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Women's Volleyball

### Men's Soccer Kicks In With Best Start Since 1971 Season

■ UCSB Hopes to Ride Successes Into Postseason

By Curtis Kaiser  
Staff Writer

After a disappointing end to the 1994 season — in which Santa Barbara went winless in its last six games and finished with a 9-10-1 record — the UCSB men's soccer team has come back with a vengeance in 1995, jumping out to a blistering 7-0-1 start to the new campaign.

Fourth-year Head Coach Mark Arya has his squad dancing all over its opponents both on offense and defense, outscoring foes 22-5 thus far.

The team is off to its best start since 1971, when the Gauchos won their first nine matches.

Arya credits a new team focus for UCSB's success this season.

"We've adopted a new philosophy on how we want to present the game and that has carried over into our transition game," he said. "We are a lot more disciplined, a lot more organized and we play with a lot more teamwork."

• **Returns:**

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The Gauchos boast an impressive group of returning starters including senior midfielder Ralph Robertson, an All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Pacific Division selection last season when he tallied seven goals and nine assists. Senior sweeper Patrick Griffin comes back after earning Second Team MPSF honors last year. Santa Barbara returns nine more players who saw action as starters in 1994: senior defender Steve Hennessey, junior defender Mike Squellati, senior forwards Jeff Johnson and Kristian Berre, junior midfielder Brian Mackerer, senior forward Greg DePaco, sophomore defenders Jason Deal and Danny Sparks and sophomore forward Danny Mann.

• **Losses:**

The Gauchos lose scoring leader Matt Arya, a First Team All-MPSF selection, honorable MPSF mention Lance Nakamitsu and goalkeeper Travis Harding.

• **Newcomers:**

Freshman goalkeeper Stewart Sanders



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**LET'S GET PHYSICAL:** Sophomore forward Danny Mann gets rough as he fights for possession. Mann's prolific scoring this season has helped the Gauchos jump out to a 7-0-1 record, the team's best in over 20 years. UCSB begins conference play on Oct. 6 at home vs. Cal State Fullerton.

### Gauchos Hope Veterans & Youngsters Gel to Produce Wins

By Jenny Kok  
Staff Writer

Because its roster is dominated by eager, young freshmen with very little NCAA experience, one small word is plaguing the #15 UCSB women's volleyball team: potential.

So far the Gauchos are doing about as well as

could be expected with such an inexperienced lineup, but the ability to dominate and produce good results is there. With a 9-4 record to date, Santa Barbara is on the right track, but it does have a long way to go before moving back into the race for the national championship. Unfortunately, 'potential' can't take UCSB to

the top.

"We try not to use that word [potential]. It doesn't mean anything," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "We try to just take one game at a time."

• **Returns:**

Three seniors, Kim Keys, Tammy Stiner and Jennifer Kaylor, have been

the driving force for the Gauchos so far this season. Keys, an outside hitter, leads the way on offense with a team-high 182 kills to date. She was recently named Most Valuable Player of the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Classic after posting 45 kills, 32 digs and 16 blocks in the three-match tourney.

Stiner, a middle blocker, was named to the All-Tournament Team after her performance at the Cal Poly Classic. She posted 41 kills, 29 digs and 31 blocks during the tournament.

After a decent season last year, Kaylor, also a middle blocker, has become one of the strongest blockers in UCSB history. In her past 17 games, Kaylor blocked 32 balls for an average of 1.88 per game.

Sophomore outside hitter Jennifer Strofte and senior outside hitter Shannan Meixsell have been banged up of late, but their presence on the court will be well noticed once their injuries heal.

Sophomore setter Maile Mortensen experienced a sluggish start for the Gauchos, but at the Cal Poly Classic she regained her composure and set two of the best matches of her career.

Junior Jennifer Boehle

returns as a defensive specialist.

• **Losses:**

The Gauchos lose all-around leader Heather Collins, third in all-time career digs and kills at Santa Barbara, 1994 blocking leader Shirley Aboyme and setting phenom Chrissy Boehle, who is second all-time at UCSB with 3,879 assists.

• **Newcomers:**

Freshman middle blocker Katie Crawford has been coming off of the bench to provide the Gauchos with a little extra hitting and blocking power. Freshman setter Meri-de Boyer backs up starting setter Mortensen.

Perhaps the most pleasant surprises have been defensive specialists Michelle Pavicich and Tania Yamashita. Both have been providing UCSB with key defensive plays. Other newcomers include opposite Hilary Gunsaulus and outside hitters Charlene Conley, Danielle Leon, Erin McCown and Jill Peterson.

• **Strengths:**

Blocking has been a big plus for the Gauchos thus far. They are currently second in the Big West Conference in blocks per

game, averaging 3.23. However, the biggest strength for UCSB has been the strong leadership from Keys and Stiner and the all-around improvement of Kaylor.

Depth is another asset for the Santa Barbara squad. Gregory boasts a roster with over 12 players she feels can come in a match at anytime and contribute.

• **Concerns:**

Offense is probably the biggest worry for the Gauchos. According to Gregory, the team's tempo needs to be a lot quicker.

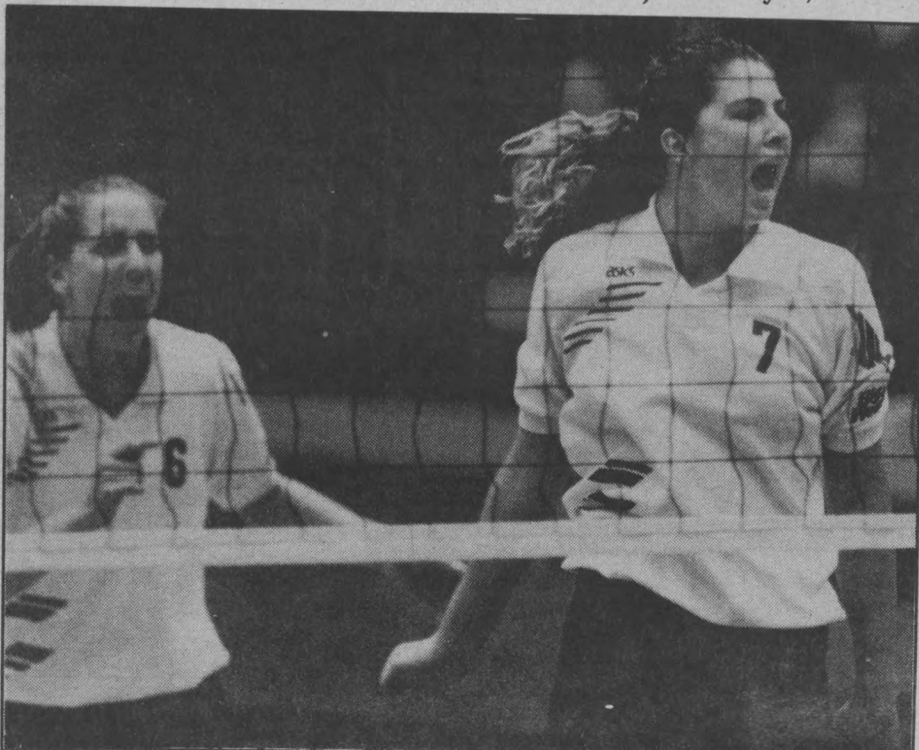
Up until the Cal Poly Classic, setting had been a weak point for Santa Barbara, but Mortensen put up a valiant effort in the last two matches of the tournament.

UCSB has always had a reputation for being a defensive team, but with the team's major roster changes this year, digs are a lot harder to come by.

• **Season So Far:**

The Gauchos (9-4 overall, 2-0 in the Big West) are doing about as well as expected. With all of the young athletes, expectations for the first half of the season have been reason-

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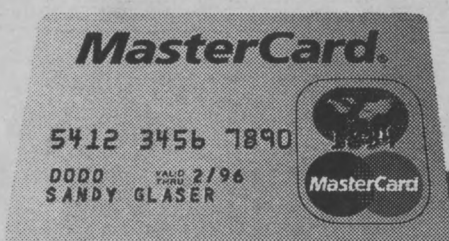


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**KEYED UP:** Senior outside hitters Kim Keys (right) and Shannan Meixsell are two veterans whom the Gauchos will count on in their 1995 campaign.

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Women's Soccer Season Preview

# Women's Soccer Adjusts to New Coach, Players

By Alex Nugent  
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After a rocky 0-7 start, the UCSB women's soccer team has been able to put things together of late, winning its last two games for first-year Head Coach John Cossaboon.

As a result of only four returning players, due to

graduation and outgoing transfers, the Gauchos have a nucleus of young players with little or no Division I experience.

Despite the team's lack of qualifications at this level, Cossaboon feels that the 1995 season will be a good opportunity for the squad's young members to get a lot of playing time.

"There is no way they

could be used to the pressure of Division I soccer," said Cossaboon. "But on the other side, they're getting a lot of experience early. They're getting a chance to develop early in their college careers."

are walk-on freshmen: defender Jana Matteoli, forward Kristy Witzman, midfielder Karna Forschler, defender Paula Haas, goalkeeper Katie Eichhorst and forward Darcie Frounfelzer.

**• Returnees:**  
Senior center-midfielder Amy Hunter and junior sweeper Felicia Hayes are the lone returning athletes who can bring much-needed knowledge and leadership to the field. Two senior players, goalkeeper Dana Visse and forward Jeannie Crabb return to the squad after taking a yearlong sabbatical.

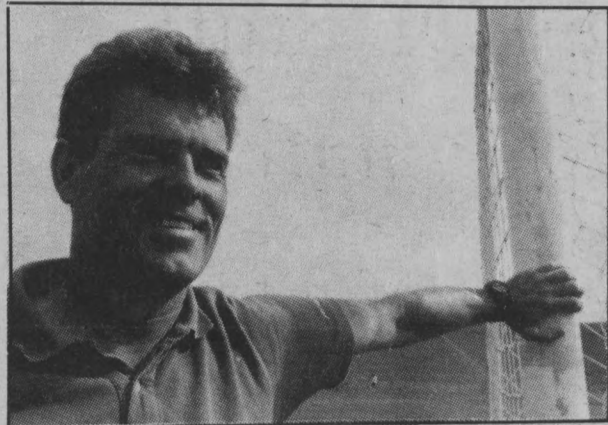
**• Losses:**  
The Gauchos lost nine of their 11 starters from 1994, with only Hunter and Hayes coming back.

**• Newcomers:**  
Some of the biggest pieces of the team's puzzle

**• Strengths:**  
Although Santa Barbara is young and inexperienced, Cossaboon believes that its most noticeable strength thus far is the squad's work ethic and positive attitude.

"We're not a team loaded with superstars. It could be silly looking at a team that is 2-7, analyzing the strengths but in this case it is not so," Cossaboon said. "Their unwillingness to quit is by far this team's biggest asset. When things start getting bad, most young teams have a tendency to give up and quit, but this team is not

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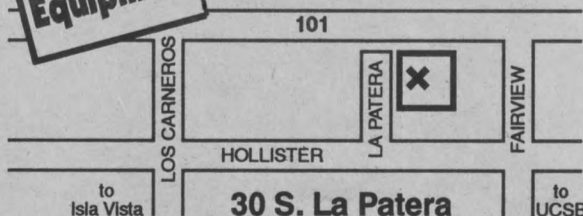
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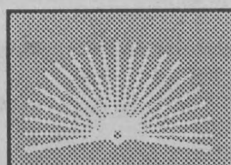
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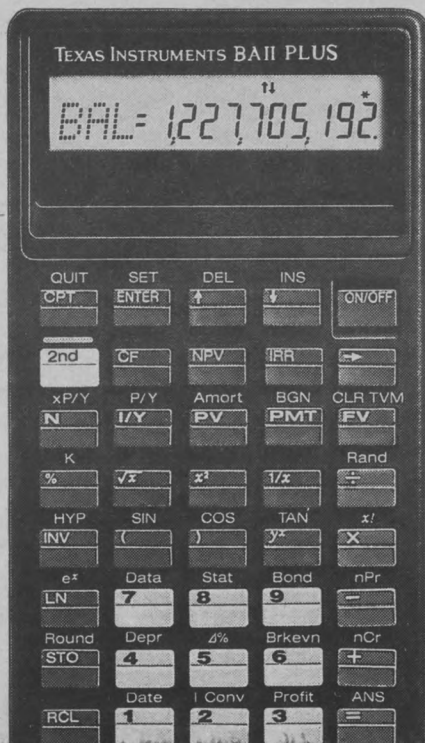
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# WINNING

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has been nearly unstoppable this season. Sanders has started every game, notching 34 saves and posting five shutouts. His goals against average is a paltry 0.58. Other newcomers include freshman midfielder/forwards Brent Edwards and Reza Zamani, freshman forward Ryan Saunders, junior midfielders Kenny Pierce and Ted Flogaites, sophomore defender Owe Nilsson and freshman defender Greg Wnuk.

**Strengths:**  
It's not difficult to find strengths for UCSB this season. Nearly every aspect of Santa Barbara's game appears to be in top shape. The offense has averaged nearly three goals per match, while the defense has allowed a miniscule 0.6 goals per contest. The scoring has been spread around, as 10 different Gauchos have netted goals. The team has a good deal of depth, as evidenced by Coach

Arya's regular substitutions.

**Concerns:**  
If there is anything for Arya and the Gauchos to be concerned about, it hasn't revealed itself this season. UCSB's play has been nearly flawless through the team's first eight games.

**Season So Far:**  
The Gauchos' eight-game unbeaten streak (7-0-1) is its longest since 1982 when the Gauchos were unbeaten in 17 straight (14-0-3). In addition to posting victories over Berkeley (2-1) and Stanford (3-0), Santa Barbara beat nationally ranked Fresno State, 3-2. The team's lone tie was a 2-2 draw with crosstown rival Westmont.

**Upcoming Events:**  
UCSB will head to the University of Washington this weekend to compete in the Husky Classic against the University of Portland Pilots, the Washington Huskies and the UNLV Runnin' Rebels. The tournament matches will be the

Gauchos' last games before they begin MPSF Conference play at Cal State Fullerton on Oct. 6.

Arya feels that Santa Barbara's tough schedule will enable the team to receive consideration for postseason play if the team doesn't win the MPSF.

"We've got the kind of schedule that we need to get an at-large bid," Arya said. "It's a matter of us needing to do the work and to keep improving as a team."

**Outlook:**  
With the way they've played so far this season against top-caliber opponents, UCSB has to be considered a threat to the rest of the teams in the MPSF Pacific Division, including UCLA. If the Gauchos continue to play consistently well on offense and defense, there is no reason why Santa Barbara shouldn't have an excellent shot at the postseason. Home games on Oct. 13 against UCLA and Oct. 15 against UC Irvine will be important tests for UCSB as it enters the middle of its conference season.

# V-BALL

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able, but with Gregory's intense nature, she'll no doubt be expecting 110% from this point on.

Disappointing losses have occurred, but none have been too surprising to the Gaucho volleyball die-hards. The team's most noticeable losses have come to #16 Univer-


sity of Arizona (15-7, 9-15, 12-15, 10-15) and #20 Loyola Marymont University (15-13, 8-15, 15-3, 8-15, 13-15).

**Upcoming Events:**  
The next couple of weeks will bring important league competition for the Gauchos. How UCSB does in these next seven matches will say a lot about their ability to keep things going. Matchups with #12 University of the

Pacific and #5 Long Beach State will be the toughest for Santa Barbara in the next month.

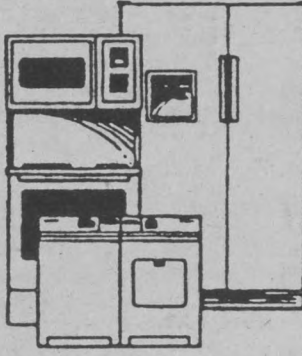
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Things will get better as the season progresses and the Gauchos will no doubt see postseason action. However, Santa Barbara probably won't be polishing a national championship trophy at season's end.

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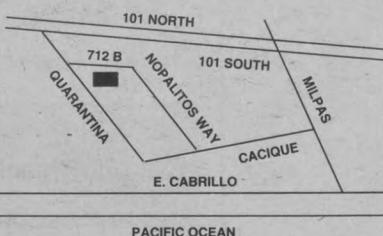
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Cross Country Season Preview

# Cross Country Teams Look for Big West Titles

By Michael Cadilli  
Staff Writer

The 1995 UCSB men's and women's cross country teams not only look strong this season, but look to take the league titles.

With a strong winning performance over 1994 Big West Champion Utah State on Sept. 16, the Gauchos men are in the driver's seat in the conference.

In the same event at UC Irvine, Santa Barbara's women's team took a tough 54-point loss to league rival and 1995 conference favorite UCI. However, UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan fully expects the women to battle the Anteaters for the top spot by season's end.

**• Returnees:**

On the men's side, the Gauchos have a deep pool of returning runners. Brad Glosser, Dave Cullum, Liam Jones, Nate Weber, Dave Blum and Forest Quinlan all have come back to lead UCSB in '96.

For the women, Eliza Alexander, Eva Mattson, Gaby Rodriguez, Mary Crane, Heather Bray, Julie Marshall and Laurie Murphy look to be the top returnees to help the squad win a title.

**• Losses:**

Santa Barbara's women's team was hit hardest by losing top runner Kara Bradbury and Beckie Levy (in the top five) to graduation, while its #2 runner Deanna Hadley is no longer on the squad due to discipline problems, according to Dolan.

The men lost only one top-five athlete in Paul Goodrich, but also will not have the services of Gus Harper, who is now the assistant coach.

**• Strengths:**

The men's strength will no doubt be their depth in the pack but in also the strength of its top three runners. Glosser, Cullum and transfer standout Ben Flam all posted good times in the first two meets.

"This is the best depth since 1990," Dolan said. "Coupled with our top three guys, it makes the possibilities for this team very good right now."

Like the men, the Gaucho women will rely on their top three athletes, Alexander, Mattson and Rodriguez, to carry the load for the squad.

**• Upcoming Events:**

Both UCSB teams head up north on Saturday to compete in the Stanford Invitational.

## POLO

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interesting to see how the team gels down the road.

**• Season So Far:**

The Gauchos have posted a 4-7 record so far this season, with a tough but promising 7-8 loss to #1-ranked Stanford on Sept. 8.

"Some of the games that we've lost this season we've lost by one goal," Rameson said. "So we've got to get over that hurdle."

**• Upcoming Events:**

UCSB will travel to Berkeley this weekend for the NorCal Tournament. The Gauchos will then have a couple of weeks off to prepare for their next game, a home match on Oct. 14 against UC Irvine.

## WOMEN

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like that.

"We never quit. With this type of attitude, you can go anywhere," he added. "I'm extremely proud of how they hold their heads up high and I hope the rewards for their hard work and training will come in the games."

**• Concerns:**

With six to eight freshmen starting each game, the squad's inexperience will definitely be its Achilles' heel. Another area of concern is the team's struggling offense and its porous defense. So far this season, the Gauchos have scored only nine goals, while giving up 26 goals to their opponents.

**• Season So Far:**

Although the team seems to be improving, UCSB started the year poorly at 0-7 before improving to 2-7. The Gauchos' wins have come against San Jose State (3-1) and Cal State Northridge (2-1). Santa Barbara's losses came to Santa Clara University, Saint Mary's College, the University of San Diego, UC San Diego, USC, Pepperdine, Loyola Marymount and UCLA.

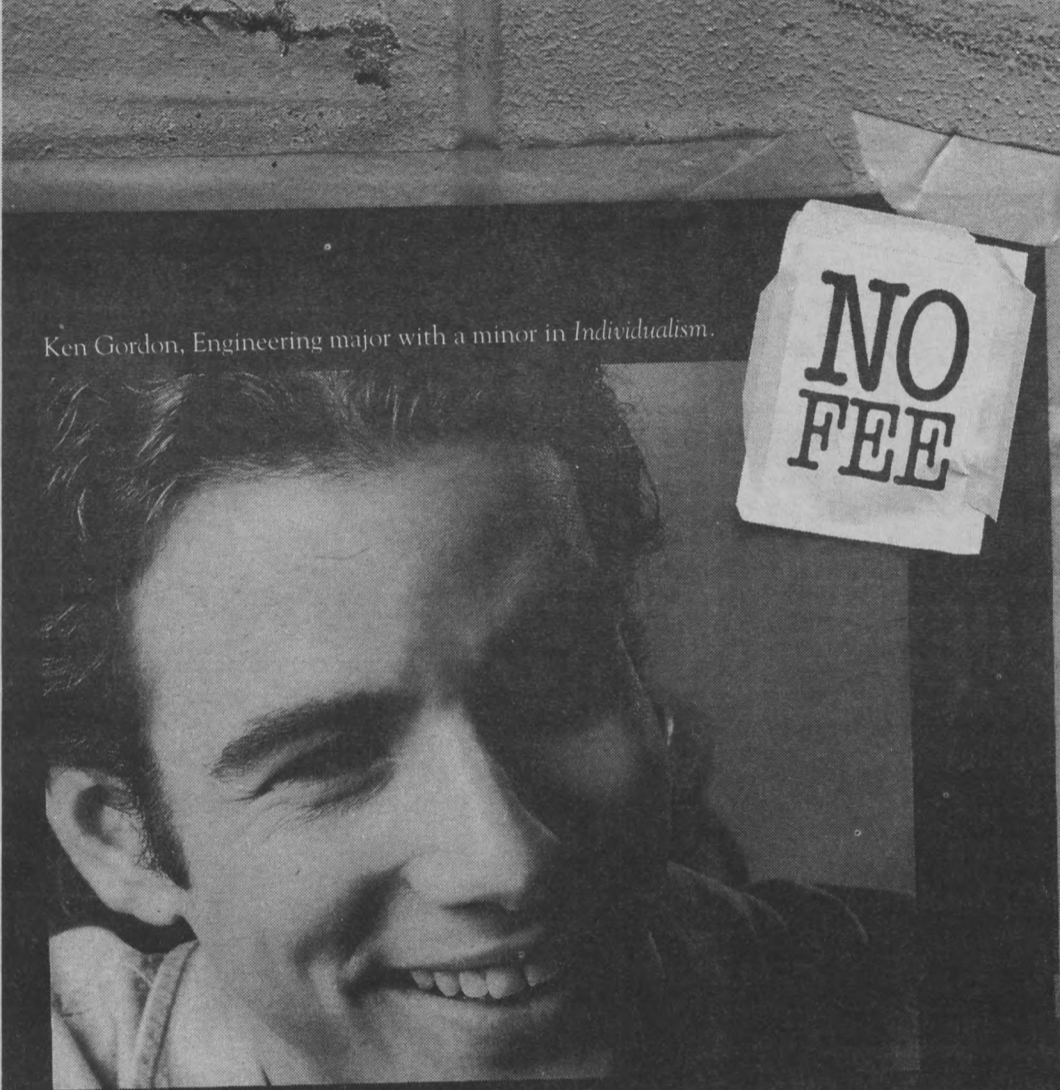
**• Upcoming Events:**

The soccer squad will begin a four-game homestand on Saturday against Sacramento State. The University of the Pacific, Fresno State and UC Berkeley are next on Monday, Oct. 6 and 8, respectively.

**• Outlook:**


The 1995 women's soccer campaign will probably be a tough one. The Gauchos have played the toughest part of the schedule so far and depending on how the freshmen grow and perform, the team might be able to squeeze some more wins out. However, don't expect a record above .500.

This is a learning year for the players and also one of transition. This could be a top-20 team in the future, but not in the present.




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Men's Water Polo Season Preview

# SB Water Polo Hopes to Make Splash in MPSF

By Steven Large  
Staff Writer

There are certain code words that coaches and athletes use to let the media know that good things are not on the horizon. Two of these words seem to come up often when the UCSB men's water polo team is the topic of conversation: rebuilding and improvement. The Gauchos were hurt big time by graduation, losing nine seniors from

last year's squad. Now Santa Barbara's team consists of two seniors, one junior and a whole lot of inexperience.

**• Returnees:**

The lone senior returnee is driver/two-meter man Adam Estabrook and driver Kevin Eggert, who was expected to leave for UCLA but ended up staying at UCSB.

The Gauchos also have seven returning sophomores who will need to be a strong force if Santa Bar-

bara's season is to be a successful one.

**• Losses:**

Among the nine seniors lost to graduation last year were two-time All-American Doug Wierenga and All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation selection Nikola Ivanovic.

The Gauchos finished last season ranked sixth in the nation, but without the help of those seniors, regaining that ranking will be difficult.

"We did well last year,"

Estabrook said, "but we relied on our seniors a lot."

**• Newcomers:**

Santa Barbara only has one junior this year, Air Force Academy transfer Tyler Rameson. He will be looked upon for some experience at the driver position.

True freshmen Donny Hooper and Morgan Williams will also be asked to carry a sizable load this year. Hooper was a Second Team High School All-American and Williams a Third Team selection.

"I really like the younger guys," Estabrook said. "I think they have a really promising future."

**• Strengths:**

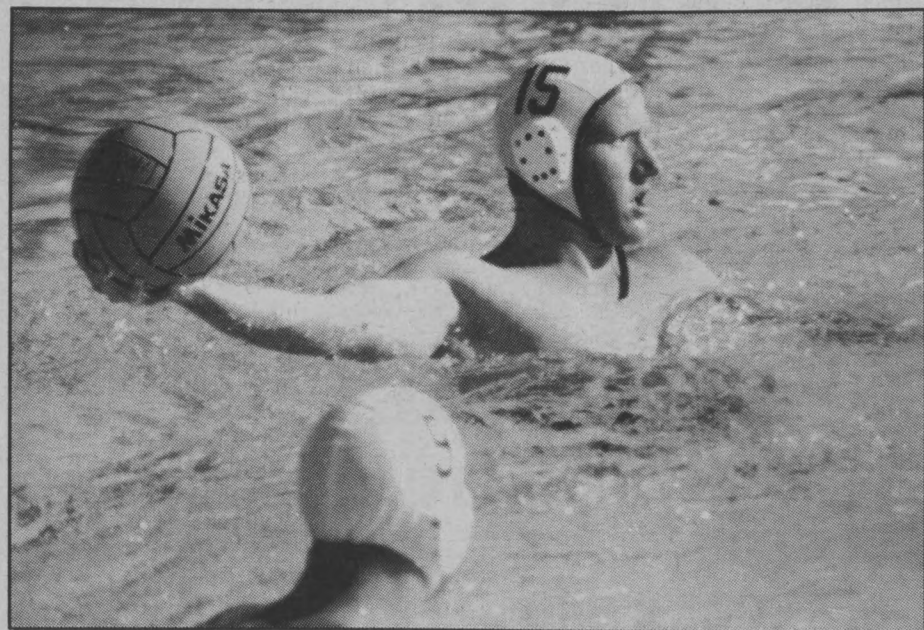
Santa Barbara has a lot of young players, but it will try to make up for its inexperience with its tenacity.

Rameson believes that what the team lacks in size it makes up for with speed.

"We're really fast and we're a good counterattacking team," he said. "Because we aren't as big, we try to swim under our opponents."

**• Concerns:**

An obvious one here. The team is essentially a brand new one, and with only two seniors, it will be



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**BAR IN:** With only two seniors on its squad, the UCSB water polo team faces an uphill battle as it seeks to improve throughout the season.

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