

SPORTS TUESDAY

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Gauchos in the Giving Mood at Utah St.

UCSB Commits 29 Turnovers, Shoots 35 Percent, Loses 70-54

By Josh Elliott
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's basketball team made its annual visit to Utah State's Dee Glen Smith Spectrum Saturday, and decided to give the Aggies a little housewarming gift — the game.

The Gauchos, lethargic and out of sync from the opening tip, committed a season-high 29 turnovers in losing for the seventh time in nine years in Logan, 70-54, before 7,218 fans. The loss, only the Gauchos' second in nine games, drops Santa Barbara into third place in the Big West Conference with an 8-4 mark, 15-6 overall, trailing UNLV and New Mexico State.

"I think that's the ugliest game I've seen in a while," UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said in a postgame radio interview. "There was so much hold-

ing and grabbing and bumping and shoving that we didn't react very well to. They got us out of sync with it and they made us play a little faster and a little more sloppy than we wanted to, and that really spelled the difference here. That, and 29 turnovers."

That, and 35 percent shooting from the floor. And six field goals in the second half. And 15 field goals the entire game. It was, statistically speaking, the Gauchos' worst game of the year, a fact Pimm was more than willing to concede.

"We didn't execute well," Pimm said. "We didn't block out well. We didn't guard the post well. We didn't pressure the ball well. We didn't attack their leads well. We didn't play tough enough physically, and we were mentally not with it tonight."

"The first possession, I looked out there and we

BIG WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
UNLV	14	0	1.000
New Mexico State	9	3	.750
UCSB	8	4	.667
Long Beach State	7	6	.538
Utah State	7	6	.538
Cal State Fullerton	6	6	.500
Fresno State	5	8	.385
Pacific	4	8	.333
UC Irvine	2	11	.154
San Jose State	1	11	.083

Saturday's Results

Utah St. 70, UCSB 54
UNLV 66, Pacific 50
CSUF 86, UC Irvine 68
NMSU 82, SJSU 57

Monday's Result

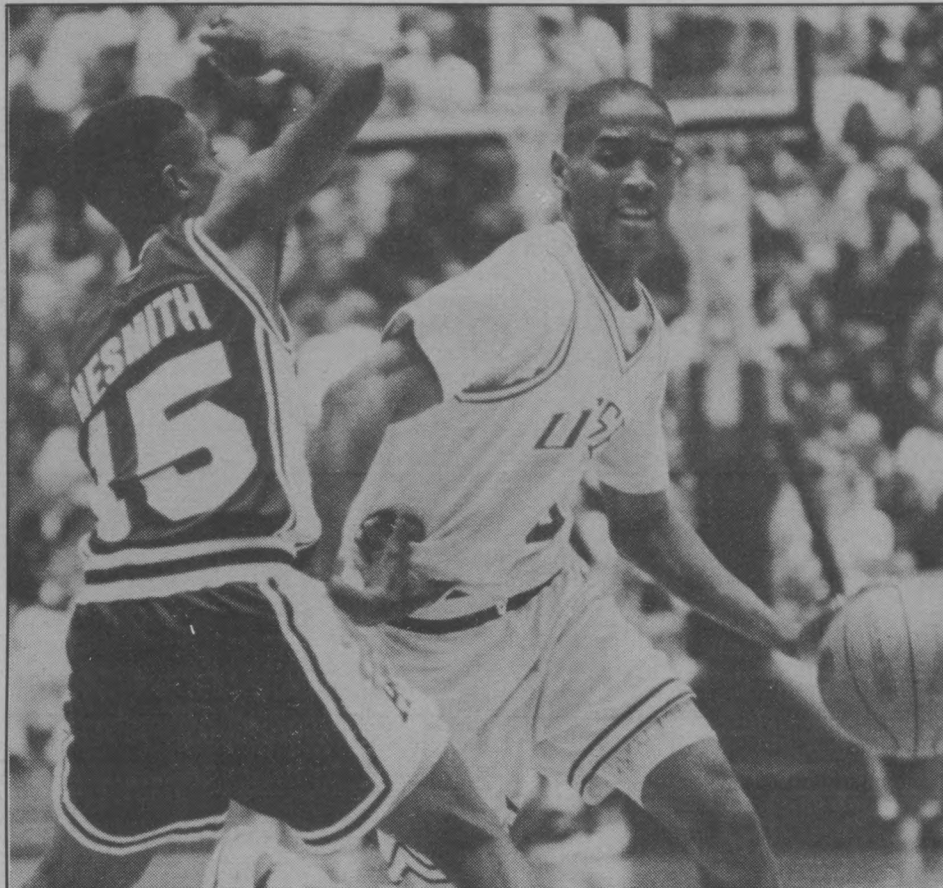
LBSU 73, FSU 61

Thursday's Games

UC Irvine at UCSB
FSU at SJSU
CSUF at LBSU

were standing. We were tired-looking to start with. I don't know what the problem is, but obviously we played tired tonight. When they got into us physically, we didn't handle it real well. We were not mentally tough tonight, and it hurt us," he

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GERRY MELENDEZ/Daily Nexus

LOGAN'S HEROES — Senior guard Ray Stewart (right) and the rest of the Gauchos were worn down by Utah State Saturday night, as UCSB fell into third place in the Big West Conference with a 70-54 defeat.

14 Straight

Swimming, Diving Are Big West's Best, Again

By Josh Elliott
Staff Writer

When UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson saw his men's swimming and diving team being pushed around by other schools early last weekend in the Big West Championships, his message was clear — "Then do something about it."

The Gauchos men most definitely did something about it, and, led by NCAA-qualifying performances by Greg Latta and Glenn Peoples, routed the conference in finishing with 824 points at Long Beach's Belmont Plaza, 130 ahead of runner-up UNLV's 694. More significant, though, was the annual rewriting of the record books by the men, as they won their 14th consecutive conference championship, a Big West record for consecutive crowns in any sport. The women were only slightly less successful, placing second to UNLV for the second consecutive year, 877-730.

"This season, we may have been shooting for the NAAs (in mid-March) more than in the past, but you always want the conference championship," said Wilson, the winningest

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DAVID ROSEN/Daily Nexus

Junior guard Cori Close's 14 points and 10 assists helped the Lady Gauchos win their record-tying eighth straight game, an 88-52 laughter over Long Beach State on Monday night in the Events Center.

It's Payback Time; Ladies Rout LBSU

UCSB Leaves 49ers in Dust, 88-52

By Scott McPherson
Staff Writer

There was a time when the UCSB women's basketball team was a pushover. In January of 1987, the Lady Gauchos suffered the most lopsided defeat in their history — a 105-25 drubbing at the hands of Big West-champion Long Beach State.

Last night was payback time.

The 1992 version of the UCSB women's basketball team walked all over the 49ers in the Events Center Monday night, coming away with a convincing 88-52 victory in front of over 600 vocal fans. The win was the eighth in a row for UCSB (18-3 overall, 11-1 conference) — tying the team record set earlier this season — and keeps the 29th-ranked Lady Gauchos in sole possession of first place in the conference. The loss, the most lopsided Big West defeat in Long Beach St. history, dropped the 49ers (15-7, 9-4) into fourth place.

After the score was tied 2-2 in the opening minute, UCSB went on an eight-point run and never looked back. Gaucho guard Lisa Crosskey scored 12 of her 14 points in the first half, and with the 49ers shooting only 35 percent before the break, UCSB cruised into halftime leading 43-30.

Things got worse for the 49ers, who were held score-

BIG WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
UCSB	11	1	.917
Hawaii	8	2	.800
UNLV	9	3	.750
Long Beach St.	8	4	.667
New Mexico St.	6	5	.545
Pacific	6	6	.500
CS Fullerton	5	8	.385
Fresno St.	4	7	.364
San Jose St.	1	10	.091
UC Irvine	0	13	.000

Monday's Results

UCSB 88, LBSU 52
Fresno St. at New Mexico St.

Thursday's Games

UC Irvine at FSU
UNLV at SJSU
NMSU at Pacific

Friday's Game

UCSB at Hawaii

less for the opening five minutes of the second half. With the score 53-32 and 14:15 remaining, Crosskey dribbled towards the basket on a fast break and appeared to be on her way for a layup before a defender prevented her progress. Without missing a stride, Crosskey made a no-look, backwards, over-the-head, in-the-air pass to Becky Brown standing under the net.

"The pass Crosskey made over the top of her head may have been the greatest pass I've ever seen in a basketball game," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said.

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Injury-Plagued Spikers Finish in Sixth

By Dan Thoene
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's volleyball team found out that wins aren't easy to come by when four starters are watching from the sidelines, as the Gauchos finished sixth out of eight teams in the ASICS Grand Prix Tournament at San Diego State over the weekend.

Already handicapped by the absence of setter Jeff Zevely and hitter Todd Ahmadi, Santa Barbara was also forced to play most of the tournament without starting hitters Eric Fonoimoana and Kory Hull. Fonoimoana was bothered by a pulled muscle in his back, while Hull was out with a strained calf muscle.

In a sport where transitional teamwork is essential, losing four of the six players on the court can take its toll.

"We hadn't played any of the lineups that we were forced to play in the tournament before. Not even in practice," Hull explained. "Basically, it just didn't click."

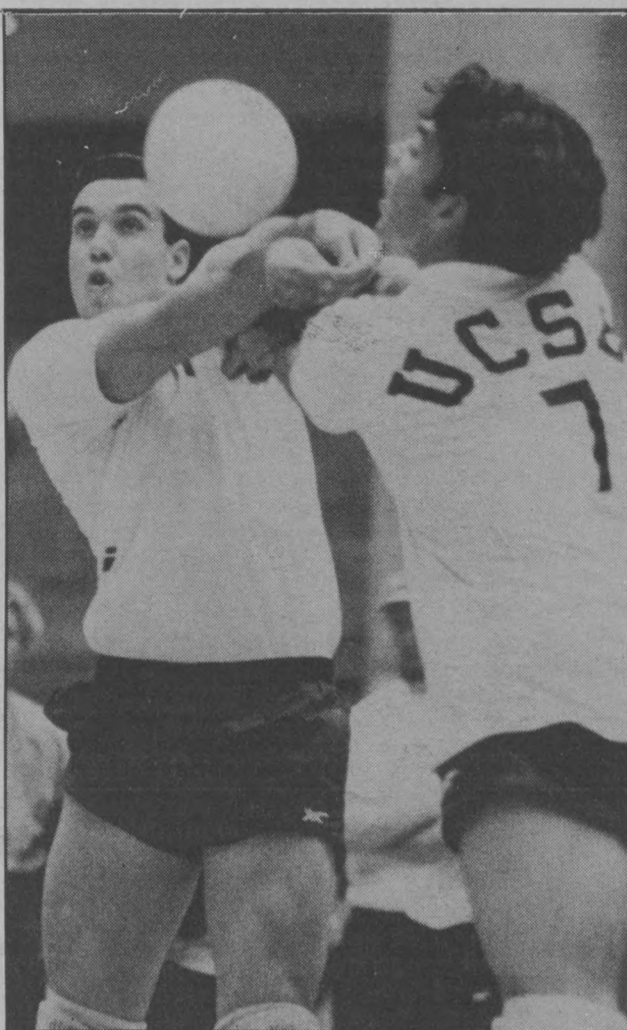
Santa Barbara started off the tournament losing to Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne in three straight games on Friday. Later that night, the Gauchos fell to San Diego St. in just four games, after sweeping the Aztecs in three straight only a week before with Hull and Fonoimoana in the lineup.

After defeating Loyola Marymount in four games on Saturday, the Gauchos dropped to Cal St. Northridge in just three, matching them against LMU again on Sunday, the final day of play.

Santa Barbara squeezed out another victory over the Lions in five games, 15-12, 9-15, 13-15, 15-9, 15-11, behind 22 kills from hitter Greg Ryan, and 20 kills from opposite Stace Lougeay.

But in the final match for fifth place, the Gauchos suffered their second loss to Hawaii on the year, losing 7-15, 15-7, 15-8, 15-13. Santa Barbara's 2-4 record in the tournament only applies to its overall record, making the Gauchos 3-7 on the year, while they remain 1-2 in conference play.

"In retrospect, it's definitely not a disappointment," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston explained. "When your starters are on the bench, they can see things that are done incorrectly on the floor and improve on it, while the guys that get a chance to play are gaining some invaluable experience."



CHRIS CHUNG/Daily Nexus

With junior Todd Ahmadi (left) and senior Eric Fonoimoana (right) sidelined with injuries, the Gauchos struggled in the AZICS Grand Prix Tournament at San Diego State over the weekend, finishing in sixth place.

Life or Death

UCSB Football to Rally for Support

By Andrew Paul
Staff Writer

While UCSB students will vote today and Wednesday on a lock-in fee that would save the Gaucha football program from extinction, many of the team's members and boosters have been busy trying to muster interest and support from the student body.

"We've done everything we intended to do to get the word out to the students," said Adam Loew, chair of the "Save the UCSB Football Team" Committee. "Because of the weather, we couldn't flood the campus with banners like we had planned, but that has pretty much been the only thing in our way. We have plenty of support, now we just need people to show up and vote."

The campaign to keep Gaucha football doesn't stop with banners and posters. In fact, today in Storke Plaza between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., the football team will stage a rally, encouraging students to vote. Dave Hefferman of KCQR will also be broadcasting during the rally at Storke, where an open-microphone will be set up for students to voice their opinion on the football topic.

For the lock-in to pass, a minimum of 3,600 students need to vote, which would require 2,400 affirmative votes. The percentage of 'yes' votes required is then based on a sliding scale for every vote between 3,600 and 5,000. If more than 5,000 votes are cast, the lock-in then requires a simple majority to pass.

Initially, the biggest concern for the Save the Football Team Committee, according to Loew, was getting enough support from the student body. But now, their concern is just getting enough people to the polls.

"Because of the weather, people may not come out and vote," Loew said. "We thought that (the lock-in) would be made a bigger issue by more people. We have found, though, that there is a lot of support out there and not too much negative. We're pretty optimistic."

Lady Netters Open League Season With Win

By Robert Boller
Staff Writer

Once again the UCSB women's tennis team traveled south over the weekend, as the squad planned to play its first Big West conference matches of the year. The league opener against New Mexico State on Saturday was rained out, but the weather cleared in time for Santa Barbara's match on Sunday with the University of the Pacific, played at UC Irvine.

Despite a lack of on-court practice during the week leading up to the match, the Gauchos managed to pull out a victory over the Tigers, 6-3.

With all of the rainfall last week, UCSB was having a hard time preparing for the weekend match. The Gauchos managed to get in one practice on the courts in between storms, but most of the week was spent indoors working on fitness and agility conditioning. The other teams competing over the weekend were equally bothered by the weather.

Another new development also had an affect on the team over the weekend. The format for women's tennis

has recently been changed from dual to flighted format, meaning each individual victory is awarded two points for the team. The points will be tallied to determine team seeding. Now not only is the overall team's performance important, but each individual match becomes that much more crucial. The change was made to align with the men's format (also flighted), in order to reduce confusion.

UCSB's Debbie Goldberger had multiple wins in the Gauchos' victory over UOP. Playing in the #1 singles spot, Goldberger defeated the Tigers' Leslie O'Keefe. In doubles, she teamed with Kathy Peterson to beat Tracy Lee and Doreen Galolo of UOP, 7-5, 6-1.

"Debbie played outstanding matches," UCSB Head Coach Chris Russell said. "I was really pleased with how things went."

The Gauchos' Peterson also won in singles as the #4 seed, downing Pacific's Kim Chang, (who had beaten Goldberger last year), 6-2, 6-3.

"It was a close duel with a lot of long three-setters, but we scraped them out," Peterson said.

The Gaucho team of Laura Rutledge and Lynn Coakley had a strong match in the #2 doubles spot, winning 6-0, 6-3.

DEFEAT

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The Aggies (13-9, 7-6) were not exactly burning the nets up themselves, hitting only 37 percent of their shots, while committing 18 turnovers of their own. But the Gauchos were rarely able to capitalize, as they were unable to find their rhythm in a game marred by sloppy play and numerous fouls—52 to be exact, 28 of which were called on the Gauchos.

Pimm felt for the officials afterward. "Defensively, I thought both teams were a little bit sluggish," he said. "They held on and grabbed, and gave the officials a really tough time. They could've called a foul every time down the court, which would've made it an even worse game. As it was, it was bad enough."

UCSB was able to get out to a good start, however, as four consecutive Lucius Davis jumpers got Santa Barbara out to an early 14-9 lead. But that was the most the Gauchos could muster, as Utah St. guard Jay Goodman began a play symbolic of the night thereafter.

Doubling down on Davis, he was able to steal the ball, take it the length of the court, and hit a layup as he was fouled. Goodman, who led the Aggies with 14 points, converted the free throw, and USU never looked back. Able to convert many of the Gauchos' 18 first-half turnovers, they outscored UCSB, 26-9, to close the first half with a 34-23 lead.

The second half was even worse for Santa Barbara as Davis, who led the Gauchos with 19 points, had no field goals after the break, and was still the team's leading second-half scorer, hitting six free throws. Davis was

0-for-4 in the second half, committed six turnovers and, according to Pimm, "seemed to force things as the game got away from (UCSB)."

Utah State's lead grew steadily thereafter, topping out at 67-50 on two free throws by Goodman. The Aggie's Roderick Hay added 14 points, grabbed nine rebounds and repeatedly frustrated Davis with his tough defense. Guard Kendall Youngblood added 10 points, five boards and five assists in the winning effort.

The Gauchos had little to offer other than Davis. The other four starters combined for just 17 points on 5-of-19 shooting, as the team finished hitting just 15 of 42 shots. Junior Idris Jones had nine points and five rebounds, while Mike Meyer added six points and five boards.

Utah St. 70, UCSB 54

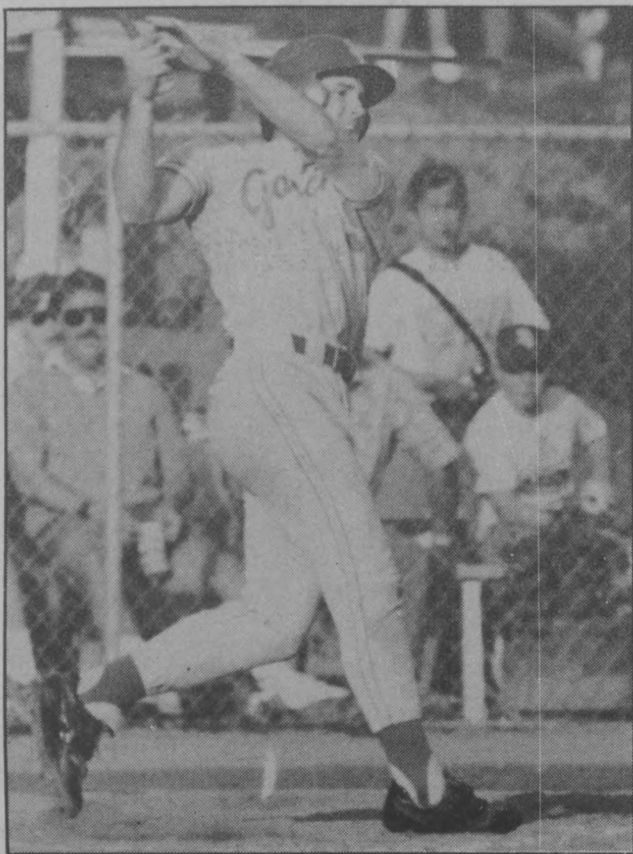
UC SANTA BARBARA

	fg	ft	ft	r	a	pts
Meyer	2	5	2	5	1	6
Davis	5	9	10	2	0	19
Robson	1	3	1	3	2	0
Stewart	1	4	2	2	0	4
Kelly	1	7	2	2	5	3
Jones	3	8	2	4	5	1
Muse	0	2	2	2	4	0
Jackson	0	1	3	5	1	2
Barry	0	1	0	0	1	0
Carter	1	1	0	0	5	2
Parker	0	0	0	0	1	0
Martineau	1	1	0	0	1	0
Totals	15	42	23	30	34	54

UTAH STATE

	fg	ft	ft	r	a	pts
Youngbl	3	12	3	7	5	10
DaSilva	3	8	3	4	5	0
Wickizer	2	4	4	6	5	0
Goodman	4	8	3	3	0	2
NeSmith	2	9	2	2	1	2
Gentry	0	2	1	2	0	0
Patterson	1	1	0	0	1	0
Sager	0	1	0	0	1	0
Daley	3	3	0	0	3	2
Hay	2	5	10	9	1	16
Totals	20	54	26	34	33	70

Halftime—USU 34, UCSB 23.
Three-point goals—UCSB 1-5 (Jones 1-3); USU 4-8 (Goodman 3-6, Youngblood 1-1, NeSmith 0-1).
Blocked shots—UCSB 8 (Muse 3, Robson 2, Carter 2), USU 6 (Hay 2, Wickizer 2).
Steals—UCSB 5 (Barry 2, USU 17 (Hay 5, NeSmith 4, Youngblood 4)).
Technical fouls—Goodman, Fouled out—Kelly, Muse. Team rebounds—UCSB 4, USU 5.
Turnovers—UCSB 29, USU 18.
Attendance—7,218.



HILLARY KAPLOWITZ/Daily Nexus

Senior right fielder Nick Satriano and the rest of the Gauchos will get back into the swing of things this afternoon against Cal Poly Pomona at Campus Diamond.

Well-Rested Sluggers Host Pomona Today

UCSB baseball Head Coach Al Ferrer figured it wasn't that big a deal that he hadn't answered the questions surrounding his pitching staff before the 1992 season began. After all, what better way to evaluate your pitching than to have them perform in real games—something Ferrer was planning to do during the first few weeks of the season.

However, these days Ferrer has been kept more busy evaluating weather reports than pitching arms.

UCSB had its entire three-game series at Cal State Sacramento wiped out last weekend because of the inclement weather. The Gauchos have now had their last four games cancelled due to rain and have not played in nine days. That's thrown a kink into Ferrer's pitching plans.

"Since we didn't make our (pitching) decisions in the fall, we're trying to make those decisions now that we usually make in the fall," Ferrer said. "The rainouts are hurting us—we need to get people some work."

The Gauchos (6-2) will try to get one this afternoon against Cal Poly Pomona at Campus Diamond at 2, with freshman right-hander Steve Lane (1-0) scheduled to start.

"We're kind of going at each other blindfolded," Ferrer said. "We wanted to see (Pomona) play earlier, or get some input about them, but they keep getting rained out also."

To make up for one of the games lost at CSUS, UCSB added a fourth game to its scheduled three-game series at Santa Clara this weekend.

—Jonathan Okanes

WIN: Ladies Get Revenge vs. LBSU

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Brown converted Crosskey's play into two points and the rout was on. The 20-point UCSB lead quickly became 30, and the Lady Gauchos ended with their largest margin of victory of the season at 36. Erika Kienast led UCSB with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Brown chipped in 16 points, and Crosskey, Cori Close and Barbara Beainy each added 14. Close also tallied 10 assists.

Meanwhile, guard Trise Jackson led the way for Long Beach by scoring 15. As a team, the 49ers shot 28 percent — a new all-time low in team history — and

turned the ball over 26 times.

"I was kind of surprised," Kienast said of the ease with which her team trounced the 49ers. "I don't know what happened to them, but they seemed to fall apart."

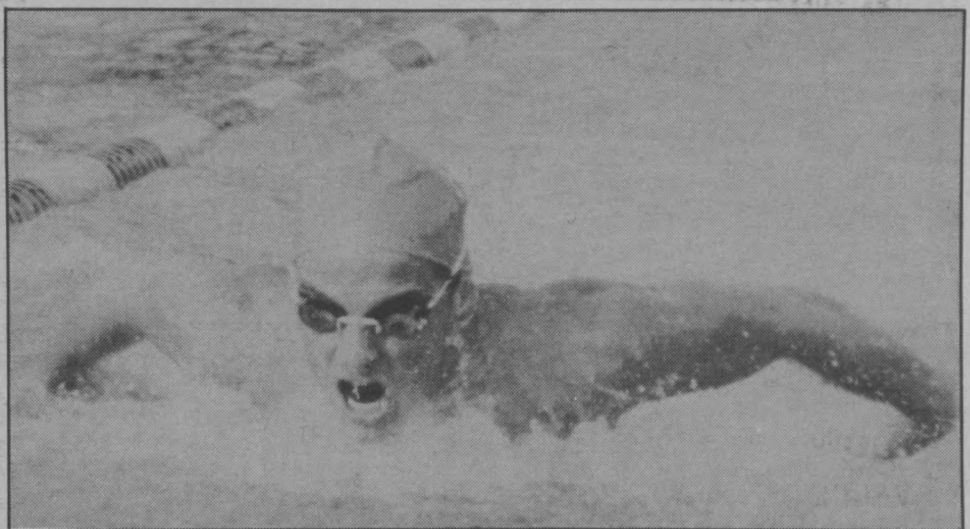
The win for the home team was met with enthusiastic approval by the numerous spectators. Large crowds have been rare for UCSB women's basketball games, and last night's turnout brought appreciation from players and coaches.

"It's great for our kids to be able to play in front of the crowd," French said. "I think they have long been

deserving of this kind of support."

"It was so fun to play in front of these people," Close said. "Hopefully they'll come out for our next home games and we'll keep them after tonight."

In action earlier in the weekend, the Lady Gauchos avenged their only Big West loss this season when they defeated Pacific, 74-55, Saturday night at the Events Center. UCSB was down 30-28 at halftime, but led by Close's 18 points and eight assists, they rolled over UOP in the second half. Kienast scored 14 and Brown added 12.



CHRIS FITZ/Daily Nexus

The UCSB men's swimming and diving team claimed its 14th consecutive Big West title over the weekend, while the women's team finished in second place for the second straight season.

SPORTS SLATE

THE WEEK AHEAD

SPORT	OPPONENT	DAY	TIME	SITE
Baseball	CP Pomona	Tue.	2 p.m.	Campus Diamond
Baseball	CPSLO	Wed.	2 p.m.	Campus Diamond
W. Tennis	Pepperdine	Wed.	1:30 p.m.	Malibu
Golf	Hawaii	Wed.-Fri.	All Day	Honolulu
Softball	CPSLO	Thurs.	2:30 p.m.	Dwight Murphy Stadium
M. Basketball	UC Irvine	Thurs.	7:30 p.m.	T-Dome
Baseball	Santa Clara	Fri.	2 p.m.	Santa Clara
W. Tennis	UCLA	Fri.	1:30 p.m.	UCLA
W. Basketball	Hawaii	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	Hawaii

CHAMPS

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swim coach in school history. "In the end, even the guys looking ahead realize how important it is — everyone wants to preserve the streak."

UCSB's Latta led the men, recording three victories to close out a stellar conference season. The senior won the 100 breaststroke (55.08), the 200 breast (2:00.33) and the 200 IM in a meet-record 1:47.80. Wilson felt the only real disappointment for the men was the slighting of Latta as Big West Swimmer of the Year, which instead went to Pacific's Todd Hosmer, who won the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle events.

"(Latta) had an outstanding meet, and should've been named Swimmer of the Year," Wilson said. "But he won't dwell on it. Now

it's on to bigger and better things at the NCAAs."

Joining Latta at the NCAAs will be Peoples, a junior who, though unshaved and not tapered (in preparation for the NCAAs), won the 400 individual medley (3:54.05) while finishing third to Latta in both the 100 and 200 breast events.

Also recording good meets were sophomore Christian Ballard, who won the 500 free and finished second in the 1,650 free. Winning that event was senior Kurt Chambliss in a meet-record 15:14.71, which qualified him for NCAAs. Diver Pat Kaufman also successfully defended his titles in the one and three-meter diving competitions.

The women got off to a slow start in their best collective event, the 500 free, and could never recover as Las Vegas was able to move

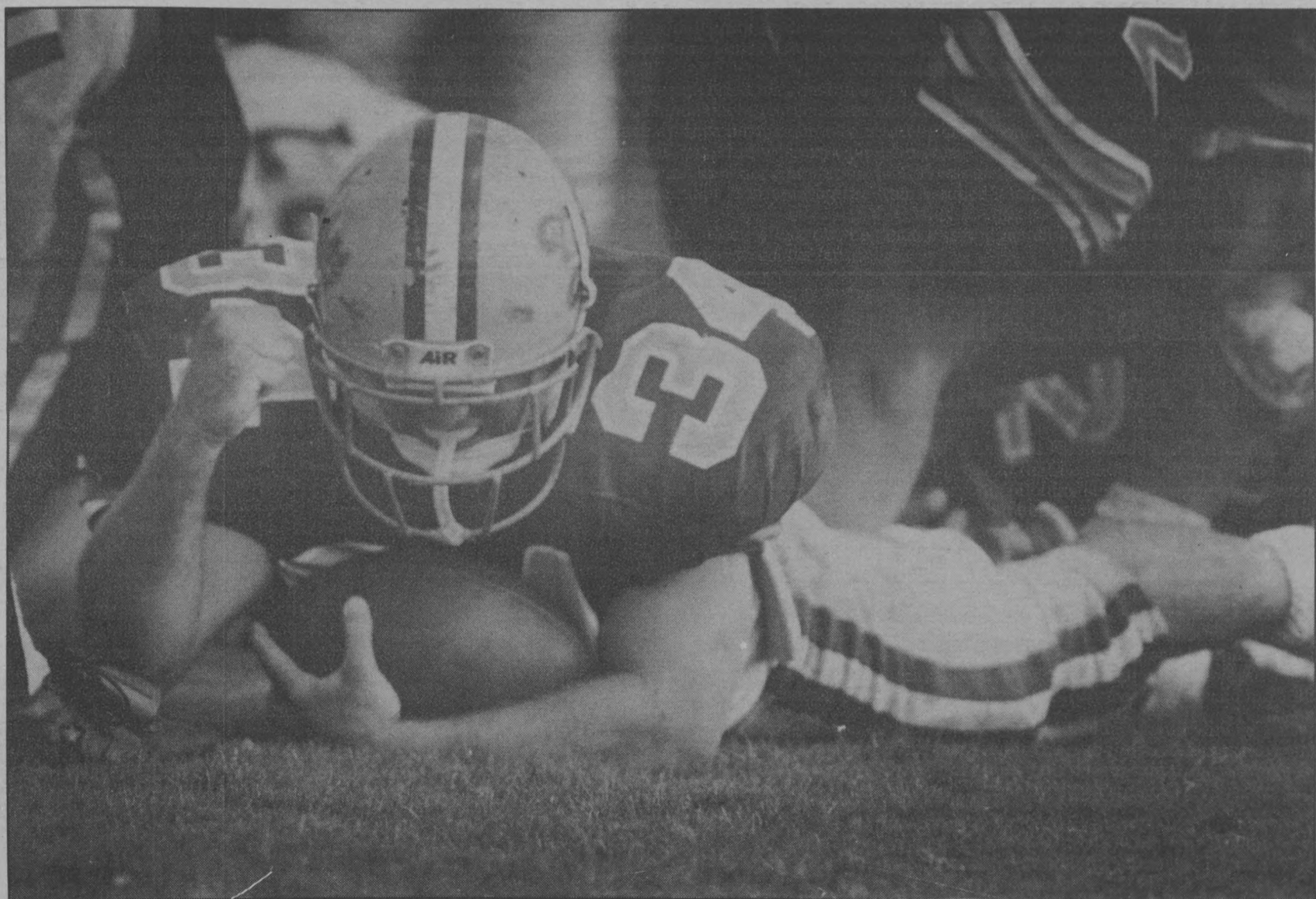
ahead in the 100 butterfly and never look back.

Senior distance freestyler Tabitha Bonney led the women, winning the 1,650 free (16:52.45) while finishing second in the 500 free and third in the 200 free. Diver Erin Evans joined Kaufman in winning both diving events, and was "easily the class of the meet," according to Wilson.

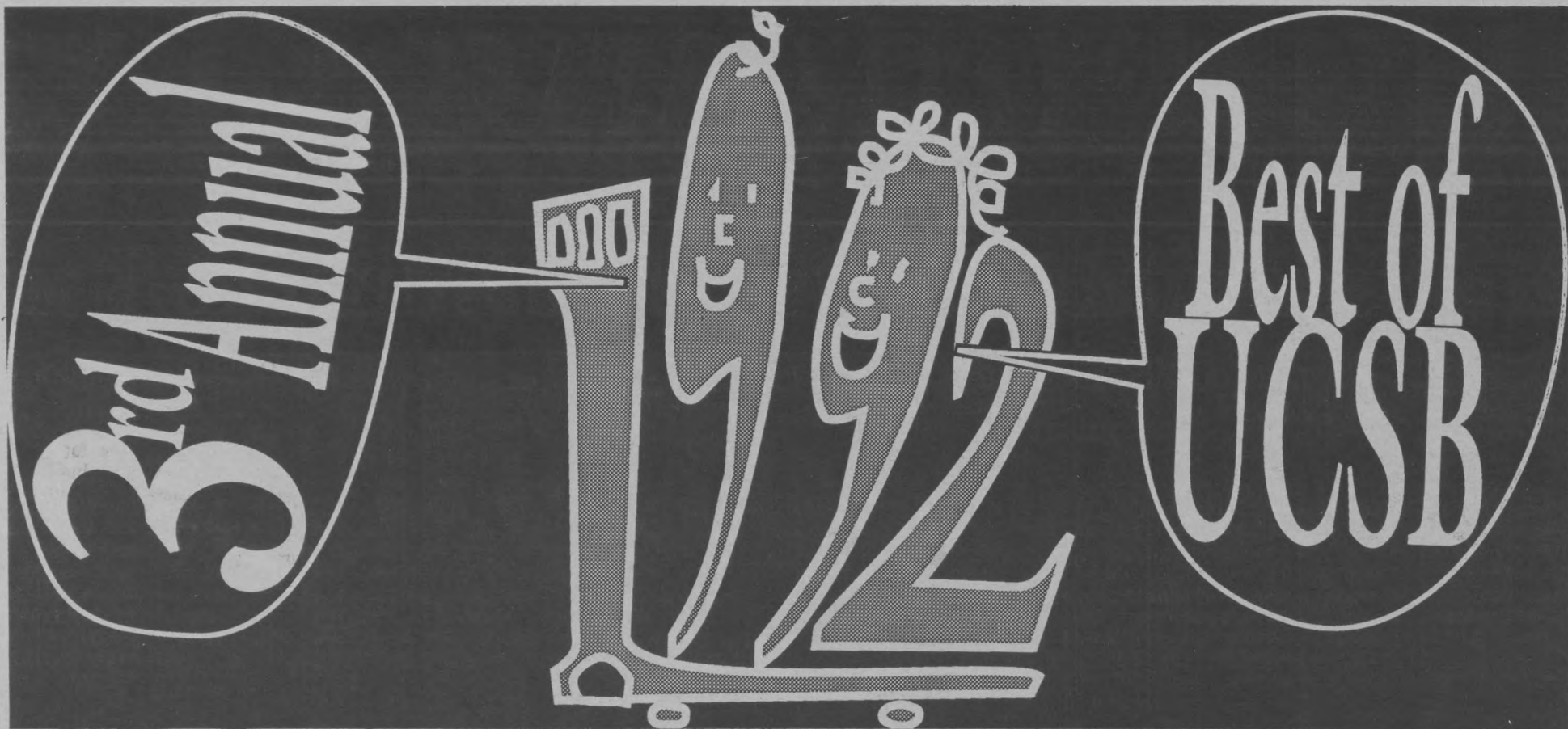
Also recording a good meet for the women was Stephanie Raymond, who set a meet record in winning the 100 back (56.53) and finished second in the 50 free. Wilson also noted Meredith McLain, Jennifer Dodson and Jana Mellinger.

"I wasn't pleased by how much we lost, but I'm happy with the meet overall," Wilson said. "We needed bigger steps from our swimmers, but the other teams were impressive. It was a very competitive weekend (for the women)."

Nexus Sports — Come Join the Excitement



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UCSB Readers Poll Rules

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- ☛ Ballots must be dropped off at The Nexus Ad Office, underneath Storke Tower by Wednesday, Feb 19, 5pm.
- ☛ ONE ballot per person, please.

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7. Best Happy Hour _____

8. Best Place to Drink Pitchers _____

9. Best Restaurant to Take Your Parents _____

10. Best Chinese Food _____

11. Best Mexican Food _____

12. Best Burgers _____

13. Best Frozen Yogurt _____

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15. Best Place to Drink Coffee _____

16. Best Music Store _____

17. Best Bike Shop _____

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19. Best Place to Buy Groceries _____

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21. Best Place to Buy Condoms _____

22. Best Dining Commons _____

23. Best Line to get a Woman/Man in Your Bedroom _____

24. Best Reason to Miss Class _____

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