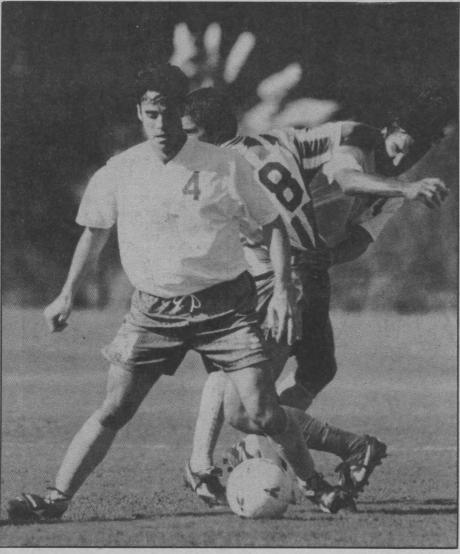
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**DYNAMIC DUO:** Gaucho Steve Hennessey receives help from teammate Mike Squellati as he tries to hold back the opposition in Sunday's 6-0 victory over UCI.

### Gauchos Blanked by Bruins, Then Return Favor vs. UCI

By Brett Lindstrom Staff Writer

If sporting events were won on heart and determination alone, the UCSB men's soccer team would be walking away from this weekend's play with two victories instead of one.

In one of the great marquee matchups of the season on the West Coast, the second-ranked UCLA Bruins downed the Gauchos, 2-0, in front of a record crowd of 3,506 at Harder Stadium Friday night. UCSB responded to the disappointing loss two days later with a 6-0 blitzing of conference rival UC Irvine. While the Gauchos (10-3-1 overall, 2-2

while the Gauchos (10-3-1 overall, 2-2 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) seemed to battle the Bruins (11-1, 4-0 in the MPSF) evenly throughout the game, if not almost dominating play at times, they simply failed to add the key ingredient of a victory: a goal.

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"UCLA took it to us for the first 15 minutes, but after that we took over the tempo and played very intelligently," said UCSB Head Coach Mark Arya. "The downside is that we just didn't capitalize on any of our scoring opportunities."

The Bruins notched their first goal in

The Bruins notched their first goal in the seventh minute of play on midfielder Nick Thelsof's blistering kick from the top of the goalie's box. As if shot out of a cannon, the ball whizzed by the outstretched arms of diving UCSB goalk-eeper freshman Stewart Sanders.

UCLA's Eddie Lewis' breakaway goal

in the 87th minute of play proved to be the knife in the back for the Gauchos. In a somewhat controversial play, Lewis appeared to be five to 10 yards offsides when he received the pass from midfielder Caleb Meyer.

Santa Barbara's best scoring opportunity came on sophomore midfielder Owe Nilsson's diving header attempt that sailed just wide of the Bruins' net. The Gauchos outshot UCLA, 14-13, with senior midfielder Ralph Robertson leading the way for UCSB with four.

"We're happy with the way we played, but unhappy with the outcome," said sophomore forward Danny Mann. "We had them on the run, on their heels, but we just lacked the ability to finish."

Senior midfielder Greg DePaco, like most of the Gaucho players, agreed with Mann's analysis.

"We weren't too down after the loss. We outplayed them and outclassed them, but we're just unfortunate to not put any goals in," he said. "If UCLA is number two in the nation, then we are right there with them."

On Sunday, UCSB bounced back from its loss to the Bruins with an impressive 6-0 victory over UC Irvine.

"It was a good win. It's tough when you play a powerful team like UCLA, then come back to face Irvine," Arya said. "It's only natural that there be a letdown in play and there was."

Despite an apparent lag in the

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### **UCSB Women's Volleyball Weekend Results**

### Santa Barbara Cruises Past Aggies Twice at Utah St.; Spikers Get Set for Difficult Conference Schedule

By Jenny Kok Staff Writer

With two more victories over the weekend and riding a 10-game winning streak, it's hard to believe that the #15 UCSB women's volleyball team would be anything less than thrilled. However, with their upcoming sche-



Kathy Gregory

dule, the Gauchos aren't putting a lot of stock in their record.

The two three-game wins Friday (15-8, 15-8, 15-4) and Saturday (15-8, 15-7, 15-4) nights at Utah State University (0-18 overall, 0-8 in the Big West Conference) came fairly easy for UCSB (16-4 overall, 9-0 in the Big West). But according to Gaucho Head Coach Kathy Gregory, this weekend's performance showed that there's a long road ahead for the young team.

"We didn't play very well the first night. We played beneath our level," Gregory said. "It was very disappointing. We played better the next night. We had some great back-row playing from Michelle Pavicich, and Kim [Keys] and Tammy [Stiner] were hitting a lot more."

Leading the offense both evenings was senior outside hitter Keys. She was limited to seven kills on Friday, but came back and pounded out 13 at a .296 hitting percentage on Saturday and also led the defense with nine digs and five blocks.

For the Aggies, Niki Conner led the team both evenings with nine kills and 12 digs on Friday and seven kills and five digs on Saturday.

"Everyone played steady for the most part," said Santa Barbara senior middle blocker Jennifer Kaylor. "There was nothing big about either game except that Shannan [Meixsell] got to play."

Perhaps the only real thrill for the Gauchos this weekend was the return of senior outside hitter Shannan Meixsell. Meixsell, recovering from a thumb injury, started for the first time since early this season.

"It was good to get Shannan back out on the court right now because our schedule after this week is going to be extremely tough," Gregory said. "Yes, we have big wins over Long Beach and UOP, but Long Beach lost

in three to UOP on Friday and then beat San Jose State in five games on Saturday.

"We have to keep on improving and get our freshmen ready to play. We have a big match with Long Beach next week, then a tough road trip up to San Jose and UOP, and then UCLA and a twogame series with Hawai'i at home. Our record doesn't give us any security. My main concern right now is that we keep getting better all the way until the end of the

The Gauchos will next be in action when they host Cal State Fullerton on Oct. 21 at 7:30 in the Events Center.

Big West Women's Volleyball Standings

#2 Hawai'i	10-0		
#15 UCSB	9-0		
#10 LBSU	7-2		
Nevada	6-3		
#16 Pacific	5-3		
SJSU	4-6		
NMSU	3-6		
Irvine	1-8		
Utah St.	0-8		
Fullerton	0-9		
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**CONCENTRATION:** Outside hitter Kim Keys prepares for one of her many kill attempts. Keys led the Gauchos' weekend sweep against Big West foe Utah State.

### Santa Barbara Squeaks Past Toros in Double-OT Thriller

By Alex Nugent Staff Writer

Despite not having its leading scorer in the game, the UCSB women's soccer team defeated visiting Cal State Dominguez Hills Saturday, 4-3, in exciting overtime fashion.

"The win just shows what our team is all about," said senior forward Jeannie Crabb. "We're a bunch of fighters and if we fight back all the time, we can win any

After a scoreless first half, both squads exploded offensively, scoring two goals in the second half and one goal apiece in the first overtime.

The Gauchos (4-11 overall) were finally able to win the game in the second overtime as junior midfielder Alison Lott scored the game-winning goal at the 115-minute mark, handing the Toros their sixth loss of the season.

"It was a really intense and physical game," said senior goalkeeper Dana Visse. "It was a real possession-type game and we kept control of the ball."

"We were really attack-minded and just never gave up," she added. "There wasn't a doubt in anyone's mind that we couldn't score."

Although down 1-0 early in the second half, Santa Barbara was able to storm back as freshman forward Kristy Witzman tied the game in the 65th minute with

a goal assisted by sophomore midfielder Danielle Zehnder.

UCSB later took a 2-1 lead at the 73-minute mark when freshman midfielder Darcie Frounfelter scored on an assist from Crabb.

"The longer the game went on, even in the overtime periods, the better soccer we played," said UCSB Head Coach John Cossaboon. "The offense, defense and goal really stepped up for us."

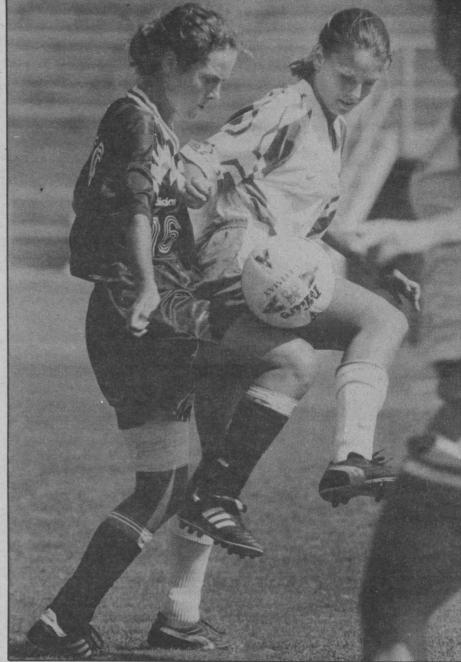
The Toros were able to tie the game, 2-2, in the final minutes of regulation as their leading scorer senior Gwen Nakashima knocked in her 10th goal of the season.

The first overtime period saw both squads exchange quick goals as Witzman scored her second goal of the game at the 91st minute and Cal State Dominguez Hills tallied at the 92nd minute — tying the game at three.

"To go out ahead in overtime and sense victory and then have it taken away from you, then come back and win it shows the young players that winning can happen through hard effort," Cossaboon said. "They kept working and they got it."

"This game is a definite confidence builder," he added. "The next few games will be tough ones and we will need it."

Up next for the Gauchos will be their last home game of the season, against Westmont College Oct. 23 at Harder Stadium.



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BALANCING ACT: Santa Barbara forward Kristy Witzman (right) struggles for a loose ball. Witzman scored two goals in this weekend's contest helping lead the Gauchos to a 4-3 double-overtime win against Cal State Dominguez Hills.

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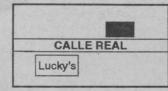
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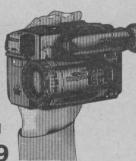


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### **Gauchos Finally Defeat** Pacific, but Unable to Cease Anteater Attack

By Brian Berger

The UCSB men's water polo squad looked to better its conference standing as it hosted the University of the Pacific and UC Irvine this weekend at Campus Pool.

Sunday the #13 Gauchos (6-11 overall, 1-3 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) looked to seek revenge against #10 Pacific (4-13 overall, 2-9 MPSF), who had defeated Santa Barbara in two prior meetings this season. UCSB relied on a balanced offensive attack and solid goalkeeping by freshman Lance Wahlert as it cruised to an 11-5 win.

The first half belonged to the Gauchos as five different Santa Barbara players were able to get a shot by Pacific's Beau Barbour, while Wahlert was able to hold UOP to just one goal on his way to a 13-save performance.

"We played a lot more physical this time," sophomore two-meter man Tom Norton said. "We got an early lead and they [the Tigers] rolled over."

UCSB was able to build on its four-point advantage as it outscored Pacific, 3-2, in the third period with a goal by freshman driver Ryan Peddycord and a two-point shot by senior driver Kevin Eggert, who raised his team-high scoring total to 40 points.

Despite a two-point goal by UOP's Ryan Price, the Gauchos scored three goals of their own, including a shot by junior driver Tyler Rameson with 12 seconds remaining in the game to secure the victory

Saturday, the Gauchos faced a tough challenge as they met #4 UCI (9-4 overall, 3-0 MPSF) for the first time this season. The Anteaters jumped out early, on their way to a



WATER FOUL: UCSB two-meter man Mike O'Beirne (front) battles in the hole with an opposing Anteater in Saturday's 14-10 loss. However, Santa Barbara was able to rebound by defeating UOP 11-5 on Sunday.

14-10 victory, as they notched four points in the first 31/2 minutes of play - including a two-point goal by Craig

Santa Barbara replied to its early deficit as senior driver Adam Estabrook scored his 23rd goal of the season and Rameson added a two-point score of his own, cutting the UCI lead to 5-3 after the first period.

The second quarter started off on a good note for UCSB as Estabrook tallied another goal with 2:57 remaining in the half. With its lead trimmed to just one, Irvine scored three unanswered goals, including two by Ryan Bailey, and held an 8-4 lead going into

"They [the Anteaters] were much bigger than us," said sophomore two-meter man Mike O'Beirne. "They were

able to control the ball on offense and were able to score a lot from set."

The Gauchos opened the second half with a 3-0 run behind goals from sophomore two-meter man Eric Scholten and a two-point score by Peddycord. UCI retaliated as Bailey added his third goal of the match and Jeff Andrews added a score with just 27 seconds remaining

"We didn't play with enough confidence," said Norton. "Some guys on the team believed that we could not

Irvine utilized its team size as it wore down Santa Barbara in the fourth quarter, outscoring UCSB 4-2. The period was highlighted by O'Beirne's first goal of his col-

"I always score on Sundays, I don't know what it Mann said. "I'm just glad Ryan always looks for

me on the far post." DePaco turned in one of the best performances of his Gaucho career in the midfield as he mystified opposing players with his incredible dribbling

"I'm getting more confi-

dence in my game and feeling really good out there," DePaco said. "My natural tendency in the midfield is to always dish it off, but I definitely have to start shooting more."

Both the players and coaches indicated that they were thankful for the enthusiastic crowd over the weekend.

Continued from p.1A Gauchos' play, the ons-laught upon the Anteaters began 11 minutes into the game when senior forward Kristian Berre rebounded teammate DePaco's shot off the crossbar into the

net, giving Santa Barbara a

UCSB added a second goal 22 minutes later on a textbook give-and-go wall pass from junior midfielder Ryan Schomberg to se-nior sweeper Patrick Griffin. After Griffin collected Schomberg's pass he drilled a 20-yard bomb past Irvine's diving keeper.

in the second half for four goals: another coming from Berre, one from Schomberg and two more

Mann's second goal was by far the most spectacular of the day. After dribbling down the right sideline, Schomberg crossed a firm ball through Irvine's penalty box, where a lunging Mann volleyed the ball

"Danny's got great poise in front of the net and a good strike on goal, but he

lacks a little bit of that physical bite," Arya said. Today I think he rose the level of his physical game, and the result is that he put the ball in the back of the net two times.

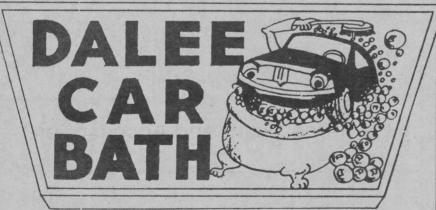
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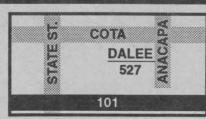
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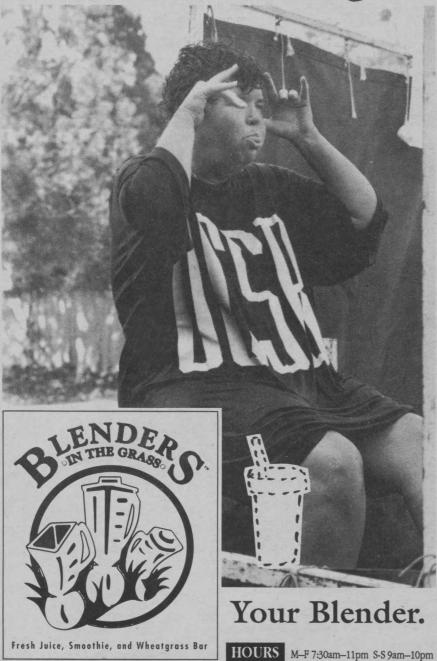
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