2-2-1 entering this week, with a game at North Texas before facing the Anteaters. Anna Schuch has three goals and three assists to lead the Bears on the season.

WEEK IN REVIEW: The Anteaters finished in second place at the UC Irvine Nike/Holiday Inn Invitational over the weekend after a scoreless tie with Portland State and a 2-1 win over San Francisco. Senior defender Julie Scheppelle (Fountain Valley HS) was named Defensive MVP of the tournament. Sophomore goalkeeper Marissa Welliver (Aliso Niguel HS) picked up her second shutout of the season against Portland State. Junior Joy Grey (Diamond Bar/Long Beach CC) got her first goal as an Anteater and sophomore Lauryn Birkinshaw (Aliso Niguel HS) scored her second goal of the season in the victory over USF.

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ANTEATER LEADERS: Sophomores Britney Webster (Capistrano Valley HS) and Lauryn Birkinshaw share the team lead in goals with two each this season. Webster is tied for the Big West lead with two game-winning goals. Marissa Welliver has a pair of shutouts on the year and now has 10 in her career and is fifth on the UCI all-time list. Welliver leads the Big West with 7.4 saves per game and is tied for the Big West lead with her two shutouts.

September 7, 2004

ANTEATERS HOST UCI NIKE/HOLIDAY INN INVITATIONAL: The UC Irvine women's soccer team (2-2) will host the UCI Nike/Holiday Inn Invitational starting Friday, Sept. 10th with the Cal State Fullerton Titans facing the San Francisco Dons at 5:30 p.m. followed by UCI hosting the Portland State Vikings at 8:00 p.m. at Anteater Stadium. Cal State Fullerton will then take on Portland State Sunday at 11:00 a.m. followed by UCI taking on San Francisco at 1:00 p.m.

UCI NIKE/HOLIDAY INN INVITATIONAL FIELD: The Vikings are 0-3 entering this week with losses to Boise State, New Mexico and Texas Tech. Jamie Blakesley and Julie Forrest each have a goal for PSU.

The Dons are 1-1-2 on the year and won the Utah Classic with a 4-1 win over Weber State last week. Sophomore Chelsea Hunt led the Dons with three goals in the match. USF has already faced a pair of Big West schools this season with a 3-0 loss to Cal State Northridge and a 0-0 tie with Long Beach State.

The Titans enter the week 1-1 and will face San Diego before arriving in Irvine. Junior Kandace Wilson leads the Titans with three goals, all three came in CSF's win over Fresno State.

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TOP RETURNERS: Leading the list of returning players is All-Big West first team defender Alyson Spencer and All-Big West honorable mention defender Tara Weldon.

Spencer had three goals and an assist in 2003 including the game-winning goal against Idaho, while Weldon had a pair of assists.

Sophomore goalkeeper Marissa Welliver also returns after earning eight shutouts in 2003. Sophomore Britney Webster is UCI's leading returning scorer after a 10 point season in 2003 with three goals and four assists.

Seniors Julie Scheppele and Lachelle Manzano also return for UCI. Senior Gina Scachetti returns to the Anteaters after a two year absence.

August 31, 2004

ANTEATERS PARTICIPATE IN SOCCER FOR HOPE CAMP

IRVINE, Calif. - The women's soccer team recently participated in the Soccer for Hope Camp held in Mission Viejo. The camp included an inspiration walk to open the day followed by the UCI players teaching and playing with the campers and signing autographs.

Soccer for Hope is a non-profit organization founded by Oliver Wyss, a professional soccer player and survivor of aplastic anemia. The organization is driven by Oliver's goal to give back to the people who saved his life while raising awareness in the soccer community to the needs of children with life threatening diseases. Since 1999, this idea has progressed from Oliver's vision of an annual local event in Southern California to an explosive charity program reaching thousands of people nation-wide.

Soccer for Hope receives funding through corporate sponsorship and participation fees for Soccer for Hope camps and Soccer for Hope Inspirational Walks. During these events children have an opportunity to learn soccer from skilled professionals who share Oliver's commitment to helping needy children. The kids at the camps also are made aware of the challenges that less fortunate children face and leave with the knowledge that they are helping children with life threatening diseases. The funds go to help children who need treatment that they could otherwise not afford.

Soccer for Hope provides a unique venue for benefiting foundations in need of funding and for raising awareness in the community. Soccer is the fastest growing sport in the US and touches more young people's lives than any other sport. It is the perfect vehicle to bring hope to all of our children.

August 30, 2004

ANTEATERS TRAVEL TO ARIZONA: The UC Irvine women's soccer team (1-1) will travel to Tucson, Ariz. to play in the Arizona Invitational. UCI will meet the host Arizona Wildcats, Friday at 7:30 p.m. and will meet the Buffalo Bulls, Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

ABOUT THE OPPONENTS: The Wildcats are 2-0 this season with wins over Iowa State and Drake in the Cyclone Classic in Ames, Iowa. Senior Candace Wilks, junior Mallory Miller, senior Kamaya Damwijk and junior Nikki David all have one goal on the season for Arizona. This will be the first meeting between the two schools.

The Bulls are 0-2 entering this weekend with losses to St. Bonaventure and Syracuse last week. Senior goalkeeper Anna-Lesa Calvert has 10 saves this year allowing five goals. This will be the first meeting between the schools.

ANTEATERS PICKED FOURTH IN BIG WEST: The Anteaters were picked to finish fourth in the Big West by the Big West women's soccer coaches in 2004. Cal Poly was picked to repeat as champions followed by UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Fullerton

HEAD COACH MARINE CANO: The Anteaters are led by head coach Marine Cano who enters his 11th season at UCI. Cano begins the year with the 11th most victories all-time in NCAA Division I women's soccer history with 227.

TOP RETURNERS: Leading the list of returning players is All-Big West first team defender Alyson Spencer and All-Big West honorable mention defender Tara Weldon.

Spencer had three goals and an assist in 2003 including the game-winning goal against Idaho, while Weldon had a pair of assists.

Sophomore goalkeeper Marissa Welliver also returns after earning eight shutouts in 2003. Sophomore Britney Webster is UCI's leading returning scorer after a 10 point season in 2003 with three goals and four assists.

Seniors Julie Scheppele and Lachelle Manzano also return for UCI. Senior Gina Scachetti returns to the Anteaters after a two year absence.

August 25, 2004

ANTEATERS KICK OFF SEASON FRIDAY

IRVINE, Calif. - The 2004 Anteaters led by head coach Marine Cano will look to build off an appearance in the 2003 Big West Conference Semifinals as they attempt to earn the first NCAA berth in UCI history. Cano enters his 11th season at UCI and 21st as a head coach and begins the season in 11th place on the NCAA Division I all-time victory list with 227 career victories.

The Anteaters were close last year as they set school records for most ties and most overtime games in a season, including three scoreless ties. The Anteaters are built around the defensive side of the ball and will look to improve on the offensive end of the field. UCI was ranked 23rd nationally in goals against average in 2003; allowing just 0.755 goals per game. Goalkeeper Marissa Welliver had eight shutouts as a freshman to lead the defense.

The UCI roster is filled with newcomers as 10 players return for the Anteaters from last years roster and another returns from a two-year absence. Senior Alyson Spencer, All-Big West first team in 2003, and senior Tara Weldon, All-Big West honorable mention in 2003, will anchor the Anteater defense in front of sophomore goalkeeper Marissa Welliver. Sophomore Dayna Knowles also will spend time in the midfield for the 'Eaters.

Senior defender Julie Scheppele and senior midfielder Lachelle Manzano will bring experience to the midfield along with senior Gina Scachetti, who returns to the Anteaters after a two year break from soccer.

A trio of forwards return for UCI with junior Lauren Baer, sophomore Britney Webster and sophomore Lauryn Birkinshaw looking to increase their scoring totals from 2003. Birkinshaw may also see time at left back. A redshirt in 2003, freshman forward Aleese Hernandez will look to push the others for playing time.

Head coach Marine Cano brought in a standout group of newcomers to invigorate the roster. Freshman defender/midfielder Kelly Little, 2003 NSCAA California Player of the Year, heads the group of 11 newcomers. Little played for Slammers FC. Joining Little in the backfield is junior transfer Joy Grey, a defender/forward, from state champion Long Beach City College, freshman Brittany Del Soldato, a former cross-country runner at UCI and freshman Makenzie Beahm. Grey was named MVP of the California Community College State Tournament. Beahm was a member of the So Cal Blues as well as CIF Champion San Clemente.

Cano has four newcomers in the midfield. Freshman Lauren Wiley, West Coast, freshman Kim Conlan of So Cal United, freshman Frankee Kelly, Irvine Strikers and freshman Christina Gorospe, F.C. Santa Barbara, all will bring extra depth to the Anteater roster.

The Anteaters have a tough schedule ahead of them as they face a very solid non-conference schedule. UCI will play a pair of Pac-10 schools, a pair of Big 12 schools and three WCC schools and a total of four teams in the 2003 NCAA Tournament. UCI will make their first ever trip to Texas as they travel to meet Texas A&M and Baylor. The Anteaters will travel to Tucson, Ariz. to meet the Arizona Wildcats as part of the Arizona Invitational. UCI hosts regional rivals Loyola Marymount and USC. The USC game is a rematch of a scoreless overtime draw in 2003.

With the Big West Tournament once again held at Anteater Stadium, UCI looks to take the next step and play in the NCAA Tournament.

August 23, 2004

ANTEATERS BEGIN SEASON: The UC Irvine women's soccer team will open the 2004 season against San Jose State on Friday (Aug. 27) at 7:00 p.m. at Anteater Stadium. The Anteaters will then travel to the University of San Diego on Sunday (Aug. 29) at 1:00 p.m.

ABOUT THE OPPONENTS: San Jose State tied Sonoma State 1-1 in an exhibition match last Saturday. Sophomore Molly Flanagan scored the lone goal for the Spartans. The Spartans return 12 letterwinners from last year's team that went 2-16.

San Diego opens their season on Friday with a road game at UCLA before hosting the Anteaters on Sunday. The Toreros went 9-8-4 and reached the NCAA tournament last year. They return 13 players including two All-West Coast Conference second-team players Marie Claude-Henry and Kaitlynn Pruett.

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