

## Business as Usual: Spikers Sweep Twice

### Gauchos Cruise to Wins Over San Jose, New Mexico at Home

By Dino Scopettone  
Staff Writer

Business as usual.

That just about sums up the weekend performance of the UCSB women's volleyball team. Santa Barbara showed nothing unusual in winning a pair of conference matches: The Gauchos hit well, showed a decent block, played their usual strong defense and even threw in some tough serving. In short, it was the kind of weekend people have come to expect from UCSB.

Friday night, the Gauchos disposed of San Jose State, winning 15-10, 15-4, 15-8 to drop the Spartans to 4-5 in conference play. Santa Barbara tore out to big leads in each of the games, but its opponent crept back into the match at times, a phenomenon that has been occurring frequently this season.

"The only thing that was a little disappointing was, we relaxed a little," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "Every time I subbed, it wasn't really the subs that played poorly, but the team gave up four or five points, and I didn't like that."

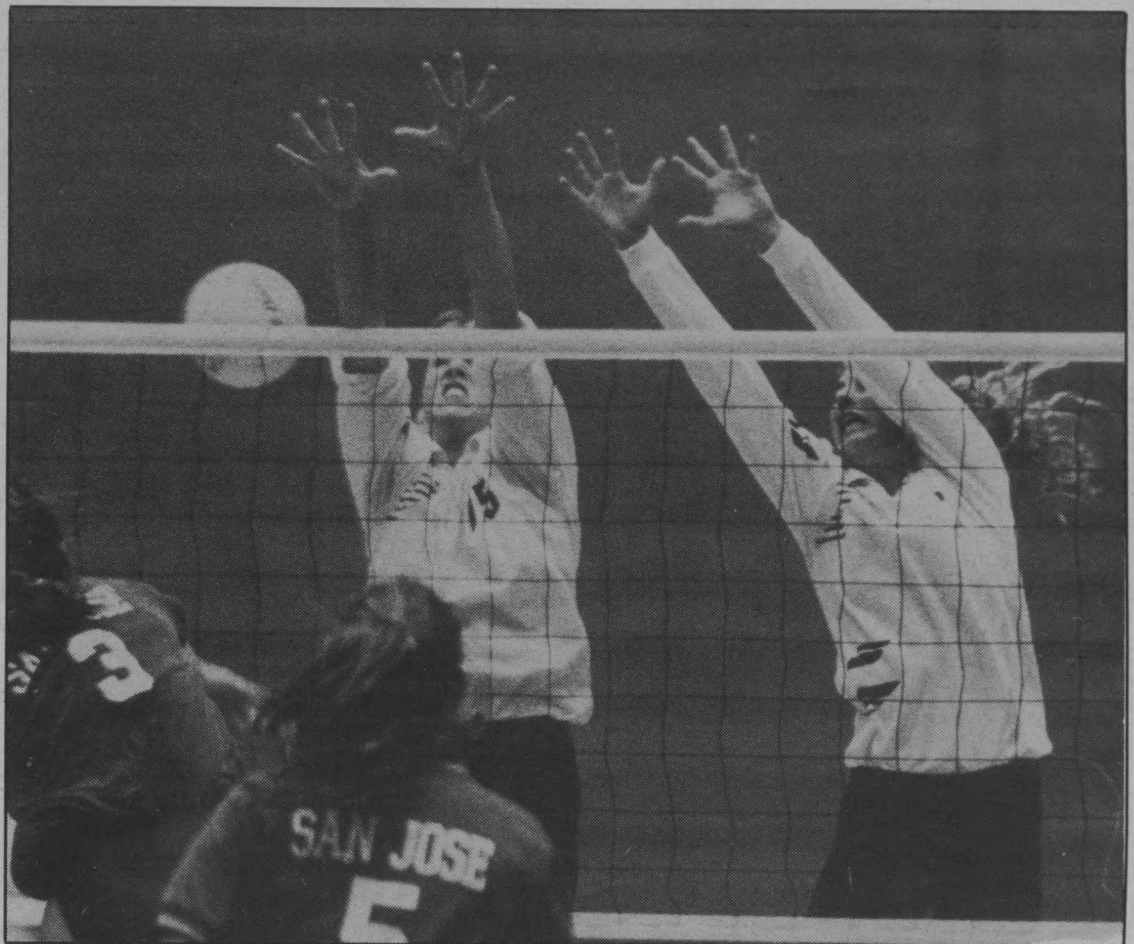
Even so, UCSB's tough serving effectively kept San Jose State's offense under control for the entire match. The Gauchos scored eight service aces, including three from sophomore setter Chrissy Boehle, and came up with numerous other difficult serves that forced the Spartans out of their offensive rhythm.

"We got into some passing problems, and that's been a problem for us all year," Spartan Head Coach John Corbelli said. "Our defense and transition game are pretty good, but we can't get out of the blocks on that first pass."

At the same time, Santa Barbara's offense showed some life, as blocker Ana Elisa Franca (10 kills, .563 percentage) and hitter Julie Pitois (10, .529) crushed balls from all angles. Freshman middle blocker Tammy Stiner also bolstered the middle attack with a pair of kills in limited action. Overall, UCSB hit .292 to San Jose's .026.

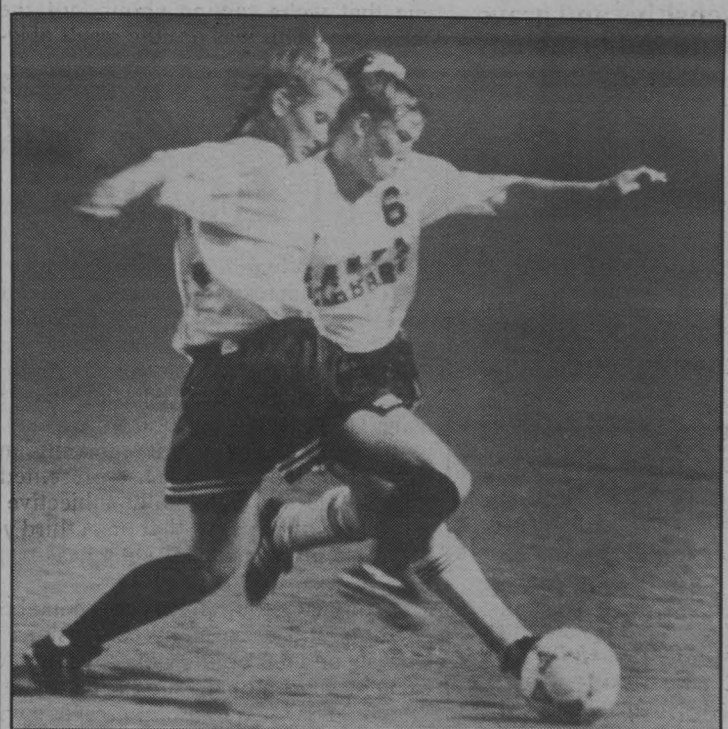
"Ana should have no problem with [San Jose]," Gregory said.

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**IN YOUR FACE:** Senior hitter Julie Pitois (left) and freshman middle blocker Kim Keys get airborne during Friday night's Gaucho win over San Jose State. Pitois riddled the Spartan defense with 10 kills, while the UCSB defense held San Jose to a woeful .026 hitting percentage.



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Gaucha forward Jeannie Crabb (#6) fights for the ball.

## Women Lose Momentum, Play Poorly in 4-2 Defeat

By Jason Masini  
Staff Writer

It's strange how momentum can turn itself around suddenly. After defeating the #7 and #12 teams in the country last week, the UCSB women's soccer team felt confident traveling to the Bay Area to take on archrival UC Berkeley for a Sunday tilt.

Unfortunately, things didn't go according to plan. The Gauchos (9-7-0) were physically pounded by the Bears en route to losing a 4-1 decision, and hopes of making the NCAA tournament may have gone with it. Cal was 5-8-2 going into the match after losing four out of its last six games, but the Bears literally jumped all over Santa Barbara from the opening whistle. Cal was called for 19 fouls during the physical game.

After only three minutes of play, Berkeley was already on the scoreboard. Alexia Thompson took a cross pass from teammate Devon Fitzpatrick, who was planted to the left of the goal, and headed it in past sprawling Gaucha goalkeeper Dana Visse.

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## Campus Courts Host Top Tourney

### Okada Qualifies for Second Competition

By Michael Cadilli  
Reporter

When the dust had settled at the UCSB stadium courts on Sunday, one UCSB women's tennis player was lucky enough to make it through the grueling Riviera All-American Pre-qualifying Tournament.

Santa Barbara freshman Jean Okada gave up only nine games in six sets while on her way to straight set victories in her three matches over the two-day tourney. As Okada indicated after the match, staying cool under pressure is what kept her winning.

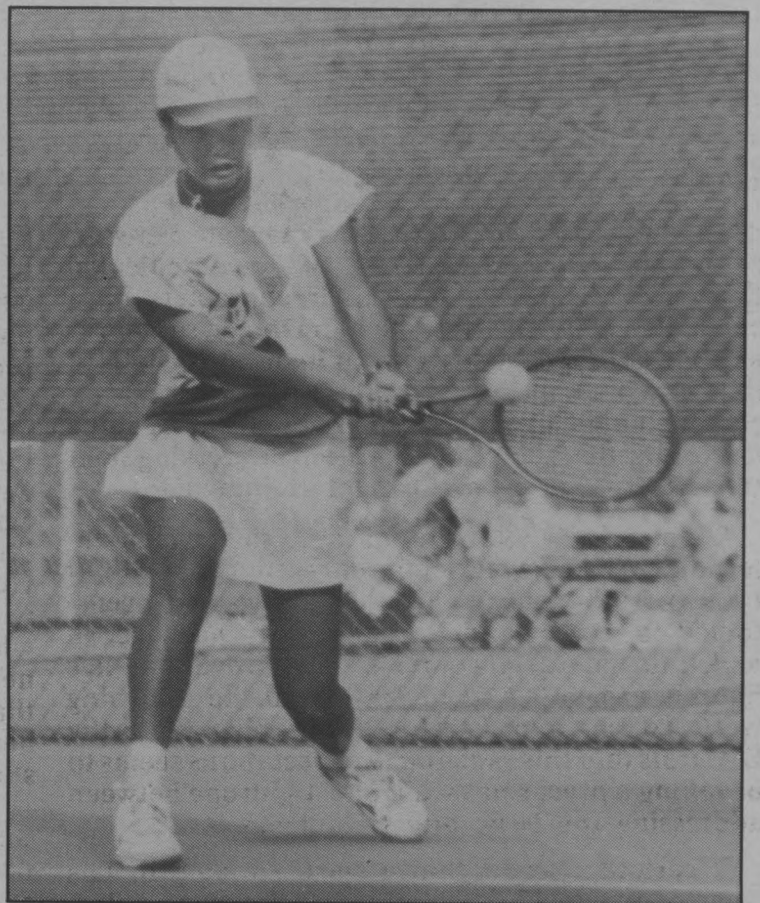
"After the first-set jitters I was able to concentrate on hitting with more margin, putting the pressure on my opponents," she said.

Luck came into play when the Tournament Referee Jane Goodman had to fill three extra singles slots because players had dropped out of the qualifying round, which is the next phase of this three-tournament event. Three fourth-round singles matches were drawn out of a hat to select automatic qualifiers, and Okada was one of those selected at random to bypass the last round.

"I decided not to pull the top seeds in because of the difficulty in seeding players all over the country," Goodman explained.

Okada indicated that because of tendinitis in her elbow and a slight thigh pull, she was thankful to bypass the final round.

"If it wasn't for my coaches and teammates I probably wouldn't have pulled through the way I did," Okada said. "And when I heard that my name was drawn, I was pumped with a major adrenalin rush."



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**THE FOREHAND:** Jean Okada powered through three opponents this weekend, losing only nine games in six sets.

Out of the eight Santa Barbara players in the pre-qualifier, only Okada made it past the second round. Kelly Spencer, Shannon Martinoff, Jennifer Myers, Amelia White, Courtney Strauss, Lynn Coakley and Suzy Drage were eliminated early in singles play, while doubles teams of Drage-Strauss and Spencer-White also lost early in the draw.

UCSB Head Coach Chris Russell indicated that despite the early exits, he wasn't disappointed with his players' finishes.

"This was Kelly's first tourney

since surgery, Amelia lost to the eighth seed and Lynn lost to an eventual qualifier," Russell said. "I think that proves our players can hit with anyone."

Automatically drawn qualifiers included: seventh seed Jenny Graf (Florida St.), Joanna Fera (Northwestern), Cory Crigger (UCI), Paula Hansen (USD), Kristie Smith (USD) and Okada. Competitors that played to qualify were: Jenny Baker (UCLA), Mary-Beth Novak (Northwestern), Paige Hammond (SDSU), Janine Burton-Durham (Texas A&M) and Jai-

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# Up and Down Weekend Leaves SB 2-2 in MPSF Tourney

Poloists Beat Air Force, UCLA; Lose to Cardinal, Waves

By Daniel Solomon  
Staff Writer

**LONG BEACH** —To say that the UCSB men's water polo team had an up-and-down weekend would be an understatement.

The seventh-ranked Gauchos opened this weekend's Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships with a win, then suffered a loss in the second round, followed by another win and another loss. The 2-2 weekend gave the Gauchos a sixth-place finish in the elite group of squads at the tournament.

Nine of the top-10 teams in the nation were present in the 16-team field, including top-ranked Cal and #2 Stanford. The Bay Area rivals met in the tournament finale Sunday evening, fighting into overtime before the Bears were able to pull out a 11-9 victory over the Cardinal.

After opening tournament play on the upswing by defeating #10 Air Force 12-7 on Saturday morning, the Gauchos were brought down hard by Stanford, 17-6, a few hours later. Saturday's game was the Gauchos' third loss to the Cardinal in as many tries this year.

"We didn't shoot that well against [Stanford]," UCSB assistant coach Rob Boyd said. "We played a flat game, and it seemed like we didn't play with a lot of heart. We didn't take it to them."

The Gauchos found themselves on the

upswing once again Sunday morning, as Santa Barbara came back with a convincing 12-8 win over sixth-ranked UCLA. Gaucho senior Scott Taylor was outstanding in the net, making several key saves and steals.

"We were pleased with our effort," UCSB Head Coach Pete Snyder said of his team's second win of the weekend. "Our defense was confident and we were able to outscore them in the second half."

The Gauchos' fourth and final game of the tournament turned out to be the most exciting match of the season, but UCSB wound up losing to Pepperdine, 11-10, in the Sunday afternoon contest. After the Gauchos went up by two goals at half-time, Pepperdine surged ahead 10-9 in the closing minute of play. A great pass from UCSB's Dave Madison to teammate Sam Allevato resulted in the tying goal with 43 seconds remaining, but Pepperdine answered with the game-winner with only :20 left on the clock.

"They're a very good offensive team," Snyder said of the Waves. "We tried various defenses, but we went out of our game too much. We needed to swim more and cross pass more."

Despite closing the tournament with a loss, Snyder was pleased with his squad's sixth-place finish. "We've never put together two solid games back-to-back [this season], but today we did," he said Sunday.



**OFF THE DEEP END:** The UCSB water polo team battled Pepperdine until the last seconds of Sunday's final round MPSF tournament game.

The Gauchos were led offensively in the tournament by junior Steve Kunst and senior Tony Litwak, each with seven goals on the weekend. Freshman Kevin Egger, sophomore Doug Wierenga and Allevato each added five scores. Taylor and junior Matt Flanders were both impress-

ive in the net, each playing two games and recording 12 saves.

Next up for the Gauchos will be a match with USC at Los Angeles on Saturday, followed by the first home game in over a month for Snyder's squad, a Nov. 7 rematch with Pepperdine.

## Gauchos Can't Kill Giant, Fall to #7 Bruins at Los Angeles

Team Wins Moral Victory as Cooney, Defense Shine

By Scott McPherson  
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**FAST AND FURIOUS:** UCLA forward Eric Chaisongkram (center) looks for an opening in the Gaucho defense as Adam Foley (left) gives chase. The UCSB defense held the Bruins scoreless in the first half of Sunday's game.

**WESTWOOD** —The UCSB men's soccer team came here looking to become giant killers. However, the squad will have to settle instead for merely a moral victory.

The Gauchos turned in one of their finest performances of the year against UCLA on Sunday afternoon, but it wasn't enough to keep Santa Barbara from losing 2-0 to the #7 Bruins. Although the loss was the eighth in a row for UCSB (2-12 overall), Head Coach Mark Arya was pleased with his squad's performance.

"As far as overall team effort, this was without question our best game of the year," Arya said.

Defense was the highlight for the Gauchos on Sunday, as the team successfully dropped back to protect the net while surrendering the midfield. While the conservative game plan kept the Bruins off the scoreboard during the first half, the defensive posture also made scoring opportunities few and far between for the Gauchos. The visitors were

outshot 25-4 on the afternoon.

With eight minutes remaining in the first half, UCSB goalkeeper Tim Cooney made the first of several outstanding saves on a UCLA breakaway. Three more Cooney saves closed out the first half and sent the teams to the break with no score.

"Tim Cooney was awesome," Arya said. "There's no other word for it. He was good on cross passes, and his sense of position was phenomenal."

The teams battled through the opening minutes of the first half on even terms, and it appeared that the underdogs from Santa Barbara might send the game to overtime. But the Bruins were finally able to beat Cooney in the game's 62nd minute. The UCSB net-minder couldn't cover a rebound, and the ensuing scramble in front of the goal mouth resulted in a UCLA goal.

The Gauchos were finally able to create scoring opportunities in the final 20 minutes of the game, but couldn't get a shot past Bruin goalie Brad Friedel. The final good opportunity of the match for UCSB was squandered with five minutes re-

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Berkeley then added its second tally of the afternoon just 10 minutes later. Cal's leading scorer, Erika Hinton, booted in a shot from the right side off a pass from Sonia Freeman, and UCSB saw itself behind 2-0 after only 13 minutes had gone by.

"One of the things we stress is the power of consistency," UCSB Head Coach Tad Bobak said after the match. "Winners are consistent under any condition that they face and some of our players haven't coped with the pressure. Today, we were physically overmatched, and that goes back to not being mentally prepared



Gaucho goalkeeper Dana Visse dives to make a save. Visse allowed four goals Sunday at Berkeley.

for the challenge. Our two greatest weapons are being mentally and physically focused, and we didn't use either one.

"The danger of compla-

ciency should keep [the players] in focus," Bobak added. "Yet here we are, playing an unranked team and can't do anything against them, but we win

against two top-ranked teams. I told them after the Colorado College game [last week] that if they didn't come ready to play, they would get their face smashed in. And that's what happened."

Santa Barbara was able to keep Berkeley scoreless for the rest of the first half, but in the second half the Bears came out firing again. In the 54th minute Katie Anderson lofted a long pass to Thompson, who put in her second goal of the game. The scores were Thompson's second and third on the season.

The Bears weren't finished there. In the 68th minute, Thompson passed the ball to Hinton in front of the Gaucho goal, and Hinton put the ball into the back of the net for her

second score on the afternoon. Hinton now has 11 goals and 23 points on the season. Thompson had entered the game with only one goal to her credit for the year, but left increasing her total to three scores and an assist, giving her seven points. UCSB was outshot in the contest 19-10.

Santa Barbara finally managed to get on the scoreboard in the 88th minute. Freshman Rachel Romano, who had been the only Gaucho not to score a point this season, put in a shot that had rebounded off Bear goalkeeper Jennifer Netherwood, eliminating Berkeley's bid for the shutout.

"Some of our players are having a tough time grasping the toughness that is

needed to play at this level," Bobak said. "The power of consistency isn't fully present in some of our players and every member of the team has to come prepared. Cal is struggling this year and I told the players this would be their Super Bowl, because there is a rivalry between us no matter what the records are, and beating us would make their season. Now, we have to win against Hartford to have any shot at the playoffs."

The Gauchos next match will be Friday, Oct. 30, when they travel to Santa Clara to take on the University of Hartford, the fifth-ranked team in the nation. The outcome of that game may decide whether Santa Barbara gets a postseason bid.

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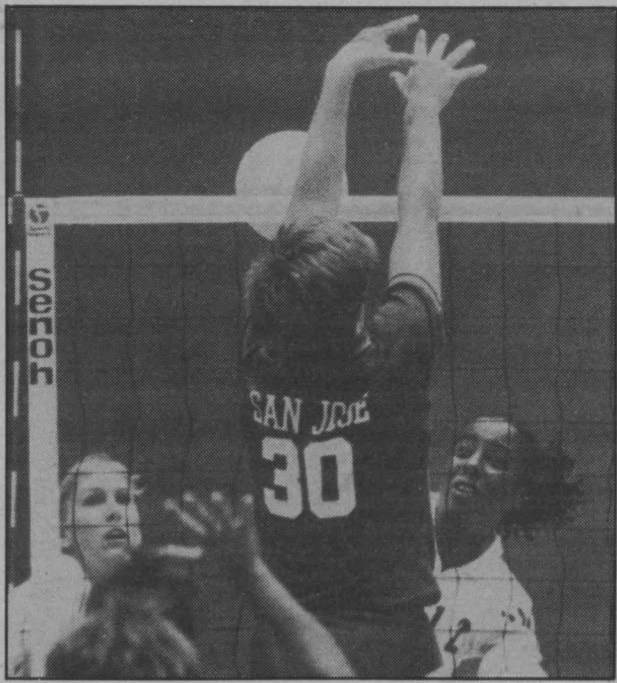
# WINS

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 "She showed that she's a big offensive threat. And Tammy I was very impressed with because she's an aggressive player."

On Saturday, it was New Mexico State's turn to take a shot at the Gauchos, and the end result was similar. UCSB cruised to a 15-9, 15-3, 15-9 win that upped its record to 13-5 overall and 8-3 in conference play. The Roadrunners saw their conference record drop to 5-6 with the loss.

As before, it was Pitois leading the way on offense, racking up 11 kills to go with her two solo blocks. Freshman Kim Keys added 10 kills, while Franca notched eight. On the other side, Jonna Stefens and Maria Roth led NMSU with 11 kills apiece, but UCSB dug almost twice as many balls as the Roadrunners were able to put away. Boehle topped the squad with 16 digs, while senior Kristie Ryan added 10 to pass a major milestone.

Ryan, whose father Tom passed away in June, has shown a unique combina-



*Ana Elisa Franca recorded 10 kills against San Jose State on Friday.*

tion of offense and defense, and Saturday she became the first UCSB player in history to combine 1,400 kills and 1,400 digs in a career. As is typical of her style, the outside hitter downplayed the accomplishment.

"It's a real neat honor," she said, "and I'm glad it happened. But it's not as important as the team win-

ning. I just wish my dad was here to see it."

Overall on the evening, the Gauchos hit .267 to New Mexico's .140 and held an 8-3 blocking advantage.

UCSB will now return to the road, travelling to Fullerton for a Wednesday evening match before heading to Hawaii next weekend.

# TENNIS

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 mie Fielding (University of Michigan).

Of the four collegiate grand slam events, this weekend's competition is the largest and annually hosts some of the toughest women's tennis in the country.

"It's not like the men, who can ace you at will," Texas A&M Coach Bobby Kleinecke said. "[The women] have to play tough games to hold serve."

# UCLA

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 maining, as a free kick 10 yards away from the UCLA penalty box was dribbled wide of the net. A Bruin goal with a minute remaining closed out the scoring, with Friedel recording his 10th shutout of the year.

For UCLA, Sunday's game — which upped the team's record to 10-2-1 — was a continuation of a scoring drought that has plagued the Bruins of late. While Head Coach Sigi Schmid acknowledged the good defensive efforts of

UCLA qualifier Jenny Baker indicated that playing scrappy tennis was the secret of her success on the court this weekend. "I'm a little rat out there, and I frustrate players that hit hard because I get to a lot of balls, and she'll eventually hit the fence," Baker said.

Formerly held at Pepperdine, the annual pre-qualifying tourney was moved to Santa Barbara this year. As Gaucho tennis nutritional coach and biology Lecturer Barry Tanowitz explained, increased exposure for the

UCSB campus as a result of the tournament could go far to improve recruiting for the tennis programs in the future.

Next up for members of the UCSB team is the Riviera All-American Qualifier at Pacific Palisades, which begins tomorrow and will run through Saturday. Joining Okada in the singles competition for the Gauchos will be Laura Rutledge and Signe Jensen. In the doubles category, UCSB has Coakley paired with Rutledge and Okada with Kathy Peterson.

the Gauchos, the 13th-year UCLA skipper attributed the close contest to his squad's inability to finish off scoring opportunities.

"We're just struggling in the final third of the field," said Schmid, who started five freshmen in Sunday's game.

For Arya's crew, playing on even terms for most of 90 minutes against the seventh-ranked team in the nation was a substantial moral victory.


"I think we've known all year that we can play like this," Arya said. "We've had to overcome a few obstacles, but this

game is a reconfirmation that we can play with teams at this level."

The loss to the Bruins was the second defeat of the weekend for UCSB, as the Gauchos lost 3-1 at UC Irvine on Friday evening. After taking a 1-0 first-half lead, the Anteaters recorded two goals in the opening minutes of the second half. Santa Barbara's Lance Nakamitsu scored in the 74th minute on a penalty kick to account for the Gauchos' lone score.

Next up for the team will be a contest this Wednesday at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

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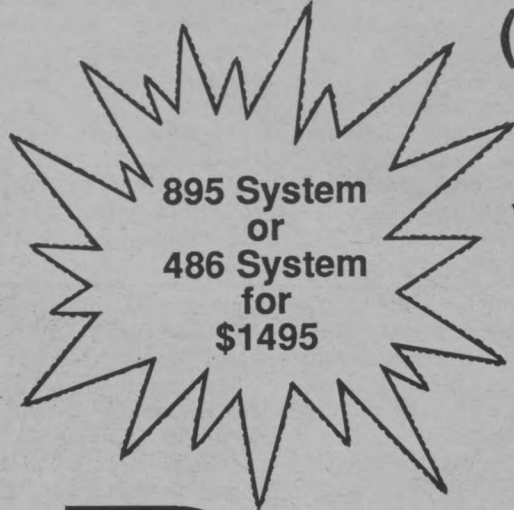
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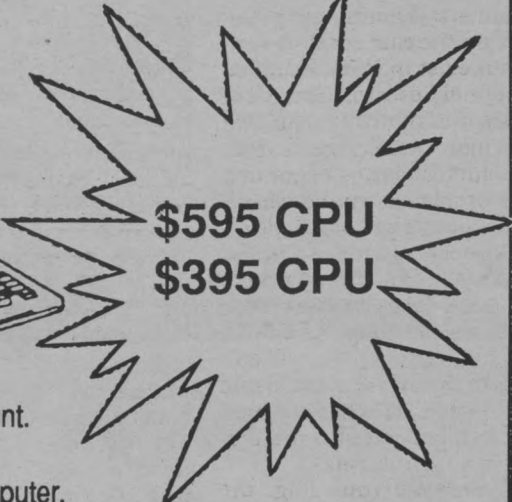
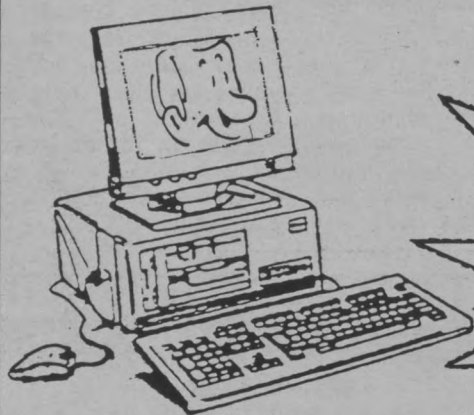


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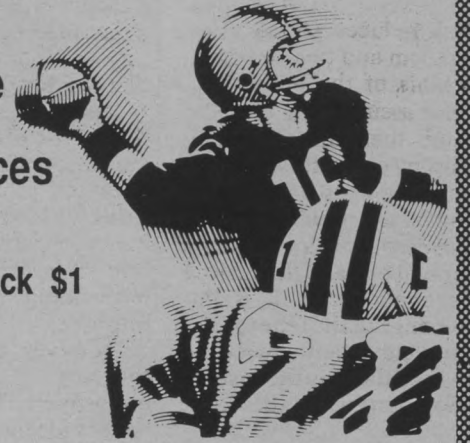
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