

Haar Sets His Sights

UCSB's Rich Haar Looks Towards the Big Leagues *By Jason Masini, Staff Writer*

With the UCSB baseball season now complete, senior Rich Haar has a lot on his mind. Haar is preparing himself for the upcoming Major League Baseball Amateur Draft, which will be held June 3-5.

Haar finished his career as one of the Gauchos' greatest players of all-time, placing himself in the top-3 of every UCSB offensive category for a career, except stolen bases. Haar ranks first in runs scored (208) and at bats (881); second in games played (228), home runs (30), RBIs (185) and total bases (440); and third in hits (276), triples (10) and doubles (54). For his exploits, he is being actively sought after by Major League organizations despite playing on a Gaucho team that went an uncharacteristic 24-30-1 this season, the worst season mark since 1988.

Daily Nexus: What are your reflections on this season? Was it a disappointment teamwise?

Rich Haar: Yeah, teamwise it was a disappointment. We were coming in looking to do a little better in conference, but we started out 0-6 and that just put us in a deep hole right there. We lost a lot of games early on and that didn't help either. Historically, we always come out with a good start. So that brought us down a little bit, and it was a tough year after that. It's hard to pick yourself up after all that. I was just happy we came out and won a lot of those series there at the end. (UCSB won five of its last six three-game series.)

DN: How about personally? Did you have as good a season as you wanted to?

Haar: No. I wished my batting average was higher (he finished at .286). I was happy with my home runs (team-high 14). I came in and picked it up late in the season and I think hitting the home runs was the reason for it. So I'm happy about that, but I still didn't have the season I wanted to have.

DN: Now looking forward to the Major League Draft, what are your thoughts going into that?

Haar: Well I'm pretty high on it right now. I'm talking to three different clubs so we'll see what happens.

DN: Which clubs are you talking to?

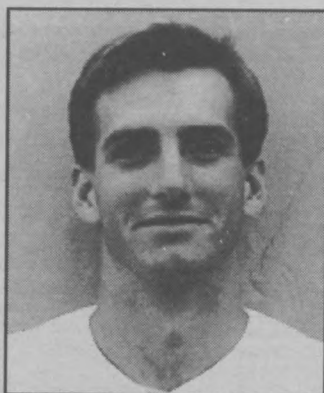
Haar: The Oakland A's, the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Cubs. They're the ones that like me the most, especially the Cubs. They've been the ones that have responded the most, so we'll see. You never know, but I think I came on strong there at the end of the season and I did well when they [the Cubs] came and saw me.

DN: Have you done any special workouts for them?

Haar: No, nothing like that



Senior third baseman Rich Haar has been one of the major offensive sparks for the Gauchos. He is second on the UCSB all-time list in both home runs and RBI and led the team in many offensive categories this season. Haar is awaiting the June 2-3 Major League Amateur Baseball Draft. Bottom photo by Gerry Melendez.



right now, but they've seen me play this year and last year. They told me they watched me a lot last year, and they said I was real close to getting drafted last year. Every time they came to our games this year, I looked good and they liked me.

DN: Do you have any idea what round you might go in the draft?

Haar: I didn't ask them that. I was going to ask them, but I didn't know if I should ask them. I think I'll go somewhere in the 20s or so.

DN: Now that your season and your career here in Santa Barbara is over, what do you think you're going to remember most about your baseball

experience at UCSB?

Haar: Just that I had fun and that I played everyday, had the chance to play everyday, especially as a freshman. I'm happy that I got to play day-in, day-out. I played every day that I could. I'm glad that I produced and was able to do all the little things [that go along with baseball].

DN: Are there any teammates that stick out in your mind?

Haar: Well, there's a lot of 'em actually. Jeff Antoon and Dave Waco, we always had a good time. Playing with that infield [dubbed The Infield of Dreams] last year with Danny Lane too, that was fun. When I

was a freshman, a lot of the seniors picked me up like Mike Czarnetzki. He was always a good influence on me. Jerrold [Rountree], I loved having him lead off and me bat second, that was good. So yeah, it's been memorable.

DN: If you had to pick one thing, one game or one home run that was the most memorable, what would it be?

Haar: I think it would have to be last year at the North Carolina Tournament against North Carolina. My last game in the tournament last year I think I went out going 4-for-6 with two home runs and I got the MVP of that tournament. I'll never forget about that.

BRIAN BANKS

Conspiracy of NBA and Magic Nets a #1 Draft Pick

The NBA's 1993 Draft Lottery was fixed. How else to explain the Orlando Magic and their one Ping-Pong ball besting the 10 other lottery teams and their 65 balls to grab the top pick?

This is a conspiracy and cover-up by the league and the Orlando Magic. It's a covert action that is bigger than simply a basketball team getting the first pick in a college draft. It represents a breakdown of our society's entire moral fiber, a knife in the back of the hard work and dedication that built this nation.

The facts: The Magic missed making the playoffs by one game, thus qualifying them for the Draft Lottery, which is used to determine the pecking order for the NBA's upcoming draft of collegiate athletes.

The lottery is weighted to favor the team with the season's worst record. This year's lucky winners were the Dallas Maver-

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icks, who persevered game in and game out and stuck through the tough times to guarantee themselves embarrassment for decades to come. Dallas got 11 Ping-Pong balls in the cylinder, while the Minnesota Timberwolves, who rode Dallas' misfortune all the way to the league's second-worst record, were represented 10 times. And so on, and so on.

The Magic, who got lucky last year and snared the number one pick and Shaquille O'Neal, got one ball Sunday. Orlando's odds of being the first team picked were 66-1. Not even Shaq could slam this one home for the Magic.

But Orlando "defied the odds," according to NBC altar boy Bob Costas. The Magic got the top pick again and the rights to any college player Shaq wants.

Lucky?

No.

To unravel this enigma — and it is an enigma wrapped inside a mystery wrapped inside a riddle — we must first ask ourselves three questions:

Why did the Magic get the top pick?

Who benefited?

Who had the power to cover it up?

NBA Commissioner David Stern and the Magic, that's who.

How much money did NBC and the NBA lose in the this year's playoffs because Shaq — the regular season's biggest TV draw — wasn't taking part? How much in revenue did the Magic lose by not hosting at least one — perhaps as many as 11 — home games in the postseason?

Probably as much as the network spent promoting its "Cheers" finale.

KCSB to Hold a Call-In Show With L&S Representative Llad Phillips

KCSB radio (91.9 FM) will have a program to discuss the proposed cutting of the Physical Activities Dept. The call-in forum will air tonight from 5-6 p.m. In order to get both sides, College of Letters and Science Provost Llad Phillips has been

invited to come on the air to discuss the administration's line of reasoning behind the proposal.

"A lot of what we're hearing about the proposed cut is coming from the P.A. Dept.," said Edgar Escobar of KCSB sports.

"I thought it would be a good idea to have the provost of the College of Letters and Science come on the show and outline the reasons for what he proposes to do. So far we haven't heard much from the other side."

In addition, Physical Activities and Recreation Director John Spaventa will be on the air to explain the P.A. Dept.'s position as well as respond to callers' questions or comments.

—Brian Pillsbury

BANKS: Stern and Friends Pull Off Cover-Up of Covert Draft Procedures

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It's simple, really. Both the NBA and Orlando

wanted to guarantee that the league's second-biggest draw isn't sitting

home come next May. One top draft pick overall should do the trick. If

Shaq was worth an improvement of 20+ games this season, then a Chris

Webber or Jamal Mashburn should be good for five or 10 more next year.

about to open the #2 envelope. The head tilts back and to the left right into Williams' line of vision.

Presto! The Magic are in the playoffs.

And it looks like Stern and his cronies are going to get away with it. The Ping-Pong balls were picked in a closed session where only an NBA official, a lawyer and one representative from each lottery team was present.

The proceedings probably went something like this: The NBA official gives a wink to the Orlando representative, who gives a wink to the lawyer, who picks the Magic ball first. The 10 other team representatives are heartbroken but none the wiser.

The entire nation watched as Stern, acting as if he had no idea which team's logo was in the #2 or #1 position, opened the #2 envelope and revealed it to be for Philadelphia, securing the #1 pick for Orlando.

But the NBC videotape was the evidence the conspirators weren't counting on.

If you study the tape closely, Stern's eyes look directly at Orlando General Manager Pat Williams' eyes when Stern is

Back and to the left. Back and to the left. Back and to the left.

Why else would Stern look at Williams so knowingly if the two men were not involved in some nefarious activities. From that moment on, the fates of the 10 other lottery teams were sealed. They never stood a chance.

It was like an old-fashioned turkey shoot.

Somewhere, there must be a witness willing to talk. The secret files which Stern and the Magic probably used to outline their scheme must be opened. An investigation must look into every person at the scene Sunday, including Costas, who should be considered an accomplice after the fact.

We're through the looking glass, here. White is black, black is white, green is red and red is sort of a yellow and blue combination.

We have to start thinking on a different level.

I'd go on, but I think this typewriter might be bugged.



Surf Guy

ROB SIMPSON/Daily Nexus

Where else but UCSB can you attend class in the morning, go home, grab your surfboard and hit the waves? Surf, sun and sand suit senior Environmental Studies major Steve Risser quite nicely, thank you. The surfboard itself also has more than just one use. As you can see it provides a comfortable support as well.

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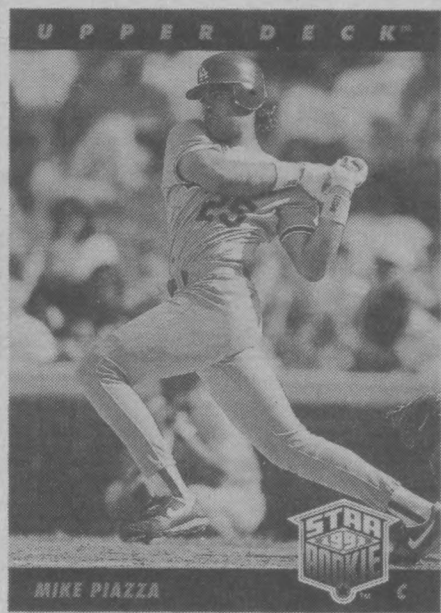
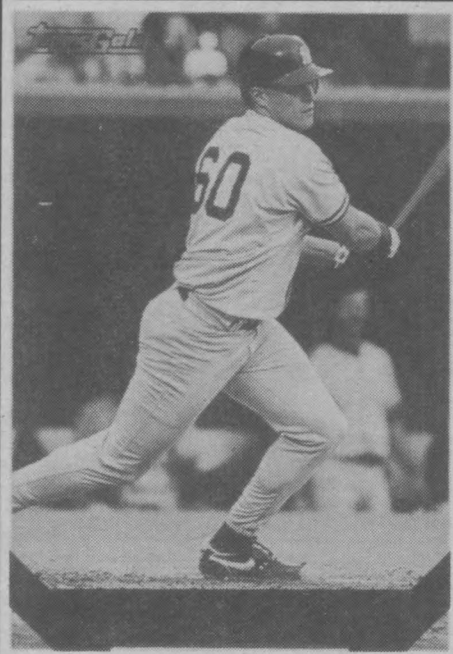
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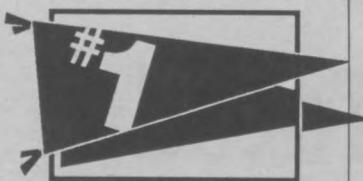


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