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Soccer Squad Bounces Back Winning Weekend Matchups

Two Wins Help Gauchos Forget About Chapman Loss

By Deborah Rafii
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The UCSB men's soccer team wasn't going to let a slight break in their four-game win streak get them down. When conference play began for the Gauchos, the experience gained from the loss to Chapman University proved beneficial.

Santa Barbara (7-4 overall, 2-0 MPSF) kicked off their Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Conference schedule with an important 3-2 victory against the Cal State Fullerton Titans Friday night and a defeat of San Diego State 2-0 yesterday at Harder Stadium.

Coming off the Panther game, which ended 4-6 in overtime, the Santa Barbara squad was ready to prove that the season would not resemble that of past years, and that the program is on its way up.

"The Chapman game hurt us but we did some good things," Head Coach Mark Arya said. "[The coaching staff] warned the team about the big let-down that sometimes occurs after a win streak and, unfortunately, it happened against a Division III team. But, I think that it taught a good lesson."

The lesson was taught and the Gauchos cleared

the way into conference play with two strong wins this weekend. The Titans opened the game as Alfred Partida scored the first goal at 33 minutes. Three minutes later, Fullerton midfielder Brad Wilson scored 10 yards from the goal.

Just as things were beginning to look bad for the Gauchos, forward George Savage scored for UCSB with only a minute remaining in the first half.

After halftime, Arya's team began with a man-marking zonal defense and started to acknowledge and act upon several of the dangerous Titan shot opportunities.

"We had started the game with a more zonal defense and [Fullerton] had two or three dangerous scoring opportunities," Arya said. "But then we came back and de-emphasized on zone and began to deny them space."

In the 56th minute, midfielder Greg DePaco finally tied the game 2-2 with a shot 10 yards from the goal assisted by both midfielders Ralph Robertson and Matt Arya.

DePaco's goal kept the Gauchos in a state of limbo until midfielder Ralph Robertson scored off a free kick five minutes later.

"Both Ralph and Brian

Mackerer played great games and we're pleased with their intensity," Mark Arya added. Mackerer, who had to go to the emergency room after the game because of a bruised kidney, started the Fullerton game after missing eight games due to a knee injury.

"I was really happy to come back and play," Mackerer said. "We played a solid game and after a slow first half — we were determined to come back and get three goals."

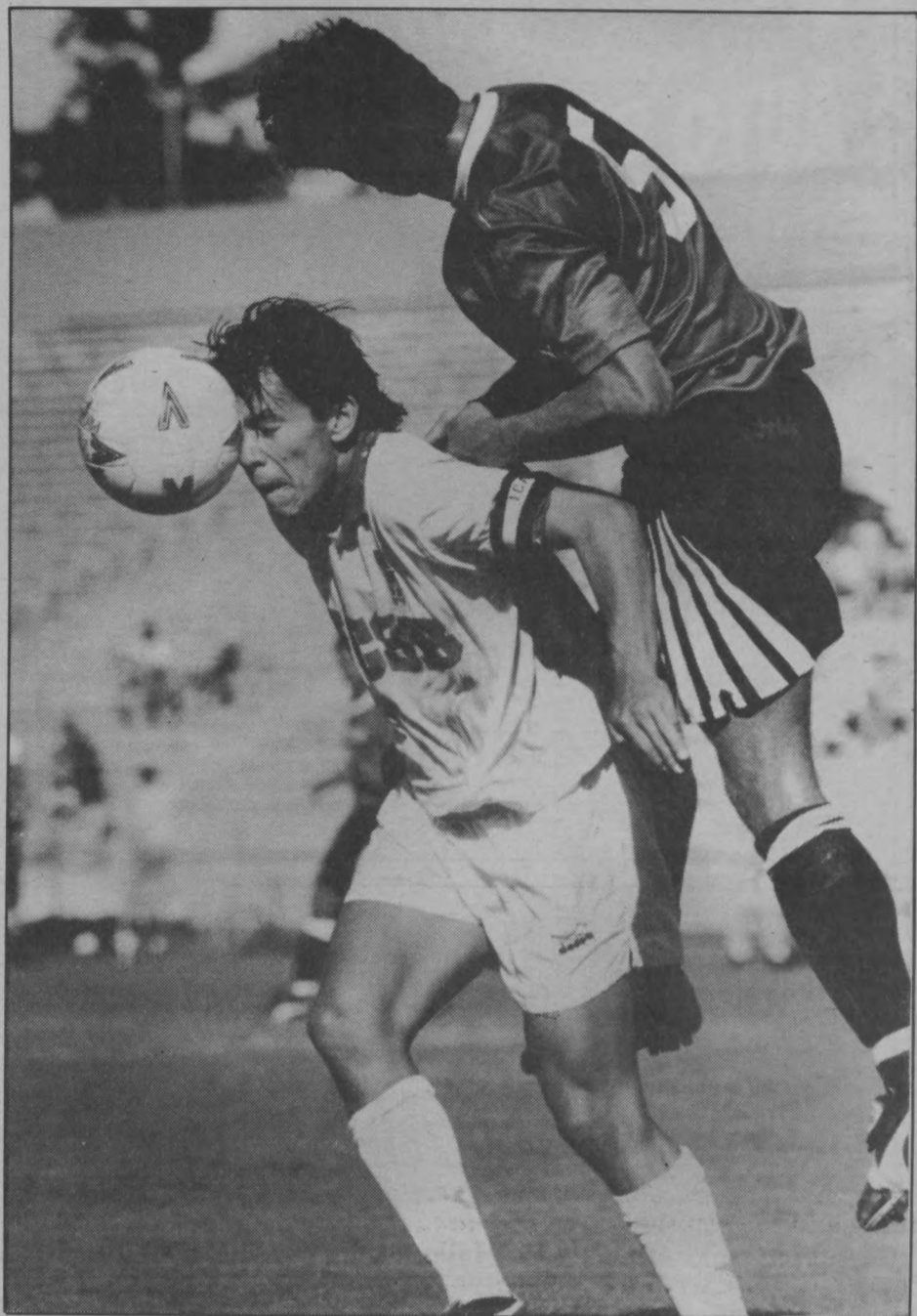
The celebration didn't end after the Titan victory, as the Gauchos moved on to beat San Diego State 2-0, leaving a perfect 2-0 record in MPSF.

With the sun blazing on the field, both Arya and Aztec Head Coach Chuck Clegg were wary of the heat and substituted players throughout the afternoon game.

"Because of the weather, we had to take a different approach," Mark Arya said. "We had to get the players in and out as often as possible."

After a scoreless first half, the Gaucho team came back and created a number of scoring opportunities. With 38:18 left in the game, Robertson scored the first goal of the game with a direct kick.

After two Aztec yellow cards and several missed



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The men's soccer team started off MPSF play with a perfect 2-0 record.

shots, forward Jeff Johnson assisted Matt Arya with the second and final goal of the game.

The Gaucho defense

proved successful against the Aztecs, and Santa Barbara goalie Travis Harding played the game with impenetrable hands.

UCSB takes to the road next weekend to play UCLA Friday and UC Irvine on Saturday.

Gauchos Can't Get Past #5 Tigers; Record Winning Streak Snapped

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

After a week of practices filled with ups and downs, the UCSB women's volleyball team's weekend on the road had that same yo-yo effect.

Breaking a Gaucho 13-game winning streak, the #5 University of the Pacific Tigers (11-2 overall, 5-1 in the Big West) pulled together to take the big four-game win over the #6 Gauchos on Friday night (7-15, 12-15, 15-4, 10-15). However, Santa Barbara came back with a vengeance at San Jose State (9-4, 5-2) on Saturday night. Despite much improvement from the young Spartans, the Gauchos quickly found their pace and took the match in three straight games, 15-11, 15-7, 15-5.

The heartbreaker of the weekend came right away for UCSB (14-1, 6-1), but with all of the problems the team faced this week, not to mention the strength of Pacific, the loss shouldn't have a lasting negative effect on the team.

"UOP was pumped up," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "They were

ready to play. The bad thing was Heather [Collins] having to leave this week. She really wasn't ready emotionally to be in the game and to help us. And Stroffe got picked on. [UOP] saw some weaknesses and they definitely outplayed us. But we still had the chance to win. We just couldn't capitalize on it. So I think when we play them at home, we'll have to make a few adjustments. There's no reason why we can't beat them."

So there really is no reason why UCSB couldn't beat the Tigers, but if there ever had to be just one reason, her name would be Dominique Benton-Bozman.

Benton-Bozman, the #1 hitter in the nation, dominated the match, producing 28 kills, as well as serving up four aces and making eight digs.

Overall, UCSB just couldn't find what it would have taken to beat UOP. Many errors were made by both the Gauchos and the Tigers, but the difference was that UOP managed to capitalize on UCSB's errors.

Another factor in the loss could be the unusually large amount of questionable and missed calls

by the referees. According to onlookers, it appeared as though most of the calls were to the advantage of the Tigers.

But with the domination of the UOP offense, it is highly unlikely that different calls would have made much of a difference.

The Gauchos had a hard time getting the ball through Pacific's defense. With their strong blocking, the Tigers virtually forced Santa Barbara to take a lot of tip shots, and the UOP defense was more than ready when the ball came over the block. The only holes on the court were in Pacific's back court, and with their tall block, defensive holes were hard to spot.

Another problem for the Gauchos was their bench. Usually productive, the UCSB bench had very little impact on the match.

"We are dependent on them to serve tough and force the other team to dig those serves," Gregory explained. "They really couldn't come through for us."

On a positive note, leading the UCSB offense were Heather Collins (21 kills),

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Gaucho senior defender Kristen Borland successfully protects her territory.

UCSB Splits Pair Over Weekend

By Curtis Kaiser
Staff Writer

It was another up and down weekend for the UCSB women's soccer

team, as they fell to the #7-ranked Santa Clara Broncos 2-0 on Friday, but defeated the UCLA Bruins 2-0 on Sunday.

Against the Bruins in 90 degree heat, the

Gauchos (4-6) were out-shot 16-9, but still managed to escape with the win.

"Our defense was very

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Pomona Invitational Gives Young Runners Chance to Get Experience

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's and women's cross country B-teams came back from the Cal Poly Pomona Invitational last weekend with exactly what they were seeking: more experience.

Only two teams competed in the men's race (UCSB finished second with 48 points) and just three teams ran in the women's race (Santa Barbara again finished second with 50 points).

"[The Gaucho runners] represented UCSB well," UCSB coach Pete Dolan said. "In the end, they had all the race that they could handle."

The Gauchos sent their B-team to the invitational on Saturday in order to rest the top seven runners and give the bottom seven a chance to show their stuff.

"I think we ran pretty well," freshman runner Jon Stires said. "We used each other well. We ran in a pretty good pack which is something that we wanted to work on."

UCSB's Dave Blum was the first Gaucho to finish, coming in sixth with a time of 27:36. Santa Barbara's Josh Cobb finished ninth with 27:44 and Stires finished tenth with a time of 27:47 as the Cal Poly Pomona runners won the race with 21 points.

For the women, the Gauchos' Deanna Hadley (who normally runs with the top seven) won the race with a time of 18:41. Mary Crane was the next Gaucho to complete the course, coming in seventh with a time of 19:16, and Adrienne Bell followed her in tenth place with a time of 19:30.

For the Gaucho coaching staff, the next big decision to make will be figur-

ing out who to put in the starting seven for the conference championships.

Coach Dolan seems to be keeping an open mind.

"I can put it this way," Dolan said. "With young people, you never know when they can break out with a big race. I try to keep it as open as possible, but it's up to them to race their best."

The younger runners don't seem to be as optimistic.

"It's kind of hard to tell," Stires said. "I think that the top seven is pretty much set unless something drastic happens. The alternate is really the only spot that I think is open."

The next race for the Gauchos will be at the San Luis Obispo Invitational, the final meet before the Big West Championships.

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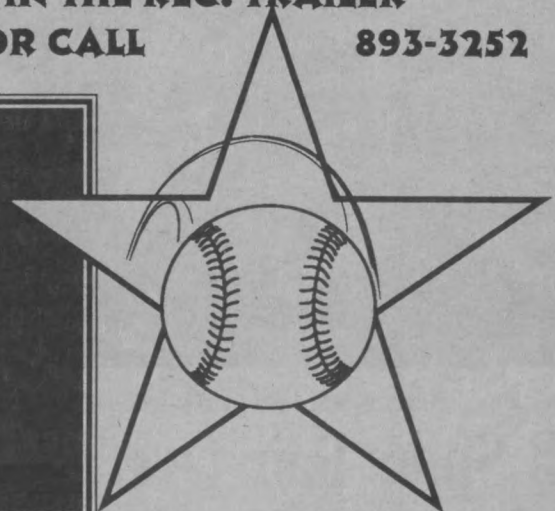
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 Tammy Stiner (13 kills, .440 hitting percentage), Kim Keys (18 kills) and Jennifer Stroffe (10 kills). Defensively, Collins led the team with 18 digs followed by Keys and Shirley Aboyme who posted 14 digs a piece. At the net, setter Chrissy Boehle tallied four blocks, Aboyme had three, and Stiner and Keys each had a pair.

Along with Benton-Bozman, Pacific's Charlotte Johaneson, Addie Hauschild and Robin Schmidt contributed to the team's attack with 13,

11, and nine kills respectively. Leading the team, Johaneson had 19 digs along with three blocks and four aces. Hauschild grabbed 16 digs and tallied four blocks, while Schmidt had 10 digs and three blocks.

"UOP was so strong offensively and screaming, that we weren't our normal selves," Gregory said. "We let them intimidate us. We let their style intimidate us. And defensively they were great, so we were a little shocked."

"Yes, they had tall blocking and a good defense, but we weren't really in a good offensive rhythm."

The next day, a new

Gaicho team appeared in San Jose. Although they started things off slowly, UCSB quickly took control of the match.

"Against San Jose, we started off a little slow," Gregory explained. "But the big difference was that Jen Kaylor came in and stopped Paola [Paz-Soldan] and Shannon [Meixsell], started to pass the ball well, and really contributed."

The most impressive point of the match came in game three when the Gauchos came back from a 4-3 deficit to serve eight unanswered points and finish off the game and the match after two sideouts. Keys led the offense

with 14 kills at a .560 hitting percentage and seven block assists. Making a move to stop the Spartans' best hitter Paz-Soldan, Aboyme stepped up and challenged her.

"Shirley really got up there and wouldn't let Paola get anything through," Stroffe said. "Paola is a good player, but we figured out how to stop her. She tends to hit low to the net so we just adjusted our block."

Paola led the Spartans with 14 kills and eight digs. Teammate Tanya Hart hammered out 10 kills with a .527 hitting percentage.

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 solid, very organized, and Christina Day had a good day," UCSB Assistant Coach Aaron Heifetz said. "Physically, we got out-pounded. Mentally, we were doing our best to keep them off the board the entire game. Because they were more physical than us, because they were winning the 50-50 balls, and because they were winning the air battles, they had an advantage in shots."

Leading the way for the Gaicho offense was forward Renee France. France scored both UCSB goals, one in each half. In

the first half, after the UCLA goalkeeper couldn't handle a crossing pass from SB defender Brienne O'Brien, France put the ball in the net.

In the second half, UCSB added an insurance goal when forward Felicia Hayes took the ball at midfield and dribbled around three defenders. When Hayes' shot was deflected by the Bruin goalkeeper, France put the rebound in.

"Friday, oddly enough, we played better than today," senior midfielder Julie Harris said. "Today was really difficult because of the conditions and we came out a little flat."

"But we got the ball in the back of the net — and that's what's important. Felicia on one of the goals

did incredible work, and it was nice to work hard and get some results."

In Friday's contest against the Broncos (7-3-1), the Gauchos were able to control the ball and much of the game's pace, but were unable to convert their scoring opportunities.

"We had a good rhythm moving the ball from the back to the midfield," UCSB Head Coach Tad Bobak said. "The one thing that we've had trouble with this season is transferring the rhythm into the offensive third."

Santa Clara's first goal was scored by midfielder Tracy Giorgetti in the 72nd minute of play. Midfielder Jennifer Lalor, a member of the U.S. Na-


tional Team, assisted on Giorgetti's goal and followed with a goal of her own on a penalty kick with seven minutes left in the contest.

"It's hard to control the tempo against Santa Barbara. I think that's one of their strengths," Santa Clara Head Coach Jerry Smith said. "Their back players are so skilled. Against our two forwards, their backs were able to pass the ball very well."

"Sunday's game was not a good performance by us," Heifetz said. "But when you play badly and still win, that's the sign of a team that can do some things."

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