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UC IRVINE ANTEATERS (13-1)
vs UCONN HUSKIES (3-9)Wednesday, March 13 6:00 PM
ESPN+ kuci.org

CICERONE FIELD AT ANTEATER BALLPARK (3,408) - IRVINE, CALIF.

All-Time: UCI leads, 1-0
At Cicero Field: UCI leads, 1-0

Current Streak: W1
Last Game: 3/8/11 - W, 5-4 at UCI

Notable: UCI beat #19 UConn in 2011 on an 8th-inning RBI vs. a UConn team with future MLBers George Springer and Nick Ahmed

LEADING OFF

+ The Anteaters win streak finally came to an end finishing at 18 games dating back to 2023, second-longest in program history.

+ UCI started 2024 12-0, the 'Eaters' best-ever start to a season. UCI was the third-to-last team to lose a game leaving Texas A&M and Florida State the lone unbeatens.

+ Jo Oyama was the Big West's Field Player of the Week, the first time he's won the honor after a week hitting .455 with a team-best 10 hits, seven extra-base hits, nine runs, 10 RBIs, reaching base 14 times, and capped it off with two Anteater records Friday when he hit for the cycle, the first for UCI since 1981 and fourth in program history, and added nine RBIs to set a new Anteater record previously held by Jeff Malinoff and Mike Rupp and last done in 1983

+ UC Irvine's offense exploded over the four-game weekend in Fresno, and outscored teams 76-30 in their 4-1 week:

- ⇒ UCI scored 71 runs in three days-worth of baseball which is more runs than 72 teams have scored in the entire season through four weeks
- ⇒ The 32-2 victory vs. Columbia set a school record. The 32 runs are tied for the most in a game in the nation this year, and the 30-run margin of victory is the best
- ⇒ The big inning was a fan of UC Irvine with five different innings scoring 8-or-more runs including a 10-run fourth on Saturday and 11-run ninth Friday
- ⇒ UCI set a single-game walks record Saturday with 18, and Myles Smith leads the NCAA with 1.62 per game
- ⇒ The bats continued their onslaught with 25 runs Saturday including three grand slams from Caden Kendle,

Will Bermudez, and Jacob Stinson and two in the same inning by Kendle and Bermudez

+ UC Irvine has entrenched themselves into the national leaders as they overtook the national lead in hit by pitch now with 49. Elsewhere, they are top 50 in runs per game (7th), sac bunts (9th), on-base percentage (12th), triples (19th), doubles (21st), walks (29th), ERA (32nd), batting average (38th), slugging percentage (47th), sacrifice flies (48th), and walks allowed per game (3.82) and have 'Eaters leading the Big West like Kendle in average, hits, doubles, and RBIs, Oyama in HBP, Smith in on-base percentage and walks, and Ricky Tibbett with his four saves

+ A lot of Anteaters firsts came from the weekend highlighted by Abraham Garcia-Pacheco getting in on it by launching his first career HR, back-to-back with Bermudez. Frankie Carney, James Castagnola, and Landon Gaz all got their first Anteater at-bats with Carney collecting three hits, runs, and RBIs on Saturday and Castagnola getting a hit, an RBI, and three runs over the weekend

+ Fifth-year Anteater starter Nick Pinto dropped his first game of 2024 now 3-1 in four starts. He continues to lead active NCAA pitchers with 50 career starts collecting 20 career wins. After starting the year 10th on the program's career strikeout list, he's moved to seventh surpassing Trenton Denholm, Elliot Surrey, Justin Cassel, and now two behind Andre Pallante in sixth with 260.



Pinto in the Record Books

Stat	How Many	UCI Rank	Next on the list
Starts	50	75th	Scott Gorgen (52)
Wins	20	716th Denholm, Morales, Smith, Maras (21)	
Innings	276.1	17th Denholm (279.2), Bergman (281.1)	
Strikeouts	258	7th	Andre Pallante (260)

Around The Horn

#19 71 18 43

UC Irvine enters the week ranked in five polls with Baseball America coming in the highest at #19

The offense scored 71 runs in 4 games in Fresno including 32 in one and 5 innings of 8 or more runs scored

UCI's winning streak ended at 18 games, 2nd-longest in UCI history, and the 12-0 start was best in UCI history

Jo Oyama hit for UC Irvine's first cycle in 43 years since Troy Ybarra, and the fourth in program history

UC IRVINE ANTEATERS (13-1)
vs UC DAVIS AGGIES (9-7)Friday, March 15 6:00 PM ESPN+ KUCI 88.9 FM
Saturday, March 16 1:00 PM ESPN+ KUCI 88.9 FM
Sunday, March 17 1:00 PM ESPN+ kuci.org

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Probable Pitching Matchups

TBD	FRIDAY	TBD
TBD	SATURDAY	TBD
TBD	SUNDAY	TBD



All-time: UC Irvine leads, 45-13 2023 series at UC Davis: Friday - W, 10-5 | Saturday - W, 13-2 | Sunday - W, 9-2

at Irvine: 22-5

2024 SCHEDULE

13-1 0-0 6-0 4-1 3-0
2024 Big West Home Away Neutral

Day	Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Fri.	Feb. 16	North Dakota State	W, 14-2
Sat.	Feb. 17	North Dakota State	W, 7-2
Sun.	Feb. 18	North Dakota State	W, 10-4
Tue.	Feb. 20	San Diego	CCD, Rain
Fri.	Feb. 23	at Tulane	W, 5-4
Sat.	Feb. 24	at Tulane	W, 11-4
Sun.	Feb. 25	at Tulane	W, 10-7
Fri.	Mar. 1	% San Diego	W, 3-1
Sat.	Mar. 2	% Michigan	W, 12-4
Sun.	Mar. 3	% vs. UCLA	+ W, 5-2
Tue.	Mar. 5	California Baptist	W, 5-4
Thurs.	Mar. 7	at Fresno State	W, 13-4
Fri.	Mar. 8	vs. Columbia	W, 32-2
Fri.	Mar. 8	at Fresno State	L, 1-13
Sat.	Mar. 9	vs. Columbia	W, 25-7
Wed.	Mar. 13	UCI	6:00 PM
Fri.	Mar. 15	* UC Davis	6:00 PM
Sat.	Mar. 16	* UC Davis	1:00 PM
Sun.	Mar. 17	* UC Davis	1:00 PM
Fri.	Mar. 22	* Cal State Bakersfield	6:00 PM
Sat.	Mar. 23	* Cal State Bakersfield	1:00 PM
Sun.	Mar. 24	* Cal State Bakersfield	1:00 PM
Tue.	Mar. 26	at Loyola Marymount	6:00 PM
Thurs.	Mar. 28	* at Hawai'i	9:35 PM
Fri.	Mar. 29	* at Hawai'i	9:35 PM
Sat.	Mar. 30	* at Hawai'i	4:05 PM
Fri.	Apr. 5	* UC Santa Barbara	6:00 PM
Sat.	Apr. 6	* UC Santa Barbara	# 7:00 PM
Sun.	Apr. 7	* UC Santa Barbara	1:00 PM
Tue.	Apr. 9	at USC	^ 6:00 PM
Fri.	Apr. 12	* at UC San Diego	6:00 PM
Sat.	Apr. 13	* at UC San Diego	2:00 PM
Sun.	Apr. 14	* at UC San Diego	1:00 PM
Wed.	Apr. 17	USC	6:00 PM
Fri.	Apr. 19	San Diego State	6:00 PM
Sat.	Apr. 20	at San Diego State	6:00 PM
Sun.	Apr. 21	San Diego State	1:00 PM
Tue.	Apr. 23	at UCLA	6:00 PM
Fri.	Apr. 26	* at UC Riverside	6:00 PM
Sat.	Apr. 27	* at UC Riverside	6:00 PM
Sun.	Apr. 28	* at UC Riverside	6:00 PM
Tue.	Apr. 30	at San Diego	6:00 PM
Fri.	May 3	* Cal Poly	6:00 PM
Sat.	May 4	* Cal Poly	1:00 PM
Sun.	May 5	* Cal Poly	1:00 PM
Tue.	May 7	UCLA	6:00 PM
Fri.	May 10	* at Long Beach State	6:00 PM
Sat.	May 11	* at Long Beach State	6:00 PM
Sun.	May 12	* at Long Beach State	1:00 PM
Tue.	May 14	Loyola Marymount	6:00 PM
Fri.	May 17	* at Cal State Fullerton	6:30 PM
Sat.	May 18	* at Cal State Fullerton	5:00 PM
Sun.	May 19	* at Cal State Fullerton	1:00 PM
Thurs.	May 23	* CSUN	6:00 PM
Fri.	May 24	* CSUN	6:00 PM
Sat.	May 25	* CSUN	1:00 PM

Home games in italics * - Big West game

% - Dodger Stadium College Baseball Classic

+ - Played at Dodger Stadium

^ - Played at LMU and Page Stadium

- ESPN broadcast

All home games broadcast on ESPN+

**BROADCAST INFORMATION**

Mark Roberts.....**ESPN+ and KUCI 88.9 FM Play-by-play broadcaster**
Alex Roberts-Croteau *Media Relations contact | ESPN+ & KUCI color commentator*

Broadcast Schedule

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Thursday, March 28	ESPN+	KUCI 88.9 FM
Friday, March 29		KUCI 88.9 FM
Saturday, March 30		kuci.org
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Saturday, April 6	ESPNU	KUCI 88.9 FM
Sunday, April 7	ESPN+	kuci.org
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TO THE MEDIA

The UC Irvine Athletics Department is served by a communications office staff that works diligently to promote the individual and team accomplishments of student-athletes, coaches and staff. Our staff will fulfill all reasonable requests.

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All members of the office follow the guidelines set forth by the NCAA and The Big West in governing the issuance of credentials. All credential requests should be submitted to the sport contacts.

INTERVIEW REQUESTS

When making interview requests through the media relations office, please allow at least 24 hours notice. If the time requested with a student-athlete or coach is longer than normal (for photography or videography purposes), more advance notice will help ensure that your request is handled efficiently. Please do not contact a player or coach without scheduling the interview through the media relations office.

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- » Pregame notes packets
- » Pregame lineups and postgame statistics
- » A running play-by-play
- » Game programs
- » Media is encouraged to follow live stats online through ucirvinesports.com/sidearmstats/baseball

University Information

School: UC Irvine
City | Zip: Irvine, Calif. | 92697-4500
Founded: 1962 (opened 1965)
Enrollment: 37,013
Colors: Blue & Gold
Nickname: Anteaters
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Big West
Chancellor: Howard Gillman, Ph.D. (UCLA - 1988)
Athletic Director: Paula Smith
Faculty Athletic Representative: Shaubin Talesh
Athletics Phone: (949) 824-6931

Baseball Staff

Head Coach: Ben Orloff
Seasons Sixth as Head Coach, 11th at UC Irvine
Alma Mater: UC Irvine, 2009
Career Record / Big West: 171-84 / 84-40
Email: borloff@uci.edu
Assistant Coach: Daniel Bibona (12th Season)
Assistant Coach: J.T. Bloodworth (6th Season)
Volunteer Assistant: Ryan Johnston (2nd Season)
Director of Operations: Erich Pfohl (1st Season)
Athletic Trainer: Justin Hostert (2nd Season)
Baseball Office: Newkirk Pavilion | (949) 824-9521

Team Facts

2023 Record 38-17
2023 Big West Record | Finish 19-11 | 4th
Position Starters Returning | Lost 9 | 0
Starting Pitchers Returning | Lost 3 | 2
Letterwinners Returning | Lost 24 | 6
Newcomers 13

Baseball History

First Season: 1970 (Division I in 1978)
Anteater baseball seasons: 46th season (38 as D1)
All-Time Record: 1,409-1,048-19
NCAA Tournament Appearances: 14 (DI - 9, DII - 5)
Division I College World Series: 2 (2007, 2014)
NCAA Division I Super Regionals: 2007 | 2008 | 2011 | 2014
NCAA Division I Regionals: 2004 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008
..... 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2014 | 2021
Big West Conference Titles: 2 (2009, 2021)
Division II National Championships: 2 (1973, 1974)

Cicerone Field at Anteater Ballpark

Opened: January 25, 2002
Seating Capacity: 3,408 (908 seats, 2,500 Anthill)
Dimensions (LF-LC-CF-RC-RF): 335-380-408-380-335
Fence: 12 feet high
Surface: GN-1 Bermuda grass
Grounds crew: Jordan Schrader
..... James Yogi, Hannah Roberts, Carlos Martinez

Media Relations

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BEN ORLOFF

HEAD COACH, SIXTH SEASON

BASEBALL TIMELINE

2006-09	UC Irvine Shortstop 241 games, .320, 281 hits, 178 runs, 62 SB, 86 sac
2007	Set NCAA record for sac bunts (34) in a season; holds career record (86)
2008	19th Round pick in MLB Draft (Rockies)
2009	Brooks Wallace Award Winner All-American Big West Field Player of the Year 9th Round pick in MLB Draft (Astros)
2009-13	Astros org. (Greeneville, Tri-City, Lexington, Lancaster, Corpus Christi)
2013	Team Israel World Baseball Classic
2013-18	UC Irvine Assistant Coach / Associate Head Coach
2019-	UC Irvine Head Coach

Orloff joined the Anteater coaching staff in 2013 as an assistant under legendary skipper Mike Gillespie bringing a wealth of experience on offense and as an infielder. Orloff also served as the third base coach in addition to his efforts on the recruiting trail. He later earned the role of associate head coach before becoming the head coach of the Anteaters ahead of the 2019 season, and was the sixth youngest coach in the nation when he took over in addition to the only head coach on the West under the age of 35.

Spearheading the Anteater recruiting efforts, Orloff played at UCI from 2006-09 and became the program's first Big West Player of the Year. Orloff won the 2009 Brooks Wallace Award as the nation's top shortstop, and was the first Anteater player to win an American Baseball Coaches Association Gold Glove award. A three-time All-American, Orloff also was named to two NCAA Tournament teams and made four postseason appearances.

Recognized for his defensive talents, Orloff also evolved into a potent offensive threat, ending his collegiate career with a lifetime .320 batting average. Orloff is UCI's all-time hit leader with 281 and owns the top mark in runs scored with 178. He leads all Anteaters with 241 games played and 877 at-bats. With 62 stolen bases, he is second in the UCI career annals and also dots the single-season records in multiple categories. Orloff led the nation two consecutive years in sacrifice hits and holds the NCAA single-season mark of 34 set in 2007 and in a career with 86 before being drafted in the ninth round by the Houston Astros and climbing as high as Double-A Corpus Christi.



DANIEL BIBONA

ASSISTANT COACH, TWELFTH SEASON

Bibona played from 2007-10 and was the first Anteater to be named Big West Pitcher of the Year back-to-back seasons. The southpaw collected five All-America honors and also was a two-time all-conference first-team selection. Bibona helped the Anteaters to four NCAA Tournament berths and was voted to two NCAA Regional All-Tournament teams. He was named a USA Baseball Golden Spikes Award semifinalist and holds the career record in strikeouts. Bibona also won the prestigious Lowe's Senior CLASS Award for displaying excellence in four areas; community service, the classroom, character and competition. Bibona, who received a degree in sociology, was then drafted in the eighth round by the St. Louis Cardinals and pitched for the Quad City River Bandits.



J.T. BLOODWORTH

ASSISTANT COACH, SIXTH SEASON

J.T. Bloodworth joined the Anteater coaching staff for the 2019 baseball season as an assistant coach. He spent six seasons at UC San Diego as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator rising up after joining the staff as a volunteer in September of 2012. In addition to overseeing the recruiting operations, Bloodworth was the hitting instructor, worked with the infielders, and also coached third base.



RYAN JOHNSTON

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH, SECOND SEASON



ERICH PFOHL

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, FIRST SEASON

JUSTIN HOSTERT

ATHLETIC TRAINER, SECOND SEASON

Head Coach Ben Orloff's Preseason Thoughts

"Some version of Pinto, Vizcaino, and Kelly will make up our weekend rotation. Kelly is the difference maker and has the ability to rack up the punchouts along with Pinto. The expectations need to be tempered because he hardly threw last year and is essentially a freshman when it comes to innings."

"We're going to be non-conventional out of the bullpen and on Tuesdays. Until our guys pitch themselves into bigger roles, I think everyone will do better with smaller roles. We have a lot of guys that are going to be tough on opponents when they're in there to get three outs."

"The defense is going to be a calling card for us and why we're going to be so good. We have plus defensive players all over the diamond, that's going to be a gigantic strength for us."

"Hadeen at shortstop is an elite defender, he makes everybody else better which I think we were lacking a little last year. His presence returns everyone to their natural position with Dub Glead at third base and Bermudez and Oyama improved and at second base."

"Everyone on our schedule challenges themselves just like we do starting with North Dakota State, if you're talking RPI, one of the things you want to do is play the best team in a conference outside the Power 5 which everyone here historically has been and will be in 2024. The common fan might not know some of these opponents are good and might not have the big name recognition like Michigan or UCLA, but most of these schools are likely picks to win or finish near the top of their conferences."

TEAM OUTLOOK

EVERY AT-BAT COUNTS

As mentioned earlier, the 'Eaters don't lose a whole lot in the field and gain a position player back in Hadeen. In fact, every single one of the team's 1,869 at-bats from 2023 is back on the 2024 roster. Even more impressive was the fact that the 2023 offense broke numerous program records including runs scored, home runs, and walks. FaBIO which measures Fielding and Ball-park Individual Outcomes rated UC Irvine's offense No. 1 in the nation in expected runs scored per plate appearance.

The competitive Big West saw the 'Eaters post the batting champ in Anthony Martinez and his .394 average, the stolen base king of Jo Oyama who continued to garner accolades over the summer at the Cape Cod League and named the No. 7 second baseman in D1Baseball.com's Top 50 at the position, and Caden Kendle breaking the school record with 69 runs scored a year ago and returning with a 43-game on-base streak intact having reached in 81 of his last 82 games.

MOUND PRESENCE

The pitching side of things for the Anteaters is not as settled as the bats with graduations by important starters Michael Stanford and Andre Antone, Jacob King and Tanner Brooks no longer anchoring the backend, Cooper Robinson off to the SEC, and offseason injuries shutting down the likes of Finnegan Wall and Danny Suarez who were ready to compete for weekend roles.

Nick Pinto returns for a fifth season and the model of longevity entering 2024 with 46 career starts, most among all pitchers in college baseball. He starts the season 10th all-time in strikeouts at UCI with 235 to go with 17 wins and a 3.90 ERA as an Anteater. David Vizcaino is back for his third year as an Anteater and looking to pitch big weekend innings, and second-year arm Riley Kelly could be a large factor, a draft pick out of high school with huge potential and saw his freshman year cut down by injuries.

The collection of Anteater arms still has a lot yet to be seen with additions like fifth-year Ricky Tibbett from San Diego State, David Utagawa from Northwestern out of the Big Ten, and junior college two-way convert Dante Zamudio working into the mix of veterans Cameron Wheeler and Nick Rincover, second-year 'Eaters Max Martin, Elliot Joslin, Michael Pirrello, and Ryder Brooks ready to make their mark, and a talented group of freshmen that may be called upon.

THE GREATEST STRENGTH

With all the fireworks off the bats and promising arms powering the pitching staff, one of the strongest parts of the 2024 squad and likely most overlooked will be the defense.

The gloves are coming off 51 errors in 55 games with standouts like Will Bermudez named 1 of 3 finalists for the Gold Glove Award among second basemen, two errors at first base all year for freshman Anthony Martinez, a Big West-leading six outfield assists by Caden Kendle, and a catching trio and pitching staff that allowed 40 total stolen base attempts. A big factor in 2023 was the absence of Woody Hadeen, the team's starting shortstop, and while all over the diamond stepped up with a .975 fielding percentage and 38 wins, many Anteaters were playing their second position.

The outfield is full of plus defenders from left to right with Luke Spillane commanding center field and the combination of Caden Kendle, Myles Smith, and Chase Call all battling for the other outfield spots and fully capable of covering the vast expanse of Cicerone Field.

+ **The Anteater coaching staff made two changes** starting with **Erich Pfohl** joining as the Director of Operations coming from USD. Blake Hawksworth left to take a position as an assistant coach at the University of Oregon. Anteater great **Chris Rabago** also joins the staff as a graduate assistant after a nine-year professional career.



2024 UC IRVINE BASEBALL ROSTER

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- + All games are available to listen via kuci.org and select games on KUCI 88.9 FM
- + All baseball gameday information can be found at ucrivinesports.com/bsbgameday

Pronunciation Guide

1 Joichiro "Jo" Oyama	joe-EE-chee-row oh-YAW-muh
2 Woody Hadeen	hay-DEEN
5 Caden Kendle	KAY-din KEN-dull
8 Thomas McCaffrey	mick-CAFF-ree
10 Luke Spillane	spuh-LANE
12 David Utagawa	oo-tuh-GAH-wuh
14 Danny Suarez	SWARR-ezz
15 Finnegan Wall	FINN-ih-ginn
16 Will Bermudez	burr-MYOO-dezz
20 Tim Grack	GRAWK
24 Auggie Gutierrez	OGG-ee goo-tee-AIR-ezz
25 James Castagnola	cass-tann-YO-luh
27 Brandon Luu	LOO
31 Dante Zamudio	DON-tay zah-MOO-dee-oh
32 David Vizcaino	viz-ky-AY-noh
34 Abraham "Bam" Garcia-Pacheco	puh-CHECK-oh
35 Michael Pirrello	puh-ELL-oh
43 Ricky Ojeda	oh-HAY-duh
44 Nick Rincover	RINN-ko-vurr

Coaches and Support Staff

6 HC Ben Orloff	OR-loff
3 AC Daniel Bibona	buh-BO-nuh
Ops Erich Pfohl	AIR-ick FOAL
ATC Justin Hostert	HOSS-turt
Video CJ Yogi	YO-ghee
Grad Asst. Chris Rabago	ruh-BAW-go

Facilities

Cicerone Field	SISS-err-own
Newkirk Pavilion	NOO-kurk

Correct

UC Irvine / UCI	Cal-Irvine / U of Cal / U of Irvine
Irvine	Irving
Anteaters / "Eaters	Ant Eaters

Incorrect

No.	Name	Position	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	High School / College(s)
1	Jo Oyama	INF	L/R	5-6	165	Sr.	Naha, Okinawa, Japan	Konan HS (JPN) / Merced College
2	Woody Hadeen	INF	S/R	6-2	195	RS-Jr.	Temecula	Temecula Valley HS
4	Dub Glead	INF	R/R	6-1	200	Jr.	Ladera Ranch	San Juan Hills HS
5	Caden Kendle	OF	R/R	5-11	200	Sr.	Huntington Beach	Marina HS
7	Jacob Stinson	OF	L/R	6-1	190	Sr.	Pleasanton	Amador Valley HS / University of Nevada
8	Thomas McCaffrey	C	R/R	5-11	205	Sr.	Santa Monica	Harvard-Westlake HS
10	Luke Spillane	OF	R/R	6-0	195	Grad.	Trabuco Canyon	Mission Viejo HS
11	Myles Smith	OF	L/R	6-1	205	Jr.	Torrance	Crossroads School
12	David Utagawa	RHP	R/R	6-4	230	RS-Jr.	Phoenix, Ariz.	Corona Del Sol HS / Northwestern University
13	Nick Pinto	LHP	L/L	6-0	185	Grad.	Coto de Caza	Tesoro HS
14	Danny Suarez	RHP	R/R	6-4	205	Jr.	Trabuco Canyon	Trabuco Hills HS
15	Finnegan Wall	RHP	R/R	6-2	205	Jr.	Hesperia	Sultana HS
16	Will Bermudez	INF	S/R	5-10	175	RS-Jr.	Whittier	St. Paul HS / UC Davis / Mt. San Antonio College
17	Riley Kelly	RHP	R/R	6-5	215	So.	Santa Ana	Tustin HS
18	Ricky Tibbett	RHP	R/R	6-2	190	Grad.	Chula Vista	Eastlake HS / San Diego State University
20	Tim Grack	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	Fr.	Fountain Valley	Fountain Valley HS
21	Landon Gaz	1B	R/R	6-2	230	Fr.	Moorpark	Moorpark HS
22	Cameron Wheeler	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	Grad.	Chino Hills	Mater Dei HS
23	Frankie Carney	OF	L/R	5-11	180	RS-Fr.	San Diego	St. Augustine HS
24	Auggie Gutierrez	INF	R/R	5-11	180	So.	Yorba Linda	Servite HS
25	James Castagnola	INF	R/R	6-1	190	RS-Fr.	San Diego	Cathedral Catholic HS
26	Chase Call	OF / C	R/R	6-2	210	Jr.	Porter Ranch	Calabasas HS
27	Brandon Luu	LHP	L/L	6-2	220	Fr.	Irvine	Villa Park HS
28	Trevor Hansen	RHP	R/R	6-2	195	Fr.	Simi Valley	Royal HS
30	Trevor Wilson	OF	R/R	6-2	185	Fr.	Fresno	Bullard HS
31	Dante Zamudio	RHP	R/R	6-1	190	Jr.	Sylmar	Grace Brethren HS / WV State / L.A. Pierce CC
32	David Vizcaino	RHP	R/R	6-3	225	RS-Jr.	Chino	Don Lugo HS / Riverside City College
33	Max Martin	RHP	R/R	6-5	190	So.	Northridge	Sierra Canyon HS
34	Abraham Garcia-Pacheco	C	R/R	6-0	200	Sr.	Highland	Rancho Cucamonga HS
35	Michael Pirrello	RHP	R/R	6-2	180	So.	Los Alamitos	Los Alamitos HS
36	Andrew Grove	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	Fr.	Orange	Villa Park HS
37	Holt Williams	C / 1B	R/R	6-4	220	Fr.	Camas, Wash.	Camas HS
38	Lucas Scott	INF	R/R	6-0	175	Fr.	Long Beach	Long Beach Poly HS
39	David Butler	RHP	R/R	6-2	180	Jr.	Riverside	Ramona HS / Riverside City College
40	Ricky Ojeda	C	R/R	6-3	230	Jr.	Huntington Beach	Huntington Beach HS
41	Elliot Joslin	RHP	R/R	6-6	225	So.	Fairfax	Archie Williams HS
42	Ryder Brooks	LHP	L/L	6-2	195	RS-Fr.	Fountain Valley	Fountain Valley HS
43	Ricky Ojeda	LHP	L/L	5-11	170	Fr.	Valencia	Valencia HS
44	Nick Rincover	LHP	L/L	6-2	210	Grad.	West Hills	El Camino Real Charter HS / LA Pierce College
55	Anthony Martinez	1B	L/R	6-3	230	So.	Fairfield	De La Salle HS

Head Coach:

6 Ben Orloff

Assistant Coach:

3 Daniel Bibona

Assistant Coach:

17 J.T. Bloodworth

Volunteer Assistant Coach:

29 Ryan Johnston

Director of Operations:

Erich Pfohl

Athletic Trainer:

Justin Hostert

Volunteer Video Coordinator

C.J. Yogi

Graduate Assistant:

Chris Rabago

Team Managers:

Zeke Bellino, Julian Ruelas, Drew Steinhardt, Ingrid Veronika

Grounds Crew:

Jordan Schrader, James Yogi, Hannah Roberts, Carlos Martinez

Roster Notes

By Class: Grad Students (5), 6th Years (1), 5th Years (4), Seniors (5), Juniors (12), Sophomores (6), Freshmen (12)**By Hometown:** Orange County (12), Los Angeles / Ventura Counties (12), San Bernardino / Riverside Counties (6), San Diego County (3), Bay Area (3), Central California (1), Japan (1), Arizona (1), Washington (1)**By Previous School:** High School (31), Community College (6), 4-Year University (3)**By Skill:** Throws left (5), Throws right (35) | Bats left (10), Bats right (28), Switch Hitter (2)**By Position:** Pitcher (20), Infielder (10), Outfielder (7), Catcher (5)

2024 Big West Standings

School	Big West W-L	GB	Overall W-L	PCT	Preseason Poll / Votes (1st)
1. UC Irvine	-	-	13-1	.929	2nd / 89 (2)
2. UC San Diego	-	-	13-3	.813	3rd / 78
3. Long Beach State	-	-	10-3-1	.750	8th / 42
4. UC Santa Barbara	-	-	9-5	.643	1st / 99 (9)
5. Hawai'i	-	-	10-6	.625	4th / 70
6. CSUN	-	-	9-6	.600	5th / 65
T7. UC Riverside	-	-	9-7	.562	11th / 11
T7. UC Davis	-	-	9-7	.562	9th / 25
9. Cal State Fullerton	-	-	7-7	.500	6th / 59
10. Cal Poly	-	-	7-8	.467	7th / 46
11. Cal State Bakersfield	-	-	3-13	.188	10th / 21
Midweek: Cal State Bakersfield at Pepperdine, UC Santa Barbara vs. UNLV, CSUN at San Diego, UC Riverside at SDSU, vs. Washington State, Cal Poly vs. UNLV, Cal State Fullerton vs. Ohio State, Long Beach State vs. Dartmouth					
Weekend: UC Davis at UC Irvine, Long Beach State at UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Fullerton at UC San Diego, CSUN at Cal Poly, Hawai'i at Cal State Bakersfield					

Cicerone Field at Anteater Ballpark

Opened: Jan. 25, 2002 (23rd year of operation)
Capacity: 3,408 (908 Seats, 2,500 Anthill)
All-time record: 412-206 (.665)
Rated 4.14 out of 5 stars by StadiumJourney.com

Dedicated: May 19, 2009
to Chancellor Ralph J. Cicerone for his revival of the baseball program that broke ground in January 2001

Retired Number: #19
Retired May 18, 2018 for the program's all-time winningest coach and Hall of Famer, Mike "Skip" Gillespie

Dimensions: LF 335 - LC 380 - CF 408 - RC 380 - RF 335
Fence: 12 feet high
Surface: GN-1 Bermuda grass
Scoreboard: 52 feet high - 22'x46'
Video Display: 12'x21.6' (295" screen)

#TheCis



2024 UC Irvine Baseball Game Notes



1 | Senior INF
Jo Oyama
Okinawa, Japan



2 | RS-Junior INF
Woody Hadeen
Temecula



4 | Junior INF
Dub Gleed
Ladera Ranch



5 | Senior OF
Caden Kendle
Huntington Beach



7 | Senior OF
Jacob Stinson
Pleasanton



8 | Senior C
Thomas McCaffrey
Santa Monica



10 | Grad. OF
Luke Spillane
Trabuco Canyon



11 | Junior OF
Myles Smith
Torrance



12 | RS-Junior RHP
David Utagawa
Phoenix, Ariz.



13 | Grad. LHP
Nick Pinto
Coto de Caza



14 | Junior RHP
Danny Suarez
Trabuco Canyon



15 | Junior RHP
Finnegan Wall
Hesperia



16 | RS-Junior INF
Will Bermudez
Whittier



17 | Soph. RHP
Riley Kelly
Santa Ana



18 | Grad. RHP
Ricky Tibbett
Chula Vista



20 | Fresh. RHP
Tim Grack
Fountain Valley



21 | Freshman 1B
Landon Gaz
Moorpark



22 | Grad. RHP
Cameron Wheeler
Chino Hills



23 | RS-Fresh. OF
Frankie Carney
San Diego



24 | Soph. INF
Auggie Gutierrez
Yorba Linda



25 | RS-Fresh. INF
James Castagnola
San Diego



26 | Junior OF
Chase Call
Porter Ranch



27 | Fresh. LHP
Brandon Luu
Irvine



28 | Fresh. RHP
Trevor Hansen
Simi Valley



30 | Freshman OF
Trevor Wilson
Fresno



31 | Junior RHP
Dante Zamudio
Sylmar



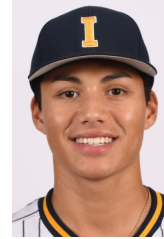
32 | RS-Junior RHP
David Vizcaino
Chino



33 | Soph. RHP
Max Martin
Northridge



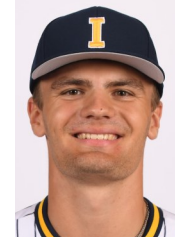
34 | Senior C
Bam Garcia-Pacheco
Highland



35 | Soph. RHP
Michael Pirrello
Los Alamitos



36 | Fresh. RHP
Andrew Grove
Orange



37 | Freshman C
Holt Williams
Camas, Wash.



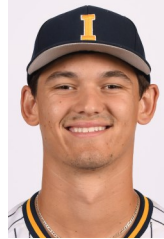
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Fairfield



Head Coach 6
Ben Orloff

11th season at UCI
6th as head coach

Specializes in re-
cruiting, hitters, and
infielders



Assistant Coach 3
Daniel Bibona

12th season

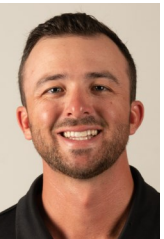
Pitching Coach
Makes all mound visits



Assistant Coach 17
J.T. Bloodworth

6th season

Coaches hitters and
fielders
Recruiting Coordinator
3rd Base Coach



Volunteer 29
Assistant Coach
Ryan Johnston

2nd season

Coaches hitters,
fielders, and pitchers
1st Base Coach



Getting to know Anteater Ballpark

Anteater Ballpark

UCI baseball returned to a packed house of 3,083 fans against San Diego January 25, 2002 on the same site as the original Anteater Field

The symmetrical ballpark has dimensions of 335 feet down each line, 380 feet to the alleys, and 408 feet to center field surrounded by a 12-foot high fence

Cicerone Field

Named for Ralph J. Cicerone (UC Irvine's Chancellor from 1998-2005) responsible for resurrecting UC Irvine Baseball

Dedicated prior to the May 19, 2009 game vs. UCLA, a 5-4 win

The field is comprised of GN-1 Bermuda grass

Fanfare

The ballpark holds 3,408 fans with 908 seats and 2,500 on the grassy "Anthill". UCI's spacious 2,000-sq ft dugouts house each team during the games

Newkirk Pavilion was completed in 2007 which houses the Anteater clubhouse, coaches and staff offices, and pavilion where donors can watch

Diamond Status

The stadium was rated a 4.14 by StadiumJourney.com, a higher rating than ballparks at USC, LBSU, Florida, UCLA, and even Angel Stadium.

Since, UCI raised a 52-foot LED scoreboard in left field in 2018 to enhance the already fan-friendly atmosphere featuring a variety of concessions

Nearby Landmarks

John Wayne Airport (3 miles North)
Concordia University (3 miles East)
Strawberry Farms Golf Club (3.6 miles East)
Fashion Island (4 miles South)
Back Bay (4.6 miles Southwest)
Irvine Valley College (4.6 miles East)
OC Fairgrounds (5 miles West)
Orange Coast College & Vanguard (5 mi. West)
Balboa Island (5.6 miles Southwest)
Segerstrom Center for the Arts (6 miles NW)
Blizzard Entertainment (6 miles East)
Irvine Spectrum (7.4 miles East)
Crystal Cove State Park (9.1 miles Southeast)

Southern California

Newport Beach Pier (8.4 miles Southwest)
Orange County Great Park (8.8 miles East)
City of Huntington Beach (12 miles West)
Honda Center & Angel Stadium (15 miles North)
Disneyland (16.5 miles North)
Cal State Fullerton (20.5 miles North)
Long Beach State (22.1 miles Northwest)
Catalina Island (39 miles Southwest)
UC Riverside (44 miles Northeast)
Dodger Stadium (45 miles Northwest)
Santa Monica Pier (54.5 miles Northwest)
CSUN (70 miles Northwest)
City of San Diego (83.7 miles Southeast)

Notable Anteaters

Tyler Hoechlin (BASE)—Teen Wolf, Road to Perdition
Brady Anderson—MLB All-Star (Orioles & Red Sox)
Scott Brooks—NBA Coach, Wizards, Thunder, Trail Blazers
Greg Louganis—Olympic gold medal-winning diver
Brad Evans—MLS 2-Time Champion (SEA, CREW, USMNT)
Darren Fells (MBB)—NFL Tight End
Carl Cheffers—NFL head referee, Super Bowls LI and LV
David Baker—President & executive dir., NFL Hall of Fame
Joe Jacob—Owner, Golden State Warriors
David Benioff—Co-Creator/Showrunner, Game of Thrones
Jon Lovitz—Saturday Night Live, The Critic, Rat Race
Alice Sebold—Author, The Lovely Bones
Aubrey O'Day—Singer, Making The Band, Danity Kane
Nazanin Boniadi—Activist, Actress (General Hospital, HIMYM)

37,000+ students



MASCOT:
Peter the Anteater



Degrees Offered

87 bachelor's **84** master's **53** doctorates

#8 **PUBLIC UNIVERSITY**
in the U.S. by
U.S. News & World Report

#1 UNIVERSITY
doing the most for the American dream
The New York Times
2017 College Access Index

#1 Cool School
in the U.S. for Sustainability
Top 10 for 11 years
— Sierra magazine

28 **NATIONAL TITLES**
in nine sports

200,000+
Anteater alumni

\$7 BILLION
annual economic impact
in Orange County



PETER THE ANTEATER

OFFICIAL MASCOT OF UC IRVINE ATHLETICS

WHY THE ANTEATER?

Two former water polo players, Pat Glasgow and Bob Ernst, are regarded as the main instigators to anoint the Anteater as the mascot for UC Irvine. The character is inspired by the character from the "B.C." comic by Johnny Hart. The student-athletes, along with fellow student Schuyler Hadley Bssett III, organized a campaign to promote their idea ahead of the 195 student election.

Despite other candidates, the students chose the Anteater to represent the university with a commanding 55.9% majority. Peter The Anteater's famous "Zot" war cry is borrowed from the "B.C." comic strip, and still serves its purpose to this day.



WE ARE UC IRVINE.



The correct way to refer to the Anteaters is UC Irvine or UCI. Please do not refer to the university as "Cal-Irvine" or Cal State Irvine." The university name is written as "UC Irvine," not "U.C. Irvine," "UC-Irvine" or "Cal Irvine." This naming convention also applies to the majority of the UC-system universities (i.e. UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara, UC San Diego). The only exceptions are UCLA and California (UC Berkeley).

UC Irvine Anteaters Baseball 2024
Overall Statistics for UC Irvine (as of Mar 09, 2024)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 13-1 Home: 6-0 Away: 4-1 Neutral: 3-0 Big West: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
5 Kendle, Caden	.421	14-14	57	15	24	7	2	2	22	41	.719	10	6	10	0	.541	1	0	0-1	26	0	0	1.000
2 Hadeen, Woody	.333	14-14	63	18	21	2	0	0	11	23	.365	7	4	10	1	.421	2	2	4-5	18	42	3	.952
1 Oyama, Jo	.327	14-14	52	17	17	5	2	3	19	35	.673	7	9	12	1	.478	1	2	3-3	6	25	4	.886
11 Smith, Myles	.316	14-13	38	18	12	2	0	1	8	17	.447	21	2	8	0	.565	1	0	1-1	17	0	0	1.000
16 Bermudez, Will	.300	14-11	40	15	12	2	1	1	14	19	.475	4	3	6	0	.396	1	1	0-0	27	31	2	.967
55 Martinez, Anthony	.298	14-14	57	13	17	4	0	1	16	24	.421	9	5	8	0	.431	1	0	1-1	109	3	1	.991
8 McCaffrey, Thomas	.268	12-12	41	9	11	3	1	3	17	25	.610	8	3	10	0	.415	1	2	0-0	71	5	0	1.000
10 Spillane, Luke	.244	13-13	45	10	11	5	1	0	4	18	.400	7	4	6	1	.393	0	4	1-1	24	0	0	1.000
26 Call, Chase	.235	10-9	34	12	8	3	0	3	15	20	.588	5	6	9	1	.422	0	1	0-0	2	0	0	1.000

25 Castagnola, James	1.000	4-0	1	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.000	3	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	4	0	0	1.000
7 Stinson, Jacob	.500	3-0	4	3	2	0	0	1	5	5	1.250	1	0	0	0	.600	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
40 Penso, Blake	.500	1-0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	5	1	0	1.000
23 Carney, Frankie	.429	4-0	7	3	3	1	0	0	4	4	.571	2	0	0	0	.500	1	0	1-1	1	1	0	1.000
34 Garcia-Pacheco, A.	.400	6-6	20	8	8	3	0	1	6	14	.700	4	2	3	1	.538	0	1	0-0	57	3	0	1.000
4 Gleed, Dub	.235	5-5	17	4	4	1	0	0	1	5	.294	3	1	3	0	.381	0	0	1-1	1	7	0	1.000
24 Gutierrez, Auggie	.000	4-1	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	2	0	0	.357	0	0	0-0	4	5	1	.900
21 Gaz, Landon	.000	1-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	1	0	.667	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.311	14	488	153	152	38	7	16	143	252	.516	95	49	86	5	.462	9	13	12-14	375	137	12	.977
Opponents	.248	14	483	60	120	18	2	14	55	184	.381	53	7	137	9	.331	1	5	8-9	357	131	17	.966

LOB - Team (144), Opp (114). DPs turned - Team (10), Opp (5). IBB - Team (1), Kendle, C. 1. Picked off - Call, C. 1, Smith, My. 1, Spillane, L. 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
13 Pinto, Nick	2.82	3-1	4	4	0	0/0	0	22.1	20	7	7	7	23	2	0	2	.241	0	1	0	1	1
28 Hansen, Trevor	5.50	2-0	4	4	0	0/0	0	18.0	22	12	11	9	17	4	0	3	.301	1	0	0	0	1

41 Joslin, Elliot	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
35 Pirrello, Michael	0.00	1-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
42 Brooks, Ryder	1.42	2-0	5	0	0	0/0	0	6.1	10	3	1	1	10	0	1	0	.323	1	1	1	0	0
18 Tibbett, Ricky	1.86	0-0	7	0	0	0/0	4	9.2	7	2	2	4	13	1	0	1	.189	1	0	0	0	0
32 Vizcaino, David	2.25	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	4.0	4	1	1	0	6	1	0	0	.267	2	0	0	0	0
20 Grack, Tim	3.00	0-0	3	1	0	0/0	0	6.0	7	2	2	4	6	2	0	0	.304	1	0	0	0	0
43 Ojeda, Ricky	3.68	1-0	4	0	0	0/0	1	7.1	7	3	3	3	10	1	0	1	.250	0	0	0	0	0
22 Wheeler, Cameron	3.86	1-0	6	0	0	0/0	0	9.1	12	5	4	2	9	2	0	1	.316	2	0	0	0	1
33 Martin, Max	5.00	0-0	5	0	0	0/0	1	9.0	8	5	5	4	9	2	1	1	.242	1	0	0	0	0
27 Luu, Brandon	5.19	3-0	4	1	0	0/0	0	8.2	6	5	5	6	6	1	0	1	.207	1	4	0	0	2
17 Kelly, Riley	5.40	0-0	4	4	0	0/0	0	10.0	9	6	6	6	9	2	0	2	.225	5	0	0	0	0
12 Utagawa, David	6.10	0-0	7	0	0	0/0	0	10.1	8	9	7	6	12	0	0	2	.195	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	3.89	13-1	14	14	0	0/0	6	125.0	120	60	54	53	137	18	2	14	.248	15	7	1	1	5
Opponents	10.36	1-13	14	14	0	0/0	0	119.0	152	153	137	95	86	38	7	16	.311	16	49	1	9	13

PB - Team (3), McCaffrey, T 2, Garcia-Pac. 1, Opp (4). Pickoffs - Team (3), Hansen, Tr. 2, Pinto, N. 1, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - Garcia-Pac. (4-5), McCaffrey, T (4-4), Brooks, R. (2-2), Utagawa, D. (2-2), Kelly, R. (2-2), Luu, B. (1-1), Pinto, N. (1-1), Hansen, Tr. (0-1).

2024 NATIONAL AWARDS





HUNGRY TO COACH

+ **Head Coach Ben Orloff** returns for his sixth season after bringing home the program's second Big West title in just his second full season in 2021. He was named Coach of the Year for the first time in 2021, and the fourth conference accolade for the program. Coach Orloff claimed his 100th career victory in his 149th career game. He's approaching legendary coach Gary Adams beginning the 2024 season with 158 career wins, 27 behind Adams' all-time mark of 185.



+ **The Anteaters coaching tree** has begun to sprout with eight baseball alums joining coach Orloff in the college baseball coaching ranks:

Gregg Wallis became the second to elevate to head coach taking over Grand Canyon last summer in now his 11th year with the program



Ryan Johnston joined the UCI staff as a volunteer assistant with Orloff and **Daniel Bibona** where he is 1 of 6 UCI baseball alums assisting on the Division I level

Johnston replaced **Mitchell Holland** who jumped from LMU last year to San Diego in 2024 as an assistant coach



Elliot Surrey begins his fifth season on the CSUN coaching staff and second as a full-time assistant. He had spent the beginning of his tenure under former UCI head coach Dave Serrano who retired at the conclusion of the 2022 season



Griffin Mazur is in his second year in the ACC after a year on the staff at Michigan following their head coach to Clemson where he is an assistant



Connor Spencer completes the Division I notables joining Cal State Fullerton for a second year. He has been part of the national scouting scene while also coaching at his alma mater, Tesoro High School, and various summer league squads. His head coach also has Anteater ties in **Jason Dietrich** now in his third year



Jonathan Munoz has risen up to the junior college level as an assistant at Saddleback college for his fifth year now. Previously, he had been an assistant at Biola, Whittier Christian HS, and summer ball. **Drew Hillman** earned his first head coaching task at Laguna Hills High School where he also teaches U.S. History. Hillman landed at LHHS after stops at his alma mater El Toro HS and Villa Park HS as assistants. **Jon Hurst** is now at Fountain Valley HS as an assistant principal after years as the head baseball coach at his alma mater, Diamond Bar HS. **Grant Palmer** jumped from El Camino College to LMU as a volunteer assistant, and now is ready to begin his first head coaching gig back at El Camino College in 2024



John Savage continues to lead UCLA, now in his 20th season with one title. The 'Eaters' head coach when they returned in 2002 spent three years at UCI earning one postseason berth before heading to UCLA, and he's added 'Eater **Jake Palmer** on as director of player development. More Anteater ties lie in coaching ranks at USC where **Sergio Brown** began 2022 as the Director of Player Development after spending three seasons at UCI in the 2000s. Joining the Pac-12 crew this year is **Nathan Choate** who was part of the UCI program during the 2007 CWS season and was just head coach at LMU for four years. UNLV features **Cory Vanderhook** as an assistant after one season spent with the Anteaters in 2019.



BIG WEST PRESEASON POLL

Preseason Big West Coaches Poll

2024 Poll	School	First-Place Votes	Points	2023 Poll (Finish)
1	UC Santa Barbara	9	99	1st (T5th)
2	UC Irvine	2	89	2nd (4th)
3	UC San Diego		78	8th (1st)
4	Hawai'i		70	6th (T5th)
5	CSUN		65	7th (T2nd)
6	Cal State Fullerton		59	5th (T2nd)
7	Cal Poly		46	4th (8th)
8	Long Beach State		42	3rd (7th)
9	UC Davis		25	9th (10th)
10	Cal State Bakersfield		21	10th (9th)
11	UC Riverside		11	11th (11th)

+ **The Anteaters are projected for a second place finish** in the Big West Preseason Coaches Poll. UCI was projected to finish second in 2022 as well. The 'Eaters were ranked early on in the season nationally as well.

+ **The second edition of the Preseason All-Big West** featured three Anteaters led by **Caden Kendle** on for a second time and joined by **Anthony Martinez** and **Dub Glead**.

+ **D1Baseball.com** put out its Big West preview with UC Irvine projected to finish second, but make a regional as an at-large. The publication also ranked the top draft prospects for the 2024 and 2025 drafts. UCI had six draft prospects for



D1Baseball.com National Positional Rankings

	Anthony Martinez	Jo Oyama	Woody Hadeen	Caden Kendle	Nick Pinto
Anteater	Martinez	Oyama	Hadeen	Kendle	Pinto
D1 rating	5th	7th	14th	37th	92nd
Position	1B	2B	SS	OF	SP

2024 led by Nos. 11 and 12 **Woody Hadeen** and **Jo Oyama**, and followed by **Caden Kendle** (#18), **Dub Glead** (#20), **Myles Smith** (#25), and **Chase Call** (#28). Two Anteaters appeared in the top 20 2025 draft prospects with first baseman **Anthony Martinez** at No. 2 and pitcher **Riley Kelly** at No. 5. Notably, no Anteaters were named among the top 20 Impact Freshmen.

+ **D1Baseball.com** named its **Top 50 players** at each position with **Anthony Martinez** rated the No. 5 1B, **Jo Oyama** No. 7 2B, and **Woody Hadeen** at No. 14 SS, **Caden Kendle** the No. 37 OF, and **Nick Pinto** at No. 92 starting pitcher

REVIEWING THE 2023 ANTEATERS

+ **UCI finished 2023 with a 38-17 record**, the fourth-most wins on the West Coast, and second-best winning percentage.

+ **The Anteaters won 20 games** away from home which included the best road winning percentage in the nation at .760 going 19-6

+ **UCI went 8-1 against the Pac-12** outscoring them 81-42 and 10-3 overall against Power 5 programs.

+ **The 'Eaters led the nation with 52 sacrifice flies**. UCI's previous season high was 34 in a season

+ **The Anteater offense broke a few single-season records** including runs scored with 445 (previously 443), 52 home runs (previously 45), and walks at 304 (previously 294) which included a program record 28 runs and a 27-run margin of victory in a 28-1 win over UC Riverside May 25th

+ **UC Irvine's 2023 offense also rated as the No. 1 offense** by FaBIO (Fielding and Ballpark Independent Outcomes) detailing expected runs per plate appearance. The team was also rated first in BB+HBP, 17th in ability to avoid a strikeout, and 31st in expected runs per batted ball led by the metric's top rated freshman, **Anthony Martinez**, rated a 100 overall

+ **Caden Kendle** reached in 54 of 55 games last season. He enters 2024 having reached baseball in his last 43 games as the reigning co-Big West Field Player of the Year and All-West Region Second Team. Kendle was drafted in the 10th round in the 2023 MLB Draft, but still returned to school leaving him as the highest-drafted college player to return as part of his school's 2024 roster

+ **Will Bermudez** was 1 of 3 ABCA Rawlings Gold Glove finalists as a second baseman committing two errors in 213 chances.

+ **Nick Pinto** was perfect through five innings in his last two home starts in 2023. He breached the top 10 in program history in strikeouts with 235, and his 46 career starts are the most among all pitchers in the NCAA entering the 2024 season

+ **Luke Spillane** is the program's active leader with 166 career games. In addition, he's over 100 career runs and RBIs, reached 30 career steals, and 14 sacrifice flies put him second all-time.

UCI 5th and 6th-Year Student-Athletes

Player	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Nick Rincover		LA Pierce College			UC Irvine	
Luke Spillane	HS			UC Irvine		
Cameron Wheeler	HS			UC Irvine		
Nick Pinto	HS			UC Irvine		
Ricky Tibbett	HS		San Diego State University			UCI

ON THE 'EATER MENU

+ **The 'Eaters have an ambitious schedule for 2024** featuring opponents from the Pac-12, WCC, Big Ten, Mountain West, WAC, Ivy League, BIG EAST, and American Athletic conferences.

+ **Of UCI's 12 non-conference opponents, six were top-75 RPI teams in 2023**, nine in the top 100 where the 'Eaters landed 18-12 against top 100 teams in 2023, and the 'Eaters will host top-100 opponents for nine games in Anteater Ballpark.

+ **UC Irvine went 10-2 against Power 5 schools** in 2023 with their 2024 schedule featuring six Power 5 matchups, three to be played in Anteater Ballpark. UCI also plays six games against Preseason Top 25 programs, four coming at Cicerone Field



+ Under coach Orloff, UCI is 30-16 against the Pac-12 which would be fourth-best in the conference since 2019. UCI went 8-1 in 2023 with seven wins against teams that were ranked at one point. UCI is 111-85 against the conference since 2002.

OPENING DAY

+ The program has put 11 Anteaters in the big leagues all-time with as many as three in 2023. A total of 14 Anteaters were playing pro ball across all levels and another three Anteater NLI signees are playing pro ball as well including Major League **Royce Lewis**.

+ **Andre Pallante** made his MLB debut in 2022 as 1 of 8 players from the 2019 MLB Draft class to make a 2022 Opening Day roster. He participated in the 2023 World Baseball Classic with Team Italy and has spent a majority of the 2022 and 2023 seasons at the big-league level with the St. Louis Cardinals as a starter and reliever.

+ **Calvin Faucher** made his debut with the Rays in June 2022 after being a 10th-rounder in 2017. The duo of Faucher and Pallante mark the first pair of Anteaters to open a season on opening day rosters in program history in 2023. In the 2024 offseason, Faucher was traded to the Miami Marlins

+ **Keston Hiura** enters his sixth season and first with his new organization, the Detroit Tigers. In nearly 300 MLB games, he's a .238 career hitter with 50 HR and 132 RBIs



'EATERS AND THE DRAFT

+ One Anteater was drafted, but left a notable mark. **Caden Kendle** was selected in the 10th round by the St. Louis Cardinals, but decided to forego his pro career at this time

2023 Draftees

Anteater	Round	Overall	Club
Caden Kendle &.....	10th	Pick 305	STL Cardinals
Anthony Huezos #.....	12th	Pick 374	HOU Astros
Jacob King.....	FA Signing		MIN Twins



& - Will return to UC Irvine for senior season in 2024

- Drafted out of Etiwanda High School and signed pro contract; signed NLI to UCI in 2023 signing period

and return to UC Irvine. He became the highest-drafted collegiate player to return to school and the only one in the first 10 rounds in 2023

+ **Jacob King** was the lone Anteater to jump from UCI to pro ball in 2023 signing a free agent contract with the Minnesota Twins and playing some at their rookie level

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+ All-time, the program has seen 161 players go pro with 134 via the MLB Draft and 27 signing as free agents. That total is 103 since the program came back in 2002, and 20 under current head coach Ben Orloff with representation by each MLB team with the St. Louis Cardinals at 13 Anteaters the most.



'Eaters in the Pros

Anteater	Pro Since	Rd / Pick / Org.	Current Org.	Current Team	MLB Debut	Position	at UCI
Keston Hiura	2017	1st / 9 / MIL	Tigers	Toledo Mudhens—Triple-A	5/14/19	2B / 1B / DH	2015-17
Royce Lewis	2017	1st / 1 / MIN	Twins	Minnesota Twins	5/6/22	SS / 3B / OF	2017 NLI signee
Calvin Faucher	2017	10th / 286 / TB	Marlins	Miami Marlins	5/9/22	RHP	2016-17
Andre Pallante	2019	4th / 125 / STL	Cardinals	St. Louis Cardinals	4/10/22	RHP	2016-19
Brandon Lewis	2019	4th / 131 / LAD	Dodgers	Tulsa Drillers—Double-A		3B / 1B	2019
Christian Koss	2019	12th / 369 / COL	Red Sox	Worcester Red Sox—Triple-A		SS / 2B	2017-19
Taylor Rashi	2019	23rd / 686 / SF	Diamondbacks	Amarillo Sod Poodles—Double-A		RHP	2018-19
Trenton Denholm	2021	14th / 426 / CLE	Guardians	Lake County Captains—High-A		RHP	2018-21
Peter Van Loon	2021	16th / 467 / BAL	Orioles	Bowie Baysox—Double-A		RHP	2020-21
Dillon Tatum	2021	20th / 609 / MIN	Twins	Fort Myers Mighty Mussels—Single-A		C	2021
Mike Peabody	2021	NDFA / LAA	Angels	Inland Empire 66ers—Single-A		OF	2018-21
Nathan Church	2022	11th / 337 / STL	Cardinals	Peoria Chiefs—High-A		OF	2019-22
Troy Taylor	2022	12th / 366 / SEA	Mariners	Modesto Nuts—Single-A		RHP	2022
Taishi Nakawake	2022	NDFA / CHW	White Sox	Winston-Salem Dash—High-A		SS	2020-22
Jacob King	2023	NDFA / MIN	Twins	FCL Twins—Rookie		RHP	2020-23
Tim Lopes	2012	6th / 191 / SEA	Padres	El Paso Chihuahuas—Triple-A	7/24/19	INF	2011 NLI signee
Anthony Huezos	2023	12th / 374 / HOU	Astros	ACL Astros—Rookie		OF	2023 NLI signee

Past Major Leaguers (7): Gary Wheelock (76-80), Brady Anderson (88-02), Doug Linton (92-03), Sean Tracey (2006), Bryan Petersen (10-12), Dylan Axelrod (11-15), Christian Bergman (14-18)



UC Irvine Anteaters	
Record	13-1
Big West:	-
Home:	6-0
Runs/game:	10.9
ERA:	3.89
Fielding:	12 errors

UConn Huskies	
Record:	3-9
BIG EAST:	-
Away:	2-8
Runs/game:	3.8
ERA:	6.14
Fielding:	17 errors



24-11 midweek under Coach Orloff	<u>Under Head Coach Ben Orloff</u>	Established:	1881	Notable Huskie alums	
9-2 in 2023 & 2022 | 2019 & 2020: 5-7	<i>Weekend Series: 44-20 (3 splits)</i>	Enrollment:	32,669	George Springer	Nick Ahmed
<u>Coach Orloff vs. Big West opponents</u>	<i>At Anteater Ballpark: 92-30</i>	Baseball since:	1896	Charles Nagy	Rajai Davis
Total: 86-43 | 2023: 19-11	<i>Non-Conference: 87-43</i>	CWS: 1957, 1959, 1965, 1972, 1979		Dan Iassogna	Richard Bernstein
Home: 46-18 | Road: 40-25 | NC: 2-3	<i>Games in California: 146-71</i>	Conf. titles: Season: 4 / Tourney: 5		Meg Ryan	Moby



Pinch-Hitters (PH H-AB)

16 SH Bermudez	0-1
24 RH Gutierrez	HBP
25 RH Castagnola	3 BB
40 RH Penso	0-1
7 LH Stinson	1-2, GS
23 LH Carney	0-2
21 RH Gaz	0-1

Out of the Pen (IR-IRS)

18 RHP Tibbett	8-2
12 RHP Utagawa	6-2
33 RHP Martin	-
42 LHP Brooks	7-3
43 LHP Ojeda	1-1
22 RHP Wheeler	4-3
27 LHP Luu	1-0
41 RHP Joslin	-
35 RHP Pirrello	-

UConn and UC Irvine meet for the second time all-time with the first coming in 2011. The Huskies were No. 19 back then coming off the Tony Gwynn Legacy, but the 'Eaters got the win letting up an early lead only to win it in the eighth on a Sean Madigan RBI single, 5-4, and topping future Major Leaguers like George Springer and Nich Ahmed. UConn has made five straight NCAA Regional trips, three times earning an at-large bid, and reaching the Supers once in 2022 falling at Stanford.

The Huskies have started slow to a 3-9 record. They're coming off being swept at UC Santa Barbara while also getting swept at Cal, losing 2-of-3 at No. 23 Auburn, and winning 2 of 3 in a tournament to open the season in Tampa. They will play at UCLA Tuesday before coming south and finish with three at California Baptist

The offense has been held back by the daunting schedule hitting just .224 with 3.7 runs per game. They do hit the long ball matching UCI with 16 with Jack Studley (.298, 4 HR, 5 RBI) and Matt Malcom (4 HR, 6 RBI) leading the way, and Korey Morton (.288, 2 HR, 7 RBI) and Ryan Daniels (2 HR, 8 RBI) others contributing early on.

Pitching has been hit around to a 6.14 ERA put piles up the strikeouts with 9.7 per game. The Huskies have some viable bullpen arms led by Gabe Van Emon (1.72, 15.2 IP, 15 K) and Braden Quinn (3.38, 5.1 IP, 7 K) and others likely to be factors Wednesday like closer Brady Afthim (2 Sv, 6 K) and Joe Carrea both sporting 0.00 ERAs

1	Sr. INF Jo Oyama	First UCI cycle since 1981 | UCI record 9 RBIs (Rupp - 1983)
2	RS-Jr. INF Woody Hadeen	15-game hit streak | vs. LHP: 7-for-15—vs. RHP: 14-for-48
3	Jr. INF Bud Glead	Missed last 9 games (hamstring) | born in Utah, grew up in HI
4	Sr. OF Caden Kendle	57-game on-base streak | 2 grand slams in span of 5 days
5	Sr. OF Jacob Stinson	2nd career HR, 1st at UC Irvine with Saturday's grand slam
6	Sr. C Thomas McCaffrey	100th career RBI in Fresno, 127 career games (.296, 13 HR)
7	Grad. OF Luke Spillane	Active leader: Games (179), H (159), RBI (108), BB (67), SB (34)
8	Jr. OF Myles Smith	Leadoff HR at Dodger Stadium | 14-game run streak snapped
9	RS-Jr. RHP David Utagawa	3 seasons at Northwestern: 38 G, 7 GS, 2-4, 7.16, 65.1 IP, 48 K
10	RS-Sr. LHP Nick Pinto	50 career starts, leads active NCAA pitchers | 20 wins, 258 Ks
11	Jr. RHP Danny Suarez	Injured for half of 2022 season; beginning & end of 2023
12	RS-Jr. INF Will Bermudez	1 of 3 2nd basemen named 2023 Glove Award finalist
13	So. RHP Riley Kelly	20th round pick of the ARI in 2023 | career high 6 K vs. NDSU
14	Grad. RHP Ricky Tibbett	4 saves in 7 outings | 4 seasons at SDSU: 67 G, 7-4, 2 Sv, 118 K
15	Fr. RHP Tim Grack	First career start in 32-2 win: 4 IP, 5 H, 2 ER, 3 BB, 5 K (68 pit.)
16	Fr. 1B Landon Gaz	Collegiate debut vs. Columbia: 0-for-1, BB, HBP, 2 R
17	Grad. RHP Cameron Wheeler	Career: 52 G, 10 GS, 6-8, 99.1 IP, 23 BB, 79 K | W vs. Michigan
18	RS-Fr. INF Frankie Carney	First career game, H, RBI over wknd | hit .356 in summer ball
19	So. INF Anggie Gutierrez	20 G in 2023 (8 2B, 1 SS, 10 3B, 1 1B) | summer ball in Kelowna
20	RS-Fr. INF James Castagnola	H, RBI, BB, HBP, 3 R 3/8 vs. COL | BB in other 2 gms in Fresno
21	Jr. C Chase Call	8 RBIs in Friday's game, tied previous UCI record
22	Fr. LHP Brandon Luu	4 games at UCI, 3 wins | 1st start vs. CBU: 3.1 IP, 2 H, 4 K
23	Fr. RHP Trevor Hansen	Wins vs. Tulane, Columbia | 7 K at Tulane | started vs. UCLA
24	Fr. OF Trevor Wilson	All-State | hit .441 in HS | dad was Cal Poly 1989 DI champion
25	Jr. RHP Dante Zamudio	2023 LA Pierce: .269, 4-2, 35.1 IP | 2022 WVUSU: .271, 1-0, 2 Sv
26	RS-Jr. RHP David Vizcaino	UCI career: 25 G, 17 GS, 10-10, 4.18, 92.2 IP, 22 BB, 65 K
27	So. RHP Max Martin	2-0, 3 saves in 2023 | 4 IP, retired last 11 for save vs. Michigan
28	Sr. C Bam Garcia-Pacheco	First career HR Saturday | Dad played baseball at UC Davis
29	Sr. RHP Michael Pirrello	First career win March 8: 2 IP, no baserunners, 5 K
30	Fr. RHP Andrew Grove	2023 League champion | 2022 Boras Classic champion
31	Fr. C / 1B Holt Williams	All-State in baseball, football | born in Gresham, Oregon
32	Fr. INF Lucas Scott	Half Mexican | HS League Player of the Year | All-CIF, All-State
33	Jr. RHP David Butler	14-2, 4.79, 124 K in 142.2 IP in 2 years at Riverside City College
34	Jr. C Blake Penso	Tied team runs in a single game record with 1st career HR
35	So. RHP Elliot Joslin	9 straight scoreless outings (8 IP) | from a town of 7,605 ppl
36	RS-Fr. LHP Ryder Brooks	Wins vs. NDSU, at Fresno State | brother pitched at UCLA
37	Fr. LHP Ricky Ojeda	1st career W in Dodger Stadium | 1st save at Tulane (3 IP, 5 K)
38	Grad. LHP Nick Rincover	Broken thumb prior to opening day | 2023: 23 G, 3.08, 18.1 IP
39	So. 1B Anthony Martinez	Preseason All-American | Rated No. 5 1B by D1Baseball
40	6 Ben Orloff	11th season as UCI coach, 6th as head coach (171-84, BW 84-40)
41	17 J.T. Bloodworth	6th season at UCI, 3rd Base coach, 2012-18 at San Diego
42	3 Daniel Bibona	Pitching coach - 12th season, makes all mound visits
43	Vol Ryan Johnston	1st Base coach - coached at Concordia (2 yrs), 106 games at UCI (OF/P)
44	Ops Erich Pfohl	Dir. of Ops - coaching since 2016 | 2 yrs at USD, head coach at Hope Int'l

UC Davis Aggies	
Record:	9-7
Big West:	-
Away:	3-5
Runs/game:	6.7
ERA:	5.88
Fielding:	16 errors



Established:	1905	Notable Aggie alums		
Enrollment:	31,797	Lou Gehrig	Sandy Koufax	Eddie Collins
Baseball since:	1938	Sidney Buchman	James Cagney	
Big West since:	2007	Oscar Hammerstein	Howard Koch	
NCAA Tournament	2008	Presidents Roosevelt, FDR, Eisenhower, Obama		

UC Davis is ready to compete in 2024 after down years the last three winning a total of 37 games. The Anteaters have the advantage in the all-time series at 45-13 including 13 straight victories and a 22-5 mark at home

The Aggies started 2024 strong with series wins vs. Seattle University and BYU at home, but have dropped their most recent series, both on the road, to stout California Baptist and Santa Clara squads winning one game against each of them. The Aggies won Monday against Utah Valley to stay unbeaten in mid-weeks and improve to 9-7 overall

The offense is serviceable in most every area ranking in the middle of the pack in most offensive categories. They're really good with sacrifice bunts ranking second nationally with 23 so far, and are top four in the Big West in hits, doubles, and home runs. The key bats are Mark Wolbert (.279, 6 RBI) and Alex Gouveia (.268, 56 AB, 4 K) while others like Nick Leehey (2 HR, 13 RBI) and Riley Acosta (.351) have contributed to their winning ways

Pitching is coming around with a 5.80 ERA and low walk totals. The weekend trio of Bryan Green, Noel Valdez, and Mason Lerma will match up with the Ant-eaters, and the bullpen has come through taking seven of the team's wins behind veterans like Kaden Riccomini (5 games, 0.00), Alejandro Huezco (2-1, 12.1 IP, 11 K), and Carter Delaney (1-0, 2.38), and freshmen proving their worth like Tyler Wood (2.19, 12.1 IP, 10 K) and Sal Batres (9 IP, 12 K). The defense has vastly improved ranking fifth in the conference and they've turned the 10th-most double plays in the NCAA

UIC Irvine Anteaters Baseball 2024

Record: 13-1 Home: 6-0 Away: 4-1 Neutral: 3-0 Big West: 0-0

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(All games Sorted by Earned run average)

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PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER



27

Brandon Luu

Irvine Villa Park HS
Freshman L/L
6-2 | 220 Criminology, Law, & Society

2024 Stats

W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	BB	K	AVG
3-0	5.19	4/1	8.2	6	6	.167

Last Time

Win	3-5	vs. California Baptist
Home Win	3-5	vs. California Baptist
Loss		
Save		
Start	3-5	vs. California Baptist
Relief	3-2	vs. Michigan

Career Highs

Innings	3.1	3/5 vs. California Baptist
Walks	2	2 times
Strikeouts	2	3 times
Batters Faced	17	3/5 vs. California Baptist
Pitches	55	3/5 vs. California Baptist

2024 Highs

Innings	3.1	3/5 vs. California Baptist
Walks	2	2 times
Strikeouts	2	3 times
Batters Faced	17	3/5 vs. California Baptist
Pitches	55	3/5 vs. California Baptist

Keeping Track	2024	Career
Pitched 3.0+ innings	1	1
Quality Starts	0	0
Struck out 5+ / 7+ / 10+	0	0
No walks allowed	0	0
50+ pitches	1	1

Career Game Log

Date	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WP	HBP	PC	Notes
2/17	North Dakota State	Win	2.0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	22	Collegiate debut, 1st win
2/24	at Tulane	Win	2.1	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	46	2nd win
3/2	Michigan	ND	1.0	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	31	Entered after rain delay
3/5	California Baptist	Win	3.1	2	3	3	1	2	0	3	55	First career start

The Luu File

Prep

- + Attended Villa Park High School
- + First Team All-CIF Southern Section
- + First Team All-County
- + League Pitcher of the Year
- + First Team All-League
- + Prior to Villa Park HS, attended Northwood High School

Personal

- + Father attended Cal State Fullerton
- + One sister
- + Aspires to play professional baseball or become a private investigator
- + Enjoys bowling, reading, the beach, and collecting legos

Coach Orloff's thoughts - "Brandon is coming off a great junior HS season at Villa Park where he won 8 games and had a 1.24 ERA. He is a physical, left-handed pitcher with a great mix of competitive desire and poise. He has command of three pitches and is really good with the fastball. Brandon is a winner that will earn innings right away."

Career Stats	ERA	W-L	G/GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	2B	3B	HR	AVG	WP	HP	BK
2024 Freshman	5.19	3-0	4/1	0	0	0	8.2	6	5	5	6	6	1	0	1	.167	1	4	0
Career Totals																			



PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER



13

Nick Pinto

Coto de Caza, Calif. Tesoro HS
Grad Senior L/L
6-0 | 185 Economics
Master's of Innovation & Entrepreneurship

2024 Stats

W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	BB	K	AVG
3-1	2.82	4/4	22.1	7	23	.241

Last Time

Win	3-1	vs. San Diego
Home Win	3-1	vs. San Diego
Loss	3-8	at Fresno State
Save	-	
Start	3-8	at Fresno State
Relief	5-2-2023	vs. UCLA

Career Highs

Innings	8.2	4/17/2021 at Cal Poly
Walks	5	5/6/2022 vs. UC Santa Barbara
Strikeouts	12	5/15/2021 vs. UC Riverside
Batters Faced	35	4/17/2021 at Cal Poly
Pitches	109	2x (4/17/21, 5/8/21)

2024 Highs

Innings	7.0	3/1 vs. San Diego
Walks	2	2 times
Strikeouts	9	3/1 vs. San Diego
Batters Faced	27	3/1 vs. San Diego
Pitches	93	2/23 at Tulane

Keeping Track 2024 Career

Pitched 6.0+ innings	1	20
Quality Starts	1	19
Struck out 5+ / 7+ / 10+	2 / 1 / 0	28 / 17 / 3
No walks allowed	0	10
100+ pitches	0	12

2024 Game Log

Date	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WP	HBP	PC	Notes
2/16	North Dakota State	Win	5.1	4	2	2	2	6	0	0	76	Moved to 7th on all-time K list
2/23	at Tulane	Win	5.0	5	1	1	2	4	0	0	93	
3/1	San Diego	Win	7.0	4	1	1	1	9	0	1	80	20th career win
3/8	at Fresno State	Loss	5.0	7	3	3	2	4	0	0	91	

The Pinto File

2023 | Redshirt Junior

- + 7-2 with a 5.16 ERA tossing 66.1 IP, 15 walks, and 58 strikeouts
- + Season high 11 strikeouts May 7 vs. Hawai'i | enters 2024 10th in program history in strikeouts (235)

2022 | Redshirt Sophomore

- + Friday starter for all 15 weekends
- + 2-6 with a 3.23 ERA tossing 86.1 IP, 31 walks, and 82 strikeouts—led the Big West with 34 strikeouts looking
- + Big West Spring All-Academic, Big West Commissioner's Honor Roll with honors, UC Irvine Scholar-Athlete

2021 | Redshirt Freshman

- + Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Freshman All-American
- + All-Big West Second Team
- + Two-time Big West Pitcher of the Week—March 22 & May 24
- + 17 appearances with 16 starts
- + Career bests 8.2 innings pitched April 17 at Cal Poly
- + Two 10-strikeout performances including 12 vs. UC Riverside on May 15
- + Team leader in innings pitched (86.2)

2020 | Freshman

- + Made four appearance starting three times
- + Went 1-2 with a 4.91 ERA in 14.2 innings
- + Best outing at USC going six innings allowing two hits, no runs or walks, and seven strikeouts

Tesoro High School

- + Played baseball and basketball
- + League co-MVP, league champion, All-CIF as a junior
- + Two-time all-league and all-county
- + Played in the 2019 OC All-Star Game
- + CSF member
- + Lions Heart Presidential Volunteer Award 2014 & 2015
- + Principal's honor roll all four years

Personal

- + Born in Knoxville, Tennessee
- + One sister
- + Economics degree with a minor in sociology | studying Master's of Innovation and Entrepreneurship
- + Fan of Bryce Harper, Aaron Nola, and all Philadelphia sports teams
- + Enjoys watching his favorite movies, Django Unchained, Get Smart, and Caddyshack, watching his favorite TV show, Better Call Saul, listening to Post Malone, and his favorite actor, Margot Robbie
- + Enjoys watching football, cheeseburgers and fries, anteaters, and would love to visit Iceland

Career Stats	ERA	W-L	G/GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	2B	3B	HR	AVG	WP	HP	BK
2024 Grad Senior	2.82	3-1	4/4	0	0	0	22.1	20	7	7	7	23	2	0	2	.241	0	1	0
2023 RS-Junior	5.16	7-2	15/12	0	0	0	66.1	64	40	38	15	58	8	0	6	.254	6	8	0
2022 RS-Sophomore	3.23	2-6	15/15	0	0	0	86.1	87	42	31	31	82	11	3	4	.264	4	8	0
2021 RS-Freshman	3.43	7-4	17/16	0	0	0	86.2	83	45	33	26	79	12	1	7	.247	4	12	0
2020 Freshman	4.91	1-2	4/3	0	0	0	14.2	16	8	8	6	16	4	0	0	.271	1	1	0
Career Totals	3.81	20-15	55/50	0	0	0	276.1	270	142	117	85	258	37	4	19	.255	15	30	0



PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER



17

Riley Kelly

Santa Ana, Calif.
Freshman
6-5 | 200Tustin HS
R/R
Undeclared

2024 Stats

W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	BB	K	AVG
0-0	5.40	4/4	10.0	6	9	.225

Last Time

Win	
Home Win	
Loss	2-26-2023 vs. UNLV
Save	
Start	3-7 at Fresno State
Relief	

Career Highs

Innings	3.2	3/8 at Fresno State
Walks	2	3 times
Strikeouts	6	2/17 vs. North Dakota State
Batters Faced	16	3/8 at Fresno State
Pitches	61	2/24 at Tulane

2024 Highs

Innings	3.2	3/8 at Fresno State
Walks	2	2 times
Strikeouts	6	2/17 vs. North Dakota State
Batters Faced	16	3/8 at Fresno State
Pitches	61	2/24 at Tulane

Keeping Track	2024	Career
Pitched 6.0+ innings		
Quality Starts		
Struck out 5+ / 7+ / 10+	1 / 0 / 0	1 / 0 / 0
No walks allowed		
100+ pitches		

Career Game Log

2024	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WP	HBP	PC	Notes
2/17	North Dakota State	ND	3.0	3	1	1	1	6	1	0	60	Career high strikeouts
2/24	at Tulane	ND	2.1	3	3	3	2	1	0	0	61	Career high pitches thrown
3/2	Michigan	ND	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	23	Relieved after rain delay in first inning
3/7	at Fresno State	ND	3.2	2	2	2	2	1	3	0	57	

2023	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WP	HBP	PC	Notes
2/19	Tulane	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	12	Collegiate debut, first start
2/26	vs. UNLV	Loss	0.1	6	5	5	0	0	0	0	29	Neutral site (at USD)
3/4	at Arizona State	ND	2.0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	31	Longest career outing, career high K

The Kelly File

2023 | Freshman

- + Made three starts before season was cut short due to injury
- + Collegiate debut vs. Tulane struck out all three batters in the first inning

Tustin High School

- + Four-year Scholar-Athlete
- + 2022 League Pitcher of the Year
- + First Team All-CIF Division V
- + Two-time First Team all-league
- + Two-time Male Athlete of the Year
- + Played three years of football as quarterback
- + First Team all-league in 2021
- + Played travel ball for eight years with OC Premier under Jason Corapci
- + Drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 20th round, 588th overall, in 2022 MLB Draft
- + Perfect Game Rankings
- + #131 prospect nationally
- + #39 RHP nationally
- + #14 prospect in California
- + #5 RHP in California

Personal

- + Father went to Saddleback College and Cal State Fullerton
- + Mother played softball at Vanguard
- + One older sister
- + Chose UC Irvine because he felt really wanted, loves the baseball community, and likes the coaching staff
- + Fan of Mike Trout, the Los Angeles Angels, Kansas City Chiefs, and Los Angeles Clippers
- + Enjoys watching his favorite movie, The Sandlot, watching YouTube, and listening to Drake

Career Stats	ERA	W-L	G/GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	2B	3B	HR	AVG	WP	HP	BK
2024 Sophomore	5.40	0-0	4/4	0	0	0	10.0	9	6	6	6	9	2	0	2	.225	5	0	0
2023 Freshman	13.50	0-1	3/3	0	0	0	3.1	6	5	5	2	7	1	0	0	.375	0	0	0
Career Totals	7.43	0-1	7/7	0	0	0	13.1	15	11	11	8	16	3	0	2	.268	5	0	0



PROBABLE STARTING PITCHER



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Trevor Hansen

Simi Valley
Freshman
6-2 | 195

Royal HS
R/R
Undeclared

2024 Stats

W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	BB	K	AVG
2-0	5.50	4/4	18.0	9	17	.

Last Time

Win	3-9	vs. Columbia
Home Win		
Loss		
Save		
Start	3-9	vs. Columbia
Relief		

Career Highs

Innings	5.1	3/9 vs. Columbia
Walks	4	3/3 vs. UCLA
Strikeouts	7	2/25 at Tulane
Batters Faced	26	3/9 vs. Columbia
Pitches	85	3/9 vs. Columbia

2024 Highs

Innings	5.1	3/9 vs. Columbia
Walks	4	3/3 vs. UCLA
Strikeouts	7	2/25 at Tulane
Batters Faced	26	3/9 vs. Columbia
Pitches	85	3/9 vs. Columbia

Keeping Track	2024	Career
Pitched 5.0+ innings	2	2
Quality Starts	0	0
Struck out 5+ / 7+ / 10+	1 / 1 / 0	1 / 1 / 0
No walks allowed	0	0
50+ pitches	4	4

Career Game Log

Date	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	WP	HBP	PC	Notes
2/18	North Dakota State	ND	3.1	7	3	2	2	2	1	0	59	Collegiate debut, first start
2/25	at Tulane	Win	5.0	4	3	3	1	7	0	0	73	First career win
3/3	vs. UCLA	ND	4.1	2	1	1	4	4	0	0	83	at Dodger Stadium, 3.1 no-hit innings
3/9	vs. Columbia	Win	5.1	9	5	5	2	4	0	0	85	Career high IP and pitches

The Hansen File

Prep

- + Attended Royal High School where he was the youngest player on his team
- + Coastal Canyon Player of the Year
- + All-CIF Division IV
- + Three-time First Team all-league

Personal

- + One sister
- + First Generation college student
- + Chose UC Irvine for the amazing campus and great academics and baseball program
- + Aspires to play baseball professionally

Coach Orloff's thoughts - "Trevor has been one of the best high school performers in the state the last two years. He has won 16 games on the mound over that time and helped his team win a CIF Championship. Trevor distinguishes himself from so many in his advanced ability to throw multiple pitches for strikes in any count. He will make an immediate impact for us."

Career Stats	ERA	W-L	G/GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	2B	3B	HR	AVG	WP	HP	BK
2024 Freshman	5.50	2-0	4/4	0	0	0	18.0	22	12	11	9	17	4	0	3	.	1	0	0
Career Totals																			

**1 JO OYAMA | 5-7/170—Sr.—INF—Naha, Okinawa, Japan—Merced College—Konan HS—International Studies**

.319, 5 HR, 44 RBI, 14 SB in 53 starts in 2023—hit .344, 8 HR in summer for Orleans Firebirds of Cape Cod League—Second Team All-American at Merced College—attended for three years—2022 Conference MVP—91 games hitting .360, 109 R, 20 2B, 9 3B, 8 HR, 70 RBIs, 39 SB—co-MVP of West Coast League with Wenatchee Apple Sox—broke records with 64 runs, 42 SB—played infield for Konan HS of Naha, Okinawa—team reached 2018 Koshien Tournament (did not play due to injury)—speaks Japanese—one sister attending SoCal junior college; parents, second sister back in Japan

2 WOODY HADEEN | 6-2/195—RS-Jr.—INF—Temecula—Temecula Valley HS—Sociology

Missed 2023 season with injury—started and played 49 games in 2022—first career HR May 14 at UC Riverside—played 2022 summer ball for Princeton Whistlepigs of Appalachian League and Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox of Cape Cod League—Appalachian League All-Star Game MVP—2021 summer ball in Alaska Baseball League reaching championship series - Full name is Ryan Michael Hadeen (hay-DEEN) - played baseball and basketball at Temecula Valley HS —born in Haxtun, Colorado—fan of the Colorado Rockies—parents served, met in the Marine Corps and USMC Military Police

4 DUB GLEED | 6-1/200—Jr.—INF—Ladera Ranch—San Juan Hills HS—Social Ecology

First name is William, goes by Dub, rated No. 1 name in college baseball by Baseball America—3 4-hit games, 2 5-RBI games—2023 summer ball for Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox of Cape Cod League—SS in 2023, 3B in 2022—Big West Field Player of the Week April 25, 2022—played 2022 summer ball for Greeneville Flyboys—dad attended Utah Valley, mom BYU—older sister—born in American Fork, Utah

5 CADEN KENDLE | 5-11/195—Sr.—OF—Huntington Beach—Marina HS—Social Ecology

2023 Big West co-Field Player of the Year and All-West Region Second Team—Two-time All-Big West First Team—Golden Spikes Award Preseason Watch List 2023—Drafted by St. Louis Cardinals in 2023 MLB Draft—set program record with 69 runs scored in 2023—reached base in 54 of 55 games in 2023—team leader in batting, slugging, on-base in 2022—2022 Alaska Baseball League champion with Anchorage—PGCBL champion with Saugerties Stallions - played baseball and football at Marina HS - parents attended Chapman and Long Beach State - performs a standing backflip prior to games

7 JACOB STINSON | 6-1/190—Sr.—OF—Pleasanton—University of Nevada—Amador Valley HS—Mechanical Engineering

Two seasons at University of Nevada—2021 Mountain West Champions and reached NCAA Stanford Regional—hit .313 with 96 hits in 85 games with 67 runs, 18 2B, 3 3B, 1 HR, 47 RBI, 17 SB—two-time Mountain West All-Academic—played summer ball for Orleans Firebirds of Cape Cod League in 2022 and Cowlitz Black Bears in 2021—2019 league champion in HS hitting .276—played point guard two years for basketball team—mom attended Iowa State, dad attended California (PA) - born in Gilbert, Arizona—fan of Pittsburgh sports teams and Roberto Clemente

8 THOMAS MCCAFFREY | 5-11/205—Sr.—C—Santa Monica—Harvard-Westlake HS—Psychology

2023 All-Big West Honorable Mention—CSC Academic All-District VIII—5 hits, 6 RBIs vs. LBSU April becoming 2nd Ant eater to record 5+ H, 6+ RBI game—Big West Field Player of the Week April 25, 2022—game-winning HR in extra innings to beat No. 13 Oregon State in 2022—Big West Spring All-Academic, Big West Commissioner's Honor Roll, Dean's List—won 2022 Alaska Baseball League title with Anchorage —1st career HR 5/8 at UCSB - walkoff single April 25 in 12th inning to defeat Oregon State in 2021 - CIF Division I finalist in 2019 and league champion in 2018 at Harvard-Westlake HS

10 LUKE SPILLANE | 6-0/195—Grad.—OF—Trabuco Canyon—Mission Viejo HS—Sociology

50 games, 41 starts in 2022—wore #33 first 3 seasons—Big West Field POTW Apr. 4, 2021 - first career HR 4/3 at CSUN was grand slam - 2-HR, 6-RBI games at CSUN on 4/3 & 4/4—brother, Jake - played nine times as freshman, all as starter - All-State in HS - dad played basketball on 1975 UCLA National Champion squad - played with brother, Jake, in 2022 season

11 MYLES SMITH | 6-1/205—Jr.—OF—Inglewood—Crossroads School—Undeclared

63 career games, 48 starts, career .415 OBP—first career HR 2022 at KSU—.331 in 39 games for Greenville Flyboys of Appalachian League—league MVP at Crossroads School - played two years of point guard on basketball team - won Perfect Game World Championship - dad played baseball at UMES; hit .431 over his career and first collegiate player with consecutive NCAA batting titles; was drafted in 37th round by Dodgers—two younger siblings

16 WILL BERMUDEZ | 5-10/175—RS-Jr.—INF—Whittier—Mt. San Antonio College—UC Davis—St. Paul HS—Sociology

ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove Award Finalist at 2B (2 E in 213 chances) - .250 in 49 games in 2023—homered in consecutive at-bats in February—Gold Glove of Alaska Baseball League, league champion with Anchorage—Conference champion at Mt. SAC—First Team All-Conference—.373 in 41 games, 4 HR, 33 RBI, 55 R, 15 SB—attended UC Davis in 2021 but did not play—.432, 38 H, 22 R, 19 SB as HS senior—Defensive Player of the Year as a sophomore—back-to-back league titles—CIF title as a senior—aspires to be a psychiatrist to help people that cannot mentally help themselves like himself with his epilepsy—committed to Air Force Academy on full-ride, was medically disqualified once diagnosed with epilepsy—fan of the Dodgers, listening to Vincente Fernandez, and enjoys pupusas

21 LANDON GAZ | 6-2/230—Fr.—1B—Moorpark—Moorpark HS—Undeclared

Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year—2023 summer ball for Hastings Sodbusters—parents attended Pepperdine and Cal Lutheran—two brothers—volunteers with the special needs community

23 FRANKIE CARNEY | 5-11/180—RS-Fr.—OF—San Diego—St. Augustine HS—Education

Did not play in 2023—hit .356, First Team All-West Coast League in 2023 summer ball for the Wenatchee Apple Sox—Played baseball and football in HS—played defensive back—hit .308 for West Palm Beach Knights in 2022 summer ball—dad attended Navy—aspires to be a firefighter—interned in private insurance—involved with food banks

24 AUGGIE GUTIERREZ | 5-11/180—So.—INF—Yorba Linda—Servite HS—Undeclared

20 games, 13 starts, .271 in 2023—played summer ball for Kelowna Falcons—Servite Gold Glove—Scholar-Athlete—dad went to UCLA, mom went to Cal State Fullerton—can complete a Rubik's Cube

25 JAMES CASTAGNOLA | 6-1/190—RS-Fr.—INF—San Diego—Cathedral Catholic HS—Undeclared

Did not play in 2023—2023 summer ball for Wisconsin Rapids Rafter's—also played basketball in HS—2022 League champion and MVP of Competitors Collegiate Summer League—mom attended San Diego State, dad played football at Humboldt State—member of Italian Catholic Federation—fluent in American Sign Language—hobbies include juggling, guitar, weightlifting, surfing, golfing

26 CHASE CALL | 6-2/210—So.—OF/C—Porter Ranch—Calabasas HS—Undeclared

2023 All-Big West Honorable Mention—2023 Big West Spring All-Academic—RF and DH in 2023 tying team lead with 11 HR—4th 'Eater with a 50-walk season, led Big West—5-RBI game vs. Michigan—hit first grand slam at Arizona State—2023 summer ball for State College Spikes—278, 6 HR for Wisconsin Rapids Rafter's in 2022 summer ball—Male HS Athlete of the Year—parents attended Boston College and American Academy of Dramatic Arts - grandfather, Charlie Blaney, was VP of Dodgers—younger brother is freshman for UCLA baseball—member of Ant eater Emergency Services Club at UCI

30 TREVOR WILSON | 6-2/185—Fr.—OF—Fresno—Bullard HS—Business Administration

League Player of the Year—two-time All-State—three-time All-Area—.441 in HS career—also attended Edison HS—2023 summer ball for Kelowna Falcons—dad played at Cal Poly for 1989 DII World Series title team leading team in ERA and strikeouts—was drafted in the 31st round by the Detroit Tigers in 1989

34 ABRAHAM GARCIA-PACHECO | 6-0/200—Sr.—C—Highland—Rancho Cucamonga HS—Education Science

2023 Big West Spring All-Academic—81 career games, 59 starts, .253, 39 RBI—2-run triple 2022 for first career hit—goes by the nickname "Bam" - dad played baseball at UC Davis—chose major because his father is a teacher and coach and he always talks about how much he loves his job—two siblings, one played baseball at Concordia—speaks Spanish—plays piano

37 HOLT WILLIAMS | 6-4/220—Fr.—C / 1B—Camas, Wash.—Camas HS—Chemical Engineering

Two-time All-Region multisport (baseball, football) - Washington State Honors Award winner—born in Gresham, Oregon—parents attended Linfield and Oregon State—interned for Consolidated Metco

38 LUCAS SCOTT | 6-0/175—Fr.—INF—Long Beach—Long Beach Poly HS—Undeclared

2023 League Player of the Year, All-CIF, All-State—Press Telegram Baseball Dream Team Player of the Year—parents attended Arizona State and Michigan—one sister—half mexican

40 BLAKE PENSO | 6-3/230—Jr.—C—Huntington Beach—Huntington Beach HS—Psychology

16 games in 2023 including 1st career HR—three-time HS league champion—two-time first team all-league—parents attended Oregon—teammates call him "Rig"

55 ANTHONY MARTINEZ | 6-3/230—So.—1B—Fairfield—De La Salle HS—Undeclared

2024 Preseason All-American D1Baseball Third Team—Freshman All-American—CBN Third Team All-American—Big West Freshman Field Player of the Year—Trained with USA Baseball Collegiate National Team summer 2023—NCAA National Player of the Week March 5—Big West batting champ at .394—two-time Big West Field Player of the Week—NorCal HS POTY—Colombian, El Salvadorean, Filipino

**12 DAVID UTAGAWA | 6-4/230—RS-Jr.—RHP—Phoenix, Ariz.—Northwestern University—Corona Del Sol HS—Psychological Science**

38 games pitched, 7 starts in 3 years at Northwestern—wore #26 with the Wildcats—College career: 2-4, 7.16, 65.1 IP, 27 BB, 48 K—career highs 5.2 IP (vs. Iowa), 5 K (vs. Notre Dame) - Big Ten All-Academic—Parents were born and raised in Sweden—one sister—speaks fluent Swedish—can play drums, ukulele, guitar, and piano, and was member of band and jazz band in HS

13 NICK PINTO | 6-0/185—Grad.—LHP—Coto de Caza—Tesoro HS—Business Economics degree—Master's of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Starts 2024 10th in UCI history in strikeouts—led Big West with 34 strikeouts looking in 2022—Big West Spring All-Academic, Commissioner's Honor Roll—Freshman All-American—All-Big West Second Team in 2021 - Big West POTW March 22 & May 24 - career high 8.2 IP at Cal Poly in 2021 - first win 2020 at USC - played in 2019 OC All-Star Game - 2-time Lions Heart Presidential Volunteer Award - born in Knoxville, TN - fan of Philadelphia sports teams

14 DANNY SUAREZ | 6-4/205—So.—RHP—Trabuco Canyon—Trabuco Canyon HS—Sociology

Made six appearances in 2023 from mid-March to mid-April - started 2022 as Sunday starter—10-strikeout game vs. UC Davis—missed second half of season with injury—CIF runner-up in 2021 at Trabuco Hills High School - 2021 league champion - second team all-league - attended LBSU and Glendale University College of Law - youngest of four with older brothers and sister - family is 100% Cuban - fan of Nolan Ryan - would like to pursue career in law or own business

17 RILEY KELLY | 6-5/215—So.—RHP—Santa Ana—Tustin HS—Education

Injured after three starts as a freshman—20th Round draft pick by Arizona in 2022—four-year Scholar-Athlete—2022 league POTY—First Team All-CIF—HS QB for 3 years—#131 prospect nationally, #39 RHP—#14 prospect in CA, #5 RHP—dad attended Saddleback College and Cal State Fullerton and played baseball, mom played softball at Vanguard—older sister

18 RICKY TIBBETT | 6-2/190—Grad.—RHP—Chula Vista—San Diego State—Eastlake HS—Education degree

Degree in education from San Diego State—67 games pitched in four years on the baseball team—7-4, 2 saves, 5.75, eight starts, 128.1 IP, 37 BB, 118 K—career highs of 6.1 innings and eight strikeouts in a 2021 game at San Jose State—2021 set SDSU record for fewest walks in a single season minimum 50 IP—first college win vs. LBSU in 2020—1 game vs. UCI (March 2022—2 IP, 0 H, 3 K) - 172.1 IP, 22-3, 0.32 in HS—sister Glo played goalkeeper for UCI women's soccer—pitched for Eastlake LL that finished runner-up in 2013 LLWS in Williamsport

20 TIM GRACK | 6-1/185—Fr.—RHP—Fountain Valley—Fountain Valley HS—Undeclared

Attended Fountain Valley High School—Received Athlete of the Month and Principal's Roll Honors—parents attended Concordia Irvine and Concordia Seward (NE) - both are currently teachers—two brothers—aspires to be a businessman, real estate agent, or teacher—involved in his church's youth group—enjoys golf, coaching little league, can play piano

22 CAMERON WHEELER | 6-1/190—RS-Jr.—RHP—Chino Hills—Mater Dei HS—Education Science

UCI career: 46 games, 10 GS, 5-8, 5.10, 90 IP, 21 BB, 70 K—highs of 6 IP vs. ASU in 2022 and 5 Ks at Gonzaga in 2023—made collegiate debut 2021 at Stanford—Pitcher in HS—underwent Tommy John in 2019—won twice in Cooperstown - parents attended USC and Pepperdine—middle of 5 children - born in San Dimas - aspires to a career as athlete or lawyer

27 BRANDON LUU | 6-2/220—Fr.—LHP—Irvine—Villa Park HS—Criminology, Law, & Society

First Team All-CIF, First Team All-County, League Pitcher of the Year at Villa Park HS—attended Northwood HS prior—dad attended Cal State Fullerton—one sister—aspires to play pro baseball or become a private investigator—enjoys bowling, reading, the beach, and collecting legos

28 TREVOR HANSEN | 6-2/195—Fr.—RHP—Simi Valley—Royal HS—Undeclared

Coastal Canyon Player of the Year at Royal High School—All-CIF Division IV—three-time First Team all-league—one sister—First Generation college student

31 DANTE ZAMUDIO | 6-1/190—Jr.—RHP—Sylmar—LA Pierce College—West Virginia State—Grace Brethren HS—Criminology, Law, & Society

Played summer ball 2023 for Cape Catfish in Cape Girardeau, Missouri—two-way player at L.A. Pierce College in 2023—12 gms, 5 starts, 4-2, 6.37, 35.1 IP, 20 BB, 43 K—hit .269 in 34 games at the plate with 6 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 17 RBI, 6 SB—two-way player at Division II West Virginia State in 2022—1-0, 2 Sv, 5.59 in 7 gms, 9.2 IP, 7 BB, 14 K—hit .271, 26 H, 8 2B, 2 HR, 15 RBI—attended L.A. Mission College in 2020-21—attended Grace Brethren HS—received Award of Excellence for Athletics—committed to University of Nevada—Defensive Player of the Year—played for Team USA as 12-year-old—born in Northridge—one brother—First-Gen—juggles, rides BMX, listens to country music—honors family with special marking, bat routine

32 DAVID VIZCAINO | 6-3/225—RS-Jr.—RHP—Chino—Riverside City College—Don Lugo HS—Sociology

UCI career: 22 G, 17 GS, 10-2, 4.26, 88.2 IP, 22 BB, 59 K—pitched 2023 summer for Anchorage Bucs in Alaska Baseball League—8 IP at UCR to earn Big West Pitcher of the Week in 2022—made 3 starts for Greeneville Flyboys of Appalachian League—attended Riverside City College in 2021 - twice named Dean's List - played for Arroyo Seco Saints in California Collegiate League in summer 2021—played baseball and water polo at Don Lugo High School - first generation college student - two brothers

33 MAX MARTIN | 6-5/190—So.—RHP—Northridge—Sierra Canyon HS—Philosophy

24 G, 26 IP, 3.81, 2-0, 3 Sv, 11 BB, 25 K as freshman—2023 Alaska Baseball League champion with Anchorage—#50 prospect in CA, #20 RHP—one sister—dad went to CSUN

35 MICHAEL PIRRELLO | 6-2/175—Fr.—RHP—Los Alamitos—Los Alamitos HS—Biological Sciences

Retired all 3 hitters in collegiate debut 4/6/23 vs. Long Beach State—wore #39—12 appearances for Thunder Bay Border Cats in Northwoods League over the summer—Division II quarterfinalist—played in OC All-Star Game—Academic Award of Excellence—younger sister—aspires to work in physical therapy and athletic training—has a German Shepherd, Roxy

36 ANDREW GROVE | 6-4/210—Fr.—RHP—Orange—Villa Park HS—Undeclared

2023 league champion—2022 Boras Classic champion—parents attended Sacramento State and Cal State Fullerton—one brother—enjoys camping, cooking, and snowboarding

39 DAVID BUTLER | 6-2/180—Jr.—RHP—Riverside—Riverside City College—Ramona HS—Sociology

2022 State champion at Riverside City College—30 career games, 24 starts, 14-2, 4.79, 142.2 IP, 44 BB, 124 K—6-2 in 13 starts in 2023 (63 IP, 16 BB, 72 K) - 8-0 in 16 appearances in 2022

41 ELLIOT JOSLIN | 6-6/225—So.—RHP—Fairfax—Archie Williams HS—Education

10 appearances his freshman season (0-0, 3.24, 8.1 IP, 3 ER, 3 BB, 7 K) - played summer ball for the Danville Otterbots (10 G, 1-2, 3.60, 25 IP, 29 K) - Played baseball and water polo in HS—#610 RHP nationally, #214 prospect in CA—two older siblings—from the town of Fairfax, population 7,605

42 RYDER BROOKS | 6-2/195—RS-Fr.—LHP—Fountain Valley—Fountain Valley HS—Business Economics

Did not play in 2023 - 12 G, 2-1, 4.84 in the summer for the Danville Otterbots—Magna Sum Laude—four-time all-academic—also played basketball in high school as guard—#400 LHP nationally, #35 in CA—dad played volleyball at Ohio State, mom attended UC Santa Barbara—two older siblings attended Northern Arizona and older brother played baseball at UCLA

43 RICKY OJEDA | 5-11/170—Fr.—LHP—Valencia—Valencia HS—Mechanical Engineering

2023 League pitcher of the year—2023 Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year—two younger sisters—helps coach 12u SCU Scorpions baseball team—enjoys Star Wars, aquariums, and reefing

44 NICK RINCOVER | 6-2/205—Grad.—LHP—Studio City—LA Pierce College—El Camino Real Charter HS—Political Science degree—Master's in Crim. Law

23 games in 2023 including appearing in 12 consecutive UCI games at one point—CSC Academic All-District VIII—0-0, 3.86, 18.2 IP, 6 BB, 19 K—three-time Dean's List—Big West Commissioner's Honor Roll with high honors—11 games in 2022 making Division I debut—0-1, 2.00, 8 K in 9 IP—UC Irvine Scholar-Athlete—attended LA Pierce College from 2018-21 - Tommy John surgery in 2019—twice named to Dean's Honor List - two-time CIF Los Angeles City Champion in 2015 and 2016 at El Camino Real Charter High School - played two summers with Conejo Oaks - brother Michael also played at LA Pierce - parents attended LA Valley College, USC, and San Antonio Community College—volunteered at Best Friends Animal Society

UC Irvine Anteaters Baseball 2024
Games Summary for UC Irvine (as of Mar 09, 2024)
(All games)

Score by innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
UC Irvine	21	5	17	38	9	6	30	15	12	153
Opponents	3	5	5	16	6	6	6	10	3	60

Record when ...										
Overall	13-1							After 6 leading	11-0	
Conference	0-0							..... trailing	0-1	
Non-Conference	13-1							..... tied	2-0	
Home games	6-0							After 7 leading	13-0	
Away games	4-1							..... trailing	0-1	
Neutral site	3-0							..... tied	0-0	
Day games	8-0							After 8 leading	13-0	
Night games	5-1							..... trailing	0-1	
vs Left starter	4-0							..... tied	0-0	
vs Right starter	9-1									
1-Run games	2-0							Hit 0 home runs	5-1	
2-Run games	1-0							... 1 home run	2-0	
5+Run games	8-1							... 2+ home runs	6-0	
Extra innings	0-0									
Shutouts	0-0							Opponent 0 home runs	8-0	
								..... 1 home run	2-0	
Scoring 0-2 runs	0-1							..... 2+ HRs	3-1	
..... 3-5 runs	4-0									
..... 6-9 runs	1-0							Made 0 errors	8-0	
..... 10+ runs	8-0							.... 1 error	2-0	
								.... 2+ errors	3-1	
Opponent 0-2 runs	5-0									
..... 3-5 runs	6-0							Opp. made 0 errors	4-0	
..... 6-9 runs	2-0							..... 1 error	4-1	
..... 10+ runs	0-1							..... 2+ errors	5-0	
Scored in 1st inning	8-0							Out-hit opponent	9-0	
Opp. scored in 1st	3-0							Out-hit by opponent	3-1	
Scores first	10-0							Hits are tied	1-0	
Opp. scores first	3-1									

Record when team scores:											
Runs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
W-L	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	8-0

Record when opponent scores:											
Runs	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
W-L	0-0	1-0	4-0	0-0	6-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-1

Record when leading after:											
Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
W-L	7-0	6-0	7-0	11-0	10-0	11-0	13-0	13-0			

Record when trailing after:											
Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
W-L	1-0	2-0	2-0	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1			

Record when tied after:											
Inn.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
W-L	5-1	5-1	4-1	1-0	3-0	2-0	0-0	0-0			

Current winning streak: 1
Longest winning streak: 12
Longest losing streak: 1

Home attendance : 4779 (6 dates avg = 796)
Away attendance : 12683 (8 dates avg = 1585)
Total attendance: 17462 (14 dates avg = 1247)



STREAKS AND TRENDS

2024 Game Highs

Player	2-hit	3-hit	4-hit	5-hit+	Total	2-2B	3-2B	2-3B	2-HR	2-RBI	3-RBI	4-RBI	5-RBI+	Total	2-run	3-run+	2-BB	3-BB+
1 Oyama	4	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	4	2	3	-	-
2 Hadeen	7	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	3	5	1	3	-
4 Gleed	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
5 Kendle	5	3	-	-	8	1	-	-	-	5	-	1	1	7	1	3	2	1
7 Stinson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-
8 McCaffrey	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	1	5	2	-	1	-
10 Spillane	5	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
11 Smith	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	5	1	4	3
16 Bermudez	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	4	4	1	1	-
21 Gaz	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
23 Carney	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	-
24 Gutierrez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
25 Castagnola	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
26 Call	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	2	2	1	-
30 Wilson																		
34 Garcia-Pacheco	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	-
37 Williams																		
38 Scott																		
40 Penso																		
55 Martinez	5	1	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	3	1	1	-	5	3	-	3	-
2023	39	7	1	1	348	1	-	-	1	22	5	4	5	36	29	14	19	5

Streaks

Player	Hit Streak	Home	Road	Longest	Run Streak	Longest	RBI streak	Longest	On-Base Streak	Longest
1 Oyama	5	1	4	9		1 9		- 7		38 38
2 Hadeen	15	9	9	15		1 6		1 2		25 25
4 Gleed	1	-	1	10		- 5		- 4		29 29
5 Kendle	4	-	8	14		1 17		1 6		57 38 & 57
7 Stinson	2	2	2	3		2 2		2 3		2 19
8 McCaffrey	-	3	-	12		- 7		- 5		- 20
10 Spillane	1	-	1	8		2 6		1 5		2 19
11 Smith	-	3	-	7		- 14		- 3		- 17
16 Bermudez	1	-	1	7		1 8		1 7		1 11 (x2)
21 Gaz	-	-	-	-		1 1		- -		1 1
23 Carney	1	-	1	1		1 1		1 1		1 1
24 Gutierrez	-	-	-	7		1 5		- 2		1 10
25 Castagnola	1	-	1	1		- 1		- 1		3 3
26 Call	-	1	-	10		1 6		- 7		1 35
30 Wilson										
34 Garcia-Pacheco	2	-	5	4		6 6		2 7		6 10
37 Williams										
38 Scott										
40 Penso	2	1	1	2		2 2		- 2		2 4
55 Martinez	4	-	5	9		4 7		1 4		4 30

Pitching Highs and Streaks

Player	Quality	Pitches	K High	0-BB	UE	Holds	Inherited—Scored	Shutout Streak	Longest	Longest Outing
12 Utagawa	-	35 (2/17)	4 (2/17)	3	2	4	6-2	-	6.2	3.0 (2/17)
13 Pinto	1	109 (2021)	12 (2021) | 11 (5/7) | 10 (2021)	-	-	-	-	1.1	13.1	8.2 (2021)
14 Suarez	-	87 (2023)	10 (3/20/22)	-	-	-	-	0.1	7.1	6.0 (3/6)
15 Wall	-	76 (2023)	5 (x2)	-	-	-	-	0.1	10.1	4.1 (5/5)
17 Kelly	-	61 (2/24)	6 (2/17)	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	3.2 (3/7)
18 Tibbett	-	24 (x3)	4 (2/18)	4	-	-	8-2	4.2	4.2	2.0 (2/18)
20 Grack	-	68 (3/8)	5 (3/8)	1	-	1	3-1	2.1	2.1	4.0 (3/8)
22 Wheeler	-	90 (2022)	5 (3/11)	5	1	1	4-3	0.1	10.2	6.0 (3/9)
27 Luu	-	55 (3/5)	2 (x3)	-	-	-	1-0	-	3.0	3.1 (3/5)
28 Hansen	-	85 (3/9)	7 (2/25)	-	1	-	-	-	6.2	5.1 (3/9)
31 Zamudio										
32 Vizcaino	-	98 (2022)	6 (5/27)	3	-	-	-	3.1	11.2	8.0 (2022)
33 Martin	-	43 (3/9)	4 (x2)	2	-	1	-	2.0	6.2	2.2 (3/9)
35 Pirrello	-	28 (2023)	5 (3/8)	2	-	-	-	2.0	2.0	2.0 (3/8)
36 Grove										
39 Butler										
41 Joslin	-	26 (2023)	3 (5/2)	1	-	-	-	8.0	8.0	1.1 (2/21)
42 Brooks	-	34 (x2)	4 (3/7)	4	2	-	7-3	0.1	3.2	2.1 (3/7)
43 Ojeda	-	50 (2/24)	5 (2/24)	3	-	-	1-1	-	6.2	3.0 (2/24)
44 Rincover	-	31 (2023)	2 (x5)	-	-	-	-	1.1	10.1	1.2 (5/9)
2024	1			28	6	7	30-12	3.0		

Pitching Stats		W-L	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
Starters	14 starts	6-1	4.53	57.2	58	30	29	26	56
Relievers	45 appearances	7-0	3.34	67.1	62	30	25	27	81



The Last Time UC Irvine...

Scored 15+ runs.....March 9, 2024 - 25 runs vs. Columbia
Scored 20+ runs.....March 9, 2024 - 25 runs vs. Columbia
Scored in every inning3/28/89 vs. Cal Poly Pomona | 5/2/23 vs. UCLA
Scored 10 runs in an inning March 9, 2024 vs. Columbia (4th inning, 2 grand slams)
Scored 10 runs in an inning at home March 2, 2024 vs. Michigan (1st inning, rain delay)
Was shutout..... March 17, 2023 vs. Cal State Fullerton (10-0)
Was shutout in consecutive gamesMarch 26-27, 2011 at Gonzaga (3-0, 3-0)

Reached the 12th inning May 21, 2022 - 12 innings vs. CSU Bakersfield (L, 7-8)
Reached the 14th inning April 1, 2022 - 14 innings vs. CSUN (L, 5-7)
Reached the 15th inning May 2, 2006 - 15 innings vs. UNLV (W, 3-2)
Played an 8-inning game..... February 25, 2017 - 8 innings vs. Tennessee (L, 10-9)
Played a run-rule game April 18, 2021 - W, 17-1 at Cal Poly (7 innings)
Finished in a tie February 11, 2007 - 15-15 at Loyola Marymount

Recorded 15+ hits..... March 9, 2024 - 16 vs. Columbia
Recorded 20+ hits..... March 8, 2024 - 20 vs. Columbia
Recorded 10+ extra-base hits.....April 25, 2016 - 11 vs. UNLV
Was 2-hit..... February 19, 2023 - (W, 1-0) vs. Tulane (Castro, Smith, Fowler, Lombardi)
Was 1-hit..... March 4, 2005 - (W (10), 1-0) vs. Dallas Baptist (Sutherland)
Was no-hit March 29, 1980 - (L (7), 3-1) at UC Santa Barbara (Nowlin)

Struck out 15+ times April 15, 2023 - 15 at UC Santa Barbara
Did not strike out May 26, 2023 - 0 vs. UC Riverside
Walked 10+ times March 9, 2024 - 18 vs. Columbia
Hit 3+ HRs March 9, 2024 - 4 vs. Columbia
Hit 4+ HRs March 9, 2024 - 4 vs. Columbia
Hit 4+ HRs at home3/5/10 - 4 vs. Saint Mary's | 5/26/23 - 4 vs. UC Riverside
Hit 5+ HRs April 23, 2022 - 5 at Kansas State
Stole 5+ bases March 20, 2021 - 5 at UC Davis (Game 1 of DH)
Committed 5+ errors March 26, 2022 - 5 at Hawai'i
Left 15+ runners on base.....March 2, 2024 - 15 vs. Michigan
Left 19+ runners on base..... March 16, 2019 - 19 at Utah Valley
Grounded into 4+ double plays May 27, 2017 - 4 vs. UC Davis
Grounded into 5+ double plays April 7, 1984 - 5 at Pepperdine
Had 5+ batters hit by a pitch March 8, 2024 - 7 vs. Columbia

Was ranked..... March 6, 2024 - #19 (Baseball America)
Beat a ranked team.....April 18, 2023 - Won 12-4 vs. #22 UCLA
Won on a walkoff..... March 28, 2023 - Won 5-4 in 10 innings vs. USC (Stinson single + error)
Lost on a walkoff..... May 15, 2022 - Lost 3-2 at UC Riverside (Badawi 2-out single)
Won in extra innings March 28, 2023 - Won in 10 innings (5-4 vs. USC)
Lost in extra innings May 21, 2022 - Lost in 12 innings (7-8 vs. CSU Bakersfield)
Home attendance over 1,000..... May 2, 2023 - 2,469 vs. UCLA

Struck out 15+ batters February 28, 2023 - 16 vs. Michigan
Did not strike out a batter May 21, 2017 at UC Riverside | May 12, 2023 at CSUN
Walked 10+ batters April 2-3, 2021 - 10 at CSUN

Allowed 15+ runs.....May 12, 2023 - 15 runs at CSUN
Allowed 17+ runs at home..... May 8, 2022 - 17 runs vs. UC Santa Barbara
Allowed 20+ runs..... June 9, 2008 - 21 runs at LSU
Allowed 9+ runs in an inning.....April 22, 2022 - 11 runs at Kansas State (7th inning)
Allowed 10+ runs in an inning.....April 22, 2022 - 11 runs at Kansas State (7th inning)
Shutout an opponent..... May 6, 2023 - 6-0 vs. Hawai'i
Threw consecutive shutouts March 10-15, 2019 - 3-0 vs. SIU & 15-0 at UVU

Threw a 2-hitter.....March 19, 2022 vs. UC Davis (Game 1) (Frias-Brooks-King-Robinson)
Threw a 1-hitter.....3/10/19 (Denholm-Rashi) & 3/15/19 (Pallante-Vergara-Akamatsu)
Threw a no-hitter.....April 20, 2012 vs. Long Beach State (Andrew Thurman, 4-0)
Allowed 17+ hits May 12, 2013 - 21 at CSUN
Allowed 20+ hits May 12, 2013 - 21 at CSUN

Induced 3+ double playsMay 21, 2022 - 3 vs. CSU Bakersfield
Induced 4+ double plays April 3, 2016 - 4 at Hawai'i
Turned a triple play March 29, 2005 - 6th inning at UNLV (Martinez-Lundahl)
Allowed 3+ HRs March 9, 2024 - 3 vs. Columbia
Allowed 4+ HRs..... February 25, 2024 - 4 at Tulane
Allowed 5+ HRs.....April 15, 2023 - 5 at UC Santa Barbara
Allowed 3+ HRs at home..... March 31, 2023 - 3 vs. UC San Diego
Hit 3+ batters..... March 5, 2023 - 3 vs. California Baptist

Played a game under 1:50..... March 27, 2015 - 1:49 vs. Hawai'i (W, 2-0)
Played a game under 2 hours March 12, 2023 - 2:00 at Gonzaga (L, 2-3)
Played a game over 4 hours April 2, 2022 - 4:10 vs. CSUN (12 innings - L, 6-8)
Played a game over 4 hours at home April 2, 2022 - 4:10 vs. CSUN (12 innings - L, 6-8)
Played a game over 4:30 April 1, 2022 - 4:40 vs. CSUN (14 innings - L, 5-7)
Played a game over 5 hours April 29, 2017 - 5:04 at Cal State Fullerton (14 innings)
Played past midnight.....April 29, 2017 at CSF (7:03 PM game ended at 12:07 AM)

Was rained out at home..... February 20, 2024 vs. San Diego
Had a game cut short by rain April 5, 1975 vs. San Diego (L, 5-4 - 1 out Top 7)
Had a rain delay March 2, 2024 vs. Michigan (W, 12-4) - 107 minutes in Bottom 1st
Had a game suspended April 2, 2021 at CSUN (Darkness, resumed Apr. 3 - 1 inn.)
Swept a doubleheader..... March 19, 2021 vs. UC Davis (W, 10-7 & W, 8-0)
Was swept in a doubleheader February 25, 2017 (14-6 at USD, 10-9 (8) vs. Tenn.)

Came back from down 5+ runs... April 28, 2023 at Bakersfield - trailed 9-3 in 3rd, won 16-11
Blew a lead of 5+ runs April 15, 2023 at UC Santa Barbara - led 7-0 in 3rd, lost 13-8

The Last Time An Anteater...

Had a 5-hit gameMarch 8, 2024 - Jo Oyama (5) vs. Columbia
Had a 6-hit gameMay 25, 2019 - Christian Koss (6) at UC Riverside

Had 3+ doubles in a game..... May 25, 2023 - Thomas McCaffrey (3) vs. UC Riverside
Had multiple triples in a game February 18, 2023 - Jo Oyama (2) vs. Tulane

Had a 5-RBI gameMarch 9, 2024 - Kendle (5) and Bermudez (5) vs. Columbia
Had a 6-RBI game March 8, 2024 - Chase Call (8) & Jo Oyama (9) vs. Columbia
Had a 7-RBI game March 8, 2024 - Chase Call (8) & Jo Oyama (9) vs. Columbia
Had an 8-RBI game March 8, 2024 - Chase Call (8) & Jo Oyama (9) vs. Columbia
Had a 9-RBI game March 8, 2024 - Jo Oyama (9) vs. Columbia

Scored 4+ runs..... March 9, 2024 - Luke Spillane (4) & Will Bermudez (4) vs. Columbia
Scored 5+ runs..... May 25, 2023 - Luke Spillane (5) vs. UC Riverside

Hit for the Cycle..... March 8, 2024 - Jo Oyama vs. Columbia (HR-2B-1B-2B-3B)
Hit a leadoff HR..... March 3, 2024 - Myles Smith vs. UCLA (Dodger Stadium)
Had a 2-HR game February 17, 2024 - Thomas McCaffrey vs. North Dakota State
Had a 3-HR game April 20, 1986 - Gene Roumimper at UNLV
Hit a Grand Slam..... March 9, 2024 - Kendle, Bermudez, Stinson vs. Columbia
Hit an Inside-the-Park HR..... April 15, 2022 - Caden Kendle vs. Cal Poly
Hit back-to-back HRs..... March 9, 2024 - Bermudez & Garcia-Pacheco vs. Columbia (4th)
Hit HRs in consecutive ABs April 23, 2023 - Dub Glead (2nd & 4th inn.) vs. Kansas State
Hit a pinch-hit HR March 9, 2024 - Jacob Stinson (8th) vs. Columbia

Struck out 4 times in a game.....April 21, 2023 - Myles Smith (4) vs. Kansas State
Struck out 5 times in a game..... April 16, 2023 - Caden Kendle (5) at UC Santa Barbara
Walked 4+ times in a game..... May 14, 2023 - Auggie Gutierrez (4) at CSUN
Drew 3+ HBP in a game..... March 8, 2024 - Caden Kendle (3) vs. Columbia
Laid down 3+ sac bunts April 6, 2012 - Taylor Sparks (3) at Cal Poly
Hit multiple sac flies May 20, 2023 - Myles Smith (2) at UC Davis

Stole 3+ bases..... April 2, 2023 - Myles Smith (3) vs. UC San Diego
Stole 4+ bases..... March 22, 2008 - Ollie Linton (4) vs. Northern Colorado
Stole home..... May 16, 2021 - Mike Peabody vs. UC Riverside
Committed 3+ errors..... May 7, 2021 - Dillon Tatum (3) at UC Santa Barbara

Struck out 10+ batters May 7, 2023 - Nick Pinto (11) vs. Hawai'i
Struck out 11+ batters May 7, 2023 - Nick Pinto (11) vs. Hawai'i
Struck out 12+ batters May 15, 2021 - Nick Pinto (12) vs. UC Riverside (Game 1)
Struck out 13+ batters May 29, 2009 - Daniel Bibona (14) vs. Fresno State
Struck out 15+ batters April 21, 2006 - Justin Cassel (15) vs. UC Santa Barbara

Perfect / No-hit through 5 IP5/7/23 - Pinto (5.2 IP) vs. HAW | 5/26/23 - Pinto (5) vs. UCR
Threw a complete game..... June 4, 2021 - Michael Frias vs. Nevada (NCAA Regional)
Threw a CG shutout..... June 4, 2021 - Michael Frias vs. Nevada (NCAA Regional)
Threw consecutive CGs.....May 18 & 24, 2019 - Trenton Denholm vs. UCD, UCR
Threw consec. CG shutouts..... March 21 & 28, 2014 - Andrew Morales vs. GCU, UCR
Threw 9+ innings April 18, 2015 - Matt Esparza (9.1) vs. UC Davis (ND)
Threw 10+ innings April 9, 1988 - Craig Brink (11+) vs. UC Santa Barbara
Allowed 10+ hits March 3, 2023 - David Vizcaino (12) at Arizona State
Threw 100+ pitches May 6, 2023 - Michael Stanford (105) vs. Hawai'i
Threw 120+ pitches April 29, 2017 - Louis Raymond (125) at Cal State Fullerton
Earned a 4+ out save February 23, 2024 - Ricky Tibbett (1.2 IP) at Tulane
Earned a 3-inning save March 2, 2024 - Max Martin (4.0 IP) vs. Michigan

Caught 3+ runners stealing.....May 29, 2011 - Ronnie Shaeffer (3) vs. Long Beach State
Recorded 9+ assists in a game..... February 14, 2014 - Chris Rabago (9) vs. Fresno State
Recorded 10+ assists in a game.....April 2, 1983 - Adam Ging (10) at UC Santa Barbara
Recorded 16+ putouts in a game..... February 18, 2023 - Blake Penso (16) vs. Tulane
Recorded 8+ putouts as an OF..... May 24, 2018 - Konnor Zickefoose (8) at UC Davis
Had an outfield assist May 25, 2023 - Myles Smith (LF) at 2B



TEAM RECORDS

<i>Average</i>		<i>Year(s)</i>	<i>Total</i>
<i>Career</i>	Tom Baine	1985-86	.383
<i>Season</i>	Keston Hiura (NCAA)	2017	.442
	Tom Spence	1971	.403
	Mike Nagle	1981	.402

Slugging	Player	Year(s)	Total
Career	Scott Thayer	1976-77	.593
Since '02	Keston Hiura	2015-17	.581
Season	Keston Hiura	2017	.693

Games	Player	Date	Total
Career	Ben Orloff	2006-09	241
Season	Rabago / Sparks / Spencer	2014	66

At-Bats	Player	Date	Total
Career	Ben Orloff	2006-09	877
Season	Jeff Oberdank	1988	273

Runs	Player	Date	Total
Career	Ben Orloff	2006-09	178
Season	Holiday (2007) / Kendle (2023)		69

Hits	Player	Date	Total
Career	Ben Orloff	2006-09	281
Season	Nathan Church	2021	100

Doubles	Player	Date	Total
Career	Keston Hiura	2015-17	54
Season	Holiday (07) / Hiura (17) / Church (21)		24

Triples	Player	Date	Total
Career	Rod Spence	1972-75	17
	Jeff Malinoff	1971-74	17
Season	Jeff Malinoff	1972	10

HR	Player	Date	Total
Career	Francis Larson	2007-10	25
Season	Dillon Tatum	2021	15

Total Bases	Player	Date	Total
Career	Francis Larson	2007-10	348
Season	Nathan Church	2021	158

RBI's	Player	Date	Total
Career	Jeff Malinoff	1971-74	189
Season	Jeff Malinoff	1972	65

SB	Player	Date	Total
Career	Ollie Linton	2005-08	69
Season	Ollie Linton	2008	40

Walks	Player	Date	Total
Career	Mike Nagle	1978-81	160
Season	Brady Anderson	1985	52

Strikeouts	Player	Date	Total
Career	Cole Kreuter	2015-18	199
Season	Taylor Sparks	2014	70

IBB	Player	Date	Total
Career	Keston Hiura	2015-17	22
Season	Keston Hiura	2017	12

HBP	Player	Date	Total
Career	Mike Peabody	2018-21	51
Season	Mike Peabody	2021	27

Sac Flies	Player	Date	Total
Career	D.J. Crumlich	2009-12	15
Season	Nick Anderson	2018	9

Games	Pitcher	Year	Total
Career	Jimmy Litchfield	2011-14	117
Season	Gary Wheelock	1972	35

Starts	Pitcher	Year	Total
Career	Craig Brink	1985-88	61
Season	Andrew Morales	2014	19
	Scott Gorgen	2007	19

Innings	Pitcher	Year	Total
Career	Bob Frishette	1977-80	438.2
Since '02	Glenn Swanson	2002-06	371.2
Season	Gary Wheelock	1974	168.0
Since '02	Scott Gorgen	2007	136.2

Wins	Pitcher	Year	Total
Career	Gary Wheelock	1972-74	38
Season	Gary Wheelock	1974	17
Since '02	Scott Gorgen	2007	13

ERA	Pitcher	Year	Total
Career	Andrew Morales	2013-14	1.68
Season	Jerry Maras	1973	1.50

Strikeouts	Pitcher	Year	Total
Career	Daniel Bibona	2007-10	332
Season	Andrew Morales (NCAA)	2014	141

Walks	Player	Date	Total
Career	Jeff Haack	1986-89	202
Season	Jeff Haack	1989	75

Saves	Pitcher	Year	Total
Career	Blair Erickson (NCAA)	2004-07	53
Season	Sam Moore	2014	23

Pickoffs	Player	Date	Total
Career	Glenn Swanson	2002-06	17
Season	Glenn Swanson	2006	9

CS	Player	Date	Total
Career	Aaron Lowenstein	2004-08	71
Season	Ronnie Shaeffer	2011	36

Errors	Player	Date	Total
Career	B.J. Eucce	2002-03	36
Season	B.J. Eucce	2002	21

Single-Game Highs		Date	Total
AB	vs. UNLV	5/2/06	54
Runs	vs. Columbia	3/8/24	32
Hits	at LMU	5/14/08	26
Singles	vs. Utah	3/24/79	21
Doubles	at UC Davis	4/24/10	9
Triples	2 times	(Last - 5/2/09)	4
HR	2 times	(Last - 5/1/04)	5
TB	at CSUN	5/1/04	43
RBI	vs. Columbia	3/8/24	30
BB	vs. Columbia	3/9/24	18
K	5/9/17 vs. USD | 4/1/22 vs. CSUN		18
SB	vs. Portland	3/5/89	9
HBP	at Tulane	2/24/24	8
SO	vs. San Diego	5/9/17	18
IP	vs. UNLV	5/2/06	15
	at LMU	4/14/78	15
BB	at Arizona	1/30/86	16
R allowed	vs. Pepperdine	5/16/80	25
H allowed	2 times	(Last - 4/8/89)	29
HR allowed	at UCLA	3/1/75	5
Errors	vs. U.S. Int'l	3/27/84	8
LOB	2 times	(Last - 2/27/16)	21

Record	Player	Date	Total
AB	Matt Fisher	5/9/04	8
	Brandon Lewis	3/16/19	8
Runs	Christian Koss	5/25/19	6
Hits	Christian Koss	5/25/19	6
	Drew Hillman	4/17/11	6
	Tom Baine	5/4/85	6
Doubles	Francis Larson	2/11/07	4
Triples	8 Times	(Last - Oyama, 2/18/23)	2
HR	Gene Roumimper	4/20/86	3
TB	Gene Roumimper	4/20/86	14
RBI	Jo Oyama	3/8/24	9
SB	4 times	(Last - Linton, 3/22/08)	4
BB	14 times	(Last - Palmer, 3/16/19)	4
K	Caden Kendle	4/16/23	5
	Tyler Vaughn	5/2/06	5
	Mike Goodcase	4/6/90	5
HBP	5 times	(Last - Kendle, 3/8/24)	3
SF	20 times	(Last - Smith, 5/20/23)	2
SH	5 times	(Last - Sparks, 4/6/12)	3
SO	Jerry Maras	4/14/73	16
IP	Bob Frishette	4/14/78	14
Pitches	Lee Belanger	4/14/79	159
BB	Dean Douty	1/30/87	11
ER allowed	4 times	(Last - Bladow - 4/21/92)	10
H allowed	Eric Pettis	5/9/10	16
2B allowed	4 times	(Last - Manarino - 3/7/15)	5
3B allowed	Christian Bergman	3/27/10	4
HR allowed	Christian Bergman	5/23/09	4
HBP	David Vizcaino	4/1/23	4
WP	2 times	(Last - Bibona - 4/17/09)	4
Balks	4 times	(Last - Surrey - 4/22/16)	2
CS	Steve Morgan	2/28/84	4
Putouts	John Seeburger	2/15/88	20
Assists	Mike Nagle	4/18/80	12
Errors	2 times	(Last - Sparks - 2/21/14)	4



2024 UC Irvine Opponents

School	Conf.	Record	Series	Last Gm	at UCI	at OPP	Big West	2024	Record	Series	Last Series	at UCI	at OPP
North Dakota State	Summit		4-0	W, 10-4	3-0	-	UC Davis	Mar. 15-17	45-13	2023 (A) WWW	22-5	23-8	
Tulane	AAC		10-2	W, 10-7	5-1	5-1	Bakersfield	Mar. 22-24	24-6	2023 (A) WWW	13-3	11-3	
San Diego	WCC		64-50-1	W, 3-1	30-24-1	33-26	Hawai'i	Mar. 28-30	38-14	2023 (H) LWW	20-3	18-11	
Michigan	Big Ten		2-1	W, 12-4	2-1	-	UCSB	Apr. 5-7	63-62	2023 (A) WLW	35-23	28-39	
UCLA	Pac-12		38-57-1	W, 5-2	21-24-1	14-32	UC San Diego	Apr. 12-14	18-3	2023 (H) LWW	12-2	6-1	
California Baptist	WAC		2-0	W, 5-4	2-0	-	UC Riverside	Apr. 26-28	62-31	2023 (H) WWW	37-11	25-20	
Fresno State	Mtn West		13-37	L, 1-13	6-11	7-26	Cal Poly	May 3-5	36-31	2023 (A) LWL	17-16	19-15	
Columbia	Ivy League		2-0	W, 25-7	Neutral: 2-0		LBSU	May 10-12	76-66-1	2023 (H) LLW	41-33-1	34-31	
UConn	BIG EAST		1-0	W, 5-4 (2011)	1-0	-	Fullerton	May 17-19	48-97	2023 (H) LWL	21-49	23-44	
LMU	WCC		47-40-3	L, 4-7	22-23-1	25-16-2	CSUN	May 23-25	52-38	2023 (A) LWL	29-11	21-24	
USC	Pac-12		38-34	W(10), 5-4	17-15	21-19	Totals	2023—264-268 (.496)					
San Diego State	Mtn West		40-57-1	W, 14-2	21-29-1	19-28							
Totals	2023—334-321-3 (.510)												

Anteaters in NCAA stat leaders as of March 11

<i>Offense</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Individual</i>	<i>Pitching</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Individual</i>
Hit by Pitch	1st	Oyama - 9th	Wins		Pinto - 13th
		Call, Kendle - 65th			Luu - 13th
Runs per game	7th	Smith - 67th	Saves		Tibbett - 5th
Sacrifice Bunts	9th	Spillane - 14th			Ojeda, Martin - 150th
On-Base Percentage	12th	Smith - 29th	ERA	32nd	Pinto - 129th
		Kendle - 69th	Walks Allowed per 9 innings	49th	
Doubles per game	12th	Kendle - 47th	Strikeout-to-Walk Ratio	52nd	
Runs	17th		WHIP	61st	Pinto - 150th
Triples	19th	Kendle, Oyama - 19th	Strikeouts per 9 innings	72nd	
Base on Balls	29th	Smith - 5th	Pitching Appearances		Tibbett - 91st
RBIs per game		Kendle - 33rd			Utagawa - 91st
		McCaffrey - 73rd	Hits Allowed per 9 innings	90th	
		Oyama - 90th	Hit Batters	288th	
		Kendle - 37th			
Hits per game		Kendle - 80th			
Batting Average	38th				
Slugging Percentage	47th				
Sacrifice Flies	48th	Hadeen - 89th			
Hits	66th	Kendle - 56th			
Home Runs per game	103rd		<i>Defense</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Individual</i>
Home Runs	115th		Fielding Percentage	55th	
Stolen Bases	191st		Double Plays	102nd	

2024 Team Numbers

<i>Team Totals</i>	<i>Games</i>	<i>AVG</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>2B</i>	<i>3B</i>	<i>HR</i>	<i>SB</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>SO</i>		<i>W-L</i>	<i>SV</i>	<i>ERA</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>ER</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>SO</i>	<i>Errors</i>
February	6	.322	57	66	16	2	7	7-8	37	26		6-0	2	3.50	48	23	21	20	57	2
March	8	.304	96	86	22	5	9	5-6	58	60		6-1	4	4.18	72	37	33	33	80	10
April																				
May																				
Home	6	.305	51	58	14	4	6	6-8	43	33		6-0	3	2.67	45	17	16	17	61	3
Away / Neutral	8	.315	102	94	24	3	10	6-6	52	53		6-1	3	4.82	75	43	38	36	76	9
<i>By Series</i>	<i>Games</i>	<i>AVG</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>2B</i>	<i>3B</i>	<i>HR</i>	<i>SB</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>SO</i>		<i>W-L</i>	<i>SV</i>	<i>ERA</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>ER</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>SO</i>	<i>Errors</i>
vs. North Dakota State	3	.343	31	34	8	1	5	5-6	23	12		3-0	0	2.33	25	8	7	7	31	1
vs. Tulane	3	.302	26	32	8	1	2	2-2	14	14		3-0	2	4.67	23	15	14	13	26	1
Dodger Stadium Classic	3	.277	20	28	7	2	3	0-0	17	15		3-0	3	2.00	21	7	6	14	32	2
Fresno State / Columbia	4	.346	71	54	15	2	6	4-4	36	36		3-1	0	5.91	44	26	23	17	39	6
vs. UC Davis																				
vs. Cal State Bakersfield																				
at Hawai'i																				
vs. UC Santa Barbara																				
at UC San Diego																				
San Diego State																				
at UC Riverside																				
vs. Cal Poly																				
at Long Beach State																				
at Cal State Fullerton																				
vs. CSUN																				
Midweeks																				



2024 Hall of Fame Class Inductee | Scott Gorgen

Anteater baseball is a household name in some collegiate baseball circles. The program was nonexistent 25 years ago before rising from the dead in 2002, and a meteoric rise saw the 'Eaters back in the postseason three years into their revival and in the College World Series in six short years. But to some, even a student-athlete that was heavily influential in the rise, UC Irvine is still on the outside looking in.

"That window was pretty special."

Scott Gorgen toed the Anteater mound from 2006 to 2008, a prime portion of a seriously impressive five-year run for UC Irvine baseball – a College World Series appearance in 2007, nation's top-ranked team in 2009 along with a regional host and Big West title, and Super Regionals in 2008 and 2011 where the Anteaters were one strike away from two more College World Series trips. UC Irvine baseball vaulted into the spotlight, and while the program has made another College World Series since then, consistently handling Power Five programs, and posting winning season after winning season, all the accolades still leave the Anteaters on the outside of the national conversation.

Gorgen was outside the conversation in his senior year of high school. His twin brother was getting a lot of the shine heading into the season already signed and the team's star pitcher while Scott had sights on junior college to play baseball and football.

The brothers were inseparable on the baseball field going back to five years of age.

"It came easy to us. When we were five years old, we were already turning double plays."

Like most, Gorgen was playing other sports like football and basketball, but he knew his best chance to keep playing down the line was going to be baseball, which happened to be his first passion. Funny enough, his first passion wasn't pitching despite the dominating force he was on the mound as an Anteater.

During his short stint living in Maryland at 11, Scott attended workout with a local team in an indoor, cement-floor warehouse.

"The coaches asked, 'does anybody here catch?' I had never caught before in my life, but I had always been taught to never turn anything down; just say yes and just try it. So, I raised my hand."

Despite never even putting on the gear in his life, a catcher was born. From 11 all the way through to senior year, Scott Gorgen the catcher was living his dream of playing baseball. "I had a chance to be the quarterback or captain on the field, being involved in every single play."

So, as he headed into that senior season, the catcher was ready to catch for his twin brother on the mound. Football season did a number on his brother, Matt, who suffered a shoulder injury and couldn't start the baseball season. It made sense that the inseparable brothers were again helping each other to the next step of the journey.

"I remember distinctively my coach goes 'well you're his twin brother, if he can throw 90, let's put you on the mound and see if you can as well.' I told him I've never pitched, just catcher and maybe a little third base. Sure enough, over time it became my thing."

By season's end, he was MVP of the league and leading the squad back to the playoffs. His brother returned from injury and was back on the mound with Scott behind the plate, and any inning he wasn't on the mound, Scott was up there.

"It was so fun; I found a whole new passion for pitching at that point. That's really how it started for me."

The offers began to roll in including UC Irvine who was looking at Scott's brother initially. He admittedly didn't show very well when he was scouted, but it was enough to earn him a visit.

"That's when the recruiting process started. Then I fell in love in Irvine when I got down there. Seeing Irvine, thinking this is beautiful, living at Newport Beach, you can't beat it."

There were still other programs competing including rival Long Beach State where Gorgen's friend and teammate was headed, but UCI had just enough over the other places.

"I could have gone right from the beach alone, I'm a NorCal guy and didn't have any beaches around."

The Concord-native had another driving force for Gorgen - coaching. Growing up and seeing schools like Stanford, Texas, and Cal State Fullerton at the top of the game with names like George Horton, Mike Gillespie, and Augie Garrido among the coaches he looked up to, it was a dream to be part of that success and tradition.

"Well, I wasn't going to play for Horton, not playing for Garrido, but if I can play for the coaching staff that was at Fullerton, while at UC Irvine, get a UCI education, and play in the same conference, that sounds pretty cool!"

The stars were all aligning for Gorgen seeing as the Anteaters were starting to touch some success. Under head coach Dave Serrano's guidance, Scott was raising his game with his 90s-fastball and developing a changeup, and an opportunity to pitch as a freshman in the rotation. Didn't waste much time crossing off bucket list items with a win over then-No. 1 Cal State Fullerton and praise from coach Horton. The 2006 Anteaters reached the postseason playing in a regional at Pepperdine. It was the veteran arms of Justin Cassel and Glenn Swanson who toed the



rubber for those games, two pitchers that really set up Gorgen for his starting role down the line and proved their mettle for years in the program already, and Gorgen still made a vital appearance in extra innings of the elimination game against Missouri.

"To 'earn' and be trusted with being the Friday night guy the following year. Even if you start there, doesn't mean you're going to stay there, things change, but to be entrusted with that, I took it seriously and it was on me to lead the staff that best I can."

The 2007 season was the 'Eaters' best chance to win a Big West title which came down to the last weekend. Despite Gorgen's efforts, a two-hit shutout Friday night over James Simmons and UC Riverside, the conference titles hopes ended on Saturday. The postseason was next up sending the 'Eaters and Gorgen to mighty Texas pitting two top-10 programs together in the same regional.

Cool way to start by dispatching Wake Forest, 13-0 and another masterful performance another weekend cornerstone, Wes Ethridge striking out 10 over eight shutout, and then going toe-to-toe with Texas. "The game that decides our season," Gorgen noted. Changeup after changeup took down the mighty, power-hitting Longhorns. Getting praise from another of the legends he admired, Augie Garrido, between press conferences put another feather in the cap. He would return in the regional final to help move the program through the lightning storm delays and along to the Supers.

The team came together for a pair of high intensity wins in the Super Regionals at Wichita State with the defense backing Gorgen in the opener after he threw 141 pitches in a 1-0 complete game victory with fellow Hall of Famer Ben Orloff at shortstop, heart-and-soul Aaron Lowenstein catching every pitch, Ollie Linton running down every ball even close to center field, and grinders like Sean Madigan and Cody Cipriano willing the only run across.

All along the way, a determined staff working as a unit alongside Ethridge, arms like Christian Bergman and Tom Calahan locking down wins, and Daniel Bibona and Bryce Stowell who would be big parts of the 2007 success and into the next seasons and postseason runs.

A memorable run in the College World Series again taking down Coach Horton's Titans and then a second straight, extra innings win eliminating Arizona State who had dumped the 'Eaters in the opener behind starter Gorgen. He would exact his revenge in relief to keep the dream alive for the Anteaters.

Ultimately falling a game short of the national final, the Anteaters were as high as they could be. Coach Serrano then sprung a little shock on the program returning to his previous spot to take the helm of Cal State Fullerton. A tough transition to stomach, but with another legend like Mike Gillespie stepping in, the 'Eaters were still in good hands.

"The transition was tough because you had a motivator like coach Serrano with a staff that was really hands-on with us, and then you have Skip who was hard-nosed, old-school mentality. For certain guys, it was probably more difficult; I thought it was so cool because I remember growing up watching him in all those College World Series games."

Gorgen would pick up right where he left off in his junior season picking up a third All-American honor, the program's first Big West Pitcher of the Year accolade and finished sitting atop the program in career strikeouts while the 'Eaters forged their way through another regional and an out away from upending LSU to get back to the College World Series. While Gorgen and the 'Eaters reaped the success of being led by two legends of the game, it was a staff effort that made all the difference.

"Those two are legends, but what do legends surround themselves with – unbelievable coaching staffs. The amount of people we were surrounded by that were able to go elsewhere and be successful and be motivators, speaks volumes to what Irvine was able to capture during those years."

It's trickled down even to the players and alums with Orloff now at the helm at UC Irvine, Gregg Wallis now the head man at Grand Canyon, and countless others that have climbed into the assistant ranks on the collegiate level and even manning high school programs.

With all the countless contributors that none of this success for Gorgen would have been possible without, it couldn't hold back the emotions after getting the call.

"I know what it means, I understand and have played enough baseball and been around enough guys, your name is etched into the history books forever and no one can take that away from you. To know I'll be in there with the Skips and the Gary Adams and Orloffs and inductees still to come! But to be recognized for my time at UC Irvine as part of the university and the program and be part of those staffs and teams, while it's a solo accomplishment, it so isn't, there's so much that goes into it from the academic side, the support from friends outside of baseball, family, you've got to be on the straight and narrow to have that kind of success. You don't make it on your own – without your team you're not anywhere."

Baseball Members of the UC Irvine Athletics Hall of Fame

Gary Adams	Head Coach	Rocky Craig	OF	Mike Gillespie	Head Coach	Scott Gorgen	P
1970-74	Class of 1989	1970-71	Class of 2003	2007-2018	Class of 2021	2006-08	Class of 2004
1973, 1974 CWS Champion		1970 All-American		All-time winningest UCI coach - 393		2006-08 All-American	
1974 DII Coach of the Year		1971 All-West Region		ABCA Hall of Famer | BWC COTY '09		Big West 2006 FR POTY & 2008 POTY	
185-68-5	5 NCAA berths	87 games, .346, 6 HR, 63 RBI		2014 National Coach of the Year		362.1 IP, 32-11, 2.56 ERA, 327 K	
Jeff Malinoff	1B	Jerry Maras	P	Ben Orloff	SS	Rod Spence	1B
1971-74	Class of 1987	1972-75	Class of 2021	2006-09	Class of 2023	1972-75	Class of 2020
'72, '73, '74 All-American		'73, '74 DII National Champion		2009 Brooks Wallace Award		1973 CWS All-Tournament	
1974 CWS MVP		1973 CWS All-Tournament Team		2009 All-American | Big West POTY		1973 All-American, All-Region	
200 games, .367, 16 HR, 189 RBI		Game record 16 K, lowest season ERA		All-time leader in G, AB, H, R, and SAC		192 gms, .297, 17 3B, 13 HR, 154 RBI	
Tom Spence	1B	Gary Wheelock	P				
1970-71	Class of 2001	1972-74	Class of 1984				
Head Coach from 1975-76		1974 All-American					
Batted .403 in 1971		1973 CWS All-Tournament					
82 games, .363, 7 HR, 78 RBI		43 games, 38-10, 2.34, 273 K					

Mike "Skip" Gillespie : 1940—2020



One of college baseball's legendary coaches, Mike Gillespie passed away Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at the age of 80.

"On behalf of UCI Athletics Department, I want to offer heartfelt condolences to Coach Gillespie's wife, Barbara, his children, Kelly, Mitch, Matt and Tiffany; his grandchildren and his extended family," Director of Athletics Paula Smith said. "Mike was a leader, mentor, successful coach, and trusted colleague. We have lost a great baseball coach and even better man. He touched so many lives and he will be missed by many."

Gillespie coached UC Irvine for 11 seasons (2007-2018), leading the Anteaters to the College World Series in 2014. He was named National Coach of the Year by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association in 2014 and was named Big West Coach of the Year in 2009, when he guided the 'Eaters to the conference title. Under Gillespie the Anteaters made five postseason appearances, including regional titles in 2008, 2011 and 2014.

Current head coach Ben Orloff, who played for and coached alongside Gillespie for years, added his thoughts: "Today has been tough. There are not enough words to describe Coach Gillespie. He is among the greatest coaches in the history of college baseball. He was a larger than life figure on and off the field. Anyone that had an opportunity to be around him is better because of it. He means so much to me personally. I've been so lucky to spend the time I have around him the last seven years. He's made and continues to make me a better person and coach. I have kept his nameplate in his office that I now occupy as a reminder of what it means to be a coach and to constantly try to make him proud."

Gillespie, who's number 19 was retired at UCI in 2018, coached several major league players, including Keston Hiura, who is currently playing for the Milwaukee Brewers. He even coached his grandson, Cole, during his four-year collegiate career at UCI.

The American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Famer finished his career as the program's winningest coach at 393 and amassed a 1,156-886-2 record overall in 31 seasons as a Division I head coach. He won over 1,500 games during his 46 years of coaching that included a year at MiLB club Staten Island Yankees and the College of the Canyons where he began his career and won 420 games at over 16 seasons. Prior to UCI, Gillespie coached USC for 20 seasons, helping the Trojans to the national title in 1998. He also won a title as a player at USC in 1961 and was inducted in to the USC Hall of Fame. Gillespie and Jerry Kindall are the only two men to play on and coach a CWS championship baseball team.

Skip's Milestones

<u>46 years as a head coach</u> 1971-86 College of the Canyons 1987-2006 USC Trojans 2007 Staten Island Yankees 2007-18 UC Irvine Anteaters 1,576-887-2 lifetime record	<u>31 years at Division I level</u> 763 wins at USC 6 Pac-10 titles, 4 CWS berths 2007-2018 at UC Irvine 1 Big West title, 1 CWS berth 1,156-720-2 Division I record	<u>11 years as UCI's head coach</u> ABCA Hall of Famer 2014 College World Series 2014 NCBWA Coach of the Yr 2009 Big West Coach of the Year No. 19 retired	<u>UC Irvine Wins Leader</u> 393 wins, 249 losses 2009 Big West title (22-2) 5 NCAA berths 3 Super Regionals Four 40-win seasons	<u>1961 National Champion</u> as player at USC - scored only run in 1-0 win in title game <u>1998 National Champion</u> as head coach at USC
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50th Anniversary of Anteater Baseball

February 14, 1970 - UC Irvine baseball was open for business with a squad of 18 players and a head coach, Gary Adams.

Adams succeeded as a player at UCLA which led right into a coaching role of the Bruin freshmen. He landed a gig as an assistant coach at Riverside City College, and shortly thereafter was on his way to UC Irvine where he started as the Director of Recreation. His presence on the UCI staff helped him shift into the role of head baseball coach as it was announced the team would be formed and begin play in the Spring of 1970.

At that time in the Summer of 1969, Adams was the entirety of the baseball program - there was no stadium yet, no equipment, no players. Soon the ballpark took shape with concrete stands to hold 1,000 fans, fences that measured 330 feet down the foul lines, 380 in the alleys, and 400 to center field. The grounds were surrounded by an 8-foot-high fence helped by a 3-foot-rise of a terrace acting as a warning track to mirror Crosley Field in Cincinnati and Riverside where Adams came from previously. There was a 25-foot-tall mound of dirt where the pitcher's mound lay soon to be reduced to actual height, but for the cameras, coach Adams hopped up to the top and pantomimed a pitching motion.

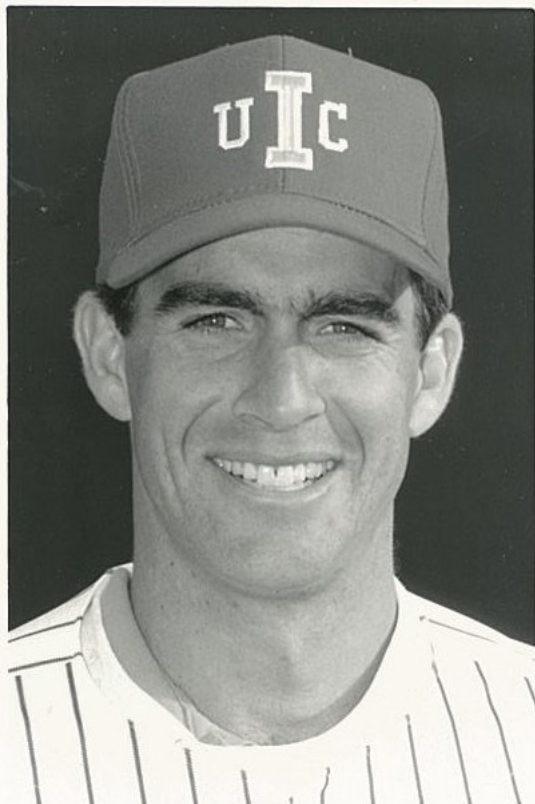


Coach Adams joked that "our players came here knowing they would be part of a building program. What they didn't realize is that they would have to help build the park." And that's just what they did. Joe Anderson and Chuck Spanski were out raking the crushed brick infield as Adams spoke, feet in the mud, getting it ready for a scrimmage. A notice on the bulletin board read "anybody who's free, please grab a rake." Players installed benches themselves to make sure they would be strong enough to hold them. The hitters built their own batting cage down the right field line. Pitcher Dennis Nicholson was out there sculpting the contours of the mound. Catcher Mike Sheline volunteered his talents to paint an Anteater on the scoreboard that loomed over the right center field wall. The players joked that it was probably still drying when they took the field for the first game. Coach Adams was building "Anteater Baseball", something Rocky Craig bought into and still sees with the program today.

"Coach Adams recruited people that wanted to play as a team. Being an underdog is what I love about being an Anteater. We played hard, found a way to win, and we played Anteater baseball. When I'm around these guys now, they play Anteater baseball. When you do that, you're going to play hard, you're going to play fair, find a way to win a ballgame. You don't care who wins it, that's part of being an underdog."

The season opened on the road at UC Riverside with the Anteaters winning both sides of a doubleheader on February 14. The dug-up-and-sculpted baseball field would get its first action on February 17 to the tune of a 7-0 victory over UCLA. The season seemed to whiz by with a considerable amount of success for Adams' bunch never brandishing a losing record. After a 3-2-1 start to the season, they won 8 of their next 9 including handing USC its first loss of the year thanks to a ninth-inning Tom Spence HR. Two days later, Dave Wollos was serving up the first no-hitter blanking Cal Tech in a domination of a performance where he did not allow a ball to leave the infield. His perfect game was disrupted by an error, but Wollos still faced the minimum in the game after that runner was erased on a double play.

UCI staggered through the tough Anaheim Tournament going 2-4 against big opponents like BYU, LBSU, Fullerton, and Oregon. The 'Eaters would put it together with a 19-2-1 stretch as it rolled towards a berth in the NCAA Division II Regional playoffs with a record of 33-10-3. UCI's run was halted abruptly with losses to top-ranked Chapman and Sacramento State ending its fledgling campaign, but the tone was set—Anteater baseball had arrived.



Remembering John Altobelli

UC Irvine Baseball assistant coach 1988-92

John Altobelli was involved in the January 26, 2020 helicopter accident losing his life along with his wife, Kerry, and his youngest daughter, Alyssa. Altobelli had a storied, 27-year career at nearby Orange Coast College winning 4 CCCBCA State titles including the most recent one in 2019, and was named ABCA National Coach of the Year. Altobelli also spent three seasons in the Cape Cod League with the Brewster Whitecaps.

He played at Golden West College before transferring to the University of Houston to finish his career and work as a grad assistant. He joined UC Irvine's staff as an assistant coach working primarily with hitters and outfielders during the 1988-92 seasons.

Under Altobelli's tutelage, the 'Eaters had outstanding offensive seasons. His squads finished as 1 of 5 Anteater teams to score over 400 runs in a season in 1988, 1 of 3 teams to steal over

100 bases in 1989, and 1 of 5 teams to collect over 630 hits in 1990. He helped produce 14 All-Big West hitters of the 18 Anteaters honored in his 5 seasons, and 8 of the 16 Anteaters drafted were hitters.

"Alto was a great coach and an even better friend. He means so much to so many people. We used to meet up to talk baseball and life. He always had the time and he invested in me as a young coach. He is a legend and will be missed. His impact will never be forgotten."

- Head Coach Ben Orloff

Honoring Chancellor Ralph J. Cicerone

Ralph J. Cicerone became the university's fourth Chancellor in 1998, and with it, he brought his passion for athletics and baseball. The department was without a baseball program after it was cut following the 1992 season. In the spring of 1999, a grass-roots effort between Cicerone, athletic director Dan Guerrero, and five captains from UC Irvine athletic programs issued a referendum for students to vote to acquire the funding to bring baseball back to UCI. Following its approval, ground was broken on Anteater Ballpark January 25, 2001. Anteater baseball was up and running in 2002, and has returned to its rightful place among the top programs in the nation.

Among being a leading expert on the causes of global climate change and heading the National Academy of Sciences which helped advise the Obama administration, Cicerone never lost his passion for baseball. Even as an established professor in 1980, he got the chance to be an announcer for the San Diego Padres leaving him with a tough decision on which avenue to pursue. While stationed in Washington D.C., Cicerone would stay connected to the program even stopping by to check in on the facilities.

In May of 2009, Cicerone and the ballpark became one-in-the-same as he was honored by having the field named in his honor. Following Chancellor Cicerone's passing in November of 2016, the team added patches on the sleeves of their uniforms to commemorate Cicerone marked with his initials "RC" that were worn through the 2017 and 2018 seasons. The Anteaters are forever indebted to Chancellor Cicerone's vision and efforts.

"UCI baseball held a special place in the heart of Chancellor Ralph Cicerone. It may surprise some to know that among Chancellor Cicerone's many interests, achievements, and accomplishments, he had a genuine love for baseball, and specifically UCI baseball. It was because of Chancellor Cicerone's determination to resurrect baseball at UCI in the late 90s that he enlisted the support of others in the athletic department and among the students, and a successful referendum was brought to the students and passed allowing baseball to once again be played at UCI after a 10-year absence. The number of students and staff impacted for a lifetime by this successful effort is incalculable.

Even after Ralph left UCI to assume new duties in Washington D.C., he continued to closely follow Anteater baseball via the internet and personal contact with friends who also cared about the 'Eaters. On his occasional trips back to Orange County, he without fail stopped by Cicerone Field to check in, lend his support, and he rarely missed an Alumni Game in early February. We all lost a great friend in Ralph Cicerone, he is missed, and will continue to be missed."

- Mike Gillespie



HISTORY OF 'EATER EXCELLENCE

18 VARSITY
SPORTS

326
STUDENT-ATHLETES

559

ALL-AMERICANS



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