Gauchos Force OT, but **Titans Win From Line**

SB Falls 72-68, Plays at Las Cruces Tonight

By Scott McPherson Staff Writer

The sold-out Thunderdome rocked on into the night Saturday, as the men's basketball teams of Cal State Fullerton and UCSB went to overtime in a Big West Conference matchup. However, the Homecoming crowd left disappointed when the Titans converted on 12 of 14 free throws in the extra period to help secure a 72-68 win over the Gauchos.

The loss dropped Santa Barbara (9-5 overall, 2-4 Big West) to seventh place in the conference standings heading into to-night's game against New Mex-ico State. Fullerton, meanwhile, continued on the path of its surprising success by upping its mark to 4-3 in league play, 9-5

"They just played better than us," said UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm, whose squad shot only 40% (5-16) from the free throw line compared to CSUF's 81% (25-31). "They executed better than we did. We didn't read the defense as well as they did tonight. In a close game like this, there's so many things you can look at — a missed blockout, a missed free throw. ... But overall, I would say that our lack of execution and our inability to read defenses is what cost us the game tonight."

Pimm's team fell behind early and stayed there until late in the second half. With the score tied 53-53, Gaucho center Doug Muse converted on two free throws to give his squad its first lead of the night with 2:36 left in regulation. The teams traded ba-skets and were knotted at 57-57 going into overtime.

After Titan forward Bruce Bowen opened scoring in the extra five minute-period with a pair

GAUCHO BASKETBALL

The Game: 9:00 Tonight at Las Cruces, NIVI. The Opponent: **New Mexico State Aggles** The Records: NMSU: 13-4 UCSB: 9-5 The Key Players: NMSU: Sam Crawford PC Eric Traylor PF UCSB: Idris Jones *OG* Duane Carter PF The Broadcast: KTM8 1250-AM **ESPIN-Television**

of free throws, teammate Don Leary hit from three-point distance to give his team a 62-57 lead, forcing the Gauchos to foul the rest of the way. When they did, Fullerton's foul shooters converted.

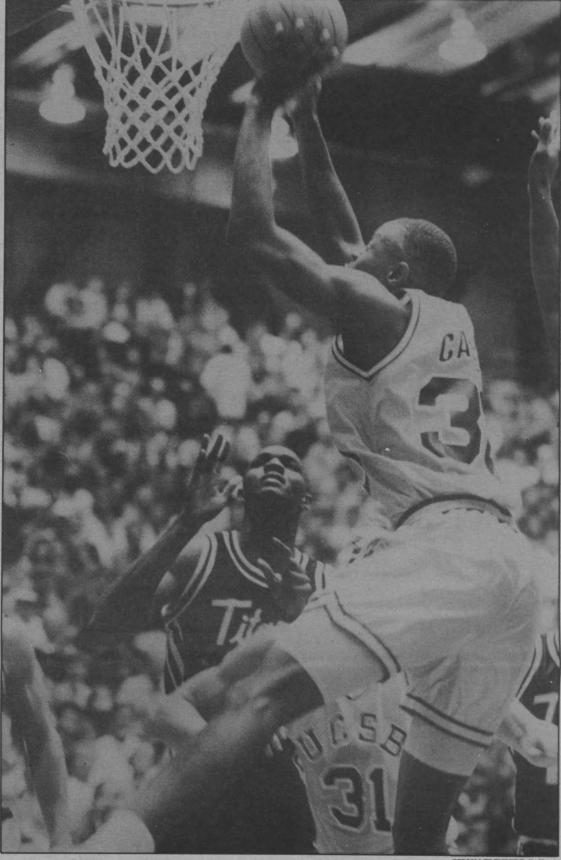
"We were looking at just try-ing to get a great shot," first-year Fullerton Head Coach Brad Holland said of the overtime period. "We ran a couple of special [plays], but Santa Barbara defended them well. It was a matter of just getting a little lead in that overtime and they had to

play a little catch-up and foul."

The Gauchos had to play catch-up for most of the game. Both teams struggled offensively in the first five minutes, but a thundering dunk by Titan forward Kim Kemp put Fullerton up 14-6 after seven minutes of play. UCSB crept close to the lead, and a three-point basket by Idris Jones and a Duane Carter layup and free throw evened the score at 22-22 with 5:55 to go in the first half.

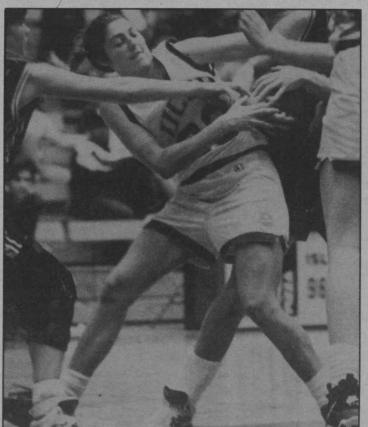
Although Kemp was forced to the bench a minute later with his third foul, Fullerton took a 32-28 lead going into halftime. With Kemp already in foul trouble, Bowen — CSUF's leading scorer - picked up his fourth

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DUANE'S WORLD: UCSB forward Duane Carter tallied 11 points and 7 rebounds Saturday, but that wasn't enough to stop the Gauchos from losing to Cal State Fullerton at the Thunderdome.

Women Make Habit of Beating Long Beach



HANDS OFF! Gaucho freshman Sasha Scardino fights for the ball during UCSB's 72-67 win over Long Beach State Saturday.

By Jason Masini

This is becoming a habit, and a good one at that.

Once again, the UCSB women's basketball team won a tight game, this time defeating Cal State Long Beach 72-67 in the Thunderdome Saturday. With the victory, the Gauchos became the first team in Big West history to defeat the 49ers

four straight times. Sophomore Anna McConnell was the main reason for the Gauchos' win, which raised their record to 6-1 in the Big West and 8-7 overall, the first time UCSB has been above .500 this season. McConnell nailed a 16-foot jumper with 1:38 remaining to break a 67-67 tie after missing the front end of a one-and-one seconds

Senior Cori Close then hit three free throws to seal the victory. McConnell finished with 16 points on 8-14

"We really wanted to win

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Netters Get Revenge, End Frustration Against UNLV

By Brian Pillsbury Reporter

Sweet revenge was the feeling Sunday at Campus Courts, as the UCSB men's tennis team made up for two consecutive losses to Big West-rival UNLV by defeating the Rebels 4-3.

Big wins came in from a wide variety of spots for the Gauchos. UCSB star #1 singles player Laszlo Markovits sealed the victory for the team in a very tight match, defeating Pat Boies 6-4, 7-6 (7-5). In other singles action UCSB got crucial wins from #3 Henrik Rosvall, #4 Ilkyung Choi and #5 John Bowerbank. Rosvall defeated Matt Rivera of UNLV handily in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2. Choi, who dropped a critical match in the third set against the Rebels last year, redeemed himself by straight-setting Matt Hennessey 6-3, 6-4. Santa Barbara's Bowerbank cruised to an easy victory over Wayne Bowyer, 6-4, 6-1.

"This really felt great," UCSB Head Coach Don Lowry said. "This is the first win against UNLV since I've been here, and it's really nice to beat them after losing such close matches to them the past two years. There were a lot of questions going into this match — we were using a new format, we had to make some last-minute changes at doubles. ... But with this match, I think we found out that we are a lot deeper than we have been in the past."

Markovits had to pull out every shot in his arsenal to defeat the dogged Boies. Neither player able to get a break of serve in the first set until the 10th game, when Markovits hung on to get the break and the first set, 6-4. Markovits jumped to a 4-1 lead in the second set, but Boies managed to put some good shots together and Markovits be-

gan to falter, losing his concentration as well as his cool. "I should have won 6-1 in the second set," Markovits explained. "I

Gymnastics Team Hopes Weekend Loss Doesn't Set Trend

Umphrey, UCLA Rip UCSB Squad

By Michael Kohn Reporter

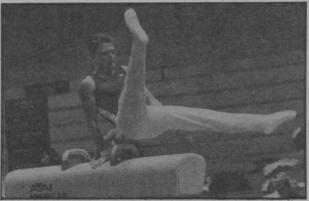
The UCSB men's gymnastics squad does not believe that the thumping they received from UCLA Friday night will be an indication of their season.

They should hope not.
The Bruins strutted into Rob Gym Friday and proved why they are the fourth-ranked team in the nation, beating the Gauchos 274-247.

"We wanted to get a positive vibe from this meet, because of what happened last weekend [when UCLA was defeated by Brigham Young University]," UCLA's Chainey Umphrey said.

Umphrey wowed just about everyone in the house with an outstanding performance. His 9.75 score on the high bar received cheers from even from the most die-hard Gaucho fans.

UCSB junior Jeb Brandon generated some noise himself in the season opener, as he led all Gauchos



JUST HORSIN' AROUND: Not even Jeb Brandon's 50.75 total score was enough to help UCSB Friday.

with a 50.75 total score. Brandon was able to end the meet on a good note, scoring an 8.85 on the high bar. Captain Chris Bosso provided a highlight for UCSB,

as he scored a 9.0 on the high bar. The score, along with Steve Taylor's 9.1 on the parallel bars, were UCSB's

Gaucho fans had little else to get exited about. "It went as expected. We made some mistakes tonight. It was a down meet," Brandon said.

Many Gaucho team members noted that this was their first meet of the year, and that they can only

"I feel that by mid season we will be scoring in the mid-270s," said senior Andy Gotelli, who had his best performance on the high bar, finishing with an 8.5.

The meet was the first for six new Gauchos; the nervous looks on the younger faces told the whole story. The team is hoping that as they get further into the season they can "get the nerves out," according to Gotelli.
"We have a lot of talent on this team, but the fresh-

men are still nervous," he added.

"UCLA was a very strong team and made the freshmen nervous. Next week we will be a lot more confident," Bosso said.

If experience is what the Gauchos need to cure their freshman fright, they are going to get a double dose of it next weekend. They will head up to the Bay Area to square off against highly rated Cal Berkeley on Friday and San Jose State on Saturday.

49ERS

Continued from p.1A this game," McConnell said. "We really wanted to come out and show our fans that we could play a great game. We haven't played real intense lately, but we did tonight and we showed that we can play with the best in the league.

"I was feeling really good before the game and I've been having really good shooting nights the last three or four games," she added. "We've started to get our defense down and running and that's when I think I shoot my best, and everyone was doing a real good job of get-ting me the ball."

UCSB didn't look so

good in the early going with the game at a frantic pace, and fell behind to the 49ers (4-10, 3-4) 19-13 at the 13:48 mark of the first half. But the Gauchos were able to battle back and Close hit a threepointer five minutes later to cut the lead to 26-23.

The game slowed for the rest of the half, allowing UCSB to use its pressure defense and forcing Long Beach into 12 first half turnovers — and 21 for the game - while UCSB committed a season-low 10 turnovers.

Junior Christa Gannon tied the game at 30-30 with a free throw and, after a Becky Brown put-back, McConnell went on one of her binges. She hit three jumpers in a row from 18,

17 and 16 feet to give UCSB its first lead at 38-36 with 52 seconds remaining in the first half. Santa Barbara went to the locker room with a 40-38 lead.

"We really got away from our game plan," Long Beach State Head Coach Glenn McDonald said. "We didn't rebound real well and those kinds of things happen, but it shouldn't happen when you're in a conference try-ing to establish yourself. It just wasn't right the way

we played tonight."
"I didn't think we attacked real well in the first half," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "I thought that if we had had better shot selection and played better defense, then we could have been up by

a fair margin. In the sec-ond half, it was just a good basketball game. Long Beach is tough and they're a proud program and they take things very seriously, so it was a good win for

The Gauchos got a scare when senior center Becky Brown, who finished with a game-high 18 points, picked up her third foul with 19:08 to go. Neither team could establish any dominance and the game went back and forth until the final buzzer.

UCSB did open up a 46-41 lead on a Gannon layup from Close. Gannon finished with 10 points and 13 rebounds, her fourth consecutive double-double, and Close tallied 12 points on 4-17

shooting, but had 11 assists and only one turnover.

The 49ers battled back mainly due to the play of forward Marsheela Harriston and center Melissa Gower. A Harriston (17 points, 17 rebounds) follow and a Gower (16 points, 7 rebounds) sixfoot jumper cut the lead back to 46-45.

Gannon and Brown then picked up their fourth fouls within a mi-nute of each other and were taken out of the game midway through the sec-ond half. LBSU responded by tying the game at 59-59, bringing Brown and Gan-non quickly off the bench.

Brown immediately hit

a turnaround jumper in the lane and then it was McConnell's turn to get hot again. With 7:22 to go and the score 61-61, McConnell hit three long jumpers to give Santa Bar-bara a 67-61 lead that it would never relinquish.

"Becky and Anna were hot tonight and I thought we did a nice job of getting the ball to them to take advantage of the fact that they were hot," French added. "Sometimes I don't think we do a good job of recognizing when some-body's got the hot hand and be patient enough to get the ball to them. So I was pleased that we adjusted ... our shot selection and got the ball to the hot

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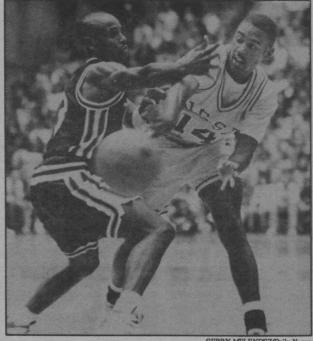
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"We were trying to just get the ball inside and maybe get some fouls on them, make them play us, loosen up their defense a little bit," Pimm said. "I thought we did that pretty well, but when we went to attack, we didn't read the defense, we didn't get it to

the open man."
With two-thirds of the Titan frontcourt in foul trouble, Fullerton center Sean Williams responded by scoring 12 of his gamehigh 21 points after half-time. Williams converted on a three-point play and then scored on a pair of free throws with 6:26 left in the second half to give CSUF a 51-43 lead.

But the Gauchos responded. Jones started the comeback with a threepointer, and Muse and point guard Ray Kelly took it from there. Muse - who tallied 13 points and 11 rebounds on the night connected on a turn around jumper in the key, Kelly drove in for a 10-foot



FAB FROSH: Phillip Turner turned in a good performance Saturday, notching 4 points and 3 assists.

jump shot and then dished off to Muse for a score from underneath that tied

the game at 53-53.
The Gauchos had a chance to win it in the last seconds of regulation. With the score tied at 57-57, UCSB had possession of the ball with 14 seconds remaining, but Kelly

bobbled the ball before sending an awkward pass to Jones, who forced up an off-balance 20-foot shot that was well off the mark.

"We still have a lot more games to play in conference," Jones said. "We just have to keep our heads up and be ready to play Monday night."

Continued from p.1A was up 4-1 with two game points. Then I got a warning from the umpire, lost my serve and he came back. We knew he was a good player, he beat [for-mer UCSB star] David [Decret] last year, so this is a good win."

Markovits served for the

match at 5-4, but couldn't pull it off until a tiebreaker, when Markovits moved a weary Boies around the court before hitting outright winners, de-feating him 7-5 in the tiebreaker.

UCSB #2 singles player John Fox lost a tough three-set match to Roger Petersson. At the #6 spot, UNLV's Charlie Olinger defeated Joe Barbarie of UCSB, 6-3, 6-4.

With freshman Simon Kurth unable to play because of a shoulder injury, Lowry was forced to make changes in his doubles lineups. Mike Shea and Jamie Price played #3 doubles for the Gauchos, losing 8-4 to the team of Bowyer and Olinger. At #2, UCSB got a strong performance from Rosvall and Fox, who defeated Rivera and Erik Mateljian,

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