

# 2008 Year In Review

## 2008 FINAL BIG WEST 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

## 2008 SEASON RECAP

### 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.

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.

### BIG WEST ALL-ACADEMIC

Name	School	Yr.
Eric Branagan-Franco	Cal Poly	Sr.
Cameron Walters	Cal Poly	So.
Kevin Guppy	Cal State Northridge	Sr.
Daniel Yoon	Cal State Northridge	So.
Dan Campbell	UC Davis	Sr.
Dylan Curtis	UC Davis	Sr.
Corey Attaway	UC Irvine	So.
Brett Berman	UC Irvine	So.
Matt Murphy	UC Irvine	Sr.
Spencer Thompson	UC Irvine	So.
Amani Walker	UC Irvine	So.
Shane Westbrook	UC Irvine	Sr.
Robert Cate	UC Riverside	Jr.
David Watson	UC Riverside	Sr.

### PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Date	Player, School	Yr.	Pos.
9/1	Quincy Amarikwa, UCD	Sr.	F
9/8	Spencer Thompson, UCI	So.	F
9/15	Robert Cate, UCR	Jr.	MF
9/22	Dylan Curtis, UCD	Sr.	MF
	Andrew Fontein, UCI	Fr.	GK
9/29	Kris Minton, UCSB	Fr.	GK
10/6	Paul Marcoux, UCD	Jr.	MF
10/13	Quincy Amarikwa, UCD	Sr.	F
10/20	Chris Pontius, UCSB	Sr.	F
10/27	Dylan Curtis, UCD	Sr.	MF
11/3	Kyle Montgomery, CP	So.	MF
11/10	Matt Murphy, UCI	Sr.	MF



# 2008 Big West All-Conference

## 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

# 2008 Statistics

## BIG WEST TEAM STATS



### TEAM SUMMARIES

Team	GP	GF-GA	Avg Score	Margin	PK-Att.	Shots	Saves	Save Pct.	Corners
Cal Poly	23	33-23	1.43-1.00	+0.43	2-5	324	108	82.4	121
Cal State Fullerton	20	23-35	1.15-1.75	-0.60	2-2	277	84	70.6	81
Cal State Northridge	19	27-23	1.42-1.21	+0.21	0-1	271	84	78.5	79
UC Davis	22	37-20	1.68-0.91	+0.77	2-3	296	68	77.3	126
UC Irvine	23	45-24	1.96-1.04	+0.91	4-5	356	86	78.2	141
UC Riverside	20	22-46	1.10-2.30	-1.20	3-3	228	90	66.2	93
UC Santa Barbara	22	41-39	1.86-1.77	+0.09	3-3	394	69	63.9	93



### TEAM MISCELLANEOUS

Team	GP	Shots	Fouls	Offside	Corners	PK	PKA	YC	RC
Cal Poly	23	324	293	41	121	5	2	31	3
Cal State Fullerton	20	277	295	50	81	2	2	36	7
Cal State Northridge	19	271	287	74	79	1	0	34	6
UC Davis	22	296	395	40	126	3	2	42	3
UC Irvine	23	356	380	51	141	5	4	29	1
UC Riverside	20	228	300	40	93	3	3	38	3
UC Santa Barbara	22	394	346	63	93	3	3	45	6



### SHOTS

##	Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	UC Santa Barbara	22	394	17.91
2.	UC Irvine	23	356	15.48
3.	Cal Poly	23	324	14.09
4.	UC Davis	22	296	13.45
5.	Cal State Fullerton	20	277	13.85
6.	Cal State Northridge	19	271	14.26
7.	UC Riverside	20	228	11.40



### POINTS

##	Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	UC Irvine	23	131	5.70
2.	UC Santa Barbara	22	115	5.23
3.	Cal Poly	23	101	4.39
4.	UC Davis	22	101	4.59
5.	Cal State Northridge	19	82	4.32
6.	Cal State Fullerton	20	64	3.20
7.	UC Riverside	20	56	2.80



### GOALS PER GAME

##	Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	UC Irvine	23	45	1.96
2.	UC Santa Barbara	22	41	1.86
3.	UC Davis	22	37	1.68
4.	Cal Poly	23	33	1.43
5.	Cal State Northridge	19	27	1.42
6.	Cal State Fullerton	20	23	1.15
7.	UC Riverside	20	22	1.10



### ASSISTS PER GAME

##	Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	UC Irvine	23	41	1.78
2.	Cal Poly	23	35	1.52
3.	UC Santa Barbara	22	33	1.50
4.	Cal State Northridge	19	28	1.47
5.	UC Davis	22	27	1.23
6.	Cal State Fullerton	20	18	0.90
7.	UC Riverside	20	12	0.60



### GOALS ALLOWED

##	Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	UC Davis	22	20	0.91
2.	Cal State Northridge	19	23	1.21
	Cal Poly	23	23	1.00
4.	UC Irvine	23	24	1.04
5.	Cal State Fullerton	20	35	1.75
6.	UC Santa Barbara	22	39	1.77
7.	UC Riverside	20	46	2.30

### GOALS AGAINST AVERAGE

##	Team	GP	Goals	MIN	GAA
1.	UC Davis	22	20	2077:18	0.87
2.	Cal Poly	23	23	2213:44	0.94
3.	UC Irvine	23	24	2190:00	0.99
4.	Cal State Northridge	19	23	1842:01	1.12
5.	UC Santa Barbara	22	39	2102:22	1.67
6.	Cal State Fullerton	20	35	1863:13	1.69
7.	UC Riverside	20	46	1818:48	2.28

### SAVES

##	Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Cal Poly	23	108	4.70
2.	UC Riverside	20	90	4.50
3.	UC Irvine	23	86	3.74
4.	Cal State Fullerton	20	84	4.20
	Cal State Northridge	19	84	4.42
6.	UC Santa Barbara	22	69	3.14
7.	UC Davis	22	68	3.09

### SHUTOUTS

##	Team	GP	Shutouts	Avg/G
1.	Cal Poly	23	9	0.39
2.	UC Davis	22	8	0.36
3.	Cal State Northridge	19	6	0.32
	UC Irvine	23	6	0.26
5.	UC Santa Barbara	22	4	0.18
6.	Cal State Fullerton	20	2	0.10
7.	UC Riverside	20	1	0.05

### FOULS

##	Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	UC Davis	22	395	17.95
2.	UC Irvine	23	380	16.52
3.	UC Santa Barbara	22	346	15.73
4.	UC Riverside	20	300	15.00
5.	Cal State Fullerton	20	295	14.75
6.	Cal Poly	23	293	12.74
7.	Cal State Northridge	19	287	15.11

### CORNERS

##	Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	UC Irvine	23	141	6.13
2.	UC Davis	22	126	5.73
3.	Cal Poly	23	121	5.26
4.	UC Santa Barbara	22	93	4.23
	UC Riverside	20	93	4.65
6.	Cal State Fullerton	20	81	4.05
7.	Cal State Northridge	19	79	4.16

# 2008 Statistics

## BIG WEST INDIVIDUAL STATS

### SHOTS

##	Player-Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Pontius, Chris-UCSB	22	114	5.18
2.	Amarikwa, Quincy-UCD	21	78	3.71
	Thompson, Spencer-UCI	22	78	3.55
	Murphy, Matt-UCI	23	78	3.39
5.	Zamora, David-CP	22	53	2.41
6.	Rojas, Camilo-CSUN	18	49	2.72
7.	Kim, Sunghyun-CSUN	19	48	2.53
8.	Garcia, Irving-UCI	23	43	1.87
9.	Sims, Cameron-CSUN	14	41	2.93
10.	Feighner, Wes-CP	23	38	1.65

### POINTS

##	Player-Team	GP	Goals	Ast.	Pts.	Avg/G
1.	Pontius, Chris-UCSB	22	14	4	32	1.45
2.	Amarikwa, Quincy-UCD	21	15	1	31	1.48
3.	Murphy, Matt-UCI	23	11	8	30	1.30
4.	Garcia, Irving-UCI	23	7	9	23	1.00
5.	Thompson, Spencer-UCI	22	8	6	22	1.00
6.	Curtis, Dylan-UCD	22	5	11	21	0.95
7.	Perera, Nick-UCSB	20	8	3	19	0.95
8.	Rojas, Camilo-CSUN	18	7	3	17	0.94
	Kim, Sunghyun-CSUN	19	5	7	17	0.89
	Crompton, Joel-UCR	19	8	1	17	0.89
	Alvarez, Julian-CP	22	6	5	17	0.77

### POINTS PER GAME

##	Player-Team	GP	Goals	Ast.	Pts.	Avg/G
1.	Amarikwa, Quincy-UCD	21	15	1	31	1.48
2.	Pontius, Chris-UCSB	22	14	4	32	1.45
3.	Murphy, Matt-UCI	23	11	8	30	1.30
4.	Garcia, Irving-UCI	23	7	9	23	1.00
	Thompson, Spencer-UCI	22	8	6	22	1.00
6.	Curtis, Dylan-UCD	22	5	11	21	0.95
7.	Perera, Nick-UCSB	20	8	3	19	0.95
8.	Rojas, Camilo-CSUN	18	7	3	17	0.94
9.	Crompton, Joel-UCR	19	8	1	17	0.89
	Kim, Sunghyun-CSUN	19	5	7	17	0.89

### GOALS

##	Player-Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Amarikwa, Quincy-UCD	21	15	0.71
2.	Pontius, Chris-UCSB	22	14	0.64
3.	Murphy, Matt-UCI	23	11	0.48
4.	Crompton, Joel-UCR	19	8	0.42
	Perera, Nick-UCSB	20	8	0.40
	Zamora, David-CP	22	8	0.36
	Thompson, Spencer-UCI	22	8	0.36
8.	Rojas, Camilo-CSUN	18	7	0.39
	Garcia, Irving-UCI	23	7	0.30
10.	Alvarez, Julian-CP	22	6	0.27

### GOALS PER GAME

##	Player-Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Amarikwa, Quincy-UCD	21	15	0.71
2.	Pontius, Chris-UCSB	22	14	0.64
3.	Murphy, Matt-UCI	23	11	0.48
4.	Crompton, Joel-UCR	19	8	0.42
5.	Perera, Nick-UCSB	20	8	0.40
6.	Rojas, Camilo-CSUN	18	7	0.39
7.	Zamora, David-CP	22	8	0.36
	Thompson, Spencer-UCI	22	8	0.36
9.	Sims, Cameron-CSUN	14	5	0.36
10.	Gomez, Moy-CSUN	12	4	0.33

### ASSISTS

##	Player-Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Curtis, Dylan-UCD	22	11	0.50
2.	Montgomery, Kyle-CP	23	10	0.43
3.	Garcia, Irving-UCI	23	9	0.39
4.	Murphy, Matt-UCI	23	8	0.35
5.	Kim, Sunghyun-CSUN	19	7	0.37
6.	Thompson, Spencer-UCI	22	6	0.27
7.	Dominguez, Bryan-UCSB	13	5	0.38
	Gomez, Jose-CSF	15	5	0.33
	Pate, Robert-CSUN	19	5	0.26
	Riley, Dylan-CSUN	19	5	0.26
	Barrera, Danny-UCSB	20	5	0.25
	Alvarez, Julian-CP	22	5	0.23
	Walker, Amani-UCI	23	5	0.22

### ASSISTS PER GAME

##	Player-Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Curtis, Dylan-UCD	22	11	0.50
2.	Montgomery, Kyle-CP	23	10	0.43
3.	Garcia, Irving-UCI	23	9	0.39
4.	Dominguez, Bryan-UCSB	13	5	0.38
5.	Kim, Sunghyun-CSUN	19	7	0.37
6.	Murphy, Matt-UCI	23	8	0.35
7.	Gomez, Jose-CSF	15	5	0.33
8.	Thompson, Spencer-UCI	22	6	0.27
9.	Riley, Dylan-CSUN	19	5	0.26
	Pate, Robert-CSUN	19	5	0.26

### GAME-WINNING GOALS

##	Player-Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Amarikwa, Quincy-UCD	21	5	0.24
2.	Murphy, Matt-UCI	23	4	0.17
3.	Rojas, Camilo-CSUN	18	3	0.17
	Thompson, Spencer-UCI	22	3	0.14
5.	Sims, Cameron-CSUN	14	2	0.14
	Perera, Nick-UCSB	20	2	0.10
	Spitz, Shay-CSF	20	2	0.10
	Anibaba, Sule-UCD	21	2	0.10
	Pontius, Chris-UCSB	22	2	0.09
	Hedevag, Martin-UCSB	22	2	0.09
	Alvarez, Julian-CP	22	2	0.09
	Curtis, Dylan-UCD	22	2	0.09
	Feighner, Wes-CP	23	2	0.09
	Garcia, Irving-UCI	23	2	0.09

### GOALS AGAINST AVG (must play in 50% of team's minutes)

##	Player-Team	GP	GA	Min	GAA
1.	McCowan, Ryan-UCD	22	20	2077:18	0.87
2.	Branagan-Franco, Eric-CP	23	23	2213:44	0.94
3.	Fontein, Andrew-UCI	20	21	1855:00	1.02
4.	Guppy, Kevin-CSUN	19	23	1842:01	1.12
5.	Minton, Kristopher-UCSB	14	21	1325:10	1.43
6.	Puder, Kevin-CSF	11	16	1004:37	1.43
7.	Whiddon, Trevor-CSF	9	18	855:46	1.89
8.	Takset, Trond Helge-UCSB	9	18	777:12	2.08
9.	Schmitz, Ryan-UCR	20	46	1818:48	2.28

### SAVES

##	Player-Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Branagan-Franco, Eric-CP	23	105	4.57
2.	Guppy, Kevin-CSUN	19	83	4.37
	Schmitz, Ryan-UCR	20	83	4.15
4.	Fontein, Andrew-UCI	20	73	3.65
5.	McCowan, Ryan-UCD	22	65	2.95
6.	Puder, Kevin-CSF	11	46	4.18
7.	Minton, Kristopher-UCSB	14	42	3.00
8.	Whiddon, Trevor-CSF	9	36	4.00
9.	Takset, Trond Helge-UCSB	9	23	2.56
10.	Barton, Pat-UCI	4	11	2.75

### SHUTOUTS

##	Player-Team	GP	No.	Avg/G
1.	Branagan-Franco, Eric-CP	23	9	0.39
2.	McCowan, Ryan-UCD	22	8	0.36
3.	Guppy, Kevin-CSUN	19	6	0.32
4.	Fontein, Andrew-UCI	20	5	0.25
5.	Minton, Kristopher-UCSB	14	3	0.21
6.	Barton, Pat-UCI	4	1	0.25
	Takset, Trond Helge-UCSB	9	1	0.11
	Puder, Kevin-CSF	11	1	0.09
	Schmitz, Ryan-UCR	20	1	0.05
	Whiddon, Trevor-CSF	9	1	0.11

### GOALIE MINUTES

##	Player-Team	GP	Min.
1.	Branagan-Franco, Eric-CP	23	2213:44
2.	McCowan, Ryan-UCD	22	2077:18
3.	Fontein, Andrew-UCI	20	1855:00
4.	Guppy, Kevin-CSUN	19	1842:01
5.	Schmitz, Ryan-UCR	20	1818:48
6.	Minton, Kristopher-UCSB	14	1325:10
7.	Puder, Kevin-CSF	11	1004:37
8.	Whiddon, Trevor-CSF	9	855:46
9.	Takset, Trond Helge-UCSB	9	777:12

