

2003 Releases

July 2, 2003

UC IRVINE DOES NOT RENEW CONTRACT OF HEAD COACH JULIE SWAIL

IRVINE, Calif. --- UC Irvine officials announced today that the contract of women's water polo coach Julie Swail will not be renewed in 2003-04.

Swail became UCI's first women's water polo coach in October 1999 and led the Anteaters to a combined record of 39-74 in the program's initial three seasons. UCI was 20-21 this past season and finished 10th in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, ending the year with a final national ranking of 14th. She will continue directing her summer camps at UCI through July.

"We are grateful to Julie for her efforts and contributions in helping establish a new program at UCI, but we have determined that we will benefit from a change in philosophy and direction at this time," said Petrina Long, UCI Senior Associate Athletic Director. A national search for a new coach will begin immediately, according to Long.

Swail is a world-class triathlete who is attempting to qualify for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece. She was captain of the United States National Women's Water Polo Team that won the silver medal at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. A defender, she was a member of the national team from 1994-2000. She also played on the USA team that won the silver medal at the 1999 Pan American Games and she competed on three gold-medal winning U.S. Olympic Festival teams. Previously Swail was the head coach at Rio Hondo College in 1998-99 after serving as an assistant coach with the women's water polo, men's water polo, and swimming programs at that school.

June 18, 2003

SIX ANTEATERS NAMED TO ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

Irvine, Calif. - Six Anteaters have been honored by the American Water Polo Coaches Association (AWPCA) as members of the 2002-2003 Women's All-Academic Team. The six to be honored are senior Meghan O'Donnell (Laguna Hills/Golden West College), junior Melissa Fernandez (Redlands HS), junior Michelle Carey (Chino HS), junior Rebecca Wedemeyer (Rancho Palos Verdes/Peninsula HS), sophomore Margaret Feeney (Granada Hills/Alemny HS) and sophomore Deni Basom (Mission Viejo/Trabuco Hills HS).

The entire UC Irvine team was honored by the AWPCA for maintaining a GPA greater than 2.75. To be honored as an individual, a student-athlete needed to be a starter or major contributor with a GPA greater than 3.20.

May 28, 2003

SIX ANTEATERS EARN MPSF ALL-ACADEMIC HONORS

Irvine, Calif. - UC Irvine has six student-athletes that have been named to the 2003 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation All-Academic women's water polo team. The six to be honored are; sophomores Justine Basom (Mission Viejo/Trabuco Hills HS) and Molly Feeney (Granada Hills/Alemny HS), juniors Michelle Carey (Chino HS), Melissa Fernandez (Redlands HS), Rebecca Wedemeyer (Rancho Palos Verdes/Peninsula HS) and senior Meghan O'Donnell (Laguna Hills/Golden West College).

To qualify for this honor, a student-athlete must be at least a sophomore academically and carry a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average. Additionally, the student-athlete must have completed one full academic year at the member institution prior to the season for which the award is received as well as participated in at least fifty percent of the games in his or her respective sport.

A total of 62 MPSF women's water polo players from 11 institutions were named to this year's All-Academic team.

May 22, 2003

ERICA HORMAN EARNS ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Irvine, Calif. - UC Irvine women's water polo junior Erica Horman (Carlsbad HS) was named American Water Polo Coaches (AWPC) All-American Honorable Mention. Horman is the all-time leading scorer at UCI with 173 career goals. Her total of 65 goals this season broke her own school record of 57 set in 2002.

Horman was named All-MPSF Honorable Mention earlier this spring after leading the Anteaters to their most successful season with 20 wins, the first ever win over a top-10 opponent and a ninth place finish in the MPSF Championship. The Anteaters (20-21, 1-9 MPSF) finished the season ranked 14th in the country after being ranked as high as 12th this season.

May 20, 2003

NINE HONORED AS SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Nine women's water polo 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.

Justine Basom, Michelle Carey, Sunceray Chamblee, Molly Feeney, Melissa Fernandez, Erica Horman, Meghan O'Donnell, Lauren Volcan and Rebecca Wedemeyer 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.

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.

May 14, 2003

ANTEATERS RANKED 14TH IN FINAL NATIONAL RANKING

The Anteaters finished the season ranked 14th in the country following their 20-21, 1-9 MPSF season. The number 14 ranking matches their season-ending ranking in 2002 when they finished the season ranked 14th. The Anteaters were ranked as high as 12th during the season to reach their highest ever ranking.

April 29, 2003

MELISSA FERNANDEZ AND ERICA HORMAN NAMED HONORABLE MENTION ALL-MPSF

Irvine, Calif. - Junior Melissa Fernandez (Redlands HS) and junior Erica Horman (Carlsbad HS) were both named Honorable Mention All-MPSF for the 2003 season. Horman set the UC Irvine record for goals scored in a season with 65 goals this year. Fernandez was fourth on the team with 28 goals on the year. It is the first All-MPSF honor for each player. They are the first ever All-MPSF honors at UC Irvine. Fernandez was named an American Water Polo Coaches Association honorable mention All-American in 2002.

April 28, 2003

MPSF SUMMARY: The #17 Anteaters (20-21, 1-9) finished their season at the MPSF Championship in Stanford. The Anteaters won two of their three games in the tournament over Pacific and San Jose State. UCI earned ninth place in Tournament.

ANTEATERS RANKED 17TH IN NATION: The Anteaters have been ranked 17th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up 10 of the top 20 teams in the country, with number one ranked UCLA leading the way. In 2003, UCI faced 15 schools that were ranked in the preseason top 20.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: The Anteaters were led this season by junior Erica Horman who had a team leading 65 goals on the year. Senior Meghan O'Donnell had 42 goals. Junior Rebecca Wedemeyer has 30 goals and junior Melissa Fernandez has 28 goals this season. Junior goalkeeper Sunceray Chamblee has 164 saves this season to lead UCI.

ANTEATERS IN THE RECORD BOOK: Erica Horman is the Anteaters all-time leading scorer with 173 career goals. Melissa Fernandez is the second leading scorer for UCI with 114 goals. Horman, broke her own single season scoring record of 57 goals that she set last year and finished with 65 on the year. Sunceray Chamblee is the career record holder in career saves at UCI with 524.

April 27, 2003

#17 ANTEATERS UPSET 9TH RANKED SAN JOSE STATE 7-3; CLAIM 9TH PLACE AT MPSF CHAMPIONSHIP

Stanford, Calif. - The #17 UC Irvine Anteaters (20-21) upset the #9 San Jose State Spartans 7-3 to claim 9th place at the MPSF Championship held in Stanford. The ninth ranked Spartans are the highest ranked opponent the Anteaters have defeated, the previous best were three wins over 11th ranked opponents. The Anteaters opened the match with three goals in the first quarter to take a 3-1 lead after one. Junior Erica Horman (Carlsbad HS) lead the Anteaters with two goals in the game. Senior goalkeeper Jen Moon had five saves for UCI. Senior Meghan O'Donnell (Laguna Hills/Golden West College), junior Michelle Carey (Chino HS), sophomore Karly Tivenan (Yorba Linda/El Dorado HS), junior Tiffany Frish (Riverside/Jurupa Valley HS) and junior Melissa Fernandez (Redlands HS) each scored for UCI in the win. The Anteaters finished in 9th place at the 2002 MPSF Championship with wins over Pacific and UC Santa Barbara. The 20 wins this season by the Anteaters is a new school record for wins in a season.

April 21, 2003

UCI AT MPSF TOURNAMENT: The Anteaters (18-20, 1-9) will travel to Stanford to take part in the MPSF Women's Water Polo Championships starting on Friday and going through Sunday. The Anteaters, who are the 10th seed, will open the first round of the tournament against number seven seed San Diego State on Friday at 11:15 A.M.

ABOUT THE AZTECS: The Anteaters and Aztecs have met only once this season with San Diego State winning 12-4 over UCI on March 6th in San Diego. The Aztecs finished the season 17-11 overall and 4-6 in MPSF games and finished tied for sixth in the MPSF. The Aztecs have two players who each rank in the top-10 in scoring in the MPSF. Junior Holly Hartzell and senior Amber Prestegard each have over 40 goals this season.

ANTEATERS RANKED 18TH IN NATION: The Anteaters have been ranked 18th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up 10 of the top 20 teams in the country, with number one ranked UCLA leading the way. In 2003, UCI faced 15 schools that were ranked in the preseason top 20.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: The Anteaters are led this season by junior Erica Horman who has a team leading 61 goals on the year. Senior Meghan O'Donnell has 38 goals. Junior Rebecca Wedemeyer has 29 goals and junior Melissa Fernandez has 26 goals this season. Junior goalkeeper Sunceray Chamblee has 156 saves this season to lead UCI.

ANTEATERS IN THE RECORD BOOK: Erica Horman is the Anteaters all-time leading scorer with 169 career goals. Melissa Fernandez is the second leading scorer for UCI with 112 goals. Horman, broke her own single season scoring record of 57 goals that she set last year and currently has 61 on the year. Sunceray Chamblee is the career record holder in career saves at UCI with 516.

LOOK BACK AT 2002: The Anteaters earned their first ever post-season wins in the 2002 MPSF Championships held at USC. In the opening round the 10th seeded Anteaters lost to seventh seed San Diego State 14-8 in the first round. The 'Eaters went on to defeat Pacific 13-11 in the consolation bracket led by a school-record seven goals by Erica Horman. Irvine defeated UC Santa Barbara 9-7 to capture ninth place.

April 14, 2003

UCI AT LONG BEACH STATE: The Anteaters (18-19, 1-8) will travel to Long Beach on Wednesday at 4:00 P.M. for their final regular season game of the season against the Long Beach State 49ers. The 49ers defeated UCI 12-7 last week in the Long Beach State Tournament.

ANTEATERS RANKED 19TH IN NATION: The Anteaters have been ranked 19th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up 10 of the top 20 teams in the country, with number one ranked UCLA leading the way. In 2003, UCI will face 15 schools that were ranked in the preseason top 20.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: The Anteaters are led this season by junior Erica Horman who has a team leading 61 goals on the year. Senior Meghan O'Donnell has 37 goals. Junior Rebecca Wedemeyer has 28 goals and junior Melissa Fernandez has 26 goals this season. Junior goalkeeper Sunceray Chamblee (Carlsbad HS) has 150 saves this season to lead UCI.

ANTEATERS IN THE RECORD BOOK: Erica Horman is the Anteaters all-time leading scorer with 169 career goals. Melissa Fernandez is the second leading scorer for UCI with 112 goals. Horman, broke her own single season scoring record of 57 goals that she set last year and

currently has 61 on the year. Sunceray Chamblee is the career record holder in career saves at UCI with 510.

VOLCAN NAMED TO ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM: Junior Lauren Volcan (Anaheim Hills/Canyon HS) was named to the Long Beach State Tournament All-Tournament team. The Anteaters went 3-2 in the tournament.

April 7, 2003

UCI TRAVELS TO USC AND LONG BEACH TOURNEY: The Anteaters (15-16, 1-7) will travel to Los Angeles to take on #3 USC on Wednesday at 5:00 P.M. The Anteaters will take part in the 12-team tournament. UCI will face Cal State Northridge, UC Santa Cruz and Long Beach State on Saturday. The opponents for Sunday will be based on Saturday's results.

ANTEATERS RANKED 17TH IN NATION: The Anteaters have been ranked 17th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up 10 of the top 20 teams in the country, with number one ranked UCLA leading the way. In 2003, UCI will face 15 schools that were ranked in the preseason top 20.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: The Anteaters are led this season by junior Erica Horman who has a team leading 54 goals on the year. Senior Meghan O'Donnell has 31 goals. Junior Melissa Fernandez (Redlands HS) has 22 goals this season. Junior goalkeeper Sunceray Chamblee (Carlsbad HS) has 97 saves this season to lead UCI.

ANTEATERS IN THE RECORD BOOK: Erica Horman is the Anteaters all-time leading scorer with 162 career goals. Melissa Fernandez is the second leading scorer for UCI with 112 goals. Horman, with 54 goals, is currently on pace to break her own single season scoring record of 57 goals that she set last year. Her total of 54 this season currently is the 2nd highest total in UCI history behind her totals of 57 in 2002. Sunceray Chamblee is the career record holder in career saves at UCI with 457.

HOME SWEET HOME: The Anteaters have won nine of their 17 games at home this season, with the previous best being four home wins in a season. With two more wins overall, the Anteaters will have the most wins ever in a single season in UCI history.

March 31, 2003

UCI HOSTS STANFORD AND NORTHRIDGE: The Anteaters (14-15, 1-6) will host the Stanford Cardinal and Cal State Northridge Matadors on Friday at 4:00 P.M. and 5:30 P.M. at the Anteater Aquatics Complex.

ANTEATERS RANKED 15TH IN NATION: The Anteaters have been ranked 15th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up 10 of the top 20 teams in the country, with number one ranked UCLA leading the way. In 2003, UCI will face 15 schools that were ranked in the preseason top 20.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: The Anteaters are led this season by junior Erica Horman who has a team leading 50 goals on the year. Senior Meghan O'Donnell has 30 goals. Junior Melissa Fernandez (Redlands HS) has 21 goals this season. Junior goalkeeper Sunceray Chamblee (Carlsbad HS) has 90 saves this season to lead UCI.

ANTEATERS IN THE RECORD BOOK: Erica Horman is the Anteaters all-time leading scorer with 158 career goals. Melissa Fernandez is the second leading scorer for UCI with 111 goals. Horman, with 50 goals, is currently on pace to break her own single season scoring record of 57 goals that she set last year. Her total of 50 this season currently is the 3rd highest total in UCI history behind her totals of 51 and 57 in 2001 and 2002 respectively. Sunceray Chamblee is the career record holder in career saves at UCI with 450.

HOME SWEET HOME: The Anteaters have won eight of their 15 games at home this season, doubling their total of home wins a year ago. With two more wins overall, the Anteaters will match last season's win total of 16 wins.

March 25, 2003

ANTEATERS AT ASU; HOST FOUR: The #13 Anteaters (11-12, 1-5) will take on the Arizona State Sun Devils on Wednesday, March 26th in Tempe, Ariz. The 'Eaters will return to Irvine Thursday where they will face UC Davis, Cal State Bakersfield, Chapman and Cal State San Bernardino at the Anteater Aquatics Complex.

ANTEATERS RANKED 13TH IN NATION: The Anteaters have been ranked 13th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up 11 of the top 20 teams in the country, with number one ranked UCLA leading the way. In 2003, UCI will face 15 schools that were ranked in the preseason top 20.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: The Anteaters are led this season by junior Erica Horman (Carlsbad HS) who has a team leading 40 goals on the year. Senior Meghan O'Donnell has 28 goals. Junior Melissa Fernandez (Redlands HS) has 17 goals this season. Junior goalkeeper Sunceray Chamblee (Carlsbad HS) has 85 saves this season to lead UCI.

ANTEATERS IN THE RECORD BOOK: Erica Horman is the Anteaters all-time leading scorer with 148 career goals. Melissa Fernandez is the second leading scorer for UCI with 107 goals. Horman, with 40 goals, is currently on pace to break her own single season scoring record of 57 goals that she set last year. Her total of 40 this season currently is the 5th highest total in UCI history. Sunceray Chamblee is the career record holder in career saves at UCI with 445.

March 17, 2003

ANTEATERS IDLE THIS WEEK: The #14 Anteaters (11-12, 1-5) will take this week off for finals. UCI will next take on the Arizona State Sun Devils on March 26th in Tempe, Ariz. The 'Eaters will return to Irvine on the 27th where they will face UC Davis, Cal State Bakersfield, Chapman and Cal State San Bernadino at the Anteater Aquatics Complex.

ANTEATERS RANKED 14TH IN NATION: The Anteaters have been ranked 14th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up 11 of the top 20 teams in the country, with number one ranked UCLA leading the way. In 2003, UCI will face 15 schools that were ranked in the preseason top 20.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: The Anteaters are led this season by junior Erica Horman (Carlsbad HS) who has a team leading 40 goals on the year. Senior Meghan O'Donnell has 28 goals. Junior Melissa Fernandez (Redlands HS) has 17 goals this season. Junior goalkeeper Sunceray Chamblee (Carlsbad HS) has 85 saves this season to lead UCI.

ANTEATERS IN THE RECORD BOOK: Erica Horman is the Anteaters all-time leading scorer with 148 career goals. Melissa Fernandez is the second leading scorer for UCI with 107 goals. Horman, with 40 goals, is currently on pace to break her own single season scoring record of 57 goals that she set last year. Her total of 40 this season currently is the 5th highest total in UCI history. Sunceray Chamblee is the career record holder in career saves at UCI with 445.

March 10, 2003

ANTEATERS IDLE FOR TWO WEEKS: The #17 Anteaters (11-12, 1-5) take the next two weeks off for finals. UCI will next take on the Arizona State Sun Devils on March 26th in Tempe, Ariz. The 'Eaters will return to Irvine on the 27th where they will face UC Davis, Cal State Bakersfield, Chapman and Cal State San Bernadino at the Anteater Aquatics Complex.

ANTEATERS RANKED 17TH IN NATION: The Anteaters have been ranked 17th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up 11 of the top 20 teams in the country, with number one ranked Stanford leading the way. In 2003, UCI will face 15 schools that were ranked in the preseason top 20.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: The Anteaters are led this season by junior Erica Horman who has a team leading 40 goals on the year. Senior Meghan O'Donnell has 28 goals. Junior Melissa Fernandez has 17 goals each this season. Junior goalkeeper Sunceray Chamblee has 67 saves this season to lead UCI.

March 3, 2003

ANTEATERS ON THE ROAD: The #17 Anteaters (9-8, 1-4) will head south to take on the #7 San Diego State Aztecs in a MPSF match and the #9 UC San Diego Tritons on Thursday, March 6th. On the 8th and 9th UCI will be at the UCSB Gaucho Invitational, where the 'Eaters will face #2 USC in the opening round on Saturday.

ANTEATERS RANKED 18TH IN NATION: The Anteaters have been ranked 18th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up 11 of the top 20 teams in the country, with number one ranked Stanford leading the way. In 2003, UCI will face 15 schools that were ranked in the preseason top 20.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: The Anteaters are led this season by junior Erica Horman who has a team leading 29 goals on the year. Junior Melissa Fernandez and senior Meghan O'Donnell are tied for second on the team with 15 goals each this season. Junior goalkeeper Sunceray Chamblee has 55 saves this season to lead UCI.

COMING UP: The Anteaters will take some time off before resuming their schedule in Tempe, Ariz. where they will face the Sun Devils for the third time this season on March 26th. On the 27th, UCI will return home to face UC Davis, Cal State Bakersfield, Chapman and Cal State San Bernadino.

February 24, 2003

ANTEATERS HOST FOUR THIS WEEK: The #18 Anteaters (6-7, 0-3) will host the #20 Pacific Tigers on Saturday at 2:00 P.M. UCI will then host the #5 Cal Golden Bears, Pomona-Pitzer Sagehens and the Cal Baptist Lancers on Sunday beginning at 2:00 P.M.

ANTEATERS RANKED 18TH IN NATION: The Anteaters have been ranked 18th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up nine of the top 12 teams in the country, with number one ranked Stanford leading the way. In 2003, UCI will face 15 schools that were ranked in the preseason top 20.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: The Anteaters are led this season by junior Erica Horman who has a team leading 20 goals on the year. Junior Melissa Fernandez is second on the team with 12 goals on the year. Senior Meghan O'Donnell is third with 10 goals. Junior goalkeeper Sunceray Chamblee has 37 saves this season to lead UCI.

COMING UP: The Anteaters will head south to take on the San Diego State Aztecs and UC San Diego Tritons on Thursday, March 6th. On the 8th and 9th UCI will be at the UCSB Gaucho Invitational.

February 19, 2003

ANTEATERS HOST SIX THIS WEEK: The #18 Anteaters (4-4, 0-1) will face six opponents from five different time zones this week at the Anteater Aquatics Center. The week will begin on Thursday with the Anteaters taking on an Australian club team at 2:00 P.M. in an exhibition match. On Friday, UCI will host #9 Hawaii at 4:00 P.M. On Saturday the day begins with UCI hosting #8 San Jose State at 2:00 P.M. A match with Cal State Northridge follows at 3:15 P.M. #20 Arizona State and #11 Michigan will face the 'Eaters at 5:15 P.M. and 6:30 P.M. respectively.

ANTEATERS RANKED 18TH IN NATION: The Anteaters have been ranked 18th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up nine of the top 12 teams in the country, with number one ranked Stanford leading the way. In 2003, UCI will face 15 schools that were ranked in the preseason top 20. In the current rankings, UCI will face 17 of the the 19 other schools in the top 20.

STATISTICAL LEADERS: The Anteaters are led this season by junior Erica Horman who has a team leading 11 goals on the year. Junior Melissa Fernandez (Redlands HS) is second on the team with 10 goals on the year. Senior Meghan O'Donnell (Laguna Hills/Golden West CC) is third with seven goals. Senior goalkeeper Jennifer Moon (Riverside/Riverside CC) has 28 saves this season to lead UCI.

COMING UP: The Anteaters will host Pacific on Saturday, March 1st. UCI hosts California, Pomona Pitzer and Cal Baptist on Sunday the 2nd at the Anteater Aquatics Center.

February 10, 2003

ANTEATERS HOST #2 UCLA AND #6 LMU: The Anteaters (4-2) will host the second ranked UCLA Bruins and the sixth ranked Loyola Marymount Lions on Wednesday beginning at 4:00 P.M.

COMING UP: The Anteaters will host Hawaii and Chapman on Friday the 21st. On Saturday the 22nd, UCI will play San Jose State, Cal State Northridge, Arizona State and Michigan.

February 2, 2003

ANTEATERS OPEN SEASON WITH WIN OVER CAL STATE BAKERSFIELD

Redlands, Calif. - The UC Irvine Anteaters opened the 2003 season with a 9-3 win over Cal State Bakersfield at the Redlands Mini-Tournament. UCI scored five goals in the third quarter to put the 'Eaters up 7-3 at that point. Junior Melissa Fernandez (Redlands HS) and senior Meghan O'Donnell (Laguna Hills/Golden West CC) each scored two goals for the 'Eaters. Lori Mattingly scored all three goals for the Roadrunners. Goalkeeper Sarah Ashbey had a total of 13 saves in the match for Cal State Bakersfield. Junior goalkeeper Sunceray Chamblee (Carlsbad HS) had five saves for the Anteaters in the first half.

January 22, 2003

ANTEATERS RANKED 12TH IN NATION IN PRESEASON POLL

Irvine, Calif. - The UC Irvine Anteaters have been ranked 12th in the nation by the Collegiate Coaches Water Polo Poll. The Anteaters finished last season ranked 14th in the country. MPSF teams make up 10 of the top 13 teams in the country, with number one ranked Stanford leading the way. In 2003, UCI will face 14 schools ranked in the preseason top 20. The Anteaters open the 2003 season at the Redlands Invite on February 2nd. UCI will face Cal State Bakersfield and Redlands, the host school, on Sunday. The Anteaters will travel to San Diego on February 8th-9th for the UCSD Triton Invitational. The Anteaters will play their first home matches on the 12th against UCLA and Loyola Marymount.

January 3, 2003

ANTEATERS TO OPEN SEASON FEBRUARY 2ND AT REDLANDS INVITE

Irvine, Calif. - UC Irvine will open the 2003 season on February 2nd at the University of Redlands Invite. The Anteaters will travel to San Diego on February 8th-9th for the UCSD Triton Invitational. The Anteaters will play their first home matches on the 12th against UCLA and Loyola Marymount. Head coach Julie Swail begins her third season coaching at UCI. The Anteaters finished the 2002 season with a 16-22 record with a ninth place finish in the MPSF Championship Tournament and finished the year ranked 15th in the country.