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NATIONAL NO. 1 SEED TITANS TO HOST ASU, TEXAS TECH AND TEMPLE IN NCAA REGIONAL

ON TAP: The Cal State Fullerton baseball team (41-15) is the National No. 1 seed for the NCAA Division I tournament which opens Friday. But the Titans' regional field is anything but a breeze – it is the only one of 16 regionals with three teams that are ranked in the top-25 in at least two polls. Fullerton will host Arizona State, Texas Tech and Temple with Friday's games featuring the No. 2 Sun Devils vs. the No. 3 Red Raiders at 3 p.m. followed by the No. 1 Titans vs. the No. 4 Owls at 7 p.m. Since the NCAA adopted a three-tiered playoff system in 1999, Fullerton has not been a National No. 1 seed, though they were No. 3 in 1999. The Titans were also the No. 1 seed in Omaha in 1995, when the NCAA seeded teams after the regionals.

IN THE POLLS: The Titans held their ground in the polls and moved up slightly in one after taking two of three from Long Beach State last weekend. Fullerton remained fourth in the *Baseball America* poll (trailing Miami, USC and Nebraska) and sixth in the *Baseball Weekly*/ESPN Coaches poll and moved up a spot to fifth in the *Collegiate Baseball* poll. Of the Titans' potential regional opponents, Arizona State is ranked 17th (*Baseball America*), 16th (*Collegiate Baseball*) and 19th (*Baseball Weekly*/ESPN Coaches) and Texas Tech is ranked 22nd in the *Collegiate Baseball* and *Baseball Weekly*/ESPN Coaches polls. (See complete polls on page 8).

ON DECK: The winner of the Fullerton regional will meet the winner of Ohio State's regional (Mississippi State, Ohio State Delaware and Kent State) in a super regional next weekend. Fullerton has also bid to host a super regional, but the sites will not be announced until Monday, May 28 at Noon PDT. The winners of the eight best-of-three super regionals advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. on June 8-16.

TALK IN' TITLES: With its series win over Long Beach State last weekend, the Titans clinched their second consecutive Big West Conference championship and their fourth in five seasons under Coach **George Horton**. Fullerton has now won 18 conference championships in 27 Division I seasons and has never gone more than two years without a conference title.



NCAA Regionals

May 25-27 • Goodwin Field
Cal State Fullerton (6-7)
Arizona State (36-18-1)
Texas Tech (40-18-1)
Temple (27-29)

Friday, May 25

GAME 2 - 3:00 p.m.

No. 2 ASU vs. No. 3 Texas Tech

GAME 1 - 7:00 p.m.

No. 1 CSF vs. No. 4 Temple

Saturday, May 26

GAME 3 - 1:00 p.m.

Loser, Game 2 vs. Loser, Game 1

GAME 4 - 4:30 p.m.

Winner, Game 2 vs. Winner, Game 1

GAME 5 - 8:00 p.m.

Winner, Game 3 vs. Loser, Game 4

Sunday, May 27

GAME 6 - 1:00 p.m.

Winner, Game 4 vs. Winner, Game 5

GAME 7* - 4:45 min. after Game 6

Winner, Game 6 vs. Loser, Game 6

(*) If necessary

Log on to the Titan webcast at...

"<http://www.broadcast.com/sports/ncaa/CalStateFullerton/Baseball/>"

Tue.	Jan. 30	at Pepperdine	L	2-5
Fri.	Feb. 2	Stanford	W	5-4
Sat.	Feb. 3	Stanford	L	8-9
Sun.	Feb. 4	Stanford	L	0-3
Tue.	Feb. 6	at USC	L	5-6 (13)
Fri.	Feb. 9	at Baylor	W	2-1
Sat.	Feb. 10	at Baylor	L	0-5
Sun.	Feb. 11	at Baylor	W	5-0
Tue.	Feb. 14	Loyola Marymount	W	5-3
Thur.	Feb. 15	Brigham Young	W	2-1
Fri.	Feb. 16	Brigham Young	L	2-8
Sat.	Feb. 17	Brigham Young	W	5-0
Fri.	Feb. 23	Arizona State	L	3-5
Fri.	Mar. 2	Tennessee#	W	10-6
Sat.	Mar. 3	Wichita State#	W	3-1
Sun.	Mar. 4	Long Beach State#	L	11-13
Fri.	Mar. 9	at Houston	W	5-2
Sat.	Mar. 10	at Houston	W	8-2
Sun.	Mar. 11	at Houston	W	9-2
Fri.	Mar. 16	Cal Poly SLO	W	3-1
Sat.	Mar. 17	Cal Poly SLO	L	1-2
Sun.	Mar. 18	Cal Poly SLO	W	12-0
Fri.	Mar. 23	at Long Beach State	W	5-3
Sat.	Mar. 24	at Long Beach State	L	2-3 (16)
Sun.	Mar. 25	at Long Beach State	W	5-3
Tue.	Mar. 27	USC	W	12-11
Fri.	Mar. 30	at Miami	W	8-2
Sat.	Mar. 31	at Miami	W	8-5
Sun.	Apr. 1	at Miami	W	9-2
Fri.	Apr. 6	Pacific*	W	6-1
Sat.	Apr. 7	Pacific*	W	3-1
Sun.	Apr. 8	Pacific*	W	28-0
Mon.	Apr. 9	Arizona State	W	13-6
Thur.	Apr. 12	at Sac State*	W	20-2
Fri.	Apr. 13	at Sac State*	W	9-5
Sat.	Apr. 14	at Sac State*	W	8-2
Tue.	Apr. 17	at LMU	W	9-5
Wed.	Apr. 18	UCLA	W	11-10 (14)
Fri.	Apr. 20	at CS Northridge*	L	1-15
Sat.	Apr. 21	at CS Northridge*	W	4-3
Sun.	Apr. 22	at CS Northridge*	W	5-2
Fri.	Apr. 27	UC Riverside	W	8-4
Sat.	Apr. 28	UC Riverside	W	4-1
Sun.	Apr. 29	UC Riverside	W	15-2
Tue.	May 1	Pepperdine	W	14-7
Wed.	May 2	Biola	W	7-6
Fri.	May 4	at Cal Poly SLO*	W	7-3
Sat.	May 5	at Cal Poly SLO*	W	13-1
Sun.	May 6	at Cal Poly SLO*	W	10-4
Wed.	May 9	at UCLA	L	3-9
Fri.	May 11	UC Santa Barbara*	L	1-9
Sat.	May 12	UC Santa Barbara*	L	6-7 (10)
Sun.	May 13	UC Santa Barbara*	W	6-4
Fri.	May 18	Long Beach State*	W	16-6
Sat.	May 19	Long Beach State*	L	6-17
Sun.	May 20	Long Beach State*	W	10-5

May 25-27: NCAA Regionals (Fullerton)

June 1-3: NCAA Super Regionals (sites tba)

June 8-16: College World Series (@Omaha, Neb.)

Home Games in Bold

(*) Big West Conference game (#) Kia Baseball Bash

(TV) Orange County NewsChannel

Probable Lineup

1B	Aaron Rifkin (6-3, 215, L/L, Sr.)	First Titan since 1999 to hit 10+ home runs
2B	David Bacani (5-8, 165, R/R, Sr.)	Has reached base in 55 of the Titans' 56 games
SS	Mike Rouse (6-0, 185, L/R, So.)	Tied for 2nd in Big West w/16 multi-RBI games
3B	Shawn Norris (6-2, 160, L/R, Jr.)	Titans are 26-5 when he bats ninth in the order
	or Mike Martinez (6-0, 175, R/R, So.)	Had 3-run 2B vs. UCSB in first start since 3/17
LF	Robert Guzman (5-10, 190, L/L, Jr.)	3rd in the Big West with 12 sacrifice bunts
CF	Chris Stringfellow (5-10, 170, R/R, Jr.)	Batting .431 with runners in scoring position
RF	Jason Corapci (5-8, 165, R/R, So.)	Batting .390 at Goodwin Field
C	Brett Kay (6-1, 190, R/R, Jr.)	Leads the Titans with 18 RBI with two outs
DH	Matt Belfanti (5-10, 185, L/L, Sr.)	Batting .386 (22-57) w/ 16 RBI since March 27
	or Louie Lamoure (5-11, 185, R/R, Sr.)	Batting .317 over Titans' last 29 games
P	Jon Smith (6-0, 205, L/L, Sr.)	.818 career win% is 10th best in CSF history
P	Darric Merrell (6-4, 200, R/R, Fr.)	Has 5th lowest ERA (2.62) of nation's freshmen
P	Kirk Saarloos (6-0, 180, R/R, Sr.)	Has won 13 consecutive games

KIRK SAARLOOS by the numbers

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2001 Big West Pitcher of the Week awards (record)

.184

Batting average by opponents

6.9

Strikeouts for every walk issued

2.26

ERA (first in the Big West)

124

Career Appearances (CSF and Big West record)

2:24

Average game time in his seven complete games

83%

328 of 394 outs have been by groundout or K

National Pitcher of the Week

Collegiate Baseball:

- Feb. 12-18 (co)
- Feb. 26 - March 4 (co)
- April 2-8 (co)

National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association

- April 2-8

Big West Pitcher of the Week

- February 5-11 (co)
- February 12-18
- February 26 - March 4
- March 12-18
- March 19-25
- April 2-8

Game-by-Game Lines

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1/30	Pepperdine	5.0	5	4	2	0	5
2/4	Stanford	7.0	7	3	3	2	8
2/9	Baylor	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
2/11	Baylor	9.0	3	0	0	1	7
2/15	BYU	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
2/17	BYU	9.0	1	0	0	0	11
3/2	Tennessee	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
3/3	Wichita State	7.0	1	0	0	0	11
3/11	Houston	8.0	7	2	2	1	10
3/16	Cal Poly	1.0	0	0	0	0	3
3/18	Cal Poly	9.0	5	0	0	0	9
3/23	Long Beach	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
3/25	Long Beach	9.0	7	3	3	1	9
4/1	Miami	9.0	7	2	2	2	8
4/8	Pacific	9.0	0	0	0	1	11
4/13	Sac State	7.2	8	5	5	2	4
4/18	UCLA	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
4/22	CS Northridge	8.2	6	2	2	4	6
4/29	UC Riverside	6.0	4	2	2	2	11
5/6	Cal Poly	6.1	8	3	3	3	6
5/13	UCSB	8.1	7	4	4	0	9
5/20	Long Beach	7.1	9	5	5	0	4

ON THE SEASON...Named Big West Conference Pitcher of the Year and is on the short list for three National Player of the Year awards...Has won 13 straight to improve to 13-2 and has an ERA of 2.26, tops in the Big West...Has struck out 137, (the fourth-best CSF single-season mark) and walked just 20 in 131.1 innings and opponents are batting just .184 against him...Threw complete games in seven straight starts (Feb. 11 - Apr. 8) and notched four shutouts during that stretch...Faced 149 batters without allowing an extra-base hit over one stretch...Had a 28-inning scoreless streak at one point and a 41-inning scoreless streak at Goodwin Field...Hurled the third no-hitter in Titan history vs. Pacific on 4/8...Had a perfect game bid vs. BYU on 2/17 broken up with 2 outs in the 8th.

ON HIS CAREER...Holds the CSF and Big West career records and is tied for fourth in NCAA history with 124 appearances...Has a record of 31-12 and an ERA of 3.04 in 322.1 innings...Is the sixth Titan and first since James Popoff (1989-92) to win 30+ games...Has struck out 342 (second most in CSF history) and walked just 78...His 22 career saves are third most in CSF history.

HOW 'BOUT THAT RPI: Fullerton has the highest Ratings Power Index in the nation, according to Boyd's World (www.boydsworld.com), a web site that attempts to simulate the NCAA's formula that is used to aid the tournament selection committee. Fullerton leads Miami, LSU, South Carolina and Stanford. Fullerton is also second only to Stanford in iterative strength rating, according to Boyd's World. The ISRs are based on an algorithm that combines a team's winning percentage with strength of schedule. The Titans have played 18 games against teams ranked in the *Baseball America* top-25 poll (at the time of the contest) and eight against teams currently ranked in the top 10.

TITANS IN THE TOURNEY: Fullerton is making its 10th consecutive appearance in the NCAA tournament, which is the fifth-longest active streak. Only Miami (29), Florida State (24), Clemson (15) and LSU (13) have longer streaks. The Titans have missed qualifying for the tournament just four times in their 27-year Division I history. They have advanced to Omaha 10 times with College World Series titles in 1979, 1984 and 1995.

THE REGIONAL FIELD:

No. 2 Arizona State: In a small twist of irony, the Titans welcome the Sun Devils (who have hosted four times) into town for a regional. The two teams have also tangled twice this season, with ASU winning, 5-3, on Feb. 23 and the Titans responding with a 13-6 win on April 9. When the two teams first met, ASU was ranked fifth and the Titans were tabbed as the 18th best team in the country. But the teams have virtually switched spots in the polls since then. Since March 18, the Sun Devils are 17-14 and had to win two of three from UCLA last weekend to clinch the third-place tie-breaker in the Pac-10. The Sun Devils feature a pair of highly touted players in All-American catcher **Casey Myers** (.386, six homers, 66 RBI) and left-handed pitcher **Jon Switzer** (5-5, 3.75 ERA, 124 strikeouts). The Sun Devils are 20-13 all-time vs. the Titans (since Fullerton's first Division I season in 1975) and 5-3 vs. Fullerton in the postseason.

No. 3 Texas Tech: The Red Raiders may be one of the strongest No. 3 seeds in the country. They finished second only to Nebraska in the tradition-rich Big-XII and are 18-4-1 over the last 23 games. Texas Tech has hammered 68 home runs this year and a trio - **Nick Blankenship**, **Jason Rainey** and **Chad Landry** - have each hit 10. The Red Raiders also feature seven players who have driven in at least 40 runs. **Brandon Roberson** is 13-3 with a 4.25 ERA and **Chris Phillips** is 11-5 with a 3.54 ERA to pace the staff. Texas Tech has made seven consecutive NCAA appearances under 15th-year Coach **Larry Hays**. The Titans and Red Raiders have never met.

No. 4 Temple: The Owls make their first NCAA appearance since the 1984 season, thanks to an Atlantic 10 Conference tournament championship. Temple is one of just two teams in the tournament with a losing record, but the Owls are 27-15 since losing their first 14 games of the season (including series sweeps by Cal Poly and Cal State Northridge). **Kyle Sweppenhiser** leads the team with a .367 batting average and **Rob Cucinotta** has hammered 12 home runs. **Greg Powell** is 7-7, but has an ERA of

FULLERTON versus THE REGIONAL FIELD

2001 Statistical Comparison

Category	CSF	ASU	TTU	TEM
Games	56	55	59	56
Average	.314	.328	.317	.288
At Bats	1953	1950	2082	1731
Runs	398	456	478	371
Hits	614	640	660	499
HR	44	29	68	40
SB	75-118	106-145	112-140	65-107

Pitching

ERA	3.67	4.42	3.99	5.43
Innings	515.0	490.2	518.1	442.2
Hits	476	496	531	508
Runs	245	276	269	325
ER	210	241	230	267
Walks	178	212	136	200
Strikeouts	430	519	403	296

ARIZONA STATE

Location: Tempe, Arizona

Enrollment: 43,372

Nickname: Sun Devils

Colors: Maroon & Gold

Conference: Pacific-10

Overall Record: 36-18-1

Conference Record/Finish: 14-10 (T, 3rd)

In the Polls: 17 (BA), 16 (CB), 19 (BW)

Head Coach: Pat Murphy (7th year)

Record at School: 268-139-1

Series vs. Fullerton: ASU leads, 20-13

Postseason vs. Fullerton: ASU leads, 5-3

NCAA Appearances/Last: 24/2000

CWS Appearances/Last: 18/1998

TEXAS TECH

Location: Lubbock, Texas

Enrollment: 24,550

Nickname: Red Raiders

Colors: Scarlet & Black

Conference: Big-XII

Overall Record: 40-18-1

Conference Record/Finish: 19-10-1 (2nd)

In the Polls: 22 (CB), 22 (BW)

Head Coach: Larry Hays (15th year)

Record at School: 580-303-2

Series vs. Fullerton: No history

Postseason vs. Fullerton: No history

NCAA Appearances/Last: 6/2000

CWS Appearances/Last: 0

TEMPLE

Location: Philadelphia, Penn.

Enrollment: 29,000

Nickname: Owls

Colors: Cherry & White

Conference: Atlantic 10

Overall Record: 27-29

Conference Record/Finish: 15-7 (T, 2nd)

In the Polls: N/A

Head Coach: "Skip" Wilson (42nd year)

Record at School: 952-707-26

Series vs. Fullerton: No history

Postseason vs. Fullerton: No history

NCAA Appearances/Last: 12/1984

CWS Appearances/Last: 2/1977

3.63. Coach **James "Skip" Wilson** is in his 42nd season with the Owls and has led them to two College World Series appearances.

BEST IN THE BIG WEST: **Kirk Saarloos** was named the Big West Conference Pitcher of the Year on Tuesday and led a group of eight Titans named to the all-conference team. Second baseman **David Bacani** was named to the first team and became the first player in the 24-year history of the conference to earn first-team honors four times in his career. Other first-teamers were catcher **Brett Kay**, shortstop **Mike Rouse**, starting pitcher **Darric Merrell** and reliever **Chad Cordero**. Outfielder **Robert Guzman** was named to the second team and **Jason Corapci** was an honorable-mention utility player.

SUPER SAARLOOS: **Kirk Saarloos** threw the third no-hitter in school history in a 28-0 win over Pacific on April 8, and it didn't go unnoticed. Saarloos was recognized for the third time as a *Collegiate Baseball* national Pitcher of the Week and was the sole recipient of the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association honor. He also picked up Big West Conference Pitcher of the Week honors for a sixth time (extending his own record of five). Saarloos is just the sixth Titan pitcher and first since 1992 to collect 30 career victories (he has 31) and is also chasing single-season and career strikeout records. He holds the Cal State Fullerton and Big West Conference records for career appearances (124) and is tied for fourth on the NCAA's all-time list. Saarloos had a 28-inning scoreless streak earlier this year and a 41-inning streak at home. Saarloos, a Louisville Slugger National Player of the Year candidate and semifinalist for both the Dick Howser Trophy and Rotary Smith Award, is tied with **Mike Parisi** for the most shutouts in a Titan season (four). Saarloos threw complete games in seven consecutive starts earlier this season and has won 13 consecutive games since losing to Stanford on Feb. 4. He is first in the Big West Conference in the pitching "triple crown" categories of ERA (2.26), wins (13) and strikeouts (133) and is also pacing the Big West in opponents' batting average (.184) and innings pitched (131.1). Saarloos has also recorded 83 percent of his outs by way of groundout or strikeout. (For more on Saarloos, see sidebar on page 2)

IN THE RUNNING: Last week, Saarloos was named as one of 12 semifinalists for the Rotary Smith Award, presented annually to the top collegiate baseball player. Three finalists will be announced on May 31st and the award, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Houston, will be presented on June 28th in Houston. Other semifinalists are **Kenny**

Baugh (Rice), **Dewon Brazelton** (Middle Tennessee), **Aaron Heilman** (Notre Dame), **Mark Prior** (Southern California), **Justin Pope** (Central Florida), **Brian Baron** (UCLA), **Chris Burke** (Tennessee), **Jake Gautreau** (Tulane), **John-Ford Griffin** (Florida State), **Casey Meyers** (Arizona State) and **John VanBenschoten** (Kent State).

IN THE RUNNING (PART II): Saarloos was named last month as one of 20 semifinalists for the Dick Howser Trophy, given annually by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association to the nation's top player. Other finalists are: 3B **Jeff Baker** (Clemson), OF **Brian Baron** (UCLA), P **Kenny Baugh** (Rice), P **Dewon Brazelton** (Middle Tennessee), P **Jeff Bruksch** (Stanford), SS **Chris Burke** (Tennessee), OF **Frank Corr** (Stetson), P **Nate Fernley** (Brigham Young), 3B **Jake Gautreau** (Tulane), OF **John-Ford Griffin** (Florida State), P **Aaron Heilman** (Notre Dame), 1B **Dan Johnson** (Nebraska), 2B **Richard Lewis** (Georgia Tech), C **Casey Myers** (Arizona State), P **Mark Prior** (Southern California), C **Kelly Shoppach** (Baylor), OF **Cory Sullivan** (Wake Forest), 2B **Daniel Ugglä** (Memphis), DH **John Vanbenschoten** (Kent State), 3B **Jeff Baker** (Clemson).

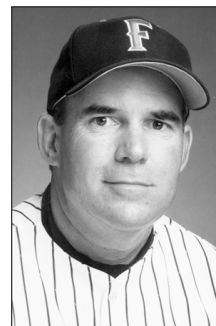
ALUMINUM MELTING: After a slow start, the Titan bats have been on fire. Over their first 24 games (during which they went 14-10), the Titans batted just .265 with nine home runs (0.4 per game). But in their final 32 regular season games (over which they are 27-5), Fullerton batted .349 with 35 home runs (1.1 per game). Here's a look:

Player	Games 1-24	Games 25-56	Difference
Belfanti	.188, 0 HR	.386, 3 HR	+.198, +3 HR
Lamoure	.167, 0 HR	.317, 1 HR	+.150, +1 HR
Rouse	.295, 1 HR	.433, 7 HR	+.138, +6 HR
Corapci	.284, 0 HR	.419, 1 HR	+.135, +1 HR
Stringfellow	.273, 0 HR	.368, 4 HR	+.095, +4 HR
Bacani	.286, 2 HR	.365, 2 HR	+.079, EVEN
Kay	.304, 1 HR	.355, 4 HR	+.051, +3 HR
Guzman	.316, 0 HR	.361, 3 HR	+.045, +3 HR
TEAM	.265, 9 HR	.349, 35 HR	+.084, +26 HR

STREAKING: Some facts and figures from the Titans' current 27-5 run:

- The Titans have scored first in 23 of the 32 games.
- The Titans have been out-hit just 10 times in the 32 games and Fullerton has reached double figures in hits 19 times.
- The Titans have committed more than one error just eight times during the stretch and have been perfect defensively on 13 occasions.
- The Titans are averaging 3.9 more runs per game than their opponents.

BRAINIAC: Senior lefty **Jon Smith** was named earlier this month to the 2001 Verizon Academic All-District VIII team for the third consecutive season. Smith, out of Nuevo, Calif., is one of just two players on the team (along with Arizona State catcher **Casey Myers**) to have earned the honor three times. He is also the only scholar-athlete with a perfect 4.0 grade point average. The accounting major, who is on track to graduate in the spring of 2002, is now eligible for Academic All-American honors. He was an honorable-mention selection as a sophomore and was a first-team pick



GEORGE HORTON

Head Coach

5th Season
Cal State Fullerton (1978)
215-91-1 (.702) Overall
106-32 (.768) BWC

BWC Coach of the Year

1998
1999 (co)

Fifth-year Coach George Horton captured his 200th Division I victory vs. Sac State on April 14 and has a career winning percentage of .702. Horton has won four conference championships and a divisional pennant. He also guided the Titans to their 10th College World Series appearance in 1999.

HORTON YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	Record	Pct.	Titles
1997	39-24-1	.617	BWC
1998	47-17	.734	BWC South
1999	50-14	.781	BWC, Reg., Super Reg.
2000	38-21	.644	BWC
2001	41-15	.732	BWC
Tot.	215-91-1	.702	

RECORD VS. OPPONENTS

School	Record
Alabama	3-3
Arizona	3-0
Arizona State	3-1
Baylor	4-2
Biola	1-0
Brigham Young	2-1
Cal	3-3
Cal Poly SLO	22-3
Cal State Northridge	6-3
Florida State	1-3
Fresno State	7-2
Harvard	2-0
Houston	6-0
Long Beach State	17-17
Loyola Marymount	7-3
LSU	0-2
Miami	3-0
Michigan	2-0
Mississippi State	1-0
Nevada	15-2
New Mexico State	15-0
Northeastern	1-0
Notre Dame	1-0
Ohio State	2-1
Oklahoma	0-1
Pacific	16-3
Pepperdine	4-6
Sacramento State	13-6
San Diego	6-0-1
San Diego State	2-0
Santa Clara	0-1
Stanford	4-11
Tennessee	1-0
Texas A&M	1-0
Tulane	1-0
UCLA	7-2
UC Riverside	3-0
UC Santa Barbara	16-6
UNLV	7-1
USC	5-7
Virginia Tech	1-0
Wichita State	1-1
TOTALS	215-91-1

Big West Conference

FINAL REGULAR SEASONS STANDINGS

	BWC				Overall		
	W	L	PCT	GB	W	L	PCT
Fullerton*	14	4	.778	-	41	15	.732
UCSB*	12	6	.667	2.0	39	15	.722
LB State*	11	7	.611	3.0	35	21	.625
Northridge	9	9	.500	5.0	34	22	.607
Cal Poly	8	10	.444	6.0	30	26	.536
Pacific	5	13	.278	9.0	25	30	.455
Sac. St.	4	14	.222	10.0	24	35	.407

(*) NCAA Tournament Participant

4.0

Senior Jon Smith is the only returning academic All-American in the nation maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average...and he's done it as an accounting major. Smith has also earned Verizon Academic All-District honors for the third straight year. A look at Smith's resume:

IN THE CLASSROOM: Partial 2000-01 Class List

- Intermediate Accounting
- Economic Development
- Business Finance
- Organizational Behavior
- Cost Accounting
- Inter. Business Microeconomics
- Principles of Management Science
- Quantitative Business Analysis: Statistics and Management Science

ON THE FIELD:

- 9-2 this season with a 3.57 ERA
- 27-6 career record (.818 winning percentage is 10th-highest in Titan history)



ONE FOR THE ANNALS

CAL STATE FULLERTON 28, PACIFIC 0
APRIL 8 AT GOODWIN FIELD/FULLERTON, CALIF.

Player	AB	R	H	BI	Player	AB	R	H	BI
Michael Fitzgerald 2b	4	0	0	0	David Bacani 2b	4	2	2	1
Jason Walker lf	4	0	0	0	Kyle Boyer ph/rf	3	1	1	0
Richard Hackett rf	4	0	0	0	Robert Guzman lf	3	1	2	0
Rick Morton 1b	2	0	0	0	Shane Costa ph/lf	4	1	3	3
Chris Moreno 3b	3	0	0	0	Jason Corapci rf/2b	5	2	2	4
Andrew Coleman dh	2	0	0	0	Aaron Rifkin 1b	3	0	0	1
Joel Summers cf	2	0	0	0	Nick Fitzgerald 1b	3	1	2	0
Marcus Steele ph	1	0	0	0	Brett Kay c	6	3	3	2
Kory Kinder cf	0	0	0	0	P.J. Pilitiere c	1	1	1	2
Octavio Amezcuita ss	3	0	0	0	Mike Rouse ss	6	5	5	3
Travis Anderson c	2	0	0	0	Chris Stringfellow cf	4	3	2	2
Nickolas LaMattina ph	1	0	0	0	Louie Lamoure ph/cf	2	0	1	2
Brian Huck p	0	0	0	0	Matt Belfanti dh	4	3	2	2
Joe LeBel p	0	0	0	0	Geoff Comfort ph	2	0	0	1
Ryan Jurvakainen p	0	0	0	0	Shawn Norris 3b	4	4	4	3
Todd Berghold p	0	0	0	0	Richie Burgos 3b	0	1	0	1
Matthew Pena p	0	0	0	0	Kirk Saarloos p	0	0	0	0
Todd Culp p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	28	0	0	0	Totals	54	28	30	27

Score by Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R H E

Pacific	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	3
Cal State Fullerton	9	4	3	5	3	0	0	4	x	-	28	30	1

E - Fitzgerald; Moreno; Amezcuita; Corapci. LOB - Pacific 3; CSF 10. 2B - Fitzgerald; Rouse. 3B - Costa. HR - Kay(2); Rouse 2(3); Norris(1). HBP - Coleman; Corapci; Burgos. SF - Rifkin; Comfort; Burgos. SB - Guzman; Corapci.

Pacific	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Brian Huck L, 1-1	0.1	4	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	0	21
Joe LeBel	0.0	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	13
Ryan Jurvakainen	2.0	7	7	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	15	17	5	0	58
Todd Berghold	1.2	10	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	16	4	1	56
Matthew Pena	3.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	8	10	5	2	45
Todd Culp	1.0	4	4	4	1	3	0	0	1	0	7	9	0	0	32

Cal State Fullerton	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
K. Saarloos W, 8-2	9.0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	1	0	28	30	4	12	100

WP - Jurvakainen. HB - Jurvakainen; Culp; Saarloos.
Strikeouts - Fitzgerald 2; Hackett; Moreno; Coleman; Summers 2; Steele; Anderson 2; LaMattina; Boyer; Guzman; Rifkin; Fitzgerald; Rouse; Comfort 2. Walks - Morton; Corapci; Rouse; Lamoure.
Start: 1:02 pm Time: 2:41 Attendance: 1183

last season. So far this season, the two-time Verizon/CoSIDA Academic All-American has been nearly perfect on the mound (9-2 record) as well. His three-year career record stands at 27-6 for a winning percentage of .818, the 10th-highest in Titan history, and his career ERA is 3.47. (See graphic on Smith on Page 4)

KINGS OF THE HILL:

The weekend starting pitchers – **Kirk Saarloos**, **Jon Smith** and **Darric Merrell** – are a combined 28-7 with an ERA of 2.75. In 321.0 innings of work, the three starters have struck out 272, walked 88 and held opponents to a .227 average. They have also combined to average 6.2 innings per start. On an individual basis, they have three of the top four ERAs in the Big West. As a whole, Fullerton's starters have a combined 3.53 ERA and the team ERA is 3.67, tops in the Big West.

BETTER NOT FALL BEHIND:

Fullerton is a perfect 35-0 when leading after seven innings and has not blown a save in its last 10 opportunities. Freshman **Chad Cordero** is the main reason the Titans have had such a killer instinct. The "Chief" is first in the conference and third in the nation with 12 saves and has surpassed former Fresno State standout **Bobby Jones** for the most saves by a Big West Conference freshman. Cordero, who had a scoreless innings streak of 19.2 innings earlier this season, is 2-1 with 11 saves and a 0.66 ERA over his last 16 appearances (dating back to March 30). In 27.1 innings during that stretch, he has struck out 28 and walked just four and opponents are batting .161.

RED, WHITE & BLUE:

Freshman pitcher **Darric Merrell** has been invited to participate in the 2001 USA Baseball National Team Trials to be held in Tucson, Arizona June 16-19. Merrell is one of 19 collegiate players on the first wave of invitees. The USA National Team will be selected from a pool of approximately 20-29 players, of which an additional 5-10 have yet to be determined. Team USA will play approximately 30 games on the Red, White and Blue Summer Tour, beginning on June 22 with the 30th annual USA vs Japan Collegiate All-Star Series, which this year will be played in Japan. The Titans have an extensive history with USA Baseball. **Mark Kotsay** and **Phil Nevin** are among the several former Titans who have donned red, white and blue. Last year, **Kirk Saarloos** pitched for the National Team.

FLAIR FOR DRAMA: Five times this season – and three times against Pac-10 teams – the Titans have

scored the winning run in their final at bat. Fullerton has posted walk-off wins against Stanford (Feb. 2), USC (March 27) and UCLA (April 18) and also scored the go-ahead run in the top of the ninth at Cal State Northridge on April 22. In their final regular season home game, the Titans erased a 5-1 deficit with an nine-run eighth inning to beat Long Beach State, 10-5.

ROAD WARRIORS:

Fullerton has posted an impressive 19-6 record away from Goodwin Field this season, thanks largely to a pitching staff that has a 3.05 ERA away from home. The Titans also went 8-1 outside of California this season with a 1.71 ERA, though they play within the state's borders the rest of the regular season. **David Bacani** leads the Titans with a .376 batting average on the road. On the mound, **Chad Cordero** is 1-0 with five saves and a 0.84 ERA in away games. **Darric Merrell** is 4-0 with a 1.93 ERA.

ONE FOR THE ANNALS:

Scoring 28 runs in a game is quite a feat. So is throwing a no-hitter. Both feats in the same game? Unthinkable? Not for the Titans, who beat Pacific, 28-0, on Sunday, April 8 and watched senior **Kirk Saarloos** throw the third no-hitter in Cal State Fullerton history. The Titans' 28 runs marked their third highest total ever and their most in the 10-year history of Goodwin Field. It also surpassed the Titans' 19-0 win over UNLV last year as the most lopsided shutout in program history. In fact, the Titan coaching staff had thoughts about lifting Saarloos after the Titans grabbed a 24-0 lead in the fifth inning. But perhaps the staff saw destiny at work and Saarloos certainly took advantage of the opportunity. He retired 22 batters over one stretch, tied a career-high with 11 strikeouts and allowed just two base runners. The quick-working Saarloos also wrapped things up in 2:41, despite the Titans' offensive onslaught. (See complete box score on Page 4)

ON THEIR TOES:

The Titans' defense has been perfect in nine of Fullerton's last 17 games and in 19 games on the season. Fullerton is 18-1 and has allowed a total of just 46 runs (2.4 per game) in those games. Additionally, the Titans have committed more than one error in just five of their last 27 games, over which they have fielded .978. The Titans have also moved among the national leaders in defense, with their 14th-best fielding percentage of .970.

SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY:

Thanks to the Titans' 2001 schedule, **Kirk Saarloos** got to see 10 of his 21 teammates and two of his

four coaches from the 2000 USA National Team. Included on the reunion tour were **Kiki Bengochea** (Miami); **Chris Burke** (Tennessee); **Zane Carlson** (Baylor); **Bobby Crosby** (Long Beach State); **Mike Gosling** (Stanford); **Josh Karp** (UCLA); **Casey Myers** and **Jon Switzer** (Arizona State); and **Mark Prior** and **Anthony Reyes** (USC). Saarloos will also get to reminisce with USA head coach **Mike Gillespie** (USC) and assistant coach **Frank Cruz** (Loyola Marymount).

BRAINS BEHIND THE BRAINS: The Titans aren't the only ones ranked by *Baseball America*. Fullerton pitching coach and recruiting coordinator **Dave Serrano** was recently tabbed as the top assistant coach on the West Coast. Serrano's Titan pitching staffs have led the Big West in ERA in every season except one. While at Fullerton, he has tutored back-to-back Big West Pitchers of the Year in **Adam Johnson**, the second overall pick in last year's draft, and **Kirk Saarloos**, a current National Player of the Year candidate. Serrano has also annually produced top-10 recruiting classes and his incoming 2001 class was labeled the best in America by *Collegiate Baseball*.

GRADE-A CLASS: Cal State Fullerton's incoming 2001 recruiting class has been hailed as the best in the nation by *Collegiate Baseball* and was tabbed second by *Baseball America*. Recruiting coordinator **Dave Serrano** has brought in 18 new players, including what has become known as the "Temecula Four," a quartet of highly regarded recruits from Temecula Valley H.S. in Riverside County. That group – RHP **Darric Merrell**, infielders **David Garcia** and **Cole Hilt** and outfielder **Kyle Boyer** – combined for 59 home runs last season while helping the Golden Bears to a 26-4 record.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK: Senior second baseman and leadoff hitter **David Bacani** continues to spark the Titans. Bacani has reached base in *every* game this season before that streak was snapped at 42 against UC Riverside on April 28. His 0-for-4 outing also snapped an 11-game hitting streak and a 26-game stretch where he had reached by walk or hit. However...he has still reached via hit or walk in 51 of the Titans' 56 games and has hit safely in 29 of the Titans' last 32 games. He has reached base 55 percent of the times he has led off an inning and is first or second on the team in hits (74), runs (61), walks (43) and stolen bases (17). Bacani has also become the first player in the Big West

Starters vs. Relievers

Date	Opponent	Starter	W/L	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Score When		
										Left	Res.	Score
1/30	@Pepperdine	Saarloos	L	5.0	5	4	2	0	5	1-4	L	2-5
2/2	Stanford	Smith	-	3.2	6	4	2	2	2	1-4	W	5-4
2/3	Stanford	Waroff	-	4.2	6	3	3	1	2	4-3	L	8-9
2/4	Stanford	Saarloos	L	7.0	7	3	3	2	8	0-3	L	0-3
2/6	@USC	Merrill	-	3.0	0	0	0	2	1	3-0	L	5-6
2/9	@Baylor	Smith	W	8.0	7	1	1	3	6	2-1	W	2-1
2/10	@Baylor	Lovato	L	4.0	3	3	1	4	2	0-2	L	0-5
2/11	@Baylor	Saarloos	W	9.0	3	0	0	1	7	CG	W	5-0
2/14	LMU	Littleton	-	4.2	3	3	3	2	5	3-3	W	5-3
2/15	BYU	Smith	W	8.0	8	1	1	2	9	2-1	W	2-1
2/16	BYU	Merrell	L	6.0	4	4	2	5	5	2-4	L	2-8
2/17	BYU	Saarloos	W	9.0	1	0	0	0	11	CG	W	5-0
2/23	Arizona State	Smith	-	5.0	4	2	0	6	3	3-2	L	3-5
3/2	Tennessee	Smith	W	5.2	4	4	4	2	3	9-3	W	10-6
3/4	Wichita State	Merrell	-	2.0	2	1	1	3	1	0-1	W	3-1
3/5	LB State	Lovato	L	2.1	4	8	8	4	1	1-5	L	11-13
3/9	@Houston	Smith	W	9.0	8	2	1	0	4	CG	W	5-2
3/10	@Houston	Merrell	W	7.1	5	2	2	1	3	8-2	W	8-2
3/11	@Houston	Saarloos	W	8.0	7	2	2	1	10	CG	W	9-2
3/16	Cal Poly	Smith	W	7.0	6	1	1	2	8	3-1	W	3-1
3/17	Cal Poly	Merrell	L	8.0	10	2	2	1	4	1-2	L	1-2
3/18	Cal Poly	Saarloos	W	9.0	5	0	0	0	9	CG	W	12-0
3/23	@LB State	Smith	-	3.1	2	1	0	4	1	5-1	W	5-3
3/24	@LB State	Merrell	-	8.0	5	2	1	3	3	2-2	L	2-3
3/25	@LB State	Saarloos	W	9.0	7	3	3	1	9	CG	W	5-3
3/27	USC	Littleton	-	4.0	7	5	5	1	3	4-5	W	12-11
3/30	@Miami	Smith	W	8.0	7	1	1	2	11	8-1	W	8-2
3/31	@Miami	Merrell	W	6.0	6	4	3	2	7	8-2	W	8-5
4/1	@Miami	Saarloos	W	9.0	7	2	2	2	8	CG	W	9-2
4/6	Pacific*	Smith	-	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	W	6-1
4/7	Pacific*	Merrell	W	9.0	9	1	1	2	11	CG	W	3-1
4/8	Pacific*	Saarloos	W	9.0	0	0	0	1	11	CG	W	28-0
4/9	Arizona State	Littleton	W	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	2-0	W	13-6
4/12	@Sac State	Merrell	W	7.0	3	1	1	2	2	20-1	W	20-2
4/13	@Sac State	Saarloos	W	7.2	8	5	5	2	4	7-5	W	9-5
4/14	@Sac State	Smith	W	7.0	4	2	1	3	5	8-2	W	8-2
4/17	@LMU	Zahari	-	3.0	5	3	3	4	3	7-3	W	9-5
4/18	UCLA	Littleton	-	3.1	9	6	6	1	1	1-4	W	11-10
4/20	@CSUN	Smith	L	1.2	7	9	9	2	1	1-8	L	1-15
4/21	@CSUN	Merrell	-	7.0	6	3	3	2	4	3-3	W	4-3
4/22	@CSUN	Saarloos	W	8.2	6	2	2	4	6	5-2	W	5-2
4/27	UCR	Smith	W	7.0	5	4	2	2	5	7-4	W	8-4
4/28	UCR	Merrell	W	7.0	6	1	1	4	7	3-1	W	4-1
4/29	UCR	Saarloos	W	6.0	4	2	2	2	11	14-2	W	15-2
5/1	Pepperdine	Zahari	W	4.0	6	3	3	2	6	13-3	W	14-7
5/2	Biola	Lovato	W	4.1	5	0	0	3	2	5-0	W	7-6
5/4	@Cal Poly	Smith	W	7.2	8	3	3	0	4	6-3	W	7-3
5/5	@Cal Poly	Merrell	W	8.0	7	1	1	3	9	13-1	W	13-1
5/6	@Cal Poly	Saarloos	W	6.1	8	3	3	3	6	7-3	W	10-4
5/9	@UCLA	Lovato	L	1.2	4	2	2	3	2	0-2	L	3-9
5/11	UCSB	Smith	L	7.1	9	6	6	2	4	1-5	L	1-9
5/12	UCSB	Merrell	-	6.0	11	6	3	1	3	5-6	L	6-7
5/13	UCSB	Saarloos	W	8.1	7	4	4	0	9	6-4	W	6-4
5/18	LB State	Smith	-	5.0	8	5	5	0	1	5-4	W	16-6
5/19	LB State	Merrell	L	2.2	7	7	7	2	2	2-5	L	6-17
5/20	LB State	Saarloos	-	7.1	9	5	5	0	4	1-4	W	10-5

		W-L	INN	H	R	ER	BB	SO	
Starting Pitchers	3.53 ERA	30-10	336.2	311	152	132	110	276	Avg. Inn/Start: 6.0
	per 9 inn. averages:			8.3	4.1	3.5	2.9	7.4	
		W-L	INN	H	R	ER	BB	SO	
Relief Pitchers	3.94 ERA	11-5	178.1	165	93	78	68	154	
	per 9 inn. averages:			8.3	4.7	3.9	3.4	7.8	

MULTIPLE-HIT GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Tot
Bacani	18	4	1	-	23
Guzman	14	6	2	-	22
Rouse	12	8	1	1	22
Corapci	18	1	2	-	21
Rifkin	17	3	-	-	20
Stringfellow	13	5	1	-	19
Kay	11	4	1	-	16
Norris	9	3	1	-	13
Costa	6	2	1	-	9
Belfanti	6	-	-	-	6
Others	5	1	-	-	6
TEAM	129	37	10	1	177

MULTIPLE-RBI GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Tot
Rouse	11	3	2	-	16
Corapci	6	2	2	-	10
Kay	5	4	1	-	10
Rifkin	5	2	1	1	9
Norris	3	5	-	-	8
Guzman	3	4	-	-	7
Stringfellow	5	-	2	-	7
Belfanti	5	1	-	-	6
Bacani	2	1	1	-	4
Plittere	2	1	-	-	3
Lamoure	2	-	-	-	2
Others	-	3	-	-	3
TEAM	49	26	9	1	85

LONGEST HITTING STREAKS

	Long	Current
Shane Costa	12	-
David Bacani	11	6
Mike Rouse	10	-
Jason Corapci	9	5
Aaron Rifkin	8	3
Kyle Boyer	7	-
Robert Guzman	7	3
Brett Kay	7	4
Chris Stringfellow	7	-
Matt Belfanti	6	-

IN THE 2001 POLLS

	Baseball America	Collegiate Baseball	BB Weekly/ESPN Coaches
Preseason	15	12	12
2/5	18	15	N/A
2/12	19	17	15
2/19	18	17	20
2/26	24	28	NR
3/5	25	NR	NR
3/12	24	28	NR
3/19	24	29	NR
3/26	24	29	NR
4/2	18	14	19
4/9	14	9	14
4/16	10	6	10
4/23	8	5	9
4/30	6	3	7
5/7	2	1	4
5/14	4	6	6
5/21	4	5	6

2001 HONOR ROLL

Big West Player of the Week
Feb 5-11: David Bacani
Mar. 25 - Apr. 1: Aaron Rifkin (co)
Apr. 9-15: Mike Rouse
May 14-20: Brett Kay

Big West Pitcher of the Week
Feb. 5-11: Kirk Saarloos (co)
Feb. 19-25: Kirk Saarloos
Feb. 26 - March 4: Kirk Saarloos
March 12-18: Kirk Saarloos
March 19-25: Kirk Saarloos
March 25 - April 1: Jon Smith
April 2-8: Kirk Saarloos
April 16-22: Chad Cordero (co)

National Pitcher of the Week
Collegiate Baseball
Feb. 19-25: Kirk Saarloos (co)
Feb. 26-March 4: Kirk Saarloos (co)
April 2-8: Kirk Saarloos (co)
NCBWA
April 2-8: Kirk Saarloos

Conference's 24-year baseball history to earn first-team all-conference honors four times.

GOODWIN FIELD: The Titans are playing their ninth full season at Goodwin Field (formerly Titan Field) with some welcome additions to the facility. The seating capacity has been expanded to 4,000 and players and coaches can now utilize an on-site clubhouse that features locker rooms, coaches' offices and a VIP viewing suite. Fullerton is hosting its second consecutive regional at the facility. As for the Titans' performance at home, they are 203-66 (.755) all-time at Goodwin Field, including 22-9 this season.

EARLY HONORS: *Collegiate Baseball* picked **Kirk Saarloos** as a third-team preseason All-American. The publication also tabbed Saarloos as the projected Big West Conference Pitcher of the Year. *Baseball America*, in its 2001 college preview issue, also picked Saarloos as the likely conference Pitcher of the Year and billed **Wes Littleton** as the projected Freshman of the Year. The publication also listed its players for each conference with the "best tools." Fullerton players on the list included **David Bacani** (best baserunner and best defensive second baseman), **Brett Kay** (catcher with the best arm), **Chris Stringfellow** (best defensive outfielder) and **Kirk Saarloos** (best breaking ball and best control).

"TOOL" MEN: *Baseball America* earlier this season released its top 50 prospects for each collegiate class. Three Titan freshmen made the list (**Wes Littleton**-13th, **Darric Merrell**-35th and **Kyle Boyer**-45th). **Mike Rouse** was tabbed the 38th best prospect among the nation's sophomores and **Kirk Saarloos** (24th) and **David Bacani** (40th) were included in the senior list. With six prospects on the lists, Fullerton has the fifth most of any school. In the early draft preview issue of *Baseball America*, Rouse was listed as the 76th top college prospect overall.

2001 MISCELLANEOUS

Longest Winning Streak:	14 games (3/25 - 4/18)
Longest Losing Streak:	3 games (2/3-2/6; 5/9-5/12)
Largest Margin of Victory:	28 runs (4/8 vs. Pacific)
Largest Margin of Defeat:	14 runs (4/20 vs. Cal State Northridge)
Most Runs:	28 (4/8 vs. Pacific)
Most Runs, Opponent:	15 (4/20 vs. Cal State Northridge)
Most Runs, Inning:	9 (1st, 4/8 vs. Pacific; 8th, 5/20 vs. Long Beach State)
Most Runs, Inning, Opponent:	10 (2nd, 4/20 vs. Cal State Northridge)
Most Errors:	5 (2/23 vs. Arizona State)
Longest Game:	5:54 (4/18 vs. UCLA)
Shortest Game:	1:39 (2/17 vs. Brigham Young)
Largest Home Crowd:	2,506 (5/12 vs. UC Santa Barbara)
Smallest Home Crowd:	678 (2/14 vs. Loyola Marymount)
Largest Road Crowd:	3,020 (3/30 at Miami)
Smallest Road Crowd:	227 (4/12 at Sacramento State)

IN THE DRAFT: Fullerton had six players drafted from last year's squad: **Adam Johnson**, Minnesota Twins (1st Round, 2nd Overall); **Ronnie Corona**, Minnesota (6th Round); **Mike Nunez**, N.Y. Mets (17th Round); **Steve Woodward**, Arizona (34th Round); **Jeff Gates**, N.Y. Yankees (36th Round); and **Matt Sorensen**, Toronto (42nd Round). In addition, five of the Titan freshmen were drafted last year out of high school. They are **Wes Littleton**, Montreal (7th Round); **Darric Merrell**, N.Y. Yankees (20th Round); **Kyle Boyer**, Chicago White Sox (24th Round); **Shane Costa**, Tampa Bay (37th Round); and **Chad Cordero**, San Diego (26th Round).

SEASON AT A GLANCE:

It may have coincided with the NCAA's basketball version of "March Madness," but the last week of March provided plenty of drama for the Titan baseball team. The Titans started the week by scoring four runs in the bottom of the ninth to upset 12th-ranked Southern California. But that served as just an appetizer for Fullerton, which traveled to Miami days later and became the first team ever to sweep Miami at Mark Light Stadium. With momentum on their side, the Titans won 14 consecutive games and 24 out of 25 while climbing to No. 1 in the *Collegiate Baseball* poll. The individual story of the year has been, without a doubt, **Kirk Saarloos**, who shattered even the high expectations that preceded his senior campaign. Saarloos, who is on the short list for virtually every National Player of the Year award, has won 13 consecutive games and posted a 2.26 ERA. Outside of the spotlight have been pitchers **Jon Smith** and **Darric Merrell**, who have filled out one of the best starting trios in college baseball. The Titans' offense was stagnant for the first several weeks of the season and, not surprisingly, turned things during the Titans' run. Shortstop **Mike Rouse** batted .433 with seven home runs during Fullerton's 27-5 run to end the regular season, while all but two other regulars lifted their averages to above .300.

CAREER RECORD CHASE

DAVID BACANI

Games

1. 295* ... John Fishel	(82-85)
2. 246 ... Shane Turner	(82-85)
3. 236 ... Mark Pirruccello	(79-82)
4. 228 ... Steve Chatham	(95-98)
5. 226 ... David Bacani	(98-01)

At Bats

1. 1114* ... John Fishel	(82-85)
2. 871 ... David Bacani	(98-01)

Runs

1. 256 ... David Bacani	(98-01)
2. 234 ... John Fishel	(82-85)

Hits

1. 379 ... John Fishel	(82-85)
2. 292 ... David Bacani	(98-01)

Doubles

1. 72 ... John Fishel	(82-85)
2. 60 ... Mark Kotsay	(94-96)
3. 59 ... David Bacani	(98-01)

Triples

1. 18 ... Dante Powell	(92-94)
2. 11 ... Mark Kotsay	(94-96)
3. 10 ... C.J. Ankrum	(95-97)
... 10 ... Jose Mota	(83-85)
5. 9 ... David Bacani	(98-01)
... 9 ... Steve Sisco	(90-92)
... 9 ... Keith Watkins	(84-86)
... 9 ... Jeff Nichols	(75-78)
... 9 ... Jeff Gibson	(76-77)
... 9 ... Jack Ramirez	(76-77)

Walks

1. 144 ... David Bacani	(98-01)
2. 140 ... Phil Nevin	(90-92)

Hit By Pitch

1. 58 ... David Bacani	(98-01)
2. 45 ... C.J. Ankrum	(95-97)

Stolen Bases

1. 109 ... Dante Powell	(92-94)
... 109 ... Brian David	(80-82)
3. 99 ... Sam Favata	(78-80)
4. 83 ... John Fishel	(82-85)
5. 72 ... Tom Thomas	(83-84)
6. 69 ... David Bacani	(98-01)

(*) NCAA records

KIRK SAARLOOS

Appearances

1. 124 ... Kirk Saarloos	(98-01)
2. 110 ... Scott Wright	(81-84)

Wins

1. 42 ... Dave Weatherman	(78-81)
2. 33 ... Todd Simmons	(82-84)
3. 32 ... Tim Thompson	(80-83)
... 32 ... James Popoff	(89-92)
5. 31 ... Kirk Saarloos	(98-01)
... 31 ... Jim Sutton	(78-81)

Innings Pitched

1. 453.1 ... Dave Weatherman	(78-81)
2. 386.0 ... James Popoff	(89-92)
3. 363.2 ... Tim Thompson	(80-83)
4. 333.0 ... Mike Harkey	(85-87)
5. 330.1 ... Todd Simmons	(82-84)
6. 326.0 ... Jim Sutton	(78-81)
7. 322.1 ... Kirk Saarloos	(98-01)

Saves

1. 32 ... Scott Wright	(81-84)
2. 26 ... Ted Silva	(93-95)
3. 22 ... Kirk Saarloos	(98-01)

Strikeouts

1. 365 ... Adam Johnson	(98-00)
2. 342 ... Kirk Saarloos	(98-01)

Batting

Fielding

Pitching

Innings pitched: .. 15.1 vs Long Beach State (Mar 24, 2001)
Strikeouts: 15 vs UC Riverside (Apr 29, 2001)
Wild pitches: 5 vs Stanford (Feb 03, 2001)
Hit batters: 5 vs Long Beach State (May 19, 2001)

Batting

Fielding

Putouts: 17 Aaron Rifkin vs USC (Feb 06, 2001)
Assists: 7 (4 games)
Errors: 2 (8 games)
Passed balls: 1 (13 games)

Pitching

Innings pitched: 9.0 (8 games)
 Strikeouts: 11 (6 games)
 Wild pitches: 3 Shane Waroff vs Stanford (Feb 03, 2001)
 3 Charlie Zahari vs LMU (Apr 17, 2001)
 3 Wes Littleton vs UCLA (May 09, 2001)
 Hit batters: 2 (6 games)

Starting Line-up Breakdown

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2001 NATIONAL POLLS As of May 21

Baseball America

1. Miami, Fla. (44-12)
2. Southern California (39-17)
3. Nebraska (45-14)
- 4. Cal State Fullerton (41-15)**
5. Tulane (50-10)
6. Stanford (42-14)
7. Central Florida (49-12)
8. Notre Dame (46-11-1)
9. Georgia (41-18)
10. East Carolina (44-11)
11. Pepperdine (41-16)
12. Louisiana State (40-19-1)
13. Florida State (43-17)
14. Rice (43-17)
15. Wake Forest (41-16)
16. South Carolina (44-17)
17. Arizona State (36-18-1)
18. Tennessee (41-17)
19. Clemson (38-20)
20. Georgia Tech (41-18)
21. Mississippi State (36-22)
22. South Alabama (44-17)
23. UC Santa Barbara (38-15)
24. Middle Tennessee State (41-15)
25. Minnesota (40-19)

Collegiate Baseball

1. Miami, Fla. (44-12)
2. Southern California (39-17)
3. Nebraska (45-14)
4. Stanford (42-14)
- 5. Cal State Fullerton (41-15)**
6. Tulane (50-10)
7. Florida State (43-17)
8. Notre Dame (46-11-1)
9. Georgia (41-18)
10. East Carolina (44-11)
11. Louisiana State (40-19-1)
12. Central Florida (49-12)
13. Pepperdine (41-16)
14. Clemson (38-20)
15. Rice (43-17)
16. Arizona State (36-18-1)
17. Wake Forest (41-16)
18. Tennessee (41-17)
19. Mississippi State (36-22)
20. Georgia Tech (41-18)
21. UC Santa Barbara (38-15)
22. Texas Tech (40-18)
23. Mississippi (38-21-1)
24. South Carolina (44-17)
25. Oral Roberts (48-11)

Baseball Weekly/ ESPN Coaches

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15. Georgia Tech (41-18)
16. Tennessee (41-17)
17. Wake Forest (41-16)
18. Pepperdine (41-16)
19. Arizona State (36-18-1)
20. Clemson (38-20)
21. South Alabama (44-17)
22. Texas Tech (40-18)
23. Mississippi State (36-22)
24. UC Santa Barbara (38-15)
25. Baylor (35-22)

HOME RUNS BY CAL STATE FULLERTON (44)

Player	Date	Opponent	Pitcher	Runners
Brett Kay	Jan 30	Pepperdine	D. Haren	Solo HR
David Bacani	Feb 03	Stanford	Bruksch	Solo HR
Mike Rouse	Feb 03	Stanford	Bruksch	Solo HR
Kyle Boyer	Feb 17	BYU	Stone	3-run HR
Aaron Rifkin	Feb 17	BYU	Stone	Solo HR
Aaron Rifkin	Mar 04	Long Beach St.	Paz	Solo HR
Aaron Rifkin	Mar 04	Long Beach St.	Cramer	3-run HR
David Bacani	Mar 16	Cal Poly	Haskell	2-run HR
Aaron Rifkin	Mar 18	Cal Poly	Correia	3-run HR
Aaron Rifkin	Mar 25	Long Beach St.	Paz	Solo HR
Aaron Rifkin	Mar 27	USC	Clark	2-run HR
Louie Lamoure	Mar 30	Miami	Walker	2-run HR
David Bacani	Mar 30	Miami	Walker	Solo HR
Aaron Rifkin	Mar 30	Miami	Reboin	Solo HR
Chris Stringfellow	Apr 06	Pacific	Houlton	Solo HR
Mike Rouse	Apr 08	Pacific	Jurvakainen	Solo HR
Shawn Norris	Apr 08	Pacific	Jurvakainen	2-run HR
Brett Kay	Apr 08	Pacific	Bergthold	Solo HR
Mike Rouse	Apr 08	Pacific	Bergthold	Solo HR
Shawn Norris	Apr 12	Sacramento State	Fuller	3-run HR
Robert Guzman	Apr 13	Sacramento State	Robinson	2-run HR
Jason Corapci	Apr 13	Sacramento State	Miranda	2-run HR
Mike Rouse	Apr 14	Sacramento State	Plouffe	Solo HR
Aaron Rifkin	Apr 17	Loyola Marymount	Whitesell	2-run HR
Aaron Rifkin	Apr 18	UCLA	Kunes	Solo HR
Shawn Norris	Apr 18	UCLA	Kunes	Solo HR
Chris Stringfellow	Apr 18	UCLA	Clark	2-run HR
Matt Belfanti	Apr 18	UCLA	Clark	Solo HR
Mike Rouse	Apr 18	UCLA	Silva	Solo HR
Brett Kay	Apr 20	Cal State Northridge	Davidson	Solo HR
Aaron Rifkin	Apr 21	Cal State Northridge	Dunn	Solo HR
Robert Guzman	Apr 22	Cal State Northridge	Murphy	2-run HR
Chris Stringfellow	Apr 27	UC Riverside	C. Spiker	Solo HR
Aaron Rifkin	Apr 28	UC Riverside	Fernandez	Solo HR
Chris Stringfellow	Apr 29	UC Riverside	Hoff	2-run HR
Matt Belfanti	Apr 29	UC Riverside	Hoff	Solo HR
Matt Belfanti	May 2	Biola	Ekin	2-run HR
David Bacani	May 4	Cal Poly	Haskell	Solo HR
Brett Kay	May 6	Cal Poly	Blasdel	3-run HR
Mike Rouse	May 6	Cal Poly	Choate	3-run HR
Brett Kay	May 9	UCLA	Diaz	Solo HR
Mike Rouse	May 13	UC Santa Barbara	Bullard	2-run HR
Robert Guzman	May 18	Long Beach State	Beucler	Solo HR
Mike Rouse	May 18	Long Beach State	Cruz	3-run HR

HOME RUNS BY OPPONENTS (38)

Player	Date	Opponent	Pitcher	Runners
Jared Pitney	Jan 30	Pepperdine	Saarloos	2-run HR
S. Dragicevich	Feb 03	Stanford	Esquibel	Solo HR
J. VanMeetren	Feb 04	Stanford	Saarloos	Solo HR
Jason Cooper	Feb 04	Stanford	Saarloos	Solo HR
Bill Peavey	Feb 06	USC	Cordero	Solo HR
C.J. Wilson	Feb 14	LMU	Littleton	2-run HR
Matt Carson	Feb 16	BYU	Merrell	2-run HR
Jason Barringer	Mar 16	Cal Poly	Smith	Solo HR
Bobby Crosby	Mar 25	Long Beach St.	Saarloos	Solo HR
Brian Barre	Mar 27	USC	Cordero	2-run HR
Josh Persell	Mar 27	USC	Cordero	Solo HR
Kris Clute	Mar 31	Miami	Waroff	3-run HR
Jim Burt	Apr 01	Miami	Saarloos	Solo HR
Richard Hackett	Apr 06	Pacific	Zahari	Solo HR
Mike Lopez	Apr 09	Arizona State	Waroff	Solo HR
Tim Maghan	Apr 13	Sacramento State	Saarloos	Solo HR
Cory Williams	Apr 13	Sacramento State	Saarloos	2-run HR
Eric Reece	Apr 18	UCLA	Martin	Solo HR
Tim Arroyo	Apr 20	Cal State Northridge	Smith	Solo HR
Jason Allec	Apr 20	Cal State Northridge	Smith	Solo HR
Jeremy Hanson	Apr 20	Cal State Northridge	Smith	Solo HR
Jason Gorman	Apr 20	Cal State Northridge	Smith	Solo HR
Tim Coltey	Apr 20	Cal State Northridge	Zahari	2-run HR
Tim Arroyo	Apr 20	Cal State Northridge	Zahari	Solo HR
Tim Arroyo	Apr 20	Cal State Northridge	Zahari	3-run HR
J.T. Stotts	Apr 21	Cal State Northridge	Merrell	3-run HR
Jared Pitney	May 1	Pepperdine	Zahari	Solo HR
Jared Pitney	May 1	Pepperdine	Zahari	Solo HR
Chris Kelly	May 1	Pepperdine	Littleton	2-run HR
Kevin Tillman	May 4	Cal Poly	Smith	2-run HR
John Campanella	May 9	UCLA	Waroff	Solo HR
Chad Peshke	May 11	UC Santa Barbara	Smith	Solo HR
Jeff Bannon	May 13	UC Santa Barbara	Saarloos	3-run HR
Bobby Crosby	May 18	Long Beach State	Smith	2-run HR
Paul Macaluso	May 18	Long Beach State	Smith	Solo HR
Bobby Crosby	May 18	Long Beach State	Nunez	Solo HR
Jeff Jones	May 19	Long Beach State	Merrell	Grand Slam
Jeff Jones	May 20	Long Beach State	Saarloos	2-run HR

2001 RECORD BREAKDOWN

Overall:	41-15
Big West:	14-4
Non-Conference:	27-11
vs. Ranked Teams:	11-8
vs. Unranked Teams:	30-7
Home:	22-9
Away:	19-6
Neutral:	0-0
Day:	20-6
Night:	21-9
January:	0-1
February:	6-6
March:	12-3
April:	15-1
May:	8-4
June:	0-0
Friday:	12-4
Saturday:	9-6
Sunday:	11-2
Midweek:	9-3
vs. Righthanders:	26-11
vs. Lefthanders:	15-4
One-Run Games:	7-5
Two-Run Games:	7-2
Extra Innings:	1-3
Shutouts:	4-2
Fullerton Scores First:	31-4
Opponent Scores First:	10-11
Leading After Seven:	35-0
Trailing After Seven:	3-12
Tied After Seven:	3-3
CSF has 10 or more runs:	13-1
CSF has less than 10 runs:	28-14
CSF has 10 or more hits:	28-2
CSF has less than 10 hits:	13-13
CSF has 2 or more errors:	11-7
CSF has less than 2 errors:	30-8
Last Five Games:	3-2
Last Ten Games:	6-4

TITANS IN THE BIG WEST

Batting Average	
7. Mike Rouse	379
Slugging Percentage	
7. Mike Rouse	596
On-Base Percentage	
7. David Bacani	451
10. Jason Corapci	449
Runs	
2. David Bacani	61
8(t) Aaron Rifkin	52
Doubles	
3(t) Robert Guzman	17
Home Runs	
7(t) Aaron Rifkin	11
RBI	
7(t) Mike Rouse	50
Walks	
1(t) Aaron Rifkin	43
1(t) David Bacani	43
Stolen Bases	
7. David Bacani	17
ERA	
1. Kirk Saarloos	2.26
2. Darric Merrell	2.62
8. Jon Smith	3.57
Innings Pitched	
1. Kirk Saarloos	131.1
8. Darric Merrell	96.1
10. Jon Smith	93.1
Strikeouts	
1. Kirk Saarloos	137
10. Darric Merrell	68
Wins	
1. Kirk Saarloos	13
5(t) Jon Smith	9
Saves	
1. Chad Cordero	12
Appearances	
3(t) Chad Cordero	32

Starting Line-Ups By Batting Order

Date	Opponent	No. (Time)	Record	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1/30	Pepperdine	1 (1)	0-1	Bacani	Corpaci	Rifkin	Kay	Norris	Martinez	Rouse	Stringfellow	Costa
2/2	Stanford	2 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Norris	Hilt	Rouse	Stringfellow	Costa
2/3	Stanford	3 (1)	0-1	Bacani	Guzman	Rifkin	Kay	Norris	Corapci	Rouse	Hilt	Costa
2/4	Stanford	4 (1)	0-1	Bacani	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Boyer	Comfort	Norris	Martinez	Stringfellow
2/6	USC	5 (1)	0-1	Bacani	Guzman	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Corapci	Norris	Boyer	Costa
2/9	Baylor	6 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Rifkin	Kay	Boyer	Corapci	Rouse	Martinez	Stringfellow
2/10	Baylor	7 (1)	0-1	Bacani	Guzman	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Corapci	Norris	Stringfellow	Costa
2/11	Baylor	8 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Comfort	Kay	Hilt	Rifkin	Boyer	Rouse	Martinez	Stringfellow
2/14	LMU	9 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Corapci	Kay	Hilt	Rifkin	Boyer	Rouse	Martinez	Stringfellow
2/15	BYU	10 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Kay	Rifkin	Rouse	Boyer	Costa	Lamoure	Norris
2/16	BYU	11 (1)	0-1	Bacani	Guzman	Kay	Rifkin	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Lamoure	Belfanti
2/17	BYU	12 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Lamoure	Kay	Hilt	Rifkin	Boyer	Rouse	Martinez	Stringfellow
2/23	ASU	13 (1)	0-1	Guzman	Corapci	Bacani	Boyer	Rifkin	Martinez	Rouse	Thorburn	Stringfellow
3/2	Tennessee	14 (1)	1-0	Guzman	Corapci	Bacani	Rifkin	Rouse	Belfanti	Norris	Pilittere	Costa
3/3	Wichita State	15 (1)	1-0	Guzman	Corapci	Bacani	Rifkin	Boyer	Norris	Rouse	Pilittere	Costa
3/4	LB State	14 (2)	1-1	Guzman	Corapci	Bacani	Rifkin	Rouse	Belfanti	Norris	Pilittere	Costa
3/9	Houston	14 (3)	2-1	Guzman	Corapci	Bacani	Rifkin	Rouse	Belfanti	Norris	Pilittere	Costa
3/10	Houston	16 (1)	1-0	Guzman	Corapci	Bacani	Rifkin	Boyer	Martinez	Norris	Pilittere	Costa
3/11	Houston	14 (4)	3-1	Guzman	Corapci	Bacani	Rifkin	Rouse	Belfanti	Norris	Pilittere	Costa
3/16	Cal Poly	17 (1)	1-0	Guzman	Corapci	Bacani	Rifkin	Boyer	Martinez	Norris	Pilittere	Stringfellow
3/17	Cal Poly	14 (5)	3-2	Guzman	Corapci	Bacani	Rifkin	Rouse	Belfanti	Norris	Pilittere	Costa
3/18	Cal Poly	18 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Rouse	Rifkin	Belfanti	Corapci	Costa	Pilittere	Norris
3/23	LB State	19 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Boyer	Rouse	Stringfellow	Pilittere	Norris
3/24	LB State	20 (1)	0-1	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rouse	Belfanti	Costa	Stringfellow	Pilittere	Norris
3/25	LB State	21 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Rouse	Stringfellow	Norris	Fitzgerald	Pilittere
3/27	USC	22 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Rifkin	Belfanti	Rouse	Stringfellow	Costa	Pilittere	Norris
3/30	Miami	23 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Lamoure	Stringfellow	Rouse	Pilittere	Norris
3/31	Miami	24 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Rouse	Stringfellow	Costa	Pilittere	Norris
4/1	Miami	25 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Pilittere	Norris
4/6	Pacific	26 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Kay	Norris
4/7	Pacific	27 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Lamoure	Stringfellow	Boyer	Pilittere	Norris
4/8	Pacific	28 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
4/9	Arizona State	29 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Costa	Norris
4/12	Sac State	28 (2)	2-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
4/13	Sac State	28 (3)	3-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
4/14	Sac State	28 (4)	4-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
4/17	LMU	30 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Norris
4/18	UCLA	30 (2)	2-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Norris
4/20	CS Northridge	30 (3)	2-1	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Norris
4/21	CS Northridge	28 (5)	5-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
4/22	CS Northridge	30 (4)	3-1	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Norris
4/27	UC Riverside	30 (5)	4-1	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Norris
4/28	UC Riverside	28 (6)	6-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
4/29	UC Riverside	28 (7)	7-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
5/1	Pepperdine	28 (8)	8-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
5/2	Biola	31 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Costa	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
5/4	Cal Poly	30 (6)	5-1	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Norris
5/5	Cal Poly	28 (9)	9-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
5/6	Cal Poly	28 (10)	10-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
5/9	UCLA	31 (2)	1-1	Bacani	Costa	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
5/11	UCSB	28 (11)	10-1	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Belfanti	Norris
5/12	UCSB	30 (7)	6-1	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Norris
5/13	UCSB	32 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Martinez
5/18	LB State	33 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Costa	Martinez
5/19	LB State	33 (2)	1-1	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Stringfellow	Costa	Martinez
5/20	LB State	34 (1)	1-0	Bacani	Guzman	Corapci	Rifkin	Kay	Rouse	Lamoure	Belfanti	Martinez

Starting Line-Ups By Position

Date	Opponent	No. (Time)	Record	1B	2B	SS	3B	RF	CF	LF	C	DH
1/30	Pepperdine	1 (1)	0-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Martinez	Norris	Costa	Stringfellow	Corapci	Kay	Rouse
2/2	Stanford	2 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Stringfellow	Corapci	Kay	Hilt
2/3	Stanford	3 (1)	0-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Corapci	Kay	Hilt
2/4	Stanford	4 (1)	0-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Martinez	Norris	Boyer	Stringfellow	Corapci	Kay	Comfort
2/6	USC	5 (1)	0-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Corapci	Kay	Boyer
2/9	Baylor	6 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Martinez	Boyer	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Corapci
2/10	Baylor	7 (1)	0-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Corapci
2/11	Baylor	8 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Martinez	Boyer	Stringfellow	Comfort	Kay	Hilt
2/14	LMU	9 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Martinez	Boyer	Stringfellow	Corapci	Kay	Hilt
2/15	BYU	10 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Lamoure	Kay	Boyer
2/16	BYU	11 (1)	0-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Lamoure	Kay	Belfanti
2/17	BYU	12 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Martinez	Boyer	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Kay	Hilt
2/23	ASU	13 (1)	0-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Martinez	Guzman	Stringfellow	Corapci	Thorburn	Boyer
3/2	Tennessee	14 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Corapci	Pilittere	Belfanti
3/3	Wichita State	15 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Corapci	Pilittere	Boyer
3/4	LB State	14 (2)	1-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Corapci	Pilittere	Belfanti
3/9	Houston	14 (3)	2-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Corapci	Pilittere	Belfanti
3/10	Houston	15 (2)	2-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Corapci	Pilittere	Boyer
3/11	Houston	14 (4)	3-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Corapci	Pilittere	Belfanti
3/16	Cal Poly	16 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Martinez	Norris	Guzman	Stringfellow	Corapci	Pilittere	Boyer
3/17	Cal Poly	14 (5)	3-2	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Corapci	Pilittere	Belfanti
3/18	Cal Poly	14 (6)	4-2	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Guzman	Corapci	Pilittere	Belfanti
3/23	LB State	17 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Pilittere	Boyer
3/24	LB State	18 (1)	0-1	Norris	Bacani	Rouse	Corapci	Costa	Stringfellow	Guzman	Pilittere	Belfanti
3/25	LB State	19 (1)	1-0	Fitzgerald	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Pilittere	Rifkin
3/27	USC	20 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Stringfellow	Guzman	Pilittere	Belfanti
3/30	Miami	21 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Pilittere	Lamoure
3/31	Miami	22 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Costa	Stringfellow	Guzman	Pilittere	Corapci
4/1	Miami	23 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Guzman	Stringfellow	Corapci	Pilittere	Belfanti
4/6	Pacific	24 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
4/7	Pacific	25 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Corapci	Norris	Guzman	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Pilittere	Boyer
4/8	Pacific	24 (2)	2-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
4/9	Arizona State	26 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Costa
4/12	Sac State	24 (3)	3-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
4/13	Sac State	24 (4)	4-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
4/14	Sac State	24 (5)	5-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
4/17	LMU	27 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Lamoure
4/18	UCLA	27 (2)	2-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Lamoure
4/20	CS Northridge	27 (3)	2-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Lamoure
4/21	CS Northridge	24 (6)	6-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
4/22	CS Northridge	27 (4)	3-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Lamoure
4/27	UC Riverside	28 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Guzman	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Kay	Corapci
4/28	UC Riverside	24 (7)	7-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
4/29	UC Riverside	24 (8)	8-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
5/1	Pepperdine	24 (9)	9-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
5/2	Biola	29 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Costa	Kay	Belfanti
5/4	Cal Poly	27 (5)	4-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Lamoure
5/5	Cal Poly	24 (10)	10-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
5/6	Cal Poly	24 (11)	11-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
5/9	UCLA	29 (2)	1-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Costa	Kay	Belfanti
5/11	UCSB	24 (12)	11-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Corapci	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Belfanti
5/12	UCSB	28 (2)	1-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Norris	Guzman	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Kay	Corapci
5/13	UCSB	30 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Martinez	Guzman	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Kay	Corapci
5/18	LB State	31 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Martinez	Costa	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Corapci
5/19	LB State	31 (2)	1-1	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Martinez	Costa	Stringfellow	Guzman	Kay	Corapci
5/20	LB State	32 (1)	1-0	Rifkin	Bacani	Rouse	Martinez	Corapci	Stringfellow	Lamoure	Kay	Belfanti

Game Capsules

GAME 1

Pepperdine 5, TITANS 2

Jan. 30, 2001 at Eddy D. Field Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Titans	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	2	6	3
Pepp.	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	x	-	5	9

W: Haren (1-0); L: Saarloos (0-1); SV: Adams (1)

HR: Kay (1), Pitney (1)

Time: 2:21 Attendance: 670

HIGHLIGHTS: A pair of Mike Martinez errors opened the door for unearned Wave runs in the first and third...Shane Costa went 3-for-3 in his collegiate debut...Dan Haren gave up one run on three hits in six innings and went 2-for-4 with 3 RBI at the plate...Titans lose fifth season opener in last six tries.

GAME 2

TITANS 5, Stanford 4

Feb. 2, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Stanford	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	-	4	10
TITANS	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	-	5	12

W: Cordero (1-0); L: Hudgins (0-2)

Time: 3:40 Attendance: 2,002

HIGHLIGHTS: David Bacani's two-out bases loaded single in the bottom of the ninth capped a three-run ninth-inning rally...Darric Merrell allowed no runs and just three hits in 4.1 innings of middle relief...The Titans snapped a six-game losing streak vs. Stanford.

GAME 3

Stanford 9, TITANS 8

Feb. 3, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Stanford	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	3	-	9	14
TITANS	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	-	8	15

W: McCally (1-1); L: Cordero (1-1); SV: Luker (1)

HR: Dragicevich (1), Bacani (1), Rouse (1)

Time: 3:17 Attendance: 1,594

HIGHLIGHTS: The Titans came up just short of another ninth-inning rally...Fullerton scored two in the ninth and had the bases loaded with two outs, but Shawn Norris hit into a game-ending double play...Stanford's Chris O'Riordan hit a three-run double with two outs off of Chad Cordero in the top of the ninth.

GAME 4

Stanford 3, TITANS 0

Feb. 4, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Stanford	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	-	3	8
TITANS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	4

W: Cunningham (2-0); L: Saarloos (0-2); SV: Wodnicki (1)

HR: VanMeeten (2), Cooper (2)

Time: 2:31 Attendance: 2,051

HIGHLIGHTS: Stanford broke open a pitcher's duel with back-to-back sixth-inning home runs off Kirk Saarloos by Jason VanMeeten and Jason Cooper...Fullerton had just one runner reach second base.

GAME 5

USC 6, TITANS 5 (13 innings)

Feb. 6, 2001 at Dedaux Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	R	H	E
TITANS	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	5	8
USC	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	-	6	12

W: Bannister (1-0); L: Lovato (0-1)

HR: Peavey (1)

Time: 4:22 Attendance: 644

HIGHLIGHTS: USC pinch-hitter Abel Montanez singled in Anthony Lunetta with two outs in the bottom of the 13th inning with the winning run...The Titans used six pitchers, and freshmen Darric Merrell and Chad Cordero were the best (a combined 7.0 innings with two hits and one run allowed), although Cordero did surrender a game-tying home run to Bill Peavey in the eighth...David Bacani went 4-for-5 with two runs

GAME 6

TITANS 2, Baylor 1

Feb. 9, 2001 at Baylor Ballpark

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Titans	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	-	2	7
Baylor	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	7

W: Smith (1-0); L: Brehm (0-1); SV: Saarloos (1)

Time: 2:40 Attendance: 2,109

HIGHLIGHTS: The three fourth-year Titan seniors came up big as Fullerton snapped a three-game skid...Jon Smith allowed just one run over eight innings, Kirk Saarloos picked up his first save and David Bacani singled in the go-ahead run in the fifth inning.

GAME 7

Baylor 5, TITANS 0

Feb. 10, 2001 at Baylor Ballpark

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Titans	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3
Baylor	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	x	-	5	7

W: White (2-0); L: Lovato (0-2)

Time: 2:35 Attendance: 2,971

HIGHLIGHTS: Fullerton managed just three hits – two by Mike Rouse and one by Shawn Norris with two outs in the ninth – and was shut out for the second time in four games...Four of Baylor's five runs were unearned as Norris' throwing error scored two runs and Shane Costa's dropped fly ball opened the door for two more.

GAME 8

TITANS 5, Baylor 0

Feb. 11, 2001 at Baylor Ballpark

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Titans	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	-	5	9
Baylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3

W: Saarloos (1-2); L: Scott (0-1)

Time: 2:15 Attendance: 2,542

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirk Saarloos was masterful for the Titans, allowing just three hits and a walk, while pitching to one batter over the minimum...Kyle Boyer tripled and singled and scored the Titans' first two runs...Cole Hilt picked up his first collegiate hit – an RBI single to greet All-American Zane Carlson in the eighth.

GAME 9

TITANS 5, Loyola Marymount 3

Feb. 14, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
LMU	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	3	5
TITANS	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	x	-	5	10

W: Esquibel (1-0); L: Felten (0-1); SV: Cordero (1)

HR: Wilson (1)

Time: 3:20 Attendance: 678

HIGHLIGHTS: Titan relievers Travis Esquibel, Shane Waroff and Chad Cordero allowed no runs on just two hits over the final 4.1 innings...Wes Littleton allowed three runs on three hits over 4.2 innings in his first collegiate start...Brett Kay was 3-for-4 with two RBI, including the go-ahead RBI in the fifth inning

GAME 10

TITANS 2, Brigham Young 1

Feb. 15, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
BYU	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	8
TITANS	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	-	2	10

W: Smith (2-0); L: Adams (2-1); SV: Saarloos (2)

Time: 2:33 Attendance: 920

HIGHLIGHTS: Jon Smith allowed one run over eight innings while striking out nine – one shy of a career high...Fullerton had 10 hits – all singles – including five in a row to start the bottom of the second inning...Every starter except Aaron Rifkin had a hit...Kirk Saarloos pitched a perfect ninth to notch his second save.

GAME 11

Brigham Young 8, TITANS 2

Feb. 16, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
BYU	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0	-	8	8
TITANS	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	7

W: Fernley (5-0); L: Merrell (0-1)

HR: Carson (5)

Time: 2:44 Attendance: 974

HIGHLIGHTS: Nate Fernley, the previous week's national Pitcher of the Week allowed a pair of Titan runs in the first, but was nearly untouchable from there...He did not allow a hit over the final four innings...The Titans committed a season-high four errors, including two by Mike Rouse on the same play...Darric Merrell allowed two earned run in six innings in his first weekend start.

GAME 12

TITANS 5, Brigham Young 0

Feb. 17, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
BYU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	1
TITANS	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	x	-	5	7

W: Saarloos (2-2); L: Stone (0-1)

HR: Rifkin (1), Boyer (1)

Time: 1:39 Attendance: 892

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirk Saarloos retired the first 23 batters he faced before Kainoa Obrey bloomed a single to right field with two outs in the eighth to end the perfect game bid...Saarloos finished with a one-hitter and extended his scoreless innings streak to 20...Kyle Boyer hit his first collegiate home run – a three-run shot – in the second inning and Aaron Rifkin also homered.

GAME 13

Arizona State 5, TITANS 3

Feb. 23, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
ASU	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	-	5	8
TITANS	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	-	3	9

W: Friedberg (1-0); L: Cordero (1-2); SV: Kartler (1)

Time: 3:38 Attendance: 843

HIGHLIGHTS: A season-high five errors plated four unearned runs for the visiting Sun Devils...The Titans took a 3-2 lead in the fourth, when they got to All-American Jon Switzer for a couple of runs on an RBI-triple by Mike Martinez and an RBI-single by Mike Rouse...Fullerton, which stranded 14 runners, had the tying runs in scoring position with two outs in the ninth, but Arizona State's Bryce Kartler struck out Rouse and P.J. Pilittere to end the game.

GAME 14

TITANS 10, Tennessee 6

March 2, 2001 at Goodwin Field (Kia Bash)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
TITANS	2	1	4	1	0	1	0	1	0	-	10	15
Tenn.	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	-	6	8

W: Smith (3-0); L: Gates (2-1)

Time: 2:51 Attendance: 729

HIGHLIGHTS: Robert Guzman tied a career high with four hits, including three in the first three innings, during which the Titans erupted for seven runs...Jon Smith had a no-hitter through four innings before allowing four runs in the sixth, but still improved to 3-0...The losing pitcher, Ryan Gates, is the brother of former Fullerton catcher Jeff Gates (1999-2000).

GAME 15

TITANS 3, Wichita State 1

March 3, 2001 at Goodwin Field (Kia Bash)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
WSU	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	3
TITANS	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	x	-	3	6

W: Saarloos (3-2); **L:** Atkins (0-1)**Time:** 2:23 **Attendance:** 889

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirk Saarloos was brilliant in relief, throwing seven innings of one-hit ball, while tying a career-high with 11 strikeouts...He also extended his scoreless innings streak to 28...And, it was Saarloos' 110th career appearance, moving him into a tie with Scott Wright (1981-84) for the school record...Jason Corapci had a game-tying single in the sixth and the go-ahead single in the eighth.

GAME 16

Long Beach State 13, TITANS 11

March 4, 2001 at Goodwin Field (Kia Bash)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
LB State	2	0	6	1	0	3	0	0	1	-	13	10
TITANS	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	4	0	-	11	11

W: Paz (2-2); **L:** Lovato (0-3); **SV:** Alliston (2)**HR:** Rifkin (2) (3)**Time:** 3:34 **Attendance:** 773

HIGHLIGHTS: Fullerton nearly overcame an 8-1 deficit, before falling to the 49ers in a slugfest...Aaron Rifkin had his third two-homer game of his career...His second shot, a three-run bomb to left field in the eighth, cut Long Beach's lead to 12-11...The Titans also moved the tying run to second base with two outs in the inning, but Kyle Boyer struck out to end the frame...The Titans used five pitchers and starter Nick Lovato allowed eight earned runs in just 2.1 innings.

GAME 17

TITANS 5, Houston 2

March 9, 2001 at Cougar Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
TITANS	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	-	5	10
Houston	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	8

W: Smith (4-0); **L:** Sullivan (0-4)**Time:** 2:39 **Attendance:** 428

HIGHLIGHTS: Jon Smith threw the second complete game of his career and first in two years...He scattered eight hits, struck out four and walked none...Robert Guzman was 3-for-4 with a walk and two runs...The Titans scored twice in the first and never trailed...Aaron Rifkin had two RBI, giving him seven over the last two games.

GAME 18

TITANS 8, Houston 2

March 10, 2001 at Cougar Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
TITANS	2	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	-	8	11
Houston	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	-	2	6

W: Merrell (1-1); **L:** Faught (0-4)**Time:** 2:24 **Attendance:** 708

HIGHLIGHTS: Darric Merrell allowed just five hits and a walk over 7.1 innings en route to his first collegiate win...David Bacani was 2-for-4 with three runs...Aaron Rifkin and Shawn Norris also had two hits...The Titans scored two runs in the first inning for the second straight game...Fullerton had no errors for just the fourth time.

GAME 19

TITANS 9, Houston 2

March 11, 2001 at Cougar Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
TITANS	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	-	9	15
Houston	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	7

W: Saarloos (4-2); **L:** Flores (1-3)**Time:** 2:31 **Attendance:** 333

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirk Saarloos notched his third complete game, but had his scoreless inning streak of 28 snapped when the Cougars scored in the bottom of the first....He also broke the Fullerton career record for

appearances with his 111th...Thirteen of Fullerton's 15 hits were singles...Shawn Norris was 3-for-4 with three RBI and Mike Rouse was 3-for-5 with two RBI...The game, which included a 43-minute relay, was called after eight innings to accommodate Fullerton's travel plans.

GAME 20

TITANS 3, Cal Poly 1

March 16, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Cal Poly	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	6
TITANS	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	x	-	3	6

W: Smith (5-0); **L:** Haskell (2-1); **SV:** Saarloos (3)**HR:** Barringer (1), Rifkin (4)**Time:** 2:23 **Attendance:** 847

HIGHLIGHTS: Jon Smith scattered six hits, walked two and struck out eight in seven innings...Chad Cordero struck out the side in the eighth and Kirk Saarloos followed suit in the ninth as the Titan pitchers notched 10 of their 14 strikeouts over the last four innings...Jason Corapci had an RBI double and Aaron Rifkin blasted a two-run homer in the third...Shawn Norris made a leaping catch of a potential game-tying hit in the fifth inning.

GAME 21

Cal Poly 2, TITANS 1

March 17, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Cal Poly	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	-	2	10
TITANS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	5

W: Fitch (3-1); **L:** Merrell (1-2) **SV:** Choate (2)**Time:** 2:25 **Attendance:** 739

HIGHLIGHTS: The Titans stranded nine baserunners in a frustrating loss...Fullerton had leadoff runners reach base in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth innings but failed to score...Darric Merrell threw a season-high 8.0 innings, allowing two runs on 10 hits...Robert Guzman scored the only Titans' run while David Bacani was in a run-down between second and third.

GAME 22

TITANS 12, Cal Poly 0

March 18, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Cal Poly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	5
TITANS	1	1	2	0	0	4	1	3	x	-	12	11

W: Saarloos (5-2); **L:** Blasdel (3-2)**HR:** Bacani (2)**Time:** 2:27 **Attendance:** 961

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirk Saarloos pitched his fourth complete game in as many starts and his third shutout...He allowed just five hits, walked none and struck out nine in a 94-pitch effort...David Bacani, batting in the leadoff spot for the first time in 10 games, had two hits, including a three-run homer in the sixth...Richie Burgos had a pinch-hit RBI-single in his first collegiate at-bat.

GAME 23

TITANS 5, Long Beach State 3

March 23, 2001 at Blair Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
TITANS	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	5	12
LB State	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	-	3	7

W: Littleton (1-0); **L:** Bentz (1-3); **SV:** Saarloos (4)**Time:** 3:02 **Attendance:** 952

HIGHLIGHTS: Wes Littleton picked up his first collegiate win after entering in the fourth for Jon Smith, who departed with a pulled groin...Chad Cordero and Kirk Saarloos combined to allow no runs on two hits over the final 3.1 innings...Fullerton grabbed a 5-0 lead in the game...Chris Stringfellow singled in the first run and was 2-for-3...Robert Guzman was 3-for-4.

GAME 24

Long Beach State 3, TITANS 2 (16)

March 24, 2001 at Blair Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
TITANS	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LB State	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

W: DeMaria (2-0); **L:** Zahari (0-1)**Time:** 5:05 **Attendance:** 1,012

HIGHLIGHTS: Corry Parrott singled in pinch-runner Todd Jennings with one out in the bottom of the 16th...Charlie Zahari allowed just one run and five hits over 4.1 innings, but suffered the loss...The Titans had just five hits and two over the final 11 innings...Darric Merrell, the first of six Titan pitchers, allowed just two runs (one earned) on five hits over 8.0 innings...The teams combined for an NCAA-record 10 sacrifice hits.

GAME 25

TITANS 5, Long Beach State 3

March 25, 2001 at Blair Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
TITANS	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	-	5	9
LB State	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	3	7

W: Saarloos (6-2); **L:** Paz (4-4)**HR:** Crosby (2), Rifkin (5)**Time:** 2:31 **Attendance:** 1,205

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirk Saarloos pitched his fifth complete game in as many starts and earned his sixth consecutive win...He allowed just one run (a leadoff home run by Bobby Crosby) on four hits over the first eight innings, before the 49ers scored a pair in the ninth...Aaron Rifkin, serving as the designated hitter after injuring his ankle two games earlier, hit his fifth home run.

GAME 26

TITANS 12, USC 11

March 27, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
USC	0	0	2	3	1	0	2	2	1	-	11	15
TITANS	1	0	3	0	3	1	0	0	4	-	12	14

W: Waroff (1-0); **L:** Dizard (2-2)**HR:** Barre (5), Persell (5), Rifkin (6)**Time:** 3:56 **Attendance:** 1,897

HIGHLIGHTS: Aaron Rifkin capped a four-run ninth inning rally with a two-out, two-strike single to right field...Rifkin was 3-for-6 with his sixth homer, a double and four RBI...The wild game featured six lead changes, a wild pitch in an intentional walk situation and a winning pitcher that did not retire a batter...Shane Waroff relieved Chad Cordero with two outs in the ninth and picked off a runner for his only out, earning his first Division I win.

GAME 27

TITANS 8, Miami 2

March 30, 2001 at Mark Light Stadium

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
TITANS	1	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	-	8	11
Miami	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	2	9

W: Smith (6-0); **L:** Walker (7-1)**HR:** Bacani (3), Rifkin (7), Lamoure (1)**Time:** 3:17 **Attendance:** 3,020

HIGHLIGHTS: Jon Smith allowed just one run on seven hits while striking out a career-high 11 in eight innings...The Titans had season highs to date in home runs (three) and stolen bases (six)...David Bacani was 3-for-3 and walked twice, while stealing a career-high three bases...Aaron Rifkin homered in his third consecutive game...Seven of Fullerton's 11 hits went for extra bases.

GAME 28

TITANS 8, Miami 5

March 31, 2001 at Mark Light Stadium

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
TITANS	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	0	0	-	8	12	2
Miami	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	-	5	10	1

W: Merrell (2-2); **L:** Bengochea (5-2); **SV:** Cordero (2)
HR: Clute (2)

Time: 3:26 **Attendance:** 2,986

HIGHLIGHTS: Fullerton tied a season-high with five runs in the fifth on six hits, including five in a row...Darric Merrell picked up his second win and struck out a career-high seven...The Hurricanes had the bases loaded and the potential winning run at the plate with one out in the ninth, but Chad Cordero retired the next two batters to earn his second save...Chris Stringfellow and David Bacani each had three hits as the Titans finished with a 13-3 record in March.

GAME 29

TITANS 9, Miami 2

April 1, 2001 at Mark Light Stadium

April 17, 2006 at Mark Light Stadium

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
TITANS	0	3	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	-	9	19	2
Miami	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	2	7	2

W: Saarloos (7-2); **L:** Farmer (6-2)

HR: Burt (1)

Time: 2:45 **Attendance:** 1,549

HIGHLIGHTS: Fullerton became the first team to sweep a three-game series at Mark Light Stadium since Miami opened play at the facility in 1973...Kirk Saarloos notched his seventh straight win and sixth complete game in as many starts...Fullerton's 19 hits were a season-high to date and 15 of them came off Miami starter Tom Farmer...Seven Titans had multiple hits and Shane Costa singled to right field in his only at-bat in the ninth to extend his hitting streak to 11 games.

GAME 30

TITANS 6, Pacific 1

April 6, 2001 at Goodwin Field

April 6, 2006 at Goodwin Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
Pacific	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	8	0
TITANS	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	x	-	6	8	0

W: Zahari (1-1); **L:** Houlton (5-3); **SV:** Cordero (3)

HR: Hackett (9), Stringfellow (1)

Time: 2:32 **Attendance:** 1,001

HIGHLIGHTS: Charlie Zahari earned his first Division I win in an emergency relief role as the Titans won their conference opener...Titan starter Jon Smith left after just eight pitchers with a recurring groin injury...Enter Zahari, who allowed just one run on six hits over 6.1 innings before Chad Cordero mopped up for his third save...Pacific starter D.J. Houlton had a no-hitter through five, but the Titans opened the sixth with three straight hits to tie the game, 1-1, and Jason Corapci's sac fly gave Fullerton the lead for good.

GAME 31

TITANS 3, Pacific 1

April 7, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
Pacific	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	1	9	0
TITANS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	x	-	3	11	0

W: Merrell (3-2); **L:** Walker (5-4)

Time: 2:44 **Attendance:** 937

HIGHLIGHTS: Darric Merrell was one out away from his first collegiate shutout, but had to settle for his first complete game...Pacific pinch-hitter Marcus Steele had a two-out RBI-single in the ninth to break up the shutout...The Tigers also moved the tying runs into scoring position, but Merrell had one of his career-high 11 strikeouts to end the game...Jason Corapci, who had three singles, drove in David Bacani with the first run and Geoff Comfort and Brett Kay had RBI-singles in the eighth.

GAME 32

TITANS 28, Pacific 0

April 8, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
Pacific	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	3
TITANS	9	4	3	5	3	0	0	4	x	-	28	30	1

W: Saarloos (8-2); **L:** Huck (1-1)

Time: 2:41 **Attendance:** 1,183

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirk Saarloos threw the third no-hitter (and second nine-inning no-hitter) in Titan history...He retired 22 consecutive batters over one stretch and tied a career-high with 11 strikeouts while extending his scoreless innings streak at Goodwin Field to 37.0...Meanwhile, the Titan offense scored the most runs in Goodwin Field history and the third-most ever...The 30-hit attack was paced by Mike Rouse, who was 5-for-6 with two home runs, three RBI and five runs...Nine other Titans also turned in multiple-hit games.

GAME 33

TITANS 13, Arizona State 6

April 9, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
ASU	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	-	6	8	1
TITANS	2	0	4	0	0	3	0	4	x	-	13	15	0

W: Littleton (2-0); **L:** Liebeck (1-1); **SV:** Cordero (4)

Time: 3:38 **Attendance:** 741

HIGHLIGHTS: Brett Kay and Mike Rouse each went 4-for-5 with four RBI as the Titans won the make-up game...Kay, who was a homer shy of hitting for the cycle, set a career-high with the four hits and tied a high with four RBI...Each team sent six pitchers to the mound and Wes Littleton, who allowed no runs on a hit in two designated innings, picked up his second win...The game started 13 minutes late because of rain and included a seven-minute delay in the third inning.

GAME 34

TITANS 20, Sacramento State 2

April 12, 2001 at Hornet Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
TITANS	2	2	3	0	5	3	5	0	0	- 20	16	1
Sac State	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	- 2	5	4

W: Merrell (4-2); **L:** Groeger (4-6)

HR: Norris (2)

Time: 2:56 **Attendance:** 227

HIGHLIGHTS: The Titans kept up their torrid offensive pace while Darric Merrell bounced back from a shaky first inning to pick up his fourth straight win...Merrell threw just 60 pitches and allowed four hits in seven innings...Six Titans had multiple hits...Chris Stringfellow was 3-for-3 with two walks and four runs...David Bacani drove in a team-high four runs and Shawn Norris blasted a three-run homer.

GAME 35

TITANS 9, Sacramento State 5

April 13, 2001 at Hornet Field

April 15, 2017 at Alamogordo Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
TITANS	1	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	2	-	9	11	1
Sac State	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	-	5	8	3

W: Saarloos (9-2); **L:** Kinsey (0-2); **SV:** Cordero (5)

HR: Guzman (1), Maghan (4), Williams (4)

Time: 3:22 **Attendance:** 234

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirk Saarloos had his "worst" outing to date, allowing five runs on eight hits over 7.2 innings, but he still picked up his ninth straight win as the Titans ran their winning streak to 11 games...Saarloos gave up a pair of homers in the eighth inning, before Cordero came in and picked up his fifth save...Robert Guzman was 2-for-6 with three RBI and hit his first home run in two years.

GAME 36

TITANS 8, Sacramento State 2

April 14, 2001 at Hornet Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
TITANS	1	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	0	-	8	11	1
Sac State	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	4	3

W: Smith (7-0); **L:** Miranda (6-3)

HR: Corapci (1), Rouse (4)

Time: 2:48 **Attendance:** 346

HIGHLIGHTS: Coach George Horton picked up his 200th career Division I victory...Jon Smith improved his perfect record to 7-0, allowing a run on four hits over seven innings...Combined with Charlie Zahari and Wes Littleton, the Titans retired the final 12 Hornet batters...Jason Corapci had a career-high four hits, including his first home run, and tied a career-high with four RBI.

GAME 37

TITANS 9, Loyola Marymount 5

April 17, 2001 at George Page Stadium

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
TITANS	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	9	14	1
LMU	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	5	8	2

W: Nunez (1-0); **L:** Whitesell (3-5)

HR: Rifkin (8)

Time: 3:30 **Attendance:** 302

HIGHLIGHTS: Mike Nunez pitched three perfect relief innings in his first appearance of the season...Nunez combined with Shane Waroff to retire 13 consecutive batters over one stretch...The Titans' seven stolen bases were their most since the 1999 season...Chris Stringfellow was 3-for-5 with four RBI...The Titans scored in the first inning for the sixth consecutive game.

GAME 38

TITANS 11, UCLA 10 (14)

April 18, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	R	H	E
UCLA	0	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	10	22	0
TITANS	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	-	11	21	2

W: Martin (1-0); **L:** Castillo (0-1)

HR: Reece (6), Rifkin (9), Rouse (5), Stringfellow (2), Belfanti (1), Norris (3)

Time: 5:54 **Attendance:** 1,044

HIGHLIGHTS: Shane Costa's two-out RBI single to left-center field in the bottom of the 14th plated Chris Stringfellow with the winning run to end the nearly six-hour-long affair...The Titans trailed, 9-1, after five innings...They blasted three home runs and scored six runs in the sixth inning...Mike Rouse hit a game-tying solo homer with one out in the ninth to force extra innings...The game featured a combined 13 pitchers, 43 hits and 41 runners left on base, just two shy of the NCAA record...Sean Martin allowed just one run on six hits over the final five innings...The Titans extended their winning streak to 14 games, the longest in the nation at the time.

GAME 39

Cal State Northridge 15, TITANS 1

April 20, 2001 at Matador Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
TITANS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	8	1
CSUN	0	10	0	1	1	0	3	0	x	-	15	13	0

W: Davidson (6-2); **L:** Smith (7-1)

HR: Kay (3), Arroyo (3 (11)), Allec (6), Hanson (7), Coltey (2), Gorman (5)

Time: 2:59 **Attendance:** 408

HIGHLIGHTS: The Titans' 14-game winning streak came to an end as the Matadors hit seven home runs...Northridge opened the second with four consecutive homers off Jon Smith, who allowed a career-high nine runs in just 1.2 innings...Northridge first baseman Tim Arroyo was 4-for-4 with three homers and seven RBI • Brett Kay's solo home run in the second accounted for the Titans' only run...It was just the second time in 27 Division I years that the Titans lost by 14 runs (they fell to Arizona, 15-1, in 1991).

GAME 40

TITANS 4, Cal State Northridge 3

April 21, 2001 at Matador Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
TITANS	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	-	4	6	0
CSUN	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	-	3	7	2

W: Cordero (2-2); **L:** Dunn (3-3)**HR:** Rifkin (10), Stotts (10)**Time:** 2:47 **Attendance:** 312

HIGHLIGHTS: Aaron Rifkin's solo home run in the top of the ninth gave the Titans a 4-3 win...Fullerton tied the game, 3-3, in the seventh on a two-run bloop single by Mike Rouse...Darric Merrell allowed three runs (all on a J.T. Stotts home run in the fifth) on six hits in seven innings...Chad Cordero struck out the side in the ninth and the Matadors left the tying run on second base.

GAME 41

TITANS 5, Cal State Northridge 2

April 22, 2001 at Matador Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
TITANS	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	-	5	9	0
CSUN	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-	2	6	0

W: Saarloos (10-2); **L:** Murphy (7-4); **SV:** Cordero (6)**HR:** Guzman (2)**Time:** 3:14 **Attendance:** 327

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirk Saarloos came up one out shy of his eighth complete game, but still picked up his 10th straight win...Chad Cordero struck out the final batter to earn his sixth save...Robert Guzman was 2-for-4 with three RBI and had a two-run homer in the first inning...David Bacani scored his 234th career run, tying him with John Fishel for the Titan record...The Titans won their ninth consecutive series.

GAME 42

TITANS 8, UC Riverside 4

April 27, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
UCR	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	-	4	6	2
TITANS	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	1	x	-	8	13	3

W: Smith (8-1); **L:** Carralejo (4-7); **SV:** Cordero (7)**HR:** Stringfellow (3)**Time:** 3:05 **Attendance:** 1,996

HIGHLIGHTS: In a twist of irony, Riverside County product Jon Smith beat former Titan George Carralejo...David Bacani and Robert Guzman combined to go 5-for-6 with three walks, a sac bunt and four runs...Bacani also set the Titan career record with his 235th run in the first...UC Riverside took advantage of three Titan errors – including two by Shawn Norris on the same play – to score four runs in the sixth.

GAME 43

TITANS 4, UC Riverside 1

April 28, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
UCR	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	1	7	0
TITANS	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	x	-	4	9	0

W: Merrell (5-2); **L:** Fernandez (5-4); **SV:** Cordero (8)**HR:** Rifkin (11)**Time:** 2:28 **Attendance:** 1,172

HIGHLIGHTS: Freshmen pitchers Darric Merrell and Chad Cordero combined to stop the Highlanders...Merrell allowed a run on six hits in seven innings to win his fifth straight game and Cordero pitched two innings to pick up his eighth save and third in as many games...Mike Rouse drove in the winning run in the sixth with a groundout.

GAME 44

TITANS 15, UC Riverside 2

April 29, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
UCR	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	5	3
TITANS	0	0	3	4	3	4	1	0	x	-	15	18	0

W: Saarloos (11-2); **L:** C. Smith (2-7)**HR:** Stringfellow (4), Belfanti (2)**Time:** 2:51 **Attendance:** 2,123**HIGHLIGHTS:** Kirk Saarloos tied a career high with 11

strikeouts in just six innings to win his 11th straight game...Saarloos had his 41-inning scoreless streak at Goodwin Field snapped when the Highlanders scored a pair of runs in the fourth...Wes Littleton, Sean Martin and Mike Nunez each worked a scoreless inning to follow Saarloos and combined to retire the last nine Highlanders...The Titan offense rapped out 12 extra-base hits, including back-to-back homers by Chris Stringfellow and Matt Belfanti for the second time in two weeks.

GAME 45

TITANS 14, Pepperdine 7

May 1, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
Pepp.	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	-	7	11	4
TITANS	5	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	x	-	14	13	0

W: Zahari (2-1); **L:** Ramirez (3-3)**HR:** Pitney (2), Kelly (6)**Time:** 3:13 **Attendance:** 877

HIGHLIGHTS: Fullerton used seven hits, five walks and a pair of Pepperdine errors to score 10 runs in the first two innings...The Titans had their leadoff batter reach base in each of the first seven innings...Every Titan starter reached base via hit or walk...Jason Corapci, Mike Rouse and Brett Kay each drove in three runs...Charlie Zahari pitched a pre-designated four innings and picked up the win...Titan pitchers struck out 14 Waves.

GAME 46

TITANS 7, Biola 6

May 2, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>		<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
Biola	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	-	6	10	0
TITANS	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	x	-	7	12	4

W: Lovato (1-3); **L:** Ekin (10-3); **SV:** Cordero (9)**HR:** Belfanti (3)**Time:** 2:57 **Attendance:** 781

HIGHLIGHTS: Chad Cordero shut down a late Biola rally to preserve a win over the fourth-ranked team in the NAIA...Fullerton built a 7-1 run lead after six, with the big blow a two-run homer by Matt Belfanti...The Eagles scored five off Sean Martin in the eighth and had the leadoff runner reach in the ninth before Cordero retired the final three batters for his ninth save...The Titans had four errors for the first time since March 27.

GAME 47

TITANS 7, Cal Poly 3

May 4, 2001 at Baggett Stadium

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
TITANS	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	-	7	8	0
Cal Poly	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	-	3	8	2

W: Smith (9-1); **L:** Haskell (3-4); **SV:** Cordero (10)**HR:** Bacani (4), Tillman (3)**Time:** 2:39 **Attendance:** 1,086

HIGHLIGHTS: David Bacani hit a leadoff home run and scored four runs to spark the Titans...He also drew a pair of walks to break Phil Nevin's career record of 140...The Titans' leadoff batter scored in each of the first four innings...Jon Smith retired 11 consecutive batters over one stretch and walked none in 7.2 innings...Chad Cordero retired all four batters he faced for his 10th save.

GAME 48

TITANS 13, Cal Poly 1

May 5, 2001 at Baggett Stadium

May 3, 2006 at Duggett Stadium

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>
TITANS	1	0	0	0	3	6	0	3	0	- 13	18	0
Cal Poly	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	- 1	7	1

W: Merrell (6-2); **L:** Fitch (5-4)**Time:** 2:46 **Attendance:** 873

HIGHLIGHTS: Darric Merrell allowed just one run and struck out nine over eight innings while lowering his ERA to 1.85...Seven Titans racked up multiple hits, with Robert Guzman and Chris Stringfellow each collecting three...Guzman doubled in Bacani to break a 1-1 tie in the fifth and give the Titans the lead for good.

GAME 49

TITANS 10, Cal Poly 4

May 6, 2001 at Baggett Stadium

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
TITANS	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	-	10	15	0
Cal Poly	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	-	4	10	1

W: Saarloos (12-2); **L:** Blasdel (4-5); **SV:** Cordero (11)**Time:** 2:53 **Attendance:** 921

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirk Saarloos and Chad Cordero both reached milestones as the Titans ran off their 10th straight win and swept their sixth series...Saarloos broke the Big West career appearance record with his 122nd and also became the sixth Titan to reach 30 career wins...Cordero tied the BWC freshman record with his 11th save...The Titans got three-run homers from Brett Kay in the first and Mike Rouse in the ninth.

GAME 50

UCLA 9, TITANS 3

May 9, 2001 at Jackie Robinson Stadium

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
TITANS	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	-	3	5	1
UCLA	1	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	x	-	9	11	0

W: Brandt (4-4); **L:** Lovato (1-4)**HR:** Kay (5), Campanella (2)**Time:** 2:50 **Attendance:** 376

HIGHLIGHTS: UCLA's Jon Brandt held the Titans to just one hit over four innings and Fullerton finished with just five hits, its lowest output since March 24...Nick Lovato, Wes Littleton and Shane Waroff combined to allow nine runs on nine hits in four-plus innings...Brett Kay hit a solo home run, but had to be helped off the field after a ninth-inning ground-out.

GAME 51

UC Santa Barbara 9, TITANS 1

May 11, 2001 at Goodwin Field

May 17, 2007 at Seawall Field

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>E</u>	
UCSB	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	2	2	-	9	15	0
TITANS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	4	1

W: Garcia (10-1); **L:** Smith (9-2)**HR:** Peshke (4)**Time:** 2:48 **Attendance:** 1,523

HIGHLIGHTS: UCSB righty James Garcia pitched a four-hit complete game as the Gauchos moved a game back of the Titans...UCSB broke a 1-1 tie in the fourth with three two-out runs...Jon Smith suffered just his second loss, allowing six runs on nine hits in 7.1 INN.

GAME 52

UC Santa Barbara 7, TITANS 6 (10)

May 12, 2001 at Goodwin Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
UCSB	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	7	13	1
TITANS	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	6	9	1

W: Sugarman (4-1); **L:** Cordero (2-3) **SV:** Gonzales (8)**Time:** 3:06 **Attendance:** 2,506

HIGHLIGHTS: UCSB's Donovan Warrecker had a two-out double in the top of the 10th to drive in the winning run and move the Gauchos into a first-place tie with the Titans...The Titans trailed, 6-3, before scoring a pair in the sixth and tying the game in the seventh when Shane Costa scored on David Bacani's double-play grounder...The Gaucho bullpen allowed just two hits over the final four innings...The crowd of 2,506 was the second-largest in Goodwin Field history and the largest for a regular-season game

GAME 53

TITANS 6, UC Santa Barbara 4*May 13, 2001 at Goodwin Field*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
UCSB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	-	4	9
TITANS	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	x	-	6	8

W: Saarloos (13-2); **L:** Bullard (7-4); **SV:** Cordero (12)**HR:** Bannon (6), Rouse (7)**Time:** 2:40 **Attendance:** 1,053

HIGHLIGHTS: Kirk Saarloos picked up his 13th consecutive win, but needed some help from the bullpen after allowing four runs in the ninth...Chad Cordero finally induced a game-ending line drive to center field with the bases loaded...The Titans' offense was aided by a two-run homer by Mike Rouse and a three-run double by Mike Martinez, making his first start in nearly two months.

GAME 54

TITANS 16, Long Beach State 6*May 18, 2001 at Goodwin Field*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
LB State	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	-	6	9
TITANS	2	0	1	0	2	6	5	0	x	-	16	25

W: Nunez (2-0); **L:** Beucler (3-1)**HR:** Crosby 2 (8), Macaluso (5), Guzman (3), Rouse (8)**Time:** 3:34 **Attendance:** 1,896

HIGHLIGHTS: Robert Guzman, Jason Corapci and Shane Costa each had four hits and every other Titan starter had at least two...Fullerton was 14-for-17 from the plate over one stretch that started in the sixth and ended in the seventh...The 10-run margin of victory was the largest over Long Beach since 1992...Fullerton clinched a share of the Big West title with the win.

GAME 55

Long Beach State 17, TITANS 6*May 19, 2001 at Goodwin Field*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
LB State	0	0	7	0	0	0	5	4	1	-	17	17
TITANS	0	2	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	-	6	9

W: Paz (8-7); **L:** Merrell (6-3)**HR:** Jones (9)**Time:** 3:39 **Attendance:** 2,102

HIGHLIGHTS: Fullerton allowed the most runs since surrendering 17 to Long Beach in 1998...Fullerton led, 2-0, after two innings, thanks to a dropped fly ball by Long Beach right fielder Paul Macaluso...Long Beach's Jeff Jones hit his second grand slam in seven days...Darric Merrell suffered his first loss since March 17.

GAME 56

TITANS 10, Long Beach State 5*May 20, 2001 at Goodwin Field*

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
LB State	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	-	5	10
TITANS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	x	-	10	9

W: Cordero (3-3); **L:** Alliston (2-3)**HR:** Jones (10)**Time:** 3:17 **Attendance:** 2,223

HIGHLIGHTS: The Titans tied a season-high with nine runs in the eighth inning...Brett Kay had a two-run game-tying single and then scored the go-ahead run when Long Beach State catcher Bryan Kennedy was charged with obstruction in a run-down between third and home...Kirk Saarloos dodged his first loss since Feb. 4 thanks to the Titan rally...Chad Cordero, who allowed one hit over the final 1.2 innings, earned his third win...The Titans had just three hits in the first seven innings against Joey Pace and Chris Demaria...David Bacani was hit by a pitch twice in the eighth inning.

2001 Position Roster

Pitchers		Pos	Ht	Wt	B/T	Yr	Exp	Hometown (Previous School)
32	Chad Cordero	RHP	6-0	190	R/R	Fr	HS	Chino, Calif. (Don Lugo H.S.)
39	Travis Esquibel	LHP	6-1	185	L/L	Fr	HS	Vista, Calif. (Rancho Buena Vista H.S.)
42	Travis Ingle	RHP	6-3	200	R/R	Fr	HS	Cypress, Calif. (Cypress H.S.)
17	Wes Littleton	RHP	6-1	170	R/R	Fr	HS	Oceanside, Calif. (Vista H.S.)
31	Nick Lovato	LHP	6-4	200	L/L	So	1V	Yorba Linda, Calif. (Mater Dei H.S.)
48	Sean Martin	RHP	6-0	170	R/R	So	1V	Tucson, Ariz. (Corona del Sol H.S.)
25	Darric Merrell	RHP	6-4	200	R/R	Fr	HS	Temecula, Calif. (Temecula Valley H.S.)
9	Mike Nunez	RHP	6-0	180	R/R	Sr	1V	San Jose, Calif. (San Jose CC)
35	Chad Robbins	RHP	6-2	180	R/R	Fr	HS	Murrieta, Calif. (Murrieta Valley H.S.)
2	Kirk Saarloos	RHP	6-0	180	R/R	Sr	3V	Long Beach, Calif. (Valley Christian H.S.)
34	Jon Smith	LHP	6-0	205	L/L	Sr	3V	Nuevo, Calif. (Perris H.S.)
30	Shane Waroff	RHP	6-5	220	R/R	Jr	JC	Walnut, Calif. (Fullerton College)
19	Charlie Zahari	RHP	6-2	180	R/R	Jr	RS	Hemet, Calif. (Central Missouri State)

Catchers		Pos	Ht	Wt	B/T	Yr	Exp	Hometown (Previous School)
24	Brett Kay	C	6-1	190	R/R	Jr	2V	Villa Park, Calif. (Mater Dei H.S.)
20	Dan Mercadefe	C	6-4	195	R/R	Fr	RS	Riverside, Calif. (La Sierra H.S.)
44	P.J. Pilittere	C	6-0	205	R/R	Fr	RS	Walnut, Calif. (Bishop Amat H.S.)
15	Lachlan Thorburn	C	6-0	175	R/R	Jr	JC	Queensland, Australia (Riverside CC)

Infielders		Pos	Ht	Wt	B/T	Yr	Exp	Hometown (Previous School)
41	Sean Alley	INF	6-1	165	R/R	Jr	JC	Issaquah, Wash. (El Camino CC)
1	David Bacani	INF	5-8	165	R/R	Sr	3V	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos H.S.)
46	Richie Burgos	INF	5-11	170	L/R	Fr	HS	Glendora, Calif. (Bishop Amat H.S.)
4	Jason Corapci	INF/OF	5-8	165	R/R	So	1V	Orange, Calif. (Canyon H.S.)
21	Nick Fitzgerald	1B	6-3	195	R/R	Fr	HS	Los Alamitos, Calif. (Los Alamitos H.S.)
11	David Garcia	INF	6-0	150	B/R	Fr	HS	Temecula, Calif. (Temecula Valley H.S.)
10	Cole Hilt	1B	6-4	220	R/R	Fr	HS	Temecula, Calif. (Temecula Valley H.S.)
27	Louie Lamoure	INF/OF	5-11	185	R/R	Sr	1V	Fresno, Calif. (Fresno CC)
12	Mike Martinez	INF	6-0	175	R/R	So	1V	Anaheim, Calif. (Katella H.S.)
3	Shawn Norris	INF	6-2	160	L/R	Jr	2V	Draper, Utah (Alta H.S.)
45	Aaron Rifkin	1B	6-3	215	L/L	Sr	2V	Fontana, Calif. (Chapman University)
7	Mike Rouse	INF	6-0	185	L/R	So	RS	San Jose, Calif. (San Jose State)

Outfielders		Pos	Ht	Wt	B/T	Yr	Exp	Hometown (Previous School)
5	Matt Belfanti	OF	5-10	185	L/L	Sr	1V	Ukiah, Calif. (Mendocino JC)
22	Kyle Boyer	OF	6-1	193	R/R	Fr	HS	Temecula, Calif. (Temecula Valley H.S.)
23	Geoff Comfort	OF/1B	6-0	200	R/R	Jr	JC	Burlingame, Calif. (College of San Mateo)
47	Adam Cooper	OF	6-1	200	R/R	Fr	HS	N. Hollywood, Calif. (Brentwood School)
33	Shane Costa	OF	6-1	180	L/R	Fr	HS	Visalia, Calif. (Golden West H.S.)
26	Robert Guzman	OF	5-10	190	L/L	Jr	2V	Lemoore, Calif. (Lemoore H.S.)
6	Chris Stringfellow	OF	5-10	170	R/R	Jr	2V	Vista, Calif. (Rancho Buena Vista H.S.)
40	Josh Weller	OF	6-0	210	R/R	Sr	1V	Long Beach, Calif. (Cerritos JC)

Head Coach: No. 8, George Horton (Cal State Fullerton, 1978), 5th Season

Assistant Coaches: No. 18, Dave Serrano (5th season); No. 28, Rick Vanderhook (15th season)

Volunteer Assistant: No. 36, Chad Baum (Cal State Fullerton, 2000), 2nd season

Administrative Assistant: Dan Ricabal

Pronunciation Guide

Players

Matt Belfanti behl-FAHN-tee
 Richie Burgos BUHR-gohs
 Jason Corapci kohr-RAHP-see
 Shane Costa CAWS-tuh
 Travis Esquibel EHS-kih-behl
 Louie Lamoure lah-MOHR
 Nick Lovato loh-VAH-toh
 Dan Mercadefede MUHRK-ah-DAW-fee
 P.J. Pilittere pill-uh-TEHR-ee
 Mike Rouse ROUZ
 Kirk Saarloos SAHR-lohs
 Lachlan Thorburn LOCK-lihn
 Shane Waroff WOHR-ahf
 Charlie Zahari zuh-HAHR-ee

Cities

Clovis KLOH-viss
 Hemet HEHM-ett

Issaquah ISS-uh-kwah
 Ukiah: yoo-KIGH-uh

Schools

Bishop Amat ah-MAHT
 Cerritos suh-REE-tohse
 Katella kuh-TELL-uh
 Mater Dei MAH-turh-DAY
 Mendocino mehn-doh-SEEN-oh

In-Season Birthdays

February 22: Louie Lamoure (23); **February 24:** David Garcia (19); **March 3:** Lachlan Thorburn (22); **March 12:** Aaron Rifkin (22); **March 18:** Chad Cordero (19); **March 26:** Geoff Comfort (21); **March 27:** Sean Martin (21); **March 28:** Mike Nunez (22); **April 12:** Mike Martinez (20); **April 18:** Richie Burgos (19); **April 25:** Mike Rouse (21); **May 23:** Kirk Saarloos (22); **June 6:** Dan Mercadefede (23); **June 9:** Jon Smith (22);

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- 1 David Bacani, INF
- 2 Kirk Saarloos, RHP
- 3 Shawn Norris, INF
- 4 Jason Corapci, INF/OF
- 5 Matt Belfanti, OF
- 6 Chris Stringfellow, OF
- 7 Mike Rouse, INF
- 8 George Horton, Head Coach
- 9 Mike Nunez, RHP
- 10 Cole Hilt, 1B
- 11 David Garcia, INF
- 12 Mike Martinez, INF
- 15 Lachlan Thorburn, C
- 17 Wes Littleton, RHP
- 18 Dave Serrano, Ast. Coach
- 19 Charlie Zahari, RHP
- 20 Dan Mercadefede, C
- 21 Nick Fitzgerald, 1B
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- 47 Adam Cooper, OF
- 48 Sean Martin, RHP

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