



# UC Riverside Women's Soccer Weekly Media Notes • November 8, 2005

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## HIGHLANDERS FACE COLORADO IN FIRST-EVER NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCE

### 2005 Women's Soccer Schedule (11-4-5 Overall, 4-0-3 Big West)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 26	Nevada	T (1-1, 2OT)
Aug. 28	Sacramento State	W (3-0)
<b>Sept. 4</b>	<b>San Jose State</b>	W (2-1)
Sept. 9	San Diego State &	L (0-1)
Sept. 11	Columbia &	W (5-1)
Sept. 16	Eastern Washington	W (2-0)
Sept. 18	Gonzaga	L (0-2)
Sept. 23	Loyola Marymount	L (0-2)
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Northern Arizona</b>	W (2-1)
<b>Sept. 30</b>	<b>North Dakota State</b>	W (3-0)
<b>Oct. 2</b>	<b>#19 Cal State Fullerton *</b>	W (1-0)
<b>Oct. 7</b>	<b>Pacific *</b>	W (2-1)
<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>Cal State Northridge *</b>	W (1-0)
Oct. 14	UC Santa Barbara *	W (1-0)
Oct. 16	Cal Poly *	T (2-2, 2OT)
Oct. 21	UC Irvine *	T (1-1, 2OT)
<b>Oct. 28</b>	<b>Long Beach State *</b>	T (0-0, 2OT)
Oct. 30	UC Davis	W (1-0)
Nov. 4	Long Beach State #	T (0-0, 2OT)
Nov. 6	Cal State Fullerton #	L (1-4)
Nov. 11	vs. Colorado %	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	NCAA Tournament 2nd Round	1 p.m.

\* - Indicates Big West Conference match  
& - at Irvine, CA  
# - Big West Tournament match (at CSU Fullerton)  
% - NCAA Tournament match (at UCLA)

### Final 2005 Big West Standings

	Conference				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T
Cal State Fullerton (**)	6	1	0	18	17	3	0
<b>UC Riverside (^)</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Long Beach State (^)	3	3	1	10	12	5	3
Pacific (^)	3	4	0	9	10	9	1
Cal State Northridge	3	4	0	9	11	8	0
UC Santa Barbara	3	4	0	9	9	10	0
Cal Poly	2	4	1	7	10	5	4
UC Irvine	1	5	1	4	5	12	2

\* regular season champion  
^ Big West Tournament participant

### THIS WEEK

UC Riverside made program history on Monday, becoming the first women's team in school history to earn a spot in the NCAA Championships. The Highlanders garnered one of 34 at-large bids and will make their debut on the national stage versus the 19th-ranked University of Colorado this Friday at 7:30 p.m. at UCLA's Marshall Field at Drake Stadium. A victory would move UCR into the second round against the winner of UCLA versus Mississippi Valley State.



**THIS WEEK'S GAMES**  
**NCAA TOURNAMENT FIRST ROUND**  
**UCR (11-4-5) vs.**  
**#19 COLORADO (12-7-3)**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 - 7:30 PM**  
**\*\* GAME AVAILABLE ON GAMETRACKER**  
**THROUGH WWW.UCLABRUINS.COM**  
**DRAKE STADIUM, UCLA**

**NCAA TOURNAMENT SECOND ROUND**  
**TEAMS TBD**  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1:00 PM**  
**\*\* POSSIBLE GAMETRACKER AND INTERNET**  
**RADIO BROADCAST THROUGH**  
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### LAST WEEK RECAP

#### UCR 0 vs. LONG BEACH STATE 0, 2 OT, NOV. 4 AT TITAN STADIUM

After regulation and both overtimes did not produce a goal, UCR converted all four of its kicks to advance 4-2 over the 49ers. LBSU's Hayley Bolt's opening attempt was saved by UCR junior goalkeeper Tawny Poggio. Junior midfielder Linda Allen put UCR ahead 1-0 with a well-placed shot into the upper right corner. UCR extended its lead to 2-0 after Tiffany Vaughn's shot was wide and senior midfielder Renee Scachetti converted. Kim Silos brought LBSU back to 2-1 but junior defender Amber Plumlee blasted down the middle to make it 3-1. Emily Empting converted the next kick for the 49ers, setting the stage for freshman midfielder Melina Triantos. Triantos' low shot beat 49er goalie Liz Ramos to send UCR to the final.

The teams failed to produce a goal in 220 minutes this season and in the last 330 minutes after double overtime goal-less draws last Friday and in 2003. In fact, UCR has held LBSU scoreless even longer, dating back to 2002. Despite the lack of scoring, both teams had plenty of attempts. Long Beach State had the first opportunity of the match 12 minutes in, as Poggio tipped over Silos' long-range attempt. In the 16th minute, sophomore forward Jenna Leonti got a step past the 49er defense but her first-time shot was turned away for a corner by Ramos.

The Highlanders had two break-away opportunities in the final 16 minutes. In the 74th minute, substitute freshman forward Loana Holness broke through the 49er defense and had a one-on-one with Ramos. Holness' final touch led her too far and Ramos corralled the ball. With ten minutes left, freshman Katie Sheldon also had a one-on-one but her shot trickled wide. Poggio finished with five saves in her seventh shutout of the year and 22nd of her career.

The Highlanders extended their unbeaten streak to 11 games, tying the longest such streak in school history. With the game going in the books as a tie, UCR sets a new record with five ties in a season.



### UCR 1 vs. CS FULLERTON 4, Nov. 6 at Titan Stadium

Cal State Fullerton scored twice in the first 15 minutes through tournament MVP Lauryn Welch. In the eighth minute, Welch capitalized on a blocked UCR clearance to run down a loose ball, slotting her shot under Poggio to stake the Titans to a 1-0 lead. It took Fullerton all of seven minutes to make it 2-0. Welch again found herself in the right spot, heading home a cross from the left by Marlene Sandoval. UCR regrouped at halftime and almost immediately made a game of it, scoring in the 47th minute. Junior forward Kelly Ferguson sent a pass down the left side to freshman forward Katie Sheldon, who had entered the game at halftime. Sheldon's first-time pass was dummed by sophomore forward Jenna Leonti, who left it for Scachetti. Scachetti's left-footed shot from 10 yards beat CSUF goalie Karen Bardsley to make it 2-1. The goal was Scachetti's school-record 13th of the year and gave her 31 points in 2005, becoming the first Highlander to break the 30-point barrier.

Just as soon as the Highlanders were back in the game, the Titans regained their two-goal cushion. As UCR pushed forward for an equalizer, CSUF gathered the ball and Kandace Wilson had her shot saved by Poggio. The ball rebounded out and the Titans regrouped. Desiree Flint collected it and sent a low cross into the area where Kellie Cox glanced her header past Poggio.

The Titans turned around and put the game out of reach at 65:34. Wilson collected a loose ball inside the penalty area and shot low from 10 yards to beat Poggio. CSUF finished the game with 19 shots to UCR's eight. Poggio made six saves for the Highlanders.

#### THIS WEEK'S OPPONENTS

#### UCR vs. COLORADO (FIRST MEETING)

Colorado earned an at-large bid after losing to #23 Texas A&M 2-1 in double overtime in the Big 12 Conference final on Sunday. The Aggies took the lead but the Buffaloes equalized in the 64th minute through Alex Cousins' header. After a goalless first overtime, A&M

grabbed the game-winner 38 seconds into the second overtime.

CU had reached the final thanks to an opening-round 2-0 win over Oklahoma and a 3-2 overtime win against Texas in the semi-finals. Kat Grandinetti and Katie Griffin scored against Oklahoma and Griffin struck twice to stake Colorado to a 2-0 lead against Texas. But UT fought back with two goals in the final 12 minutes. Allison Kidd netted the game-winner 96 seconds into the first overtime to send the Buffs to the final.

Griffin leads 19th-ranked Colorado with 12 goals and 25 points. Fran Munnely has chipped in eight goals and six assists for 22 points. Nikki Keller, Kidd, and Grandinetti all have 12 points. Jessica Keller and Kirstin Radlinski have combined to post a 1.00 goals-against-average.

Colorado was one of four teams that tied for second place in the Big 12 Conference at 6-3-1. Five teams (Colorado, Iowa State, Nebraska, Texas, and Texas A&M) made the tournament field.

This is the Buffaloes' third consecutive trip to the postseason and third in the program's history. Under head coach Bill Hempen, they are 1-2 all-time in the NCAA Tournament, advancing to the second round last season before losing 3-0 to Portland.

#### UCR vs. UCLA (FIRST MEETING)

UCLA won the Pac-10 title with a 7-0-1 conference record and was 17-1-2 overall. The Bruins finished the regular season ranked fourth in the nation and second in the West region by Soccerbuzz. They are the only team in this year's NCAA field to have made the last two College Cups, having lost in last year's national championship game to Notre Dame on penalty kicks.

UCLA has faced two teams from the Big West this season, defeating Long Beach State 3-0 in the season opener and shutting out UC Santa Barbara 5-0 in September.

The Bruins have won five Pac-10 titles, including three under current head coach Jillian Ellis.

## UC Riverside 2005 Women's Soccer Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Height	Yr./Exp	Hometown/Previous School
00	Tawny Poggio	GK	5-8	Jr./2V	Santa Ana, CA/Mater Dei HS
1	Brittany Goetz	GK	5-6	Fr./HS	Irvine, CA/Irvine HS
2*	Erin Fahres	F/M	5-6	Sr./3V	Alta Loma, CA/Etiwanda HS
3	Jenna Leonti	F	5-8	So./1V	Corona, CA/Santiago HS
4	Angela Reling	M	5-7	RS-Sr./3V	Costa Mesa, CA/Mater Dei HS
5	Amber Plumlee	F	5-9	Jr./2V	La Habra, CA/Sonora HS
6	Lindsey Jordan	M	5-5	So./1V	Apple Valley, CA/Apple Valley HS
7	Kelly Ferguson	F	5-10	Jr./2V	Irvine, CA/Irvine HS
8	Stacie Anderson	M	5-7	Fr./HS	Folsom, CA/Folsom HS
9	Lisa Jensen	F	5-5	Sr./3V	San Dimas, CA/Bonita HS
10	Loana Holness	M	5-5	Fr./HS	Moreno Valley, CA/Canyon Springs HS
11	Linda Allen	F/M	5-6	Jr./2V	Wildomar, CA/Lake Elsinore HS
12	Shayna Hufford	D	5-9	Jr./1V	Alta Loma, CA/Long Beach State
13*	Sarah Mohammadi	M	5-6	Fr./HS	Pomona, CA/Upland HS
14	Jovon "Hoku" Ching	D	5-6	Fr./HS	San Diego, CA/Eastlake HS
15	Brittney Rollins	M/D	5-5	Fr./HS	Concord, CA/Clayton Valley HS
16*	Kacie McElrath	F/M	5-6	So./1V	Palm Desert, CA/Horizon HS
17	Lindsay Hellman	D	5-8	RS-Sr./3V	Temecula, CA/Hemet HS
18	Renee Scachetti	M/D	5-8	Sr./3V	Torrance, CA/Bishop Montgomery HS
19*	Brittany Coulter	F/M	5-6	So./1V	Long Beach, CA/Valley Christian HS
20	Kristen Williams	M/D	5-8	Fr./HS	Roseville, CA/Oakmont HS
21	Dani Geiger	M	5-10	RS-Sr./3V	Claremont, CA/Claremont HS
22	Melina Triantos	M/F	5-7	Fr./HS	San Jose, CA/Leigh HS
23	Katie Sheldon	F	5-7	Fr./HS	Murrieta, CA/Murrieta Valley HS
24*	Jenn Bakken	D	5-8	Fr./HS	Los Alamitos, CA/Los Alamitos HS
25*	Challyn Rollins	M/D	5-5	Fr./HS	Concord, CA/Clayton Valley HS
26*	Jillian Del Rosario	M	5-6	Jr./TR	Moreno Valley, CA/Riverside CC
28	Vanessa Chanez	F	5-6	Sr./3V	Placentia, CA/EI Dorado HS
29	Sumariya Smith	M/D	5-5	So./1V	Oakland, CA/Skyline HS

\* not on postseason roster

**Head Coach:** Veronica O'Brien (5th year)

**Assistant Coaches:** Chris Lemay (2nd year), Kerri Fahres (2nd year)

## 2005 Team Leaders

### GOALS

Renee Scachetti	13*
Vanessa Chanez	4
Linda Allen	2
Kacie McElrath	2
Jenna Leonti	2

### ASSISTS

Renee Scachetti	5
Jenna Leonti	4
Kelly Ferguson	3
Angela Reling	2

### POINTS

Renee Scachetti	31*
Vanessa Chanez	9
Jenna Leonti	8

### SHOTS

Renee Scachetti	54
Jenna Leonti	22
Kacie McElrath	17
Angela Reling	17
Vanessa Chanez	16

### GOALS-AGAINST-AVERAGE

Brittany Goetz	0.00
Tawny Poggio	0.86

### SAVES

Tawny Poggio	100
Brittany Goetz	2

### MINUTES PLAYED

Tawny Poggio	1785:41
Brittany Goetz	114:19

\* school record

**UCR vs. MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE (FIRST MEETING)**

Mississippi Valley State clinched its first-ever Southwestern Athletic Conference title and an automatic berth with a 2-1 win over Jackson State on Sunday. The Devillettes went ahead 2-0 through goals from Brooke Falke and Sonia Curvelo, then held on for the victory.

MVSU went 10-7-2 overall and 6-2-1 in the SWAC. They were led by Curvelo and Sheena Cussen, who each scored eight goals and added three assists for 19 points. Falke added seven goals and 16 points. Goalkeeper Maria Del Guercio led the conference with seven shutouts while posting a goals-against-average of 1.33.

**ABOUT THE 2005 NCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP**

The 2005 NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship features 64 teams with 30 earning automatic bids through winning their conference's regular season or tournament titles. The other 34 teams received at-large bids from the selection committee. The tournament is six rounds, single-elimination with first and second round matches being held November 11 and 13 at 16 host institutions. The College Cup is scheduled for Dec. 2 and 4 at Texas A&M's Aggie Soccer Stadium in College Station, TX.

**BIG WEST TITLES SLIP AWAY BUT UCR EARNS HIGHEST-EVER PLACING**

Cal State Fullerton's sweep of the Big West regular season and tournament crowns enabled the Titans to gain the conference's automatic bid. Nevertheless, the Highlanders finished a program-best second place and reached their first tournament final, surpassing the third place finish of 2003, the only other time UCR had qualified for the BWC Tournament. The second-place finish is also a nice comfort for the Highlanders after being picked to place seventh in the eight-team conference in the preseason coaches' poll.

**UCR IN THE BIG WEST CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT**

UCR made its second appearance in its five-year history at the Big West Conference Tournament but still have yet to gain a victory, going 0-2-1. The Highlanders previously qualified in 2003 as the third seed, losing to UC Santa Barbara in an epic 3-2 match.

**UCR AT NEUTRAL SITES**

The Highlanders have played four games this season on a neutral field, going 1-1-1. In addition to the Big West Tournament, UCR played in the 2005 UC Irvine Nike/Holiday Inn Invitational September 9 and 11 in Irvine. Riverside suffered its first loss of the season in that tournament's Friday's opener, a 1-0 decision to San Diego. The Highlanders bounced Sunday back for its largest victory of the season, a 5-1 drubbing of Columbia. In its five-year history, UCR is 8-2-2 when playing at a neutral site.

**UCR vs. THE NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD**

UCR has faced two of this year's NCAA Championship participants, Gonzaga and Cal State Fullerton, going 1-1-1 against them. The Highlanders lost to Gonzaga 2-0 on September 18 in Spokane and beat CSUF 1-0 in Riverside on October 2. The third meeting was Sunday's Big West Tournament Final, won 4-1 by the Titans.

**BIG WEST/NCAA NEWS AND NOTES**

- UCR is one of 11 schools making its NCAA Tournament debut. The others are Florida Atlantic, Mississippi Valley, Western Carolina, Hofstra, Valparaiso, Samford, UTEP, Gonzaga, Iowa State, and Saint Louis.
- UCR is only the fourth school in the current Big West membership to earn a bid to the NCAA tournament for women's soccer. The others are Cal Poly, Pacific, and this year's other participant, Cal State Fullerton.
- UCR is the first Big West team to earn an at-large bid, giving the conference multiple berths for the first time in its 10-year history.
- This will be just the second time a team from the Big West will face an opponent from outside the state of California in a postseason game. Cal Poly's 3-1 loss to Arizona State in 2003 was the other such occurrence.
- UCR is the quickest team in Big West history to reach the postseason after going to Division I. Pacific and Cal Poly did it in its sixth season.
- This will be the first time any Big West school will face a Big 12 opponent in the postseason. BWC teams are 11-10 all-time vs. the Big 12. No current BWC team

**UCR Team Game Highs**

Goals	5, vs. Columbia (9/11)
Goals Allowed	4, vs. CS Fullerton (11/6)
Assists	5, vs. N. Dakota State (9/30)
Points	13, vs. Columbia (9/11)
Shots	21, vs. N. Dakota State (9/30)
Shots Allowed	23, at Cal Poly (10/16)
Saves	9, at Cal Poly (10/16)
	9, vs. Long Beach St. (10/28)
Opponent Saves	8, vs. N. Dakota St. (9/30)
Corner Kicks	6, Three times
Fouls	17, at Cal Poly (10/16)

**UCR Individual Game Highs**

Goals	2, Kacie McElrath vs. Columbia (9/11)
	2, Renee Scachetti vs. Columbia (9/11)
	2, Renee Scachetti vs. N. Arizona (9/25)
	2, Renee Scachetti vs. N. Dakota St. (9/30)
Assists	2, Jenna Leonti vs. Pacific (10/7)
Points	5, Kacie McElrath vs. Columbia (9/11)
	5, Renee Scachetti vs. N. Dakota St. (9/30)
Shots	7, Renee Scachetti at EWU (9/16)
Saves	9, Tawny Poggio at Cal Poly (10/16)
	9, Tawny Poggio vs. Long Beach St. (10/28)

**Big West Players of the Week**

Aug. 21-28	Sharon Day, Cal Poly
Aug. 29-Sept. 4	Marlene Sandoval, CSUF
Sept. 5-11	Allie Kueny, UCSB
Sept. 12-18	Kandice Wilson, CSUF
Sept. 19-25	Kim Silos, Long Beach St.
Sept. 26-Oct. 2	Kristy Krohn, CSUN
Oct. 3-9	Renee Scachetti, UCR
	Dana Farquhar, LBSU
Oct. 10-16	Karen Bardsley, CSUF
	Bunny Dickson, Pacific
Oct. 17-23	Kelly Little, UCI
Oct. 24-30	Marlene Sandoval, CSUF
Oct. 31-Nov. 6	Lauryn Welch, CSUF

**UCR When...**

At home	6-0-1
On the road	4-2-3
At a neutral site	1-1-1
Day game	10-4-3
Night game	1-0-2
Leading at halftime	8-0-2
Trailing at halftime	0-3-1
Tied at halftime	3-1-2
In overtime	0-0-5
Scoring first	11-0-2
Opponent scores first	0-4-1
Scoring one goal	4-1-2
Scoring two goals	4-0-1
Scoring three or more goals	3-0-0
Shutting out opponent	6-0-2
Allowing one goal	4-1-2
Allowing two goals	0-2-1
Allowing three or more goals	0-1-0
Decided by one goal or fewer	7-1-5
Decided by two goals	1-2-0
Decided by three or more goals	3-1-0
UCR outshoots opponent	6-0-2
Opponent has more shots	5-4-3
In August	1-0-1
In September	5-3-0
In October	5-0-3
In November	0-1-1
vs. ranked opponents	1-1-0

has faced Colorado. UCR has never played a team from the Big 12.

- California is the most represented state, placing nine teams in this year's 64-team field. The others are Stanford, Fresno State, Santa Clara, UCLA, Cal State Fullerton, USC, California and Pepperdine. Texas is the second-most represented state with six participants.
- If UCR beats Colorado or Cal State Fullerton beats UNLV, it will be the first NCAA win by a Big West team since Cal Poly beat Fresno State 2-1 in 1999.
- The Big West is 2-7 all-time in the NCAA Tournament as a conference and have lost in the first round 5 straight years.

#### **SCORELESS STREAK SNAPPED**

UC Riverside saw its three-game shutout streak come to an end in Sunday's 4-1 loss to Cal State Fullerton. The first goal allowed against Fullerton was the first the Highlanders had conceded in 399:53 minutes of play, dating back to October 21 at UC Irvine. Nevertheless, the three consecutive shutouts were a season-high and the longest such streak since the Highlanders blanked four straight opponents from September 21-October 1, 2004. This year's streak is the fourth-longest in school history.

#### **RECORD-TYING RUN DONE**

The loss against Cal State Fullerton ended UCR's record-tying streak of 11 consecutive unbeaten matches. The loss was the first for UCR since September 23, equaling last season's start when the Highlanders went 10-0-1 in their first 11 games. It was also the Highlanders' first defeat at the hands of a Big West foe since October 17, 2004, ending a string of 13 games without a loss against conference opponents. In addition, the four goals conceded were the most since UCR lost 6-3 to Portland State on September 22, 2003, and the most against a team from the Big West since a 4-0 loss to Long Beach State on October 21, 2001. Finally, the victory was the first for the Titans over the Highlanders since 2001 as UC Riverside had gone 3-0-1 against Cal State Fullerton in that span.

#### **RENEE MAKES IT A BAKER'S DOZEN**

Senior midfielder Renee Scachetti scored her 13th goal of the season in Sunday's Big West final, extending her school record for goals and points for a season and for a career. Her team-record goal tally stands at 13 while her 31 points thus far are 11 more than her previous record total of 20 from last year and more than three times that of any other Highlander in 2005. Her five assists this season are a career-high and one shy of the UCR record. She led the BWC in goals and points, and is tied for first with five game-winning goals. Finally, Scachetti has at least one goal in eight of the Highlanders' 11 victories in 2005 and UCR has lost just one game this season when Scachetti gets on the scoresheet.

#### **SCACHETTI WINS AWARDS**

Scachetti was named the Big West Co-Player of the Week for October 3-9 after scoring the game-winning goals against Pacific and Cal State Northridge. She was also named to the *Soccerbuzz* Elite Team of the Week for September 26-October 2. Just to prove that she's not just an ace on the soccer field, Scachetti also earned a spot on the CoSIDA Academic All-District Third Team. The accolades are sure to keep rolling in as the Big West announces its all-conference teams later this week.

#### **MORE SCACHETTI, PLEASE**

On the career charts, Scachetti has almost doubled the totals of her closest competitor in the goals and points categories with 29 and 71, respectively. Her 13 assists are also a UCR career record. She is also tops in shots (204) and shots on goal (104). She has started every one of the Highlanders' 79 games in her four-year career.

#### **DON'T YOU FORGET ABOUT "V"**

With all the attention heaped upon Scachetti this year, senior forward Vanessa Chanez is quietly moving herself up UCR's career lists. In addition to her battle with Scachetti for the career assist lead (she currently sits in second, two behind her classmate), Chanez has 14 career goals, sitting solidly in second place on that list. Her 39 career points are 14 ahead of the nearest Highlander not named Scachetti.

#### **PLUMLEE PERFORMS**

To the outsider, junior Amber Plumlee's numbers have been down in 2005. After scoring five goals and providing a school-record six assists last season, Plumlee notched her first goal this year against UC Irvine. The reason for Plumlee's offensive downturn? She has started every game as the Highlanders' defensive sweeper, helping fill a hole in the back line left by the departure of 2004 seniors Kristi Tanaka and Erika Bligh. With Plumlee in the middle, UCR has allowed 17 goals this year. Plumlee was able to demonstrate her offensive prowess in the Big West semifinals, converting the penalty kick that gave UCR an insurmountable 3-1 lead.

#### **DEFENSIVE DANDIES**

The shutout against Long Beach State last week gave UCR nine on the season, marking the fourth straight year in which the Highlanders had posted eight or more shutouts. Experience has been the key, with senior Lindsay Hellman joining Plumlee and freshman Kristen Williams on the back line in front of junior goalie Tawny Poggio. Plumlee has started all 20 games while Williams has 19 starts and Hellman has 17 starts in 19 appearances. Senior midfielders Renee Scachetti and Dani Geiger have also taken to defending on occasion, man-marking the opponent's best player as the Highlanders have conceded fewer goals than any team in UCR history.

#### **TAWNY TAKES CONTROL**

Junior goalkeeper Tawny Poggio has been outstanding this year, putting up her usual record numbers. She led the Big West with 100 saves, reaching the century mark for the second time after having set the school record with 119 saves in 2003. She is the only High-

#### **Renee Scachetti in the UCR Record Books**

<b>Career Goals</b>	
1. Renee Scachetti.....	29
2. Vanessa Chanez.....	14
<b>Single-Season Goals</b>	
1. Renee Scachetti (2005) .....	13
2. Renee Scachetti (2004).....	8
Jenna Leonti (2004).....	8
<b>Career Assists</b>	
1. Renee Scachetti.....	13
2. Vanessa Chanez.....	11
<b>Career Points</b>	
1. Renee Scachetti.....	71
2. Vanessa Chanez.....	39
<b>Single-Season Points</b>	
1. Renee Scachetti (2005) .....	31
2. Renee Scachetti (2004).....	20

lander goalie to have reached triple digits in saves in any season. Thanks to UCR's five ties and its progression to the NCAA Tournament, Poggio set a new UCR single-season record for minutes played in 2005, which is now at 1,785:41. Her goals-against-average sits at 0.86, good enough for third in a season, just ahead of her 2003 total of 0.88. Entering last weekend, she was ranked seventh in the nation in saves percentage but has since dropped out of the top-10. Even so, she still led the conference in that category at .855. Her seven shutouts on the year are the second-most in a single season at UCR and gave her the top three tallies in school history. Her 22 career shutouts and 33 wins are also school records.

#### **ONE-GOAL DYNAMOS**

UCR is at its best when the game is close, having seen 13 of its 20 games in 2005 decided by one goal or fewer. In such contests, the Highlanders are 7-1-5, numbers similar to last season. In 2004, 13 of the Highlanders' 19 games came down to a single goal, with UCR posting a record of 7-2-4.

#### **HIGHLANDERS STAY RANKED IN WEST REGION**

For a school-record fourth consecutive week, UC Riverside was featured in the West Regional ranking by *Soccerbuzz* Magazine. After three weeks at #14, the Highlanders dropped to 15 in the final regular season poll. This is the sixth consecutive week the Highlanders have appeared in the rankings following two weeks in the "Receiving Votes" category. The six weeks appearing in the poll this season are the most in a single year in program history, as the Highlanders were previously recognized in four successive weeks last season from September 27-October 18, 2004. UCR has been featured in the West Region rankings a total of ten weeks in the program's five-year existence.

#### **NEWS AND NOTES**

- The Highlanders' 11-game unbeaten streak from September 25-November 4 tied for the longest in school history. At the beginning of last year, UCR rattled off a ten-game winning streak then added a tie for 11 straight games without a loss.
- UCR fell short of equaling the 2003 record of five conference wins but tied the 2002 squad for second-most BWC victories with four.
- The 11 victories in 2005 are tied with the 2003 squad for second-most in Highlander history behind last season's 13 wins.
- Friday's tie against Long Beach State was UCR's fifth of the season, breaking last season's school record of four. The Highlanders have tied seven of its last 16 conference matches after tying just two of the previous 27 Big West contests.
- The Highlanders have posted four consecutive 10-win seasons in their five-year history.
- UCR is +11 in goal differential, scoring 28 and allowing 17. The differential is the third-best in school history, behind 2002's +12 and well behind last year's +31.
- Riverside needs two goals to post its fourth successive 30+ goal season. At the moment, the 28 goals scored in 2005 are the second-fewest in a single season in school history.
- The Highlanders have scored first in 13 of their 20 contests this season and are undefeated in such games, going 11-0-2 when gaining the first goal. Conversely, UCR is 0-4-1 when falling behind.

#### **UPCOMING GAMES**

##### **FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18-20**

- NCAA Championships Third Round, Sites and Times TBD

##### **FRIDAY-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25-27**

- NCAA Championships Quarterfinals, Sites and Times TBD

##### **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**

- NCAA College Cup Semifinals, Aggie Soccer Stadium (College Station, TX), 4:30 p.m.

##### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**

- NCAA College Cup National Championship, Aggie Soccer Stadium (College Station, TX), 10:00 a.m., ESPN2 Live

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#### **UC RIVERSIDE NCAA TOURNAMENT FIRST/SECOND ROUND WEEK SCHEDULE**

##### **PRACTICE SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - UCR practices in Riverside from 2:45-4:30 p.m.

Sunday (if necessary) - Closed practice at UCLA from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

##### **UCR TRAVEL SCHEDULE**

The Highlanders will depart for UCLA after practice on Thursday, November 10 and will stay at the team hotel (see below) until they are eliminated from the tournament. Should the Highlanders lose Friday, they will return to Riverside after the game. A victory will keep UCR at the tournament site through Sunday.

##### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

The Highlanders will be staying at the following hotel beginning Thursday night:

Four Points by Sheraton

5990 Green Valley Circle

Culver City, CA 90230

Phone: (310) 981-8005/641-7740

Fax: (310) 981-8019

##### **MEDIA REQUESTS**

Before Thursday's departure, any requests for interviews of Head Coach Veronica O'Brien or any student-athletes should be made to Mark Dodson at (951) 827-4571 (office) or (909) 910-7091 (cell) or via email at [mark.dodson@ucr.edu](mailto:mark.dodson@ucr.edu).

No day-of-game interview requests will be granted, however, there will be a post-game media session at Drake Stadium following a 10-minute cooling-off period after the conclusion of each of the weekend's matches. Postgame requests can be made to Mark Dodson.