

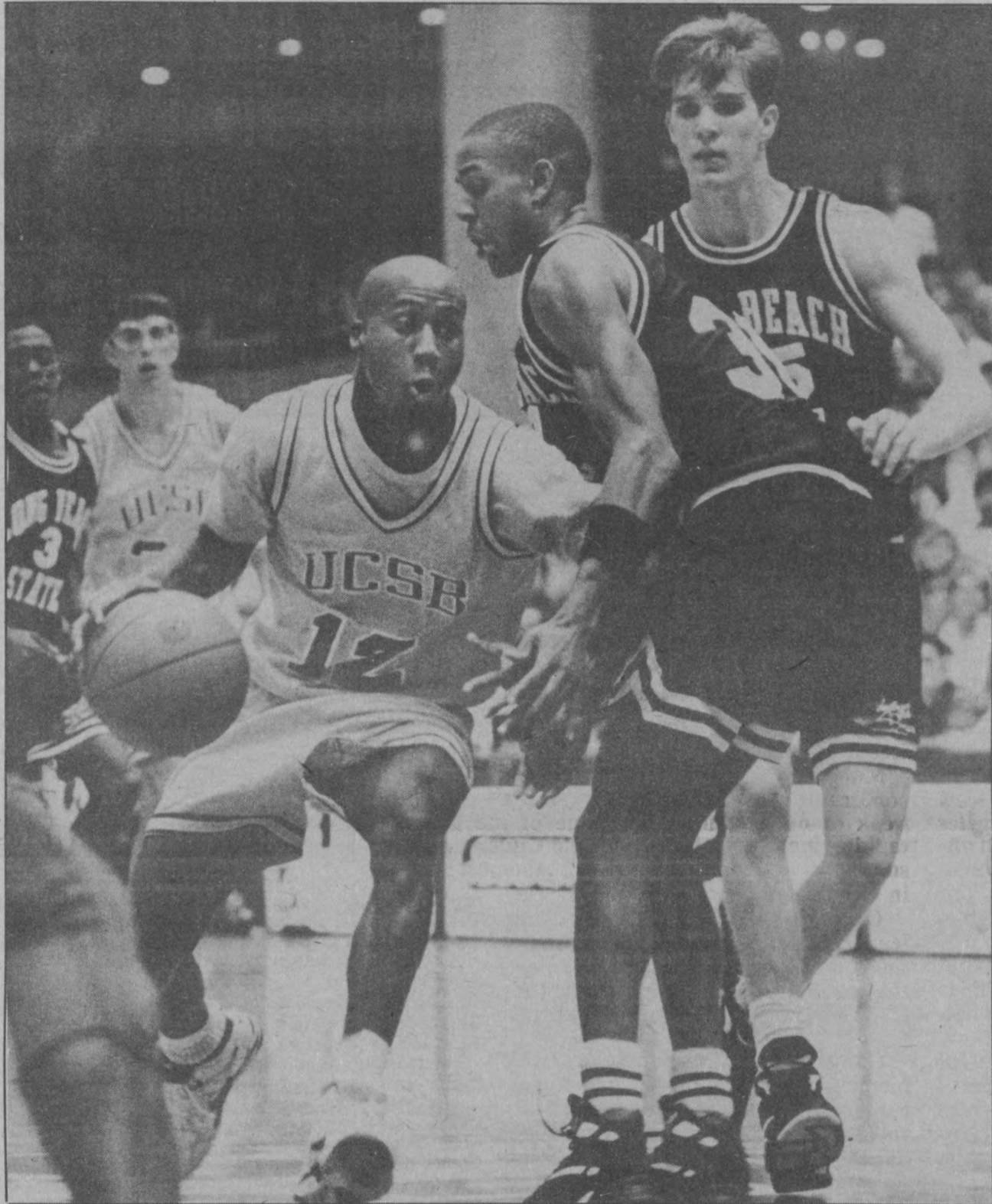
SPORTS MONDAY

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Gauchos' Streak Hits 6 - Bring on Vegas



CHRIS FITZ/Daily Nexus

LENDING A HAND — Junior point guard Ray Kelly provided the Gauchos with another fine performance Saturday night against Long Beach State. Kelly finished with 10 points, nine assists and three steals, while committing just three turnovers in UCSB's 71-65 victory in front of a sold-out Thunderdome crowd.

Jones' Clutch Play Lifts UCSB Over LBSU 71-65; UNLV Next

By Josh Elliott
Staff Writer

Lucius Davis strapped the Gauchos on his back once again Saturday night in the Thunderdome, but in the end, it was Idris Jones who stole Davis' show.

The junior shooting guard had two key steals and added seven points, including a brilliant coast-to-coast, driving layup, down the stretch as the UCSB men's basketball team beat Long Beach State, 71-65, before a packed Thunderdome crowd of 6,000. The win was the Gauchos' sixth straight, and boosts their record to 14-4 overall and 7-2 in the Big West Conference.

"Idris always plays well against us," 49er Head Coach Seth Greenberg said. "They ran the flare play for him, and we were late on a couple of switches. He's a great kid. We like him. And we like to see him do well — but we'd rather see him do well against Vegas."

Jones' play was as familiar in the last six minutes as was the faces of Gaucho centers Sam Robson and Doug Muse on the bench, both having fouled out. Jones' 13-footer from the baseline gave the Gauchos a five-point lead with 6:35 to play, when Muse picked up his fifth foul. Robson had already fouled out, while Davis had just come back after an extended stay on the bench with four fouls of his own. Jones knew that it was time for him to step up, even while suffering through a poor shooting night of his own.

"The shots weren't falling that much tonight in the first half and the beginning of the second half, but I didn't get down on myself, which was the key," said Jones, who finished with 10

BIG WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
UNLV	10	0	1.000
UCSB	7	2	.778
New Mexico State	5	2	.714
Utah State	5	3	.625
Long Beach State	5	4	.556
Fresno State	3	4	.428
Cal State Fullerton	3	5	.275
Pacific	3	5	.275
San Jose State	1	8	.111
UC Irvine	0	10	.000

Saturday's Results

UCSB 71, LBSU 65
Pacific 73, CSUF 69
SJSU 58, UC Irvine 52

Monday's Game

Pacific at Fresno St.

Tuesday's Game

NMSU at CS Fullerton

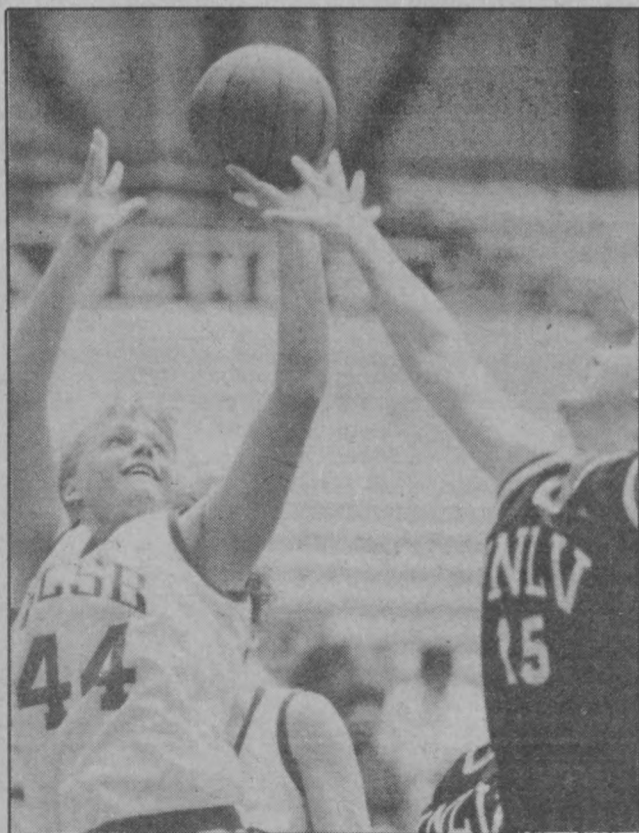
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UNLV at UCSB
NMSU at LBSU
FSU at UC Irvine
Utah St. at CSUF

points and three assists. "They started falling there at the end, when we needed them. I just kept shooting and knew the shots would come at the end of the game. I like to shoot at the end, especially when it's close."

And a close game it was, until Jones went to work. He followed his jumper with a three-point basket off a pass from Gaucho point guard Ray Kelly, and then made the play of the game. He stole the ball in Santa Barbara's defensive paint, faked .49er guard Bobby Sears at midcourt with a

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ALAN RITARI/Daily Nexus

Senior forward Erika Kienast (left) pulled down a team-high 11 rebounds and added 13 points in UCSB's stunning 78-61 rout of highly-touted UNLV Saturday.

More Proof Lady Gauchos Are for Real

UCSB Dominates Rebels 78-61 to Move into First Place

By Scott McPherson
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's basketball team set out to make a point in Saturday night's game against the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. What they ended up making was an exclamation point.

"We wanted to prove to UNLV and the rest of the league what kind of team we are," UCSB forward Barbara Beainy said.

The kind of team the Lady Gauchos are is a first-place team, as UCSB trounced UNLV, 78-61, Saturday at the Events Center to garner sole possession of the top spot in the Big West. The win for the Lady Gauchos (14-3 overall, 7-1 conference) broke a three-way tie for the conference lead, which they had previously shared with UNLV (9-6, 6-2) and Long Beach State.

Saturday night's game began much like last Thursday's UCSB victory over New Mexico State — the Lady Gauchos came sprinting out of the starting gate to run up a 21-10 lead early in the first half. Unlike the New Mexico game, however, UCSB exper-

perienced no let downs and cruised into halftime with a 38-25 advantage.

"Every time it's our game plan to run the (fast) break, and tonight it seemed like they were a step slower than us," Beainy said of her team's ability to run all over UNLV. "We were getting out and we were converting, so we just kept doing it."

It didn't get any closer after halftime for the Lady Rebels, who shot only 39 percent on the evening and were outplayed in virtually all areas of the game. The Lady Gauchos, who led by as much as 24, never let their second-half lead drop into single digits. Forward Becky Brown, who hit the game-winner in the final seconds against New Mexico St., led UCSB Saturday with 20 points. Beainy scored 14 while dishing out eight assists, and Erika Kienast grabbed a team-high 11 rebounds to go along with her 13 points.

"This may be the closest 40 minutes of really good intensity we've played with since I've been here at UCSB," Lady Gaucho Head Coach Mark French said after the game. "We thought that this was our

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BIG WEST STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
UCSB	7	1	.875
Long Beach St.	7	1	.875
UNLV	6	2	.750
Hawaii	4	2	.667
Pacific	4	4	.500
CS Fullerton	4	4	.500
Fresno St.	3	5	.375
New Mexico St.	2	6	.250
San Jose St.	1	5	.167
UC Irvine	0	9	.000

Saturday's Results

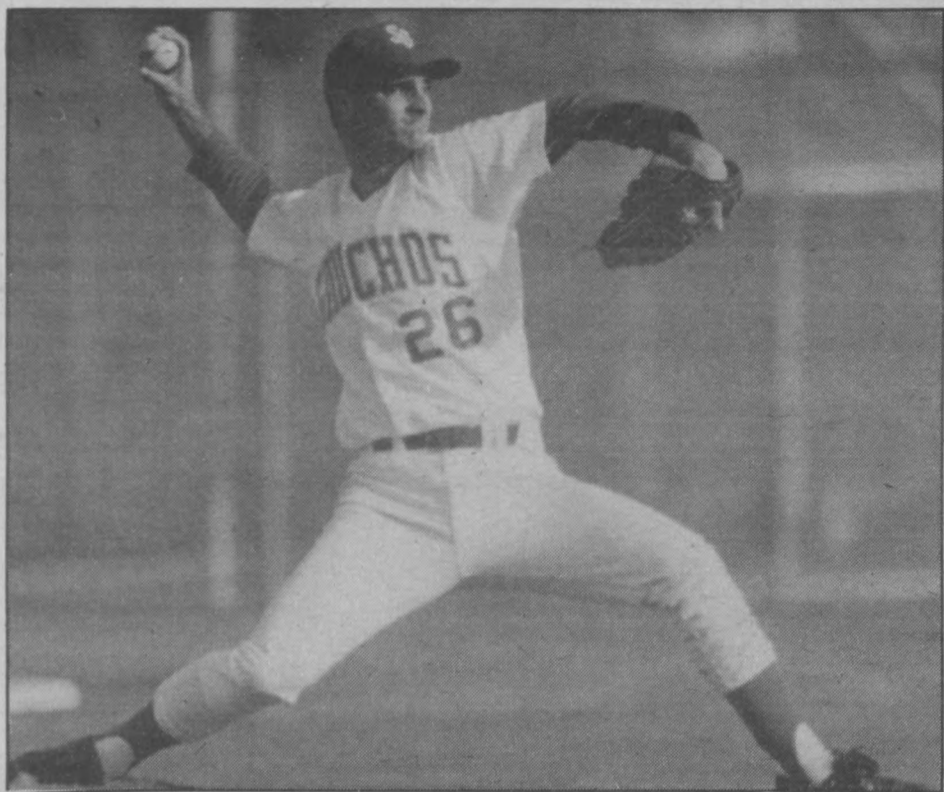
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HILLARY KAPLOWITZ/Daily Nexus

First-year Gaucho right-hander John Bretza pitched six strong innings in UCSB's 4-0 victory over Cal St. Los Angeles in the second game of a double header Saturday afternoon at Campus Diamond.

Sluggers Take 3 from CSLA

By Jonathan Okanes
Staff Writer

Apparently four and one half hours of baseball during Saturday's doubleheader at Campus Diamond between UCSB and Cal State Los Angeles was so much fun for the two teams, that they decided to go at it again for another four hours on Sunday — in *one* game.

The Gauchos shutout the Golden Eagles in back-to-back contests Saturday, 3-0 and 4-0, and then let their offense do the work on Sunday as UCSB completed a three-game sweep of CSULA with a 20-11 victory to improve its 1992 record to a perfect 4-0, while the Eagles drop to 0-3.

"We now have got to use everybody and the difference seems to be between the strike-throwers and the non-strike-throwers," UCSB Head Coach Al Ferrer said. "We're trying to get more opportunities to differentiate, but they certainly didn't bring any new hitters (Sunday). If you're getting the ball over the plate, you don't give up eleven runs."

Six Gaucho pitchers walked 13 batters

Sunday, but UCSB pounded out 17 hits en route to the victory. In Saturday's first game, UCSB junior right-handed pitcher Armando Delisi dodged bullets in three of the first four innings and then settled down to throw a complete game six-hitter. Santa Barbara designated hitter Chris Johnson began a productive weekend series by going 3-for-3 with two RBIs, including his first home run of the season.

In the nightcap Saturday, Johnson picked up two more hits and sophomore starter John Bretza needed help from three UCSB relievers to earn his first victory of the season. Gaucho second baseman David Waco also smacked his first home run of the year.

Thus, Santa Barbara's pitching staff entered Sunday's contest with a streak of 27 consecutive scoreless innings to begin the season. That ended in a hurry, however, as the Eagles got to UCSB freshman starter Ryan O'Coyle for two runs in the top of the first inning. But the Gauchos struck back quickly for three runs of their own in the bottom of the second on RBI-extra

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Spikers Drop 5-Game Match at Long Beach

By Jonathan Okanes
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH— Long Beach State's men's volleyball team picked an opportune time to figure out how to stop UCSB middle blocker Jason Mount Friday night at University Gymnasium.

Mount, who overpowered the top-ranked 49ers for most of the match, failed to convert on his final kill attempt of the evening with the Gauchos leading 14-13 in game five, and the Beach went on to erase a 14-12 Santa Barbara lead to pull out a thrilling five-game WIVA matchup victory, 14-16, 15-10, 12-15, 15-6, 16-14 in front of 692 vocal fans.

The loss drops UCSB to 0-3 on the season and 0-2 in conference play, while LBSU is 3-0 overall and 1-0 in the WIVA.

Mount put down 26 kills at a .622 percentage but his attempt that would have won the match for Santa Barbara was blocked and kept alive by the 49ers. With rally scoring in the fifth game, LBSU eventually won that point to tie the score, 14-14. UCSB failed to side out with the 49ers in the final two points as LBSU closed out the match.

"We played a good volleyball match and we were beaten by a real good volleyball team," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "We're a good volleyball team. I basically consider this an overtime loss. We just have to come back and improve on the things that we did poorly."

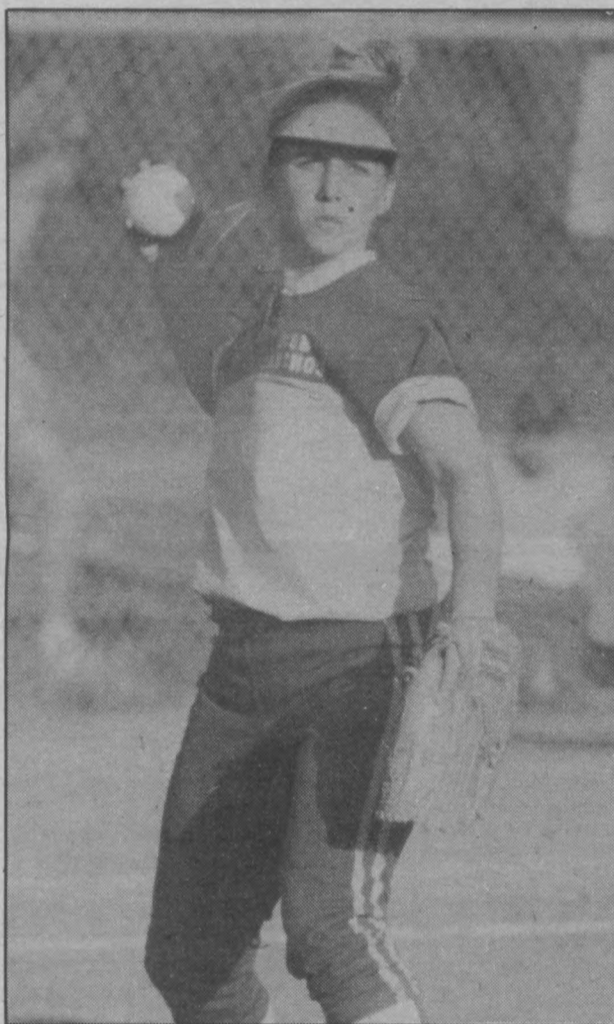
Two of the Gauchos three losses have now been in five games, with none as heartbreaking as Friday night's. Santa Barbara outhit the Beach .534 to .423, but LBSU controlled things defensively, compiling 86 digs to UCSB's 50. The Gauchos also committed 25 service errors.

Long Beach St. All-American outside hitter Brent Hilliard led all attackers with 40 kills (.537), while fellow All-American Alan Knipe added 25 kills (.500). Senior outside hitter Eric Fonoimoana led the Gauchos with 28 kills (.477). Junior hitter Kory Hull, who started in place of the injured Todd Ahmadi, put down 20 kills (.516) while also adding eight blocks.

"Santa Barbara always plays us tough," Hilliard said. "For any team that is not ranked in the top five, they probably play us tougher than anyone else. They match up pretty well with us."

LBSU Head Coach Ray Ratelle made an interesting move in the fifth game when he moved Hilliard to the middle and inserted senior Brent Schroeder in Hilliard's usual spot on the right side.

"That's something we've been working on," Hilliard said. "I'm just glad it worked for us."



GERRY MELENDEZ/Daily Nexus

UCSB sophomore pitcher Becca Berline worked effectively in both games of the Gauchos' double header with CSUN on Sunday at Dwight Murphy Field. UCSB won the first game 3-1, but dropped the nightcap 5-2.

Softball Starts Season With Split Vs. CSUN

By Scott Rocha
Reporter

The UCSB women's softball team split its first doubleheader of the season Sunday afternoon against Cal State Northridge, winning the first game, 3-1, before dropping the nightcap, 5-2.

"I was very pleased with our performance, especially considering it was our first games of the season," first-year Gaucho Head Coach Sandy Pearce said.

In the opener, the Matadors led off with a run in the first inning on a single by Tamra Ivie, but then UCSB starting pitcher Becca Berline found her composure and held the Matadors hitless after the second inning.

The Gauchos' bats were just getting started in the second inning as they picked up their first run of the season when Amy Bond reached on an error allowing Gina Oliver to score. UCSB scored twice more in the third inning when Alison Brickner walked with the bases loaded to force in one run, and Oliver doubled to drive in the other. Krissy Kyrakis, Kellie Newcomb, Brickner and Oliver each had two hits for UCSB, which finished with 10 in the game.

The Matadors bounced back in the second game as Patte Pearson and Nicole Wiggins each had run-scoring singles in a two-run third inning rally to give CSUN a 2-0 lead. The Gauchos answered with two runs of their own when Bond's double scored Brickner and Jennifer Gomez to tie the game, 2-2.

Pearce then decided to replace starting pitcher Kelli Schott in the fourth inning with Berline, the first game's starting pitcher. Each team failed to score on numerous opportunities, sending the game into extra innings.

Northridge's Missy Cress blooped a double to left with one out in the top of the eighth inning to put runners on second and third. Pearce then singled to drive in the eventual game-winning run.

FIRST

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best game of the year."

The victory over UNLV was the second game in as many weekends that Santa Barbara has knocked off the

top Big West team, as the Lady Gauchos won their first-ever game over Long Beach St. on January 25. After overcoming early-season injuries, the Lady Gauchos now find themselves in the unaccustomed position of looking down on the rest of

the conference.

"Here we are, where we've never been before," French said of being in first place. "This is uncharted waters for the (UCSB) women's program. I think the key thing right now is for us to continue to build on this

and not get satisfied."

UCSB will get the chance to continue its winning ways this Thursday, when the squad travels to Fresno State. Next Monday the Lady Gauchos will host a rematch with the 49ers.

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STREAK

Continued from p.1A behind-the-back dribble, and then looked off LBSU center Chris Tower as he glided in with the finger roll. The play upped the Santa

Barbara lead to 61-52, a seemingly safe lead with just 4:18 remaining.

"Idris' push was a big play," UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said. "He put it behind his back and made a good read on Tower and laid it right in there."

But a three-pointer from Tower and a basket by 49er Mike Atkinson kept Long Beach alive at 65-61, when Jones turned defensive. 49er swingman Lucious Harris took an outlet pass from Sears and fired a pass to a streaking Rod Hannibal,

but Jones was able to get a hand on it and control it before it went out of bounds.

Two free throws by Davis made it a four-point switch, and three free throws by Santa Barbara's Ray Stewart and another by Davis secured the win for UCSB. Pimm will take the win, albeit one that was a constant battle.

"We struggled tonight, we definitely struggled," Pimm said. "Our defense was not equal to their offense. We allowed them key second shots, and foul trouble really hurt us. When you foul, you're making mistakes, and we were making too many mistakes."

As per usual, Davis was the anchor for the Gauchos, scoring 28 points on 10-of-14 shooting while contending with a collapsing defense bent on shutting him down early. When Harris, who led the 49ers with 21 points, made two free throws to give LBSU its first lead since the 18:24 mark of the first half, Davis did it all, scoring 10 straight points on four Kelly assists to give UCSB the lead for good, 44-37. But the four fouls hampered his aggressiveness, and he finished with just three rebounds.

The Gauchos were beaten on the boards again Saturday, 30-21, a trend that is a "major concern," according to Pimm. "Of course, it doesn't help when your (centers) are sitting on the bench. But we have to rotate better, and block out," he added.

Long Beach St. executed its offense well against Santa Barbara, shooting 50 percent from the floor, 63 percent in the second half.

The Gauchos were even better, though, hitting 54 percent of their shots.

Kelly had another outstanding game, scoring 10 points, handing out nine assists and making three steals while committing only three turnovers. Tower and Atkinson each added 10 points for the 49ers, while Sears had nine points and eight assists. The Long Beach cause was hurt, though, by 21 turnovers.

SWEEP

Continued from p.2A base hits by Waco, catcher Matt Bazzani and Johnson.

CSULA went right back out in front in the third inning with a two-run single by left fielder David Barajas, but the 4-3 Eagle lead didn't last for long, as Santa Barbara exploded for a seven-run fourth to take a commanding 10-4 lead. Another RBI double by Johnson got things started while a bases-clearing triple by Gaucho first baseman Jeff Antoon was the big blow of the inning.

However, CSULA struck right back for four runs in the fifth off Santa Barbara relievers Greg Connolly and Eric Breistein to cut the lead to 10-8, but the Eagles could get no closer as UCSB put up three more runs in the fifth and a four-spot in the seventh to put the game out of reach.

Connolly, who relieved O'Coynne in the third, allowed four runs in two innings but still managed to garner the win. Senior right-hander Dirk Skillicorn had the most success out of the Gaucho bullpen, allowing just a walk in two strong innings.

Johnson ended up going 3-for-3 for the game to wrap up his weekend at 8-for-9 with four RBIs, a home run and three doubles. Johnson is now 9-for-13 on the young season.

"I feel real comfortable at the plate right now," Johnson said. "We've been seeing our pitching staff for the last couple of months, and that's a good thing to build from. We have some good arms on our team."

SPORTS SLATE

THE WEEK AHEAD

SPORT	OPPONENT	DAY	TIME	SITE
Baseball	USC	Tue.	2 p.m.	Los Angeles
Softball	CSUN	Thu.	2 p.m.	Dwight-Murphy Field
W. Hoops	Fresno St.	Thu.	7:30 p.m.	Fresno
M. Hoops	UNLV	Thu.	7:30 p.m.	T-Dome
M. Tennis	Rolex Nat'l Intercollegiate	Thu.-Sun.	All Day	Louis Park, MN
Baseball	LMU	Fri.	2 p.m.	Los Angeles
Volleyball	SDSU	Fri.	7:05 p.m.	Rob Gym
W. Gym.	SJSU/Boise St.	Fri.	7:30 p.m.	San Jose
M. Tennis	UNLV	Sat.	1 p.m.	Las Vegas
Baseball	LMU	Sat.	1 p.m.	Los Angeles
Baseball	LMU	Sun.	1 p.m.	Los Angeles

UCSB 71, LBSU 65

UC SANTA BARBARA							
	fg	ft	fta	r	a	pta	
Moyer	2	7	0	0	5	1	4
Davis	10	14	8	12	3	2	28
Robson	1	2	0	0	1	0	2
Stewart	0	1	3	4	2	0	3
Kelly	4	8	2	3	1	9	10
Jones	4	10	0	0	1	3	10
Muse	2	2	2	3	4	0	8
Jackson	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Barry	1	2	0	0	3	0	2
Carter	2	2	2	4	0	0	6
Totals	26	48	17	26	21	17	71

LONG BEACH STATE							
	fg	ft	fta	r	a	pta	
Sears	4	9	0	0	3	8	9
Rogers	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Tower	4	7	1	3	7	0	10
Harris	4	8	10	12	4	1	21
Russell	4	4	1	2	5	1	9
Edwards	1	3	1	2	1	0	3
Hannibal	0	2	3	4	2	2	3
McGee	0	3	0	0	1	1	0
Atkinson	3	4	4	4	4	1	10
Totals	20	40	20	27	30	15	65

Halftime—UCSB 32, LBSU 25.
 Three-point goals—UCSB 2-5 (Jones 2-5), LBSU 5-14 (Sears 1-3, Tower 1-1, Harris 3-5, Hannibal 0-2, McGee 0-3).
 Blocked shots—UCSB 2, LBSU 2.
 Steals—UCSB 10 (Kelly 3), LBSU 6 (Harris 4).
 Technical fouls—None. Fouled out—Robson, Muse, Russell. Team rebounds—UCSB 1, LBSU 2. Turnovers—UCSB 15, LBSU 21.
 Referees—Frank Boscone, Mit Stowe, Charlie Range.
 Attendance—6,000



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