

**NO. 5 UC IRVINE STUNS NO. 3 CALIFORNIA, 9-8**

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LOS ANGELES – The No. 5 UC Irvine men's water polo team won a second-round winner's bracket match at the SoCal Tournament with a 9-8 non-conference win over No. 3 California at Spieker Aquatics Center on Saturday evening. Senior Brandon Johnson led the Anteaters with four goals, including the game-winning power play score with 44 seconds left in the fourth period. Senior goalie Matt Johnson registered six saves in goal for UC Irvine (9-2). Junior Ivan Rackov added four more goals (one in each period) to lead California (8-2). Sophomore goalkeeper Justin Parsons recorded six stops in the cage for the Golden Bears.

UC Irvine 9, California 8

Team	1	2	3	4	F
No. 5 UC Irvine	2	3	1	3	9
No. 3 California	2	2	2	2	8

UC Irvine Goals: Brandon Johnson 4, Griffin Lerman 2, Tom Kruip, Mitch Wise, Kyle Kruip

UC Irvine Saves: Matt Johnson 6

California Goals: Ivan Rackov 4, Cory Nasoff, Collin Smith, Luka Saponjic, Zach White

California Saves: Justin Parsons 6