

Sports MONDAY

Gaucha Basketball Feast on 2 Helpings of Mashed Spuds

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Staff Writer

The #25 UCSB women's basketball team started its quest to feast on the Big West Conference by mashing potatoes last weekend.

UCSB defeated the Idaho Vandals 96-79 on Friday in Moscow, Idaho, and continued its trouncing of the spud state by destroying the Boise State Broncos 71-47 on Sunday afternoon. The wins were the first steps in



Stacy Clinesmith

the Gauchos' (10-3 overall, 2-0 in the Big West) goal of an undefeated conference record.

Friday night's UCSB victory was highlighted by the play of a duo of Santa Barbara players. Junior Stacy Clinesmith, who grew up just two hours west of the Idaho panhandle in Spo-

kane, Wash., poured in 20 points for a contingent of fans that made the trip to see her. Clinesmith was eight of 12 from the field including three out of five from behind the arc. She also dished out seven assists.

"That's vintage Stacy," French said. "She's a big-time clutch player. She's streaky, but she's a lot more consistent with the game on the line."

Clinesmith was surprised with the amount of people that showed up to watch her perform.

"I usually don't have 100 people on the road watching me," the 5'5" junior said. "It was kind of weird."

Sophomore Erin Buescher was Santa Barbara's high scorer as the defending Big West Player of the Year mopped the Vandals (7-6 overall) up for 32 points on nine of 17 from the floor and 13 rebounds. The Rohnert Park, Calif., native tossed in 13 of her points from the charity stripe.

Junior Kristi Rohr added 16 points in the victory.

The Gauchos continued to roll when they travelled to Boise to wrap up the Idaho road trip. Santa Barbara throttled the Broncos (7-7, 1-1) by 24 points and had led by as many as 33 midway

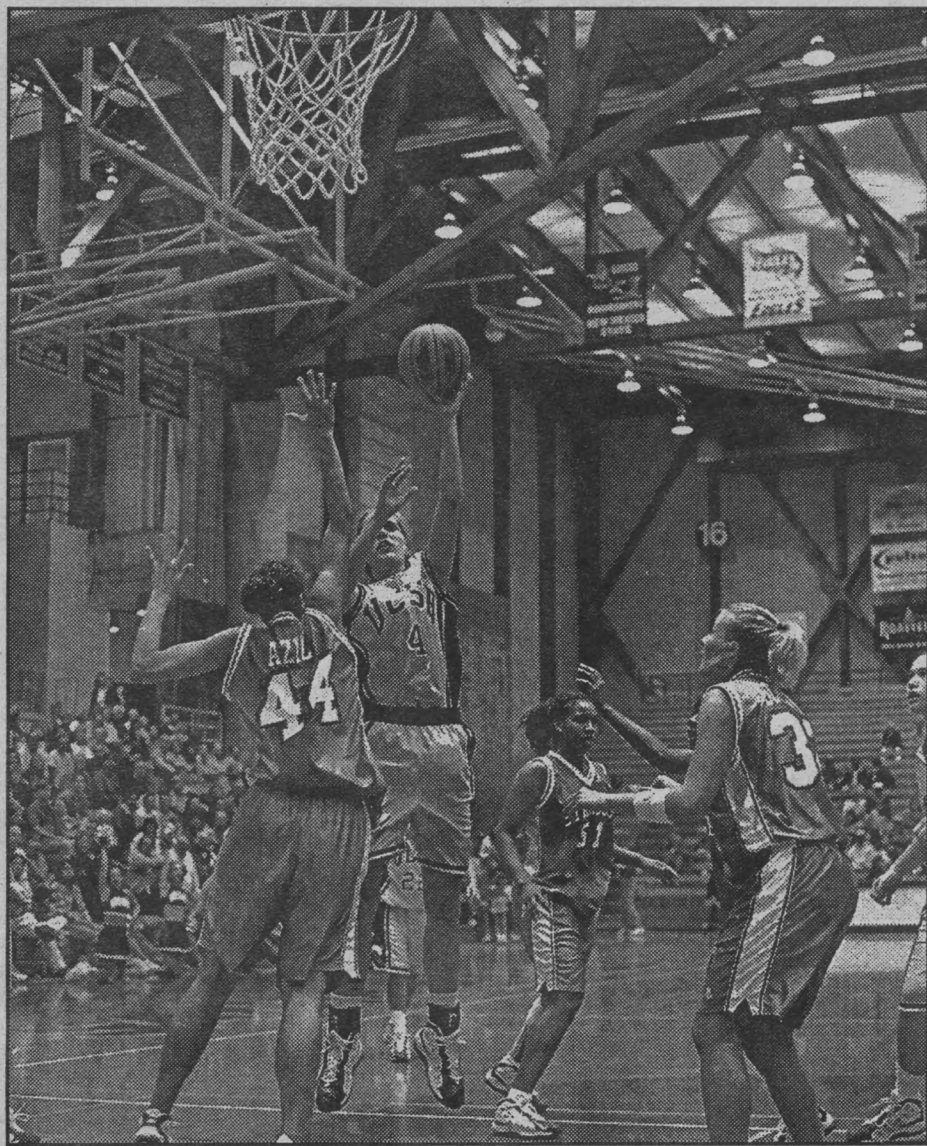
through the second half behind the outstanding all-around effort of junior wing Tawneé Cooper (16 points, six rebounds, five steals and 7-11 shooting).

Cooper came off the bench to spark the defense that held the Broncos shooting to a paltry 28 percent. Clinesmith turned in another solid performance with 16 points while Buescher chipped in 14.

"It was a real defensive battle at first," Cooper said. "It was very uncharacteristic of us to not score in the first couple of minutes. Then we finally got the flow in our offense going. But our main focus was our defense. We played awesome defense."

Rohr (10 points and eight boards) reached a personal record in the game by becoming the 12th player in UCSB women's basketball history to reach the 1,000-point plateau.

"We focused on Idaho and Boise State as the toughest Big West teams," Cooper said. "We wanted to come out and play hard and well. We are really proud of [the two wins]. We all know that we are the top team [in the Big West]. We just have to keep in mind that we are our toughest opponent."



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SHE'S A GRAND GAL: Junior Kristi Rohr scored her 1,000th career point Sunday in the Gauchos' victory. The win gave UCSB a 2-0 Big West record.

The #25 women's basketball team will next face North Texas on Sunday at 2 p.m. in the Thunderdome.



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TAKING B.P.: Brandon Payton and the rest of the UCSB men's basketball team could not make it four-straight wins. Instead, the Gauchos fell to 3-9 overall Saturday night.

Broncos Tell UCSB to 'Buck Off'

■ Four BSU Players Score in Double Figures

BY MATT HURST
Staff Writer

Take away Michael Jordan, and there's Scottie Pippen. Take away Shaquille O'Neal, and there's Eddie Jones. But, by taking away the nation's second-leading scorer in Boise State senior Roberto Bergersen, the UCSB men's basketball team didn't expect three other Broncos to carry the team.

After winning its last three games, Santa Barbara came into Saturday night's match looking to make a clean sweep of the spud state schools after beating Idaho 74-62 Thursday night. This was not the case, however, as Boise State swept the central coast schools with a 77-64 win at the Thunderdome after beating Cal Poly 87-75 on Thursday.

The Broncos (9-3 overall, 2-0 in the Big West) had big nights from sophomore Kejuan Woods (17 points), senior Gerry Washington (13 points, four assists), sopho-

more Clint Hordemann (6-9 from the field), but they got a sub-par night from Bergersen. Bergersen was averaging 25.8 points per game to go along with 4.5 rebounds, but on Saturday, the Gauchos held him to 17 points on 5-17 shooting, his second-lowest output this season.

UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams covered Bergersen with junior point guard Derrick Allen, who gave up six inches but is considered the best defender the Gauchos (3-9, 1-1) have to offer.

"We don't really have a match up for Bergersen," Williams said. "We don't have a 6'6" guy as quick as he is or moves as well. Derrick Allen is a very strong, physical kid and even though he's a little shorter — he's quicker — so he can keep you from overwhelming him."

For every small part of Bergersen the Gauchos took away, Hordemann stepped up and had his best ball game ever. The Eagle, Idaho, native had a game-high 18 points

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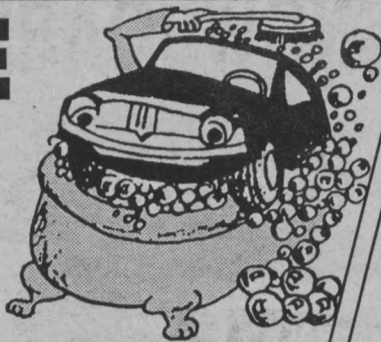
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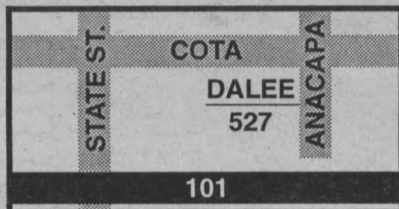


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Santa Barbara Fossilizes Dinosaurs

BY JUSTIN MAUCH
Reporter

There is no place in Santa Barbara for dinosaurs, especially dinosaurs from Calgary.

On Saturday night the UCSB men's volleyball team hosted the University of Calgary at Rob Gym in a final exhibition for the upcoming season. UCSB was able to defeat the Dinosaurs in three games 15-7, 15-12 and 16-14. The Gauchos were led by freshman outside hitter Andy Rivera, who recorded 22 kills and a .447 hitting percentage. Junior Andy Tomkinson assisted in the Santa Barbara attack, adding 11 kills and 5 blocks. UCSB was aggressive throughout the match, the final tune-up before heading down to UCLA to face the #1 ranked Bruins.

"It was a good test for us," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "If this is a starting point, then I am pleased with where we are starting. There are a lot of things that we have to work on, such as our blocking and middle attack."

The Dinosaurs (14-7) entered the match coming off of fresh victories at Long Beach State and Northridge. Senior outside hitter Warren Henschel led Calgary with 16 kills and a .448 hit-

ting percentage against UCSB. As a team, the Dinosaurs compiled a hitting percentage of .233, compared to .379 for the Gauchos. Calgary was never able to get into a sustained offensive rhythm until the end of the third game when

the Dinosaurs, lauded the Gauchos' performance.

"Typically, American teams play quite a different style than Canadian teams," Ellingson said. "The American game is a bit slower, and it is more physical. We are used to a faster game. This match was not very indicative of how good we are as a team. I was really impressed with their team, they played really well. Of the three teams we played, UCSB was definitely the best."

Preston was satisfied with the overall play of the Gauchos, specifically their passing and serving. According to the 21-year coach, UCSB has a deep team with talented players on the bench.

"I have some good players that didn't play tonight," Preston said. "I just decided to stay with the unit that was playing well. They seem to have very good chemistry."

Santa Barbara will face the UCLA Bruins on Wednesday at Pauley Pavilion to open up their season. Freshman outside hitter Joaquin Acosta has a positive outlook for UCSB.

"We think we can beat them," he said. "If we play on a consistent level, hopefully we can come out with a win. We need to minimize our errors."



Ken Preston

they were down 14-8. Santa Barbara suffered a scare when the Dinosaurs came back to tie the score at 14 behind the serve of junior setter Jeremy Wilcox.

"[Wilcox] got into a groove with his [serve]," Preston said. "Sometimes a guy can get hot with his jump serve and it will take over a game, which can be the swing in a match. If we dropped the [game], it could have been the key to the match."

UCSB was able to regroup and defeat Calgary in dramatic fashion to secure the victory. Junior Mark Ellingson, outside hitter for

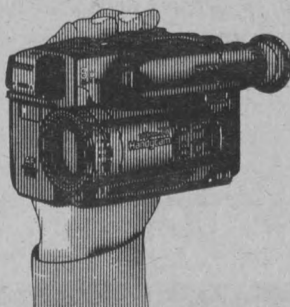
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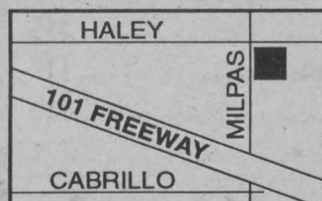
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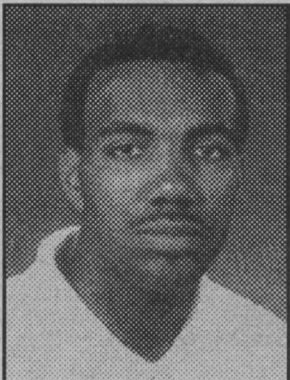
BRONCOS

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with six boards and four assists, not to mention he went 3-5 from behind the three point arc. But Hordemann wasn't the only Bronco busting bonus bombs, as Boise State hit nine threes compared to the Gauchos' four.

"Hordemann is a heck of a player," Williams said. "He's a tough kid, and he knocks down open shots. He's a real hard-nosed, fundamentally sound player. You win a lot of games with kids like that. If you look across his stat line he contributes in every way."

Taking charge for UCSB was sophomore Chris Lynch who electrified the crowd with a few dunks and finished the night with a career-high 18 points. Lynch went 8-9 from the floor — including a pair of three-pointers — and pulled down eight rebounds. When the Broncos were making their final run late in the game, the UCSB student

body began chanting, "We want Lynch! We want Lynch!" When he finally did enter the game in the final minute, the chants began again but this time to the



Chris Lynch

tune of "It's too late! It's too late!"

"I feel that that's part of my role to use my athleticism to contribute however I can," Lynch said. "If I have to dunk a few to get everybody going, then that's what I have to do to try to help us win."

Boise State was able to shut down senior B.J. Bunton, holding him to 11

points and nine rebounds. But the Bronco defense didn't stop there, as they played tough defense on the perimeter to force 22 total turnovers. In the first half alone, UCSB had committed 15 turnovers, which was more than the amount of buckets they had (10).

"They are a tremendous defensive team," Williams said. "Defensively they are just tenacious. Especially that first half, they were as good defensively as anybody that we've played against. They got right into us, and it shows since there were a high number of turnovers."

Despite the margin of victory, Boise State Head Coach Rod Jensen feels that UCSB could be a force in the Big West.

"They're very tough to play," Jensen said. "We knew coming in here it was going to be a battle, and you can throw their record out because Bob's done a tremendous job, and they're going to be a real factor in this thing."

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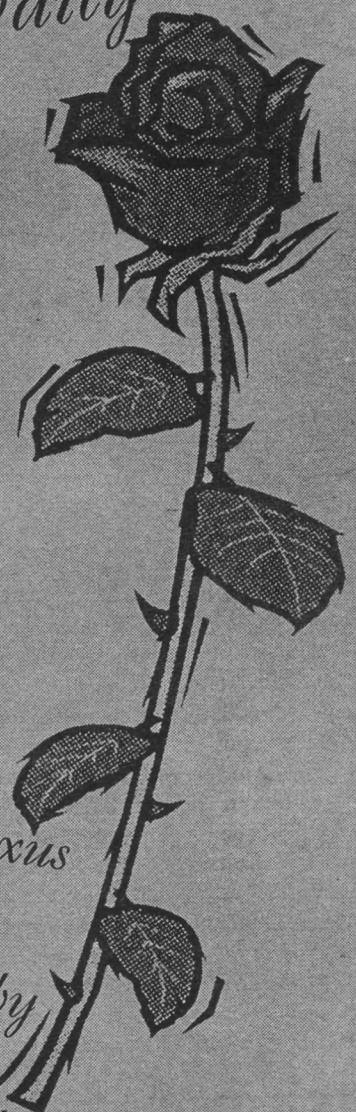


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