



2008 BIG WEST MEN'S SOCCER

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2008 STANDINGS

	Conference					Overall								
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts	Home	Away	W	L	T	Pct.	Home	Away	Ntrl.
(1) ^+*UC Irvine	5	1	4	.700	19	2-1-2	3-0-2	15	2	6	.783	8-1-2	6-1-3	1-0-1
(2) *UC Santa Barbara	5	2	3	.650	18	1-2-2	4-0-1	10	7	5	.595	4-4-3	6-3-2	0-0-0
(3) *Cal Poly	5	2	3	.650	18	3-1-1	2-1-2	11	6	6	.636	7-1-1	4-4-5	0-1-0
(4) *UC Davis	4	2	4	.600	16	2-0-3	2-2-1	13	5	4	.714	7-0-3	5-4-1	1-1-0
Cal State Northridge	4	3	3	.550	15	2-2-1	2-1-2	8	7	4	.526	4-3-1	2-3-3	2-1-0
Cal State Fullerton	2	7	1	.250	7	1-4-0	1-3-1	5	14	1	.275	1-7-0	3-5-1	1-2-0
UC Riverside	1	9	0	.100	3	1-4-0	0-5-0	4	15	1	.225	2-5-0	0-8-0	2-2-1

^ - Big West regular season champion () - Big West Tournament seed
 + - Big West Tournament champion * - NCAA Tournament selection

A Look Back at the 2008 Big West Men's Soccer Season

The pitch was truly kind to Big West men's soccer in 2008 as the league achieved new highs to cement its place among the elite soccer conferences in the country.

UC Irvine proved that the conference is no longer UC Santa Barbara's stomping ground as the Anteaters became the first time since Cal State Northridge in 2005 to claim the league's regular season crown. UCI also joined CSUN as the only schools other than UCSB to claim the Big West crown. The Anteaters weren't finished there as they also added the inaugural Big West Tournament championship to their resume to punch their ticket to the first NCAA Tournament appearance in program history. The NCAA selection committee rewarded UCI with the #14 seed and a bye in the first round.

Speaking of the league tournament, UC Irvine was joined by UC Santa Barbara, Cal Poly and UC Davis for the single-elimination showdown. After a frenetic finish determined the teams and seeds, fans were treated to high quality soccer. UCI topped the fourth-seeded Aggies in the semifinals by a 1-0 count, while second-seeded UCSB and #3 seed Cal Poly engaged in a classic battle that the Gauchos won in a penalty kick shootout. The PK's came after a 2-2 tie in regulation and overtime. The Anteaters and Gauchos then battled for the tournament championship with UCI leaving no doubt with a 4-2 win.

The NCAA Tournament selection committee was thoroughly impressed with the Big West as the conference landed a record four clubs in the national tournament. The quartet of Cal Poly, UC Davis, UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara marked the first time that the Big West had claimed more than two spots in the NCAA Tournament and the first time that a program other than UCSB or Cal State Northridge represented the conference in the race for the national title. The conference did not disappoint in the postseason as the Mustangs and Aggies both won their first round games, while the #15 national seed Gauchos fell in double overtime to a tough Cal squad. UCI went the farthest as the squad reached the Sweet 16 after beating conference foe Cal Poly in the second round. In the round of 16, the Anteaters fell to the #3 national seed St. John's (N.Y.) in a thrilling match by a 3-2 final.

There were also several other storylines during the 2008 season on both a team and individual scale.

One of the most impressive headlines was the crowd of 11,075 that showed up to Cal Poly's Spanos Stadium October 17 for a nationally televised primetime contest between the Mustangs and UC Santa Barbara. The attendance figure was the third largest single-game regular season number in NCAA history and topped the old Big West regular season record of 8,102 set during the Cal Poly/UCSB match on November 3, 2007. The Mustang/Gaucha rivalry also had a large number in attendance at Harder Stadium this season as 9,749 fans came to witness a scoreless tie on November 5. That figure set a UCSB program record and is the fourth-largest regular season crowd in NCAA history.

On the individual side of things, offense ruled the Big West as six players surpassed the 20-point plateau, with three of those athletes going over 30. The six 20-point scorers are the most in the conference since five players exceeded the number in 2004. That is also the last season the conference saw multiple 30-point scorers as a pair of players did it back then. As amazing as the offense was, the conference did have a streak come to an end. For the first time since 2002, the Big West did not have a player pick up a hat trick.

Individually, several players left their stamp on Big West and program record books. UC Irvine's Matt Murphy concluded his stellar career fifth in league history in both goals (33) and points (85), while finishing in a tie for eighth with 19 assists. Murphy owns the UCI program marks in goals and points and is tied for third in assists.

UC Santa Barbara's Chris Pontius proved no one can stop him from getting a shot as the senior forward set the Big West single season record for shots with 114. He also finished in a tie for sixth on the single season game-winning goals list (6) and finished just outside the top 10 in points (32) and goals (14).

POSTSEASON RESULTS

Wednesday, November 5

**#3 Cal Poly 2, at #2 UC Santa Barbara 2 (2OT)
 UCSB wins on PK's
 **at #1 UC Irvine 1, #4 UC Davis 0

Saturday, November 15

**at #1 UC Irvine 4, #2 UC Santa Barbara 2

Friday, November 21

+Cal Poly 1, at UCLA 0

Saturday, November 22

+at UC Davis 4, Denver 0

Tuesday, November 25

+at #11 Michigan 2, UC Davis 1
 +at #14 UC Irvine 3, Cal Poly 0
 +California 3, at #15 UC Santa Barbara 2 (2OT)

Saturday, November 29

+at #3 St. John's 3, #14 UC Irvine 2

** - Big West Tournament
 + - NCAA Tournament
 Rankings are NCAA Tournament seed

PRESEASON COACHES POLL

No.	School	Pts.
1.	UC Santa Barbara (6)	47
2.	UC Davis (1)	39
3.	Cal Poly	38
4.	Cal State Northridge	26
5.	UC Irvine	20
6.	UC Riverside	15
7.	Cal State Fullerton	11

() First-place votes

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

9/1 - Quincy Amarikwa, UC Davis, Sr., F
 9/8 - Spencer Thompson, UC Irvine, So., F
 9/15 - Robert Cate, UC Riverside, Jr., MF
 9/22 - Dylan Curtis, UC Davis, Sr., MF
 Andrew Fontein, UC Irvine, Fr., GK
 9/29 - Kris Minton, UC Santa Barbara, Fr., GK
 10/6 - Paul Marcoux, UC Davis, Jr., MF
 10/13 - Quincy Amarikwa, UC Davis, Sr., F
 10/20 - Chris Pontius, UC Santa Barbara, Sr., F
 10/27 - Dylan Curtis, UC Davis, Sr., MF
 11/3 - Kyle Montgomery, Cal Poly, So., MF
 11/10 - Matt Murphy, UC Irvine, Sr., MF

2008 BIG WEST MEN'S SOCCER NCAA Postseason Recap



Conference Record Four Big West Clubs Compete in NCAA Tournament

The Big West Conference proved to be one of the better leagues in men's soccer as the NCAA Selection Committee extended four berths, one automatic and three at-large, to the conference for the 50th edition of the NCAA men's soccer tournament. Cal Poly, UC Davis, UC Irvine and UC Santa became the first quartet in league history to claim entry into the NCAA tourney in the same season.

The selection of the four teams marks the sixth time in the last seven seasons that the conference has sent multiple teams into the NCAA Tournament. Prior to 2008, the league had never sent more than two clubs to the postseason and had only seen one other club aside from Cal State Northridge and UC Santa Barbara gain entry (UC Davis - 2007).

UC Irvine (15-2-6, 5-1-4 Big West) made its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament in school history. The Big West regular season and tournament champion Anteaters were given the #14 seed in the tournament and a first round bye for their exceptional regular season. UCI faced a familiar foe in its first playoff game as conference rival Cal Poly came calling to Anteater Stadium. Despite a cloudy night which saw several major downpours, the capacity crowd of 2,500 witnessed UC Irvine's first NCAA Tournament win, a 3-0 blanking of the Mustangs. The win earned them a trip to Queens, N.Y., for a date against the #3 national seed St. John's. The Red Storm ended the storybook UCI season with a hard-fought 3-2 victory. Included in that season was a school-record 15 wins, the first Big West titles in program history, three major conference awards and nine All-Big West selections.

UC Santa Barbara (10-7-5, 5-2-3 Big West) made its seventh consecutive and eighth overall appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Gauchos, who won the 2006 national championship, were given the #15 national seed and a first round bye, the second straight year that UCSB has claimed a national seed and a bye. UC Santa Barbara's postseason aspirations were short lived as California upset the homestanding Gauchos, 3-2, in double overtime. It marked the first time that UC Santa Barbara had lost an NCAA Tournament match in Harder Stadium and the first time in their current seven-year NCAA postseason string that the club failed to win a match in the tournament.

UC Davis (13-5-4, 4-2-4 Big West) is now 2-for-2 in Division I playoff appearances as the Aggies claimed their second straight postseason bid in their second year of DI competition. It marks the first back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances for UCD since it made three straight Division II tournaments from 1975-1977. The Aggies also picked up another first as the men's soccer team became the first program at UC Davis to win a home Division I NCAA postseason contest thanks to UCD's 4-0 first round win over Denver. The Aggies' season ended in their next match against #11 seed Michigan, 2-1, giving them a school DI record 13 wins.

Cal Poly (11-6-6, 5-2-3 Big West) appeared in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1995 and for the first time as a member of the Big West. The Mustangs also picked up another program first as the team topped UCLA, 1-0, in the opening round for the first NCAA postseason win in school history. A great Cal Poly season came to an end in the following round as fellow Big West member #14 seed UC Irvine downed the Mustangs by a 3-0 count.

BIG WEST NCAA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Friday, November 21

^Cal Poly 1, at UCLA 0

Saturday, November 22

^at UC Davis 4, Denver 0

Tuesday, November 25

+at #11 Michigan 2, UC Davis 1

+at #14 UC Irvine 3, Cal Poly 0

+California 3, at #15 UC Santa Barbara 2 (2OT)

Saturday, November 29

#at #3 St. John's 3, #14 UC Irvine 2

^ - NCAA Tournament First Round

+ - NCAA Tournament Second Round

- NCAA Tournament Sweet 16

Rankings are NCAA Tournament seeds

BIG WEST MEN'S SOCCER NEWS AND NOTES

Soccer America Poll - 11/17		
Rk.	School	Record
1.	Wake Forest	18-1-1
2.	Creighton	14-1-2
3.	Maryland	18-3-0
4.	Akron	16-1-4
5.	South Florida	14-4-2
6.	Tulsa	15-3-3
7.	UC Irvine	14-1-6
8.	Michigan State	13-5-1
9.	St. John's	16-2-3
10.	Loyola (Md.)	18-1-1
11.	UCLA	10-4-6
12.	California	10-3-5
13.	Notre Dame	12-6-2
t-14.	Indiana	12-6-3
t-14.	Illinois-Chicago	12-3-4
16.	Northwestern	14-4-2
17.	Michigan	12-5-3
18.	Dayton	15-4-2
19.	George Mason	11-5-2
20.	Virginia	11-8-1
21.	UC Santa Barbara	10-6-5
22.	Kentucky	12-4-5
23.	UC Davis	12-4-4
24.	Saint Louis	11-4-5
25.	Connecticut	9-4-6

Soccer Times Poll - 11/17		
Rk.	School	Record
1.	Wake Forest (14)	18-1-1
2.	Creighton (1)	14-1-2
3.	Maryland	18-3-0
4.	Akron (1)	16-1-4
5.	St. John's	16-2-3
6.	Tulsa	15-3-3
7.	South Florida	14-4-2
8.	Michigan State	13-5-1
9.	California	10-3-5
10.	UC Irvine	14-1-6
11.	Loyola (Md.)	18-1-1
12.	Indiana	12-6-3
13.	Michigan	12-5-3
14.	Illinois-Chicago	12-3-4
t-15.	Northwestern	13-4-2
t-15.	Notre Dame	12-6-2
17.	UCLA	10-4-6
18.	UC Davis	12-4-4
19.	UC Santa Barbara	10-6-5
20.	North Carolina	11-7-1
21.	Kentucky	12-4-5
22.	Drake	13-4-1
23.	Connecticut	9-4-6
24.	Saint Louis	11-4-5
25.	Virginia	11-7-1

NCAA Poll - FINAL		
Rk.	School	Record
1.	Maryland (22)	23-3-0
2.	Wake Forest (1)	21-2-1
3.	North Carolina	15-8-1
4.	St. John's	19-3-3
5.	Creighton	16-2-2
6.	Indiana	14-7-3
7.	Northwestern	15-5-3
8.	South Florida	15-5-3
9.	Akron	17-2-4
10.	UC Irvine	15-2-6
11.	Illinois-Chicago	12-4-6
12.	California	12-4-5
13.	Michigan	13-6-3
14.	Connecticut	11-5-6
15.	Loyola (Md.)	18-2-1
16.	Tulsa	16-4-3
17.	Michigan State	13-5-2
18.	Notre Dame	12-7-3
19.	UC Davis	13-5-4
20.	Dartmouth	11-6-2
21.	Saint Louis	12-5-5
22.	UC Santa Barbara	10-7-5
23.	Cal Poly	11-6-6
24.	Virginia	11-9-1
25.	Harvard	12-6-0

College Soccer News Poll - 11/17		
Rk.	School	Record
1.	Wake Forest	18-1-1
2.	Creighton	14-1-2
3.	Maryland	18-3-0
4.	Akron	16-1-4
5.	St. John's	16-2-3
6.	Tulsa	15-3-3
7.	UC Irvine	14-1-6
8.	Michigan State	13-5-1
9.	South Florida	14-4-2
10.	Loyola (Md.)	18-1-1
11.	California	10-3-5
12.	Indiana	12-6-3
13.	Michigan	12-5-3
14.	UCLA	10-4-6
15.	Illinois-Chicago	12-3-4
16.	Notre Dame	12-6-2
17.	UC Davis	12-4-4
18.	Penn	11-2-4
19.	Dayton	15-4-2
20.	Northwestern	13-4-2
21.	UC Santa Barbara	10-6-5
22.	Kentucky	12-4-5
23.	Drake	13-4-1
24.	Connecticut	9-4-6
25.	Massachusetts	10-7-3
26.	Virginia	11-8-1
27.	Saint Louis	11-4-5
28.	Boston University	11-5-3
29.	Dartmouth	11-5-1
30.	Oakland	14-4-1

Big West vs. Non-Conference Opponents (Excludes Big West Tournament)

ATLANTIC COAST (0-1-0)
Sept. 21 - Wake Forest 6, at UC Santa Barbara 2

ATLANTIC 10 (0-1-0)
*Sept. 5 - Saint Louis 3, vs. UC Riverside 0

BIG EAST (0-5-0)
Aug. 29 - Georgetown 1, at Cal State Northridge 0
*Aug. 31 - Georgetown 1, vs. Cal State Fullerton 0
*Sept. 5 - Louisville 1, vs. UC Davis 0
Sept. 12 - at Rutgers 3, UC Santa Barbara 2
+Nov. 29 - at St. John's (N.Y.) 3, UC Irvine 2

BIG TEN (2-2-0)
*Sept. 7 - UC Davis 4, vs. Michigan State 2
*Sept. 12 - Wisconsin 2, vs. Cal State Northridge 0
Sept. 27 - UC Santa Barbara 2, at Indiana 1
Nov. 25 - at Michigan State 2, UC Davis 1

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+Nov. 25 - at UC Irvine 3, Cal Poly 0

CONFERENCE USA (3-0-1)
Sept. 5 - at UC Santa Barbara 1, Kentucky 0
Sept. 7 - at Cal Poly 3, Kentucky 1
Sept. 12 - UC Irvine 2, at UAB 2 (2OT)
*Sept. 14 - UC Irvine 3, vs. Memphis 1

HORIZON (1-1-0)
Sept. 1 - at UC Irvine 2, Cleveland State 1
Sept. 14 - at Wisconsin-Milwaukee 1, CSUN 0

IVY (0-1-0)
Sept. 14 - at Columbia 3, UC Santa Barbara 1

MISSOURI VALLEY (3-3-0)
Sept. 7 - at Creighton 2, UC Riverside 0
*Sept. 12 - Missouri State 2, vs. Cal Poly 1 (OT)
Sept. 18 - at UC Santa Barbara 4, Evansville 2
Sept. 20 - at Cal Poly 3, Evansville 0
Sept. 27 - Cal State Fullerton 2, at Bradley 1
Oct. 1 - at Creighton 1, Cal State Northridge 0 (2OT)

MOUNTAIN PACIFIC SPORTS FED. (10-2-3)
Aug. 29 - at UC Santa Barbara 2, Air Force 1
Aug. 31 - at Cal Poly 2, Air Force 0
Sept. 5 - UNLV 1, at Cal State Fullerton 0
*Sept. 5 - UC Irvine 1, vs. Sacramento State 1 (2OT)
*Sept. 7 - Cal State Northridge 2, vs. UNLV 0
Sept. 12 - Cal State Fullerton 2, at Air Force 0
Sept. 14 - Cal Poly 2, at New Mexico 1
Sept. 14 - at UC Davis 2, San Jose State 0
Sept. 14 - at Denver 4, Cal State Fullerton 1
Sept. 18 - Cal Poly 2, at San Jose State 2 (2OT)
Sept. 21 - at Cal State Northridge 2, Sacramento State 1
Sept. 25 - UC Davis 1, at Sacramento State 0
Sept. 27 - at UC Davis 4, Air Force 1
Sept. 28 - Cal Poly 1, at Sacramento State 1 (2OT)
+Nov. 22 - at UC Davis 4, Denver 0

NORTHEAST (1-0-0)
Aug. 29 - at UC Davis 3, Long Island 1

PACIFIC 10 (3-5-2)
Aug. 29 - at California 3, UC Riverside 1
Aug. 31 at UCLA 3, UC Riverside 0
Sept. 19 - UC Irvine 2, at San Diego State 0
Sept. 19 - at Washington 1, Cal State Fullerton 0
Sept. 21 - UC Davis 2, at San Diego State 1
Sept. 28 - Cal State Northridge 2, at UCLA 2 (2OT)
Oct. 1 - UC Santa Barbara 2, at UCLA 2 (2OT)
Nov. 8 - at UCLA 2, Cal Poly 1
+Nov. 21 - Cal Poly 1, at UCLA 0
+Nov. 25 - California 3, at UC Santa Barbara 2 (2OT)

SUMMIT (1-1-1)
*Sept. 12 - UC Riverside 3, vs. Oral Roberts 2
*Sept. 20 - IUPUI 2, vs. UC Riverside 1
*Sept. 21 - UC Riverside 1, vs. Western Illinois 1 (2OT)

WEST COAST (5-2-0)
Sept. 5 - at Loyola Marymount 1, Cal Poly 0
Sept. 7 - UC Santa Barbara 3, at Loyola Marymount 1
Sept. 7 - UC Irvine 3, at Saint Mary's 2
*Sept. 14 - UC Riverside 3, vs. Gonzaga 2
Sept. 19 - UC Davis 2, at San Diego 1 (2OT)
*Sept. 21 - Portland 2, vs. Cal State Fullerton 0
Sept. 21 - UC Irvine 1, at San Diego 0

INDEPENDENT (2-0-0)
*Aug. 29 - Cal State Fullerton 2, vs. Alabama A&M 0
Aug. 31 - at Cal State Northridge 2, Alabama A&M 0

RECLASSIFYING DI (6-3-0)
Aug. 30 - at UC Irvine 1, North Florida 0
Aug. 31 - at UC Davis 1, Cal State Bakersfield 0
*Sept. 5 - CSUN 3, vs. Cal State Bakersfield 0
Sept. 7 - Cal State Bakersfield 3, at CSF 2 (OT)
Sept. 24 - at Cal Poly 3, Cal State Bakersfield 2 (2OT)
Sept. 26 - at UC Irvine 2, Cal State Bakersfield 1
Oct. 2 - at UC Riverside 1, Houston Baptist 0
Oct. 4 - Houston Baptist 1, at Cal State Fullerton 0
Oct. 25 - Cal State Bakersfield 2, at UC Riverside 1

Overall Non-Conference DI Record:
34-25-7 (.568)

Overall Non-Conference Record:
40-28-7 (.580)

* - denotes neutral site game
+ - NCAA Tournament match

Big West vs. Non-League Foes

Team	Non-Conf. Rec.	Pct.
Cal Poly	7-4-2	.615
Cal State Northridge	4-4-1	.500
Cal State Fullerton	3-7-0	.300
UC Davis	10-2-0	.833
UC Irvine	8-1-2	.818
UC Riverside	3-6-1	.350
UC Santa Barbara	5-4-1	.550
Total	40-28-7	.580

Big West vs. Ranked Foes

Team	Rec. vs. Ranked	Pct.
Cal Poly	4-3-3	.550
Cal State Northridge	0-4-1	.100
Cal State Fullerton	0-3-1	.125
UC Davis	1-1-3	.500
UC Irvine	3-1-2	.667
UC Riverside	1-7-1	.167
UC Santa Barbara	3-4-3	.450
Total	12-23-14	.388
Non-Conf. Total	5-7-1	.423

Big West: Home, Away and Neutral

Team	Home	Away	Neutral
Cal Poly	7-1-1	5-4-5	0-1-0
Cal State Fullerton	1-7-0	3-5-1	1-2-0
Cal State Northridge	4-3-1	2-3-3	2-1-0
UC Davis	8-0-3	5-4-1	1-1-0
UC Irvine	8-1-2	6-1-3	1-0-1
UC Riverside	2-5-0	0-8-0	2-2-1
UC Santa Barbara	4-4-3	6-3-2	0-0-0
Total	34-21-10	27-28-13	7-7-2

BIG WEST MEN'S SOCCER NEWS AND NOTES

AROUND THE BIG WEST: Four Big West teams in the NCAA Tournament wrapped up an outstanding season of Big West men's soccer. Cal Poly, UC Davis, UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara represented the Big West in the chase for the national championship. The conference had a solid season against non-conference opposition, picking up 40 wins and posting a .580 winning percentage.

TEAM-BY-TEAM NOTEBOOKS:

CAL POLY: Cal Poly picked up its first NCAA Tournament victory in program history, a 1-0 win over UCLA on the road ... **Ryan Anderson** picked up the historic game-winner, while **Eric Branagan-Franco** recorded three saves for the shutout. Cal Poly's season then ended in its following match, a 3-0 setback against #14 seed and conference rival UC Irvine ... Prior to their first NCAA match, the Mustangs placed six players on the league's All-Conference lists and picked up two awards. Branagan-Franco was named the Co-Goalkeeper of the Year, while **Patrick Sigler** was Cal Poly's other award winner with the Co-Freshman of the Year honor ... Branagan-Franco, Sigler and **Anton Peterlin** were named first team All-Big West, while **David Zamora**, **Kyle Montgomery** and **Julian Alvarez** were named to the second team.

CAL STATE FULLERTON: Cal State Fullerton finished the 2008 season with a record of 5-14-1, which includes a 2-7-1 mark in Big West play ... **Shay Spitz** was the Titans' leading scorer with 11 points (4 g, 3 a), while **Celso Alvarez** also posted double-digit points with 10 (5 g, 0 a) ... The CSF offense was one of the league's best over its final seven matches, posting 14 goals over that span (2.0 per game) ... **Kevin Puder** and **Trevor Whiddon** split the duties in goal as Puder appeared and started in 11 matches, while Whiddon played in nine games with eight starts. Puder posted a 1.43 goals against average to go along with 46 saves and one shutout, while Whiddon stopped 36 shots, shutout one opponent and posted a 1.89 goals against average ... **Matt Sanders** was named first team All-Big West, while Alvarez was named to the honorable mention list.

CAL STATE NORTHRIDGE: Cal State Northridge wrapped up the 2008 season at 8-7-4 overall and 4-3-3 in Big West matches. The season saw head coach **Terry Davila** win his 100th career match, all of which have come at the helm of CSUN ... Offensively, **Camilo Rojas** (7 g, 3 a) and **Sunghyun Kim** (5 g, 7 a) led the club with 17 points apiece, while **Cameron Sims** also had a stellar season with 11 points (5 g, 1 a) ... It is the end of an era in goal for the Matadors as **Kevin Guppy's** four-year run as the stalwart in CSUN's goal is over. On the Big West career lists, he finishes second in goal wins (38), matches in goal (79) and goal minutes (7469), fourth in shutouts (25) and seventh in goals against average (1.00). Guppy was also named first team All-Big West for the second time and claimed his second Big West Goalkeeper of the Year honor, sharing it with Cal Poly's Eric Branagan-Franco ... Kim joined Guppy on the first team, while Rojas and **Robert Pate** claimed second team honors. **Chad Borak** was named to the honorable mention list.

UC DAVIS: UC Davis made history with its 4-0 win over Denver in the NCAA Tournament first round. The Aggies, who are the first athletic program in UCD history to qualify twice for a DI postseason tournament and the first to host a DI tournament game, won their first NCAA postseason match in only their second year of DI membership. The UCD run ended the following match in a tough 2-1 loss to #11 seed Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich. ... The Aggies had a pair of All-America honors as Quincy Amarikwa **Chris Leer** scored two goals, while **Lance Patterson** and **Sule Anibaba** also found the back of the net against the Pioneers ... UC Davis picked up two major awards as Amarikwa was named Offensive Player of the Year, while **Dylan Curtis** was claimed the Midfielder of the Year honor. The duo were also selected as first team All-Big West performers ... **Jordan Vanderpoorten** was honored with a second team All-Conference selection, while Anibaba and **Paul Marcoux** rounded out the UCD All-Big West choices with honorable mention honors.

UC IRVINE: UC Irvine's storybook 2008 season ended with a school record 15 wins and the first Big West regular season and Tournament titles in program history. UCI, the #14 seed in the NCAAs, also picked up its first NCAA win (3-0 over Cal Poly) and battled eventual national semifinalist #2 St. John's (N.Y.) to a 3-2 defeat ... The Anteaters raked in the most hardware and honors when the Big West honors went out, collecting three individual awards and a league-high nine All-Conference honorees. The UCI awards went to **David Sias**, who was named the Defender of the Year, Co-Freshman of the Year **Andrew Fontein** and Coach of the Year **George Kuntz** ... On the All-Conference lists, **Irving Garcia**, **Spencer Thompson**, **Matt Murphy** and Sias were named first team All-Big West. Second team spots were handed out to **Kyle Schmid**, **Shane Westbrook**, **Rafael Macedo** and Fontein. **Gray Bailey's** selection to the honorable mention list rounded out the UCI all-stars.

UC RIVERSIDE: UC Riverside went 4-15-1 overall with a 1-9-0 record in conference play. UCR played nine matches against teams ranked in any of the four polls this season, finishing with a 1-7-1 record against those foes ... **Joel Crompton** was the leading scorer for UCR, finishing with 17 points (8 g, 1 a), while **Cesar Diaz** put up 10 points (4 g, 2 a). Crompton led all Big West defenders in goals and points ... **Ryan Schmitz** appeared and started in all 20 matches, picking up 83 saves and one shutout ... **David Lozano** was named first team All-Big West, while Crompton was selected to the honorable mention ledger.

UC SANTA BARBARA: UC Santa Barbara claimed the #15 seed in the NCAAs after falling in the Big West Tournament title match to UC Irvine, but the Gauchos lost in their NCAA opener to Cal by a 3-2 count in double overtime ... UCSB came away with seven All-Conference selections, the second most in the league, but did not have at least one major award winner for the first time since the conference reinstated men's soccer in 2001 ... **Chris Pontius** was the lone first team All-Big West selection for the Gauchos, while **Nick Perera** and **Alfonso Motagalvan** were honored with second team selections. **Michael Boxall**, **David Walker**, **Luis Silva** and **Michael Tetteh** rounded out the UCSB All-Conference players with honorable mention accolades.

Big West Coaches Records

Coach, Team (Yrs. at School/Overall)	School	Pct.	Career	Pct.	Big West	Pct.
Paul Holocher, Cal Poly (3rd/9th)	29-18-14	.590	140-45-23	.728	14-9-9	.578
Bob Ammann, Cal State Fullerton (3rd/3rd)	19-35-5	.364	19-35-5	.364	7-21-4	.281
Terry Davila, Cal State Northridge (10th/10th)	100-68-29	.581	100-68-29	.581	44-21-17	.640
Dwayne Shaffer, UC Davis (12th/13th)	130-84-23	.597	136-94-24	.584	11-5-6	.636
George Kuntz, UC Irvine (14th/19th)	120-120-43	.500	180-147-53	.543	34-30-18	.524
Othniel "Junior" Gonzalez, UC Riverside (5th/5th)	23-60-12	.305	23-60-12	.305	10-34-8	.269
Tim Vom Steeg, UC Santa Barbara (10th/10th)	140-56-19	.695	140-56-19	.695	59-14-9	.774

Big West on the NCAA Leaderboard (FINAL)

Scoring Offense		Goals Per Game	
14. UC Irvine	1.96	13. Quincy Amarikwa, UC Davis	0.71
26. UC Santa Barbara	1.86	24. Chris Pontius, UC Santa Barbara	0.64
49. UC Davis	1.68		
Team Goals Against Average		Assists Per Game	
36. UC Davis	0.87	12. Dylan Curtis, UC Davis	0.50
44. Cal Poly	0.94	24. Kyle Montgomery, Cal Poly	0.43
		44. Irving Garcia, UC Irvine	0.39
Shutout Percentage		Goals Against Average	
50. Cal Poly	0.39	41. Ryan McCowan, UC Davis	0.867
Won-Lost-Tied Percentage		Saves	
7. UC Irvine	.783	48. Eric Branagan-Franco, Cal Poly	4.57
25. UC Davis	.682		
Save Percentage		Save Percentage	
30. Cal Poly	.824	38. Eric Branagan-Franco, Cal Poly	0.820
Points Per Game			
23. Quincy Amarikwa, UC Davis	1.48		
24. Chris Pontius, UC Santa Barbara	1.45		
48. Matt Murphy, UC Irvine	1.30		

BIG WEST MEN'S SOCCER TEAM BY TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

cal poly MUSTANGS

11-6-6, 5-2-3 Big West

Date	Day	Opponent	Time/Result	Game Winning Goal
8/31	Sun.	Air Force	W, 2-0	Wes Feighner
9/5	Fri.	!at Loyola Marymount	L, 1-0	
9/7	Sun.	!Kentucky	W, 3-1	Jacob Hustedt
9/12	Fri.	#vs. Missouri State	L, 2-1 (OT)	
9/14	Sun.	#at New Mexico	W, 2-1	Patrick Sigler
9/18	Thu.	at San Jose State	T, 2-2 (2OT)	
9/20	Sat.	Evansville	W, 3-0	Jose Garcia
9/24	Wed.	Cal State Bakersfield	W, 3-2	David Zamora
9/28	Sun.	at Sacramento State	T, 1-1 (2OT)	
10/1	Wed.	*Cal State Fullerton	W, 3-0	Julian Alvarez
10/4	Sat.	*at UC Davis	L, 2-0	
10/8	Wed.	*UC Riverside	W, 1-0	Julian Alvarez
10/11	Sat.	*at Cal State Fullerton	W, 2-0	Wes Feighner
10/17	Fri.	*UC Santa Barbara	L, 1-0 (2OT)	
10/22	Wed.	*UC Irvine	T, 1-1 (2OT)	
10/25	Sat.	*at Cal State Northridge	T, 0-0 (2OT)	
10/29	Wed.	*at UC Riverside	W, 3-2	Josh Didion
11/2	Sun.	*UC Davis	W, 2-0	Kyle Montgomery
11/5	Wed.	*at UC Santa Barbara	T, 0-0 (2OT)	
11/8	Sat.	at UCLA	L, 2-1	
11/12	Wed.	at #2 UC Santa Barbara	T, 2-2 (2OT) Lost on PK's 4-3	
11/21	Fri.	%at UCLA	W, 1-0	Ryan Anderson
11/25	Tue.	^at #14 UC Irvine	L, 3-0	

! - Loyola Marymount Tournament (Los Angeles/San Luis Obispo, Calif.)
 # - New Mexico/Nike Tournament (Albuquerque, N.M.)
 * - Big West Conference match
 \$ - Big West Tournament Semifinals (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
 Big West Tournament ranking is seed
 % - NCAA Tournament First Round (Westwood, Calif.)
 ^ - NCAA Tournament Second Round (Irvine, Calif.)
 NCAA Tournament ranking is national seed
Bold denotes home match

All times Pacific

cal state fullerton TITANS

5-14-1, 2-7-1 Big West

Date	Day	Opponent	Time/Result	Game Winning Goal
8/29	Fri.	!vs. Alabama A&M	W, 2-0	Josh Meyer
8/31	Sun.	!vs. Georgetown	L, 2-0	
9/5	Fri.	#UNLV	L, 1-0	
9/7	Sun.	#Cal State Bakersfield	L, 3-2 (OT)	
9/12	Fri.	at Air Force	W, 2-0	Shay Sptiz
9/14	Sun.	at Denver	L, 4-1	
9/19	Fri.	\$at Washington	L, 1-0	
9/21	Sun.	\$vs. Portland	L, 2-0	
9/27	Sat.	at Bradley	W, 2-1	Celso Alvarez
10/1	Wed.	*at Cal Poly	L, 3-0	
10/4	Sat.	Houston Baptist	L, 1-0	
10/8	Wed.	*UC Davis	L, 1-0	
10/11	Sat.	*Cal Poly	L, 2-0	
10/15	Wed.	*at UC Davis	T, 2-2 (2OT)	
10/18	Sat.	*at Cal State Northridge	L, 3-2 (2OT)	
10/22	Wed.	*UC Riverside	W, 3-1	T.J. Detviler
10/25	Sat.	*UC Santa Barbara	L, 2-1	
10/29	Wed.	*at UC Irvine	L, 2-1	
11/5	Wed.	*Cal State Northridge	L, 3-2 (2OT)	
11/8	Sat.	*at UC Riverside	W, 3-1	Shay Spitz

! - Cal State Northridge Tournament (Northridge, Calif.)
 # - Cal State Fullerton Tournament (Fullerton, Calif.)
 \$ - Husky Fever Classic (Seattle, Wash.)
 * - Big West Conference match
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cal state northridge MATADORS

8-7-4, 4-3-3 Big West

Date	Day	Opponent	Time/Result	Game Winning Goal
8/29	Fri.	!Georgetown	L, 1-0	
8/31	Sun.	!Alabama A&M	W, 2-0	Ben Cox
9/5	Fri.	#vs. Cal State Bakersfield	W, 3-0	Camilo Rojas
9/7	Sun.	#vs. UNLV	W, 2-0	Cameron Sims
9/12	Fri.	\$vs. Wisconsin	L, 2-0	
9/14	Sun.	\$at Wisconsin-Milwaukee	L, 1-0	
9/21	Sun.	Sacramento State	W, 2-1	Camilo Rojas
9/28	Sun.	at UCLA	T, 2-2 (2OT)	
10/1	Wed.	at Creighton	L, 1-0 (2OT)	
10/5	Sun.	*UC Riverside	W, 1-0	Bo Miller
10/8	Wed.	*at UC Santa Barbara	T, 2-2 (2OT)	
10/15	Wed.	*at UC Irvine	T, 0-0 (2OT)	
10/18	Sat.	*Cal State Fullerton	W, 3-2 (2OT)	Camilo Rojas
10/22	Wed.	*at UC Davis	L, 3-2	
10/25	Sat.	*Cal Poly	T, 0-0 (2OT)	
10/29	Wed.	*UC Santa Barbara	L, 3-1	
11/1	Sat.	*at UC Riverside	W, 3-1	Nicholas Hamilton
11/5	Wed.	*at Cal State Fullerton	W, 3-2 (2OT)	Camilo Rojas
11/8	Sat.	*UC Irvine	L, 2-1	

! - Cal State Northridge Tournament (Northridge, Calif.)
 # - Cal State Fullerton Tournament (Fullerton, Calif.)
 * - Big West Conference match
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uc davis AGGIES

13-5-4, 4-2-4 Big West

Date	Day	Opponent	Time/Result	Game Winning Goal
8/29	Fri.	!Long Island	W, 3-1	Dylan Curtis
8/31	Sun.	!Cal State Bakersfield	W, 1-0	Quincy Amarikwa
9/5	Fri.	#vs. Louisville	L, 1-0 (OT)	
9/7	Sun.	#vs. Michigan State	W, 4-2	Sule Anibaba
9/14	Sun.	San Jose State	W, 2-0	Sule Anibaba
9/19	Fri.	\$at San Diego	W, 2-1 (2OT)	Dylan Curtis
9/21	Sun.	\$at San Diego State	W, 2-1	Quincy Amarikwa
9/25	Thu.	at Sacramento State	W, 1-0	Paul Marcoux
9/27	Sat.	Air Force	W, 4-1	Ahmad Hatifie
10/1	Wed.	*at UC Irvine	T, 1-1 (2OT)	
10/4	Sat.	*Cal Poly	W, 2-0	Miles Hadley
10/8	Wed.	*at Cal State Fullerton	W, 1-0	Quincy Amarikwa
10/11	Sat.	*at UC Santa Barbara	W, 2-0	Quincy Amarikwa
10/15	Wed.	*Cal State Fullerton	T, 2-2 (2OT)	
10/18	Sat.	*at UC Riverside	L, 2-1	
10/22	Wed.	*Cal State Northridge	W, 3-2	Quincy Amarikwa
10/25	Sat.	*UC Irvine	T, 1-1 (2OT)	
11/2	Sun.	*at Cal Poly	L, 2-0	
11/8	Sat.	*UC Santa Barbara	T, 0-0 (2OT)	
11/12	Wed.	^ at #1 UC Irvine	L, 1-0	
11/22	Sat.	+Denver	W, 4-0	Lance Patterson
11/25	Tue.	%at #11 Michigan	L, 2-1	

! - Copa de Causeway Classic (Davis, Calif.)
 # - TLC Plumbing and Utilities Invitational (Albuquerque, N.M.)
 \$ - The Soccer Post/Aztec Classic (San Diego, Calif.)
 ^ - Big West Tournament Semifinals (Irvine, Calif.)
 * - Big West Conference match
 Big West Tournament ranking is seed
 + - NCAA Tournament First Round (Davis, Calif.)
 % - NCAA Tournament Second Round (Ann Arbor, Mich.)
 NCAA Tournament ranking is national seed
Bold denotes home match

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BIG WEST MEN'S SOCCER TEAM BY TEAM SCHEDULES AND RESULTS

uc irvine ANTEATERS

15-2-6, 5-1-4 Big West

Date	Day	Opponent	Time/Result	Game Winning Goal
8/30	Sat.	!North Florida	W, 1-0	Matt Murphy
9/1	Mon.	!Cleveland State	W, 2-1	Spencer Thompson
9/5	Fri.	#vs. Sacramento State	T, 1-1 (2OT)	
9/7	Sun.	#at Saint Mary's	W, 3-2	Spencer Thompson
9/12	Fri.	\$at Alabama-Birmingham	T, 2-2 (2OT)	Spencer Thompson
9/14	Sun.	\$vs. Memphis	W, 3-1	Matt Murphy
9/19	Fri.	%at San Diego State	W, 2-0	Kevin Santora
9/21	Sun.	%vs. San Diego	W, 1-0	Michael Willrich
9/26	Fri.	Cal State Bakersfield	W, 2-1	Brett Berman
10/1	Wed.	*UC Davis	T, 1-1 (2OT)	
10/4	Sat.	*UC Santa Barbara	L, 2-1	
10/11	Sat.	*at UC Riverside	W, 4-2	Matt Murphy
10/15	Wed.	*Cal State Northridge	T, 0-0 (2OT)	
10/22	Wed.	*at Cal Poly	T, 1-1 (2OT)	
10/25	Sat.	*at UC Davis	T, 1-1 (2OT)	
10/29	Wed.	*Cal State Fullerton	W, 2-1	Spencer Thompson
11/1	Sat.	*at UC Santa Barbara	W, 3-1	Gray Bailey
11/5	Wed.	*UC Riverside	W, 3-1	Matt Murphy
11/8	Sat.	*at Cal State Northridge	W, 2-1	Carlos Aguilar
11/12	Wed.	^ #4 UC Davis	W, 1-0	Irving Garcia
11/15	Sat.	& #2 UC Santa Barbara	W, 4-2	Rafael Macedo
11/25	Tue.	+Cal Poly	W, 3-0	Irving Garcia
11/29	Sat.	++at #3 St. John's	L, 3-2	

! - UC Irvine College Classic (Irvine, Calif.)
 # - Saint Mary's Tournament (Moraga, Calif.)
 \$ - UAB "Soccer For a Cure" Classic (Birmingham, Ala.)
 % - The Soccer Post/Aztec Classic (San Diego, Calif.)
 * - Big West Conference match
 ^ - Big West Tournament Semifinals (Irvine, Calif.)
 & - Big West Tournament Championship (Irvine, Calif.)
 Big West Tournament ranking is seed
 + - NCAA Tournament Second Round (Irvine, Calif.)
 ++ - NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 (Queens, N.Y.)
Bold denotes home match

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uc riverside HIGHLANDERS

4-15-1, 1-9-0 Big West

Date	Day	Opponent	Time/Result	Game Winning Goal
8/29	Fri.	at California	L, 3-1	
8/31	Sun.	at UCLA	L, 3-0	
9/5	Fri.	lvs. Saint Louis	L, 3-0	
9/7	Sun.	!at Creighton	L, 2-0	
9/12	Fri.	#vs. Oral Roberts	W, 3-1	Cesar Diaz
9/14	Sun.	#vs. Gonzaga	W, 3-2	Robert Cate
9/20	Sat.	\$vs. IUPUI	L, 2-1	
9/21	Sun.	\$vs. Western Illinois	T, 1-1 (2OT)	
10/2	Thu.	Houston Baptist	W, 1-0	Scott Dailey
10/5	Sun.	*at Cal State Northridge	L, 1-0	
10/8	Wed.	*at Cal Poly	L, 1-0	
10/11	Sat.	*UC Irvine	L, 4-2	
10/14	Tue.	*at UC Santa Barbara	L, 5-1	
10/18	Sat.	*UC Davis	W, 2-1	Xavier Perez
10/22	Wed.	*at Cal State Fullerton	L, 3-1	
10/25	Sat.	Cal State Bakersfield	L, 2-1	
10/29	Wed.	*Cal Poly	L, 3-2	
11/1	Sat.	*Cal State Northridge	L, 3-1	
11/5	Wed.	*at UC Irvine	L, 3-1	
11/8	Sat.	*Cal State Fullerton	L, 3-1	

! - Diadora Classic (Omaha, Neb.)
 # - UNLV Nike Invitational (Las Vegas, Nev.)
 \$ - 35th Annual Panther Invitational (Green Bay, Wis.)
 * - Big West Conference match

Bold denotes home match

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uc santa barbara GAUCHOS

10-7-5, 5-2-3 Big West

Date	Day	Opponent	Time/Result	Game Winning Goal
8/29	Fri.	Air Force	W, 2-1	Chris Pontius
9/5	Fri.	!Kentucky	W, 1-0	David Walker
9/7	Sun.	!at Loyola Marymount	W, 3-1	Martin Hedevag
9/12	Fri.	at Rutgers	L, 3-2	
9/14	Sun.	at Columbia	L, 3-1	
9/18	Thu.	Evansville	W, 4-2	Martin Hedevag
9/21	Sun.	Wake Forest	L, 6-2	
9/27	Sat.	at Indiana	W, 2-1	Chris Pontius
10/1	Wed.	at UCLA	T, 2-2 (2OT)	
10/4	Sat.	*at UC Irvine	W, 2-1	Alfonso Motavalgan
10/8	Wed.	*Cal State Northridge	T, 2-2 (2OT)	
10/11	Sat.	*UC Davis	L, 2-0	
10/14	Tue.	*UC Riverside	W, 5-1	Nick Perera
10/17	Fri.	*at Cal Poly	W, 1-0 (2OT)	Chris Pontius
10/25	Sat.	*at Cal State Fullerton	W, 2-1	Nick Perera
10/29	Wed.	*at Cal State Northridge	W, 3-1	Bongomin Oti
11/1	Sat.	*UC Irvine	L, 3-1	
11/5	Wed.	*Cal Poly	T, 0-0 (2OT)	
11/8	Sat.	*at UC Davis	T, 0-0 (2OT)	
11/12	Wed.	\$ #3 Cal Poly	T, 2-2 (2OT)	
			Win on PK's 4-3	
11/15	Sat.	% at #1 UC Irvine	L, 4-2	
11/25	Tue.	^California	L, 3-2 (2OT)	

! - LMU Tournament (Santa Barbara/Los Angeles, Calif.)
 * - Big West Conference match
 \$ - Big West Tournament Semifinals (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
 % - Big West Tournament Championship (Irvine, Calif.)
 Big West Tournament ranking is seed
 ^ - NCAA Tournament Second Round (Santa Barbara, Calif.)
Bold denotes home match

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BIG WEST AND NCAA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Wednesday, November 12

at (1) UC Irvine 1, (4) UC Davis 0
 at (2) UC Santa Barbara 2, (3) Cal Poly 2 (2OT)
 UCSB wins on PK's, 4-3

Saturday, November 15

at (1) UC Irvine 4, (2) UC Santa Barbara 2

Friday, November 21

^Cal Poly 1, at UCLA 0

Saturday, November 22

^at UC Davis 4, Denver 0

Tuesday, November 25

+at #11 Michigan 2, UC Davis 1
 +at #14 UC Irvine 3, Cal Poly 0
 +California 3, at #15 UC Santa Barbara 2 (2OT)

Saturday, November 29

#at #3 St. John's 3, #14 UC Irvine 2

() - Big West Tournament seed
 ^ - NCAA Tournament First Round
 + - NCAA Tournament Second Round
 # - NCAA Tournament Sweet 16
 Rankings are NCAA Tournament seeds





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UC Irvine Nabs Three Major Men's Soccer Awards

IRVINE, CALIF. – UC Irvine was recognized for its outstanding season to date as the Anteaters claimed three of the men's soccer major awards today. UCI was honored with the Defensive Player of the Year in David Sias, the Co-Freshman of the Year in Andrew Fontein and the Coach of the Year in George Kuntz.

UC Davis and Cal Poly each picked up a pair of awards as well as the Aggies' Quincy Amarikwa was named the Offensive Player of the Year, while teammate Dylan Curtis was awarded the Midfielder of the Year. The Mustangs' two awards went to Eric Branagan-Franco, who was honored as the Co-Goalkeeper of the Year, and Patrick Sigler, who shared the Co-Freshman of the Year award with Fontein. The remaining honor went to Kevin Guppy who was the Co-Goalkeeper of the year along with Branagan-Franco.

Amarikwa, a senior from Bakersfield, Calif., is closing out his senior season in an Aggie uniform with a bang. Amarikwa leads the Big West in goals (15) and ranks second in points (31), easily setting career-highs in each category. The swift forward has shown the ability to score in bunches with four two-goal matches to go along with a penchant for clutch scores with five game-winning goals. Amarikwa, who twice claimed Big West Player of the Week accolades, has also received national attention for his goal-scoring prowess, claiming *College Soccer News* and *Soccer America* National Player of the Week honors on October 13 as well as being named to both publications' National Teams of the Week September 2.

Sias, a senior from Fountain Valley, Calif., was the captain of a UC Irvine team that was one of the most improved defenses in the country. A year ago, the Anteaters allowed 31 goals in 20 matches. Sias helped the club improve those numbers to 21 goals in 21 games. Against the highest scoring teams in the league, Sias led a defense that allowed just two goals in three matches against UC Davis, three goals in two wins against UC Santa Barbara and just one goal in a tie against Cal Poly. Sias also becomes just the second winner of the Defensive Player of the Year honor in UCI history, joining Saul Wolf who shared the honor in 2001.

Curtis, a senior from Pleasanton, Calif., is the main offensive catalyst in the UC Davis attack. He is tied atop the Big West in assists (10), while tying for 10th in goals (5) and ranking fifth in points (20). On the NCAA leaderboard, Curtis is currently ranked #13 in assists per game (0.50), a category that he led for several weeks during the early part of the season. During the Aggies' early season surge, Curtis had a hand in 10 of clubs' first 14 goals via two scores and eight assists. Curtis has also garnered national acclaim for his exploits on and off the field as he won two Big West Player of the Week awards, was named to the *Soccer America* and *College Soccer News* National Teams of the Week September 23 and was named a finalist for the prestigious Lowe's Senior CLASS award. The award is presented annually to senior student-athletes across nine NCAA Division I sports who best exemplify dedication and achievement in four areas: classroom, character, community and competition.

Sigler, who hails from Windsor, Calif., is the second straight Cal Poly player to claim Freshman of the Year honors. An outstanding two-way player for the Mustangs, Sigler is part of a defense that has allowed just 20 goals in 21 matches and leads the league with eight shutouts. When he pushes forward to join the attack, Sigler has put up solid numbers with five goals and one assist for 11 points. He scored a pair of goals in the Mustangs' 2-1 upset road win over New Mexico September 14 and also put up two more goals in Cal Poly's home tie against San Jose State the following game. Sigler's fifth goal was an important one as well, it knotted the Big West Tournament semifinal match against UC Santa Barbara in the 78th minute.

Fontein, a native of Las Vegas, Nev., was a pleasant surprise in net for the Anteaters on their way to the Big West regular season and tournament titles. The first year player won 11 matches in net, posting a 0.97 goals against average to go along with 67 saves and four shutouts. In his first foray into Big West play, Fontein went 5-1-4 with a 1.01 goals against average and 41 saves while allowing more than two goals on just two occasions. That set him up nicely for the conference tournament where he made 11 saves, including nine in the championship match against UCSB, and allowed just a pair of penalty kick goals on his way to Tournament MVP honors.

Branagan-Franco, a senior from Napa, Calif., played all 2033:44 in goal for Cal Poly this season, winning 10 matches. The keeper was at his best in the biggest games as he recorded 10 saves against UC Santa Barbara October 17, 11 more stops against UC Irvine October 22, seven saves against UCLA November 8 and 11 more stops November 12 against UC Santa Barbara in the Big West Tournament semifinals. In all, Branagan-Franco leads the Big West with 98 saves, 15 more than second place, and is also tops in saves per game (4.67), save percentage (.831) and shutouts (8), while ranking second in goals against average (0.89). In the NCAA ranks, Branagan-Franco ranks 44th in saves per game and 32nd in save percentage.

Guppy, a senior from Chino Hills, Calif., bookends his Cal State Northridge career with Goalkeeper of the Year awards after previously winning the award in 2005. He was once again a constant in goal for the Matadors, playing all 1842:01 between the pipes. Guppy ranks fifth in the Big West in goals against average (1.12), third in save percentage (.783), tied for second in saves (83), second in saves per game (4.37) and third in shutouts (6). He wraps up a very successful career which saw him rank second in goalie wins (38), matches in goal (79) and goalie minutes (7469), fourth in shutouts (25) and seventh in goals against average (1.00) on the Big West career lists.

Kuntz, who is in his 13th year as the head coach of the UC Irvine program, is putting the finishing touches on what can be considered the best season in Anteater history. UCI won the first Big West regular season title in school history, becoming the first program other than Cal State Northridge and UC Santa Barbara to win the crown since the Big West reinstated men's soccer in 2001. Kuntz then led the club to the inaugural Big West Tournament title and the first NCAA Tournament appearance in school history, where the selection committee gave the Anteaters a #14 national seed for their accomplishments. Even more amazing is how consistent UC Irvine has been this season, opening the year with a 10-match unbeaten streak (7-0-3), while currently riding another 10-match unbeaten string (7-0-3).

UC Irvine lead all schools with four first team All-Big West selections and overall All-Conference choices with nine. UC Santa Barbara had seven All-Big West selections, while Cal Poly had six, including three first team choices. The complete All-Big West Men's Soccer Team can be viewed on the following page:

2008 ALL-BIG WEST MEN'S SOCCER TEAMS

FIRST TEAM

<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Quincy Amarikwa	UC Davis	Senior	Forward	Bakersfield, Calif.
Irving Garcia	UC Irvine	Junior	Forward	San Luis, Ariz.
+Chris Pontius	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Forward	Yorba Linda, Calif.
Spencer Thompson	UC Irvine	Sophomore	Forward	Ahwatukee, Ariz.
Dylan Curtis	UC Davis	Senior	Midfielder	Pleasanton, Calif.
Sunghyun Kim	Cal State Northridge	Junior	Midfielder	Los Angeles, Calif.
+Matt Murphy	UC Irvine	Senior	Midfielder	Anaheim Hills, Calif.
Anton Peterlin	Cal Poly	Senior	Midfielder	San Francisco, Calif.
David Lozano	UC Riverside	Junior	Defender	Dana Hills, Calif.
Matt Sanders	Cal State Fullerton	Junior	Defender	Orange, Calif.
David Sias	UC Irvine	Senior	Defender	Fountain Valley, Calif.
Patrick Sigler	Cal Poly	Freshman	Defender	Windsor, Calif.
Eric Branagan-Franco	Cal Poly	Senior	Goalkeeper	Napa, Calif.
+Kevin Guppy	Cal State Northridge	Senior	Goalkeeper	Chino Hills, Calif.

SECOND TEAM

<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Camilo Rojas	Cal State Northridge	Sophomore	Forward	Canoga Park, Calif.
Kyle Montgomery	Cal Poly	Sophomore	Forward	Seattle, Wash.
Nick Perera	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Forward	Madrid, Spain
David Zamora	Cal Poly	Sophomore	Forward	San Jose, Costa Rica
Julian Alvarez	Cal Poly	Senior	Midfielder	Scotts Valley, Calif.
Rafael Macedo	UC Irvine	Senior	Midfielder	Los Angeles, Calif.
Alfonso Motagalvan	UC Santa Barbara	Senior	Midfielder	Gilroy, Calif.
Robert Pate	Cal State Northridge	Junior	Defender	Chatsworth, Calif.
Kyle Schmid	UC Irvine	Senior	Defender	Torrance, Calif.
Shane Westbrook	UC Irvine	Senior	Defender	St. Louis, Mo.
Jordan Vanderpoorten	UC Davis	Senior	Defender	La Verne, Calif.
Andrew Fontein	UC Irvine	Freshman	Goalkeeper	Las Vegas, Nev.

HONORABLE MENTION

<i>Player</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Hometown</i>
Sule Anibaba	UC Davis	Senior	Forward	Davis, Calif.
Celso Alvarez	Cal State Fullerton	Sophomore	Forward	Los Angeles, Calif.
David Walker	UC Santa Barbara	Junior	Forward	Orange, Calif.
Gray Bailey	UC Irvine	Sophomore	Midfielder	Huntington Beach, Calif.
Joel Crompton	UC Riverside	Senior	Midfielder	Pleasanton, Calif.
Paul Marcoux	UC Davis	Junior	Midfielder	Mountain View, Calif.
Luis Silva	UC Santa Barbara	Freshman	Midfielder	Los Angeles, Calif.
Chad Borak	Cal State Northridge	Junior	Defender	Palmdale, Calif.
Michael Boxall	UC Santa Barbara	Sophomore	Defender	Auckland, New Zealand
Michael Tetteh	UC Santa Barbara	Freshman	Defender	Accra, Ghana

+ - Two-time All-Big West First Team selection

2008 Big West Offensive Player of the Year

Quincy Amarikwa, UC Davis

2008 Big West Midfielder of the Year

Dylan Curtis, UC Davis

2008 Big West Defensive Player of the Year

David Sias, UC Irvine

2008 Big West Co-Goalkeepers of the Year

Eric Branagan-Franco, Cal Poly
Kevin Guppy, Cal State Northridge

2008 Big West Co-Freshmen of the Year

Patrick Sigler, Cal Poly
Andrew Fontein, UC Irvine

2008 Big West Coach of the Year

George Kuntz, UC Irvine