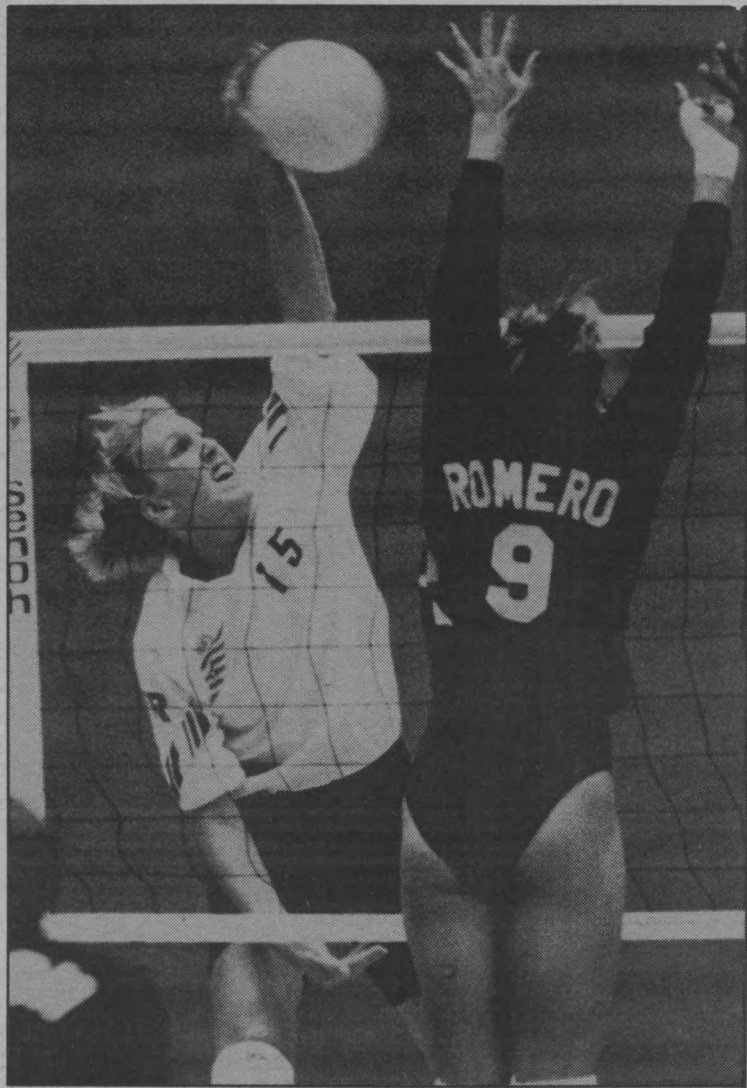


Spikers Come Close, but 49ers Prevail

Gauchos Swept by Long Beach, Pummel UC Irvine

By Dino Scoppettone
Staff Writer



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WITH AUTHORITY: Gaucho outside hitter Julie Pitois knocks down one of her 13 kills during Friday's loss to Long Beach St.

So close, and yet so far.

In front of a rabid Events Center crowd of well over 1,000 spectators, the UCSB women's volleyball team at times seemed poised to score an upset of Long Beach State on Friday evening. But in the end, it was the second-ranked 49ers coming out on the good end of a 15-11, 15-12, 15-13 score. The match snapped UCSB's eight-game win streak while adding to LBSU's string of consecutive victories, which now stands at 25.

The Gauchos (19-6 overall, 13-4 Big West) fell behind early in the match but were able to score six straight points as they bolted to a 9-6 lead in game one. But with middle blocker Danielle Scott leading the way, the 49ers (25-1, 16-0) tied the score at nine and went on to win the game. The scene played itself out once again in game two, when UCSB went up 12-9 only to watch Long Beach score six straight.

"We had chances to win all three games," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "I thought we were a little soft when it counted. You look at the second game, when it was 12-9, and then we miss a serve, then a ball drops between two people ... we make three errors when we have a big lead."

Game three was even closer than the first two, although the roles were reversed somewhat. Long Beach went up 12-9, but UCSB crawled back to even the score at 13-13. However, the 49ers were not going to let up, and after a key block, LBSU hitter Christine Romero sealed the match with a cross-court put away.

Although the 49ers came into the match hitting .337 as a team — tops in the nation — UCSB was able to hold them to only .250 on the night. The downside for the Gauchos was their own .132 percentage, as the Beach scored 12 blocks and 62 digs.

In particular, LBSU defensive specialist Joy McKenzie gave new meaning to the position, keeping numerous rallies alive with her 16 digs.

"I wish we had a huge block, but we don't," Long Beach Head Coach Brian Gimmillaro said. "So we're going to have to dig balls. Joy is a very good player. We're much smoother with her in there."

The Gauchos also featured a top defensive player, as senior Kristie Ryan came up with 23 digs of her own. However, Ryan had a little trouble on the passing end, committing four receiving errors. UCSB's mediocre passing kept the team from running a consistently effective offense, and even when the passing was strong, the middle blockers were the only players able to provide a strong attack.

"Our middle was dominant and played well," Gregory said. "Our middle proved that they could play with their middle, but tonight our outside hitters did not have a good night. They got taken out of their rhythm."

Scott led all attackers with 16 kills, while Nichelle Burton added 12 and Alicia Mills had 10 for the 49ers. Senior hitter Julie Pitois topped the Gauchos with 13 kills, while blockers Ana Elisa Franca and Kim Keys had nine and eight, respectively.

UCSB returned to action Saturday night against UC Irvine, and while it took the Gauchos some time to shake the blues from the Long Beach contest, the team had no trouble against the Anteaters. UCSB won in a walk, 15-7, 15-0, 15-7, dropping Irvine to 14-12 overall and 6-10 in league play.

The second game, in particular, was a jewel in which everything seemed to go right for Santa Barbara. It marked the first time since a 1990 match against Providence that UCSB was able to hold its opponent scoreless in a game.

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It's Déjà Vu as Poloists Split Pair

Team Beats LBSU, Falls to Irvine as '92 Season Closes

By Daniel Solomon
Staff Writer

The last time that the UCSB men's water polo team faced Long Beach State, the Gauchos beat the 49ers by a five goal margin. And when UCSB played UC Irvine earlier in 1992, the Anteaters pounded the Gauchos by seven goals.

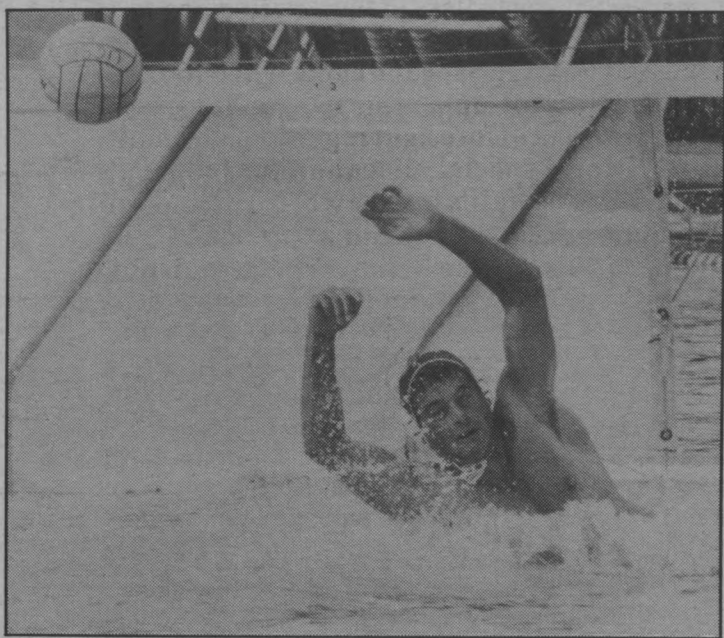
Talk about déjà vu.

Santa Barbara notched another one-sided victory over the 49ers this weekend before ending up on the wrong side of a lopsided match against UC Irvine. The margins of victory were identical to the squads' earlier meetings, with UCSB winning 12-7 Saturday and losing 12-5 on Sunday.

The nearly identical final totals were the last this year for the #7 Gauchos, who finish the season 9-14 overall and 4-6 in the MPSF. Sunday's game was also the final collegiate match for Gaucho seniors Tony Litwak, goalkeeper Scott Taylor, David Madison, James Dent and Gene 'Bubba' Drody.

From the beginning of Sunday's match, #4 UCI (17-8 overall, 7-1 MPSF) was in control. The Anteaters opened the scoring when All-American Pablo Yrizar connected from the wing 26 seconds into the game. UC Irvine continued to dominate on its own end, scoring three goals in the next four minutes. By halftime, the squad built an 8-2 lead.

Irvine increased its lead with



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SAVE BY TAYLOR: Goalkeeper Scott Taylor, playing in his final game for UCSB, makes one of his 10 saves against UC Irvine.

two goals in third quarter, while the Gauchos added one on Steve Kunst's tip-in from the two-meter mark. Both squads brought in second string units with two minutes left in the match and the game decided.

"For a lot of us it was our last game, and trying to go out and play a high caliber team is sometimes difficult," Madison said. "We were all ready for it, and I think we did our best. That's what happens when you play a great team like that."

The five Gaucho seniors left the pool to the applause of the crowd, which included many Irvine fans. Madison scored both UCSB goals in the first half, while Dent came up with one in the fourth quarter goals. Litwak and Drody were scoreless on the day, and despite allowing 12 goals, Taylor registered 10 saves on the day.

Saturday's game against #11 Long Beach (5-17, 1-8) was a different story. UCSB opened the scoring with two goals, the first coming one minute into the match when Kunst converted on a breakaway. Andrew Villarette's score with 14 seconds remaining in the quarter cut the Gauchos' lead in half.

UCSB scored three times in the second quarter, including Kunst's second of the game. LBSU added a goal as time expired in the first half when Mark Napier's shot went in as the gun sounded. UCSB led 5-2 at halftime.

LBSU jumped out quickly in the third, as Napier scored from the hole just 22 seconds into the quarter. The Gauchos answered with two consecu-

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Swimmers, Divers Perform Well but Lose Meet at USC

By Michelle Imperial
Reporter

LOS ANGELES—Heading into this weekend's dual meet at USC, the UCSB swimming and diving teams knew they would have their work cut out for them as they competed against a top PAC-10 school for the second week in a row. And, for the second week in a row, the Gauchos swam well on the road but were defeated.

Coming off a good performance at UCLA the previous weekend, the Santa Barbara squad scored well against the Trojans despite losing. The UCSB men lost by a narrow 122-113 score, while the Gaucho women fell 139 to 90 to the USC swimmers.

The UCSB diving team was forced to compete Friday against the Trojans with only half of the squad's divers available. Injuries and illness left the team with only four competitors, but despite the shortage the Gaucho divers were able to come away with some good performances. Freshman diver Toby Reclusado placed first from the one-meter low board with a score of 247.30 and sophomore Rick Alter placed fifth from the three-meter high board.

"I got to USC and was really able to put things together," Reclusado said. "The team did really well, but it would have been better if everyone was there healthy and ready to compete."

Gaucho diver Erin Evans — the only female competitor UCSB put forward — took first place on the high board and placed second from the low board.

"I was happy with my performance on the one-meter, but I was frustrated with the second place finish," Evans said. "I felt I should have won the one-meter."

In the swimming competition, UCSB freshman Erin Patrick tied for first place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:53.58 — her personal best in the event.

"It was really exciting to reach that goal, but it was more exciting to reach that goal for the team," Patrick said.

Santa Barbara's Stacy St. Martin placed first in the 500 freestyle (5:09.7), while sophomore Jennifer Dotson placed second in the 200 individual medley (2:12.5) and sophomore Kelli Cornelius placed second with a time of 1:08.96 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

"We had some great swims, especially when we went into the meet knowing we were competing against a tough team like USC," Cornelius said. "USC has a great team and we were ready mentally to swim our own races."

The Santa Barbara men won the 200-medley relay with a time of

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Men's Cross Country Team Takes Ninth at Regional Meet



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CLOSING FAST: Top UCSB men's runner Matt Haugen (left) finished 31st overall at the Region Eight Championships at Arizona this weekend.

UCSB Runners Top Conference Rivals Fullerton, Nevada

By Rob Carpio
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's cross country team's up-and-down season came to a close on a positive note Saturday at the Region Eight Championships at Tucson, Ariz.

Among the 13 competing squads from the Western United States, UCSB finished ninth with 223 points, placing ahead of Big West rivals Cal State Fullerton (230) and conference runner-up Nevada-Reno (300).

The top individual finisher for the Gauchos was junior Matt Haugen, who crossed the line in 31st place overall with a time of 33:01 in the 6.2-mile race. Haugen was followed by senior Clark Acuña (34th, 33:04), junior Damion Lewin (44th, 33:35), freshman Brad Glosser (58th, 34:07) and freshman Froylan Sanchez (64th, 34:27). Juniors Gus Harper and Dean Whitaker rounded out the top seven for Santa Barbara.

In the team competition, the University of Arizona — ranked second in the nation — took first with a total of 27 points. Arizona was followed by #18 University of Oregon (64), #17 University of Washington (84), Stanford (95), #27 UCLA (142), UC Irvine (165), the University of Portland (198), UC Berkeley (206), UCSB, Fullerton, Nevada-Reno, Arizona State (323) and the University of San Diego (391).

Washington State's Joe Kapkorey

paced the field with a winning time of 30:41.

After experiencing both high and low points this year, the Gaucha runners came into the regional race confident that they belonged on the same course as the top Division I programs.

"We weren't taking it as a fun vacation — we were there to race," Harper said. "Some of the guys really did a good job, but we could've done a little better. No one's going to say that Santa Barbara really kicked ass — we did well, and hopefully we'll do better next year."

Expectations by several Gaucha runners focussed on ending the 1992 cross country campaign with a good performance.

"My thoughts were just to run my best race and finish off the season in style," Haugen said. "It was a chance to compete against the best guys in the nation."

"I was really happy [with my race]," Haugen added. "The level [of competition] is just so much higher that I think it's easy to get discouraged."

According to Sanchez, his squad accomplished what it set out to do.

"There's always room for improvement, but we did what we wanted to," he said. "[Head Coach Pete Dolan] was happy, he shook all of our hands. There's only so much he can do — he can only prepare us. He left it up to us with the training — we just had to give him a reply, to do what he wanted us to do."

Netters Exit Early From Irvine Tourney

UCSB Women All Lose in Opening Rounds of Rolex Regional Competition

By Michael Cadilli
Reporter

The UCSB women's tennis team started out on fire in the Rolex Southern California Regional Tournament last week at UC Irvine, but the squad burned out in the early rounds of the competition.

The tournament, which included players from Pepperdine, UCLA, UC San Diego, San Diego State and the University of Arizona, was the second of four grand slam tournaments on the year and included some 100 of the top players in the West.

UCSB's Kelley Spencer, Kathy Peterson, Lynn Coakley and Amelia White all advanced into the main draw after winning on the first day of competition. Joining them were Jean Okada and team captain Laura Rutledge, who were already invited into the main draw because of their high individual rankings. Signe Jensen and Courtney Strauss didn't make it through the first day.

UCSB Head Coach Chris Russell indicated that he could see potential from his players even though they were bounced early from the tournament.

"They are so capable and they're at a stage right now to take the next step to achieve great things," Russell said. "We're walking on a thin fence between greatness and mediocrity and to be a top-20 team we can't let those close matches slip away."

Rutledge won her first round match 6-4, 6-2 over UCLA's Jenny Baker, but was blown out an hour later, 6-1, 6-4, to take the early exit.

"I came out a little nervous and I didn't take the opportunities to take control of the point like I did in the first round," Rutledge said.

Also losing in the opening round of the main draw were Spencer (6-2, 6-1), Peterson (6-1, 6-2), Coakley (6-2, 6-3) and White (6-4, 6-1). Okada walked over her first round opponent and was up a set in the second match but wasn't able to put it away, losing 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.

"I wasn't thinking at all out there and I was worrying so much about my serve because it just wasn't going in," Okada said of her losing match.

In doubles competition, UCSB's Suzy Drage and Shannon Martinoff lost in their opening match, 6-0, 6-3. The three remaining Gaucha tandems advanced to the main draw but lost in the first round. Okada-Peterson fell 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, while Spencer-White lost 6-2, 6-2.

The doubles team of Rutledge and Coakley, facing the tournament's #2 seeded tandem in the first round of the main draw, was also given the early exit, losing 6-1, 6-3.

"We would set up the point and then miss the volley or overhead that we should have put away," Coakley said of the match.

Rutledge added that the tournament got the UCSB team better prepared for their upcoming regular season, in which the Santa Barbara netters will look to repeat as Big West Conference champions.

"This tournament really got my mind back on tennis because I wasn't able to play many matches last summer, living in the heat of Arizona," Rutledge said.

The next competition for UCSB will be during the weekend of Jan. 29-31, when the Gauchos will play in their final preseason competition of the year at the University of Arizona against Florida State, Rice University and the host Arizona squad.

"No doubt that weekend will have an effect on our ranking," Russell said of the January competition. "I hope to build upon what we've accomplished this fall and technically to improve our transition game and get behind our strengths."



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THE BACKHAND: Laura Rutledge was eliminated in the second round of the Rolex Regional Tourney.

There must be a reason why over half of this year's medical and law school applicants came to Kaplan.

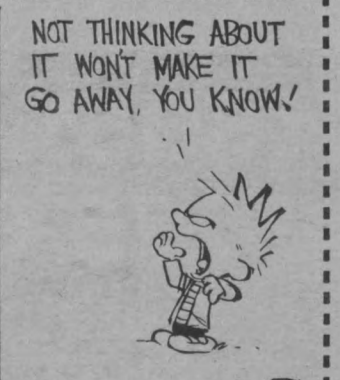
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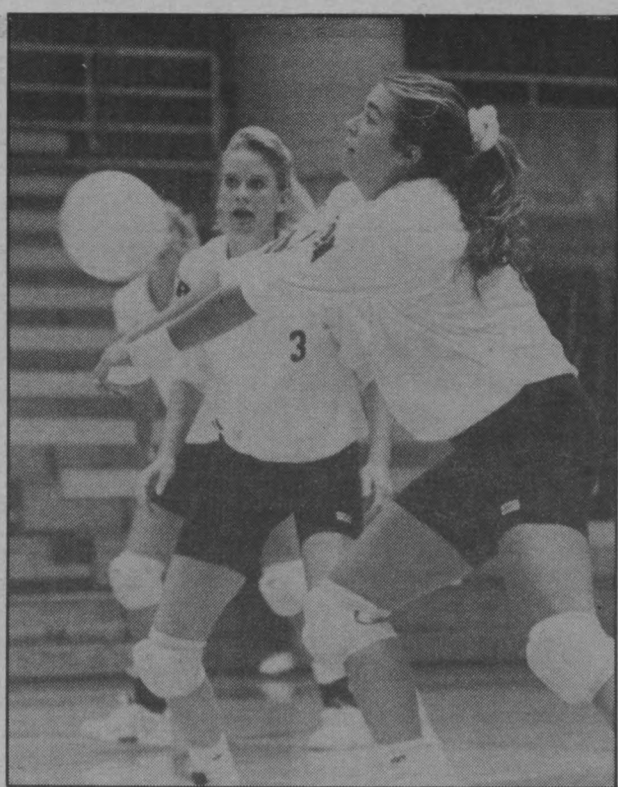
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"I think we were communicating and talking real well as a team," said Keys, who had 10 kills against the Anteaters. "We all were helping each other out, and as a result, we ended up pulling it out 15-0. We can do it all the time — it's just sometimes we have lapses."

Pitois led the Gauchos again on Saturday with 12 kills. Ryan added 10 for UCSB, which hit an even .400 on the night. Another plus was the serving game, as Santa Barbara notched 11 service aces. Twelve different players saw action for UCSB on the evening.

The Gauchos will be back in action Tuesday night at home against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.



THE DIGSTRESS: Kristie Ryan recorded a team-high 23 digs Friday against Long Beach State.

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 tive goals, but LBSU stayed close, trailing only 7-5 after Napier scored with three minutes left in the quarter.

The Gauchos came back with two goals from co-captain Doug Wierenga in the final minutes of the third, the last coming with :31 remaining in the quarter. In the fourth, UCSB added three goals while the 49ers scored two.

"We did everything that we talked about," Madison said. "We set up some

strong defensive plays and it proved to work."

"We all played well, but Long Beach isn't that great, so it made us look pretty good," Taylor added.

Kunst led the Gauchos with five goals in the two games and finished the season as the team's leader with 32 goals. Madison added three scores over the weekend (18 on the season) and Kevin Eggert brought his season total to 28 with two on Saturday. Wierenga finished with 27 goals with two scores on Saturday, while Litwak's one goal gave him 26 in 1992.

In the cage, Taylor recorded 22 saves in his final two games and finished the season with 116. Junior Matt Flanders was credited with one save on Saturday and finished the season with 48 saves.

Taylor indicated that the Gauchos' year of struggling was somewhat of a disappointment for the team.

"I'm disappointed on the note that we didn't have a winning season," Taylor said. "It's been a long season. We've lost quite a few and had some tough breaks, and I think everyone was relieved that it was over. We tried hard, but we came up short."

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 1:35.64 and also won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:28.37. Individually, UCSB junior Bill Sweeney took first place in both the 50-yard freestyle (21.48 seconds) and the 100-yard freestyle (46.47).

"Bill simply dominates the sprint freestyles and just continues to step up

for the team," UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson said.

GaUCHO sophomore Craig Balbo placed second in the 100 breaststroke and took fourth in the 200 breaststroke. Junior Derigan Silver placed second in the 200 yard freestyle, finishing in 44.7 seconds.

"This meet is a very good stepping stone for the team and the performances were very encouraging," Wilson said.

First-year USC Head

Coach Mark Schubert, who coached the U.S. women in the 1992 Summer Olympics, was impressed with the Gauchos' performance in the meet.

"Santa Barbara was really tough and gave our team a real good challenge," Schubert said. "UCSB is a very well-coached team. Quite frankly, if they are this good now, I think they will be very formidable at the end of the season."

UCSB Women's Volleyball Schedule:

November 17: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
 November 21: Cal State Fullerton
 Nov. 27 - 28: Banker's Classic Tournament

December 3-5: NCAA First Round
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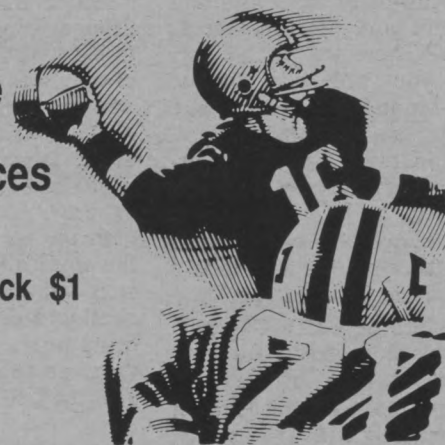
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