Ball Is Out, Playoff Possibilities Still In

LBSU Miscue Gives Gauchos Five-Set Victory

By Daniel Solomon Staff Writer

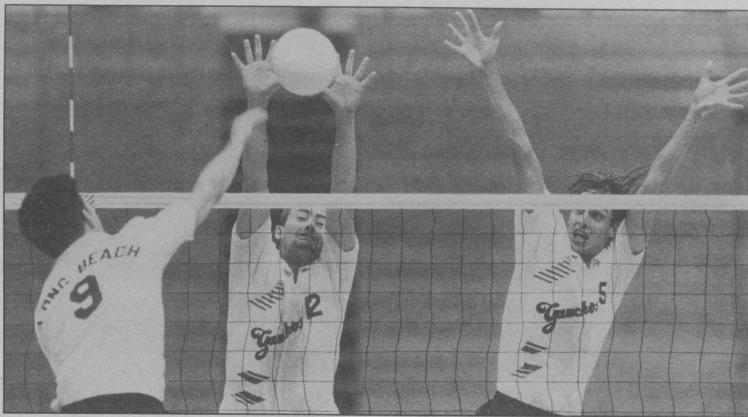
Long Beach All-American Brent Hilliard was thinking cross-court on his 75th kill attempt of the evening, when the ball — a ball which was supposed to tie the score at 16-16 in the rally scoring fifth game — landed wide.

The error that proved to be game's final play gave the match, 3-15, 12-15, 15-6, 16-14, 17-15, to the #11 UCSB men's volleyball team Friday night at the Events Center. The come-frombehind nail-biter over the #7 49ers kept the Gauchos' playoff hopes alive.

"This is like a new breath for us," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "We were in a door-die situation and we're still alive, so this is a great win for us and hopefully we can do the same next weekend."

To clinch a playoff berth, the Gauchos must beat #5 CSUN Friday at home.

The road to this point, however, took the Gauchos through the 49ers (15-12 overall, 11-7 in the MPSF), who held a slim lead in the fifth game as the two teams consistently exchanged points. UCSB (15-13, 10-8) finally tied the score at 12-12 off a block from seniors Jason Mount and Jeff Zevely. Both teams continued to fight tooth and nail, ty-



BLOCK PARTY: UCSB's Jeff Zevely (left) and Doug Hughes team-up on an attempt by Long Beach State's Travis Barr Saturday.

ing the score at 13, 14 and 15, but a kill from sophomore Carter Reese gave the Gauchos a onepoint edge.

Hilliard followed with the game-ending hitting error.

The match did not start out in UCSB's favor. The Gauchos found themselves outhit in game one, .500-.236. In game two, Santa Barbara built an 11-4 lead, and it appeared that the match would be even at 1-1. But LBSU, aided by four Gaucho hitting errors and three service aces of its own, rebounded to win the second game and take a 2-0

advantage.

A revived Gaucho squad outhit LBSU, .485-.160, in game three. In game four, UCSB came back from a 10-6 deficit, helped by a series of 49er hitting errors which accounted for three of the Gauchos' final four points.

For the match, UCSB outhit LBSU, .380-.305. More importantly, the Gauchos outblocked the 49ers, 17-6.

"Our blocking was strong and we did have a bigger group out there. But overall, I think our blocking forced them to make a lot of errors in their hitting," Preston said.

Individually, senior Greg Ryan, who was playing in place of the injured Amaury Velasco, led UCSB with 28 kills for a .479 hitting percentage, and added 13 digs. Junior Hector Lopez added 23 kills (.369), 16 digs and nine blocks. Senior Stace Lougeay tallied 22 kills (.441) and 14 digs while Zevely recorded 86 assists, nine digs and six blocks.

"When Greg comes out of the back row, he's a phenomenal hitter," Reese said. "He took the bull by the horns and he turned a bad situation into a good one.

"Stace and Hector really stepped it up, and I've never seen a better passing game from the two of them," he added.

Hilliard paced Long Beach with 28 kills, but the Gaucho defense held him to 20% effi-ciency. David Holloway added 24 kills (.326).

"They are a great digging team and I couldn't believe that they were digging that many balls," Preston said. "But we had a lot of long rallies that we were able to sideout and get the points on and that was a big key."



GREETINGS FROM HOME: Rich Haar (right) gets congratulations Sunday after his home run.

Gaucho Blasts Haar-dly Unnoticed

Senior's Pair of Homers Leads Sluggers to Two Victories Over Pacific

By Jason Masini Staff Writer

A power surge lit up Campus Diamond this weekend.

The UCSB baseball team used the long ball to take two of three games from the University of Pacific, cranking out four home runs on Sunday to capture the rubber match of the three-game se-

The Gauchos won, 4-3, in Friday's game and

lost, 9-4, on Saturday.

The biggest blow on Sunday might have been the one off senior Rich Haar's bat, both figuratively and literally. With UCSB (17-21-1) down 3-1 in the fifth inning, Haar hit a two-out, two-run shot to center field that carried an estimated 440 feet. His ninth homer of the year jumpstarted Santa Barbara's rally of 11 unanswered

On Haar's cue, freshman Zach Elliot hit a solo shot in the sixth, junior Matt Bokemeier a tworun blast in the seventh, and freshman Wynter Phoenix a two-run dinger in the eighth.
"I got a little help from the wind," Bokemeier

said of his homer. "I wasn't thinking about it when I went up. I had two strikes on me so I was just trying to touch it. It felt good. I was laughing all the way around the bases."

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Scoring Unkind to Brandon at National Championships

Exactly how well UCSB's Jeb NCAA men's gymnastics championships in Albuquerque, N.M., Saturday depends on who

According to UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu, the juvaults of his career, and was one

Unfortunately for Brandon, Badulescu's personal judging was not entered as part of the official scoring. Brandon's twovault average with a tsukahara full twist netted him an official score of 9.05, good for 13th

Badulescu said that his gymnast's scores were low because Brandon is an unknown from a university not recognized for its gymnastics.

"They scored us very low. ... I Brandon performed at the was furious," Badulescu said. "Brandon's second vault was perfect but it only got an 8.95."
Steve Wiegal of New Mexico

the hometown favorite to win the vault — did not disappoint. His 9.45 average gave him the nior executed one of the best national title, a narrow victory over Bret Hayashi of UCLA and of the top finishers in the meet. Chad Babcock of Western Mi-

chigan, who both totaled 9.425. "It was a high level competition," Badulescu said. "We couldn't make the finals even if Jeb did his best vault ever."

Badulescu indicated that although Brandon was pleased with his performance, the junior was disappointed with the judging. He will return for his senior season next year.

-Michael Kohn

Schott Shoots Down Tigers in First Outing as Softball Squad Splits

The UCSB women's softball team, still trying to find the winning formula, split a pair of games in a doubleheader Sunday with the University of Pacific at Stockton.

The Gauchos (18-19 overall, 5-11 in the Big West) took the first game, 7-4, with UCSB starter Kelli Schott going the distance for the victory. In the nightcap, Pacific eeked out a 1-0 victory behind the strong pitching of starter Lea Lopez.

It wasn't so much the Gaucho hitting attack as it was untimely control problems for the Tiger pitchers that made the difference in the first game. UOP pitchers Brandi Phillips and Kim Marsh kept the Gaucho bats off balance for five innings, but also gave up 10 walks during the game. In all, UCSB collected only four hits,

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The Weekend That Was

Photos by Rachel Weill Story by Joanna Frazier

reggae-conga-esque rhythm reverberated through Will Rogers State Beach Saturday and Sunday, as sorority women representing schools from California and beyond kicked up some sand at the annual Inter-Sorority Volleyball Tournament.

Lambda Chi Alpha, which organizes the event as its

main philanthropic activity, can mark another ISVT notch on its belt. The tournament drew hundreds of onlookers and onlookees into the warm Southern California sun.

Even several non-coastal schools got into the action and competed formidably against the typically strong contenders from beach-side institutions of higher learning.

Working to please the crowd by passing out free power oat bran bars and stationing complementary barrels of Gatorade near each of the 20-plus volleyball courts, the Lambda Chis spent the bulk of the days refereeing and trying to DJ just the right combination of music to keep the contenders on their toes.

To offset the occasional pause in volleyball action—lunch breaks and the like—the crowd was kept entertained with a brief, product-sponsored fashion show featuring women draped in spring styles.

When all was said and done, with sand lodged in even the teeniest of nooks and crannies on the competitors' bodies, only one team had its sorority's name forever engraved on the winner's trophy for 1993 — the Kappa Alpha Thetas from UCSB. And the music never stopped.







BEACH PARTY: (clockwise, from top left) UCSB Delta Gammas elate after a win; a view from above at an afternoon barbeque; a fashion show model walks the runway; tournament action hits a high; a party on the Santa Monica sands attracts live bands; an Alpha Delta Pi player celebrates.

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The true hero of the game may have been Brian Stevenson by virtue of some strong relief pitching. Stevenson (4-2), UCSB's short relief man, entered the game with one out in the third inning and went the rest of the game, allowing only two runs in the ninth on Trini Ruiz's two-run homer.

"I'm sure people were wondering why we were staying with Brian Stevenson as he staggered and staggered near the end," UCSB Head Coach Al Ferrer said. "Part of the reason was that we had depleted our normal bullpen."

In Saturday's game, the Tigers jumped all over Gaucho starter Jared year.

WP:Delsi (3-6) LP:Reinhelmer (3-2). 2B—Haar, Elliot, (UCSB), Amos, Sanchez, Sproute (UOP). 3B—Ruiz (UOP). HR—Haar 8

Janke, scoring five runs in the first inning and then one more in the third to take an early 6-1 lead. The Gauchos closed to within 6-3 in the bottom of the inning, but three more Pacific runs in the fifth all but secured a 9-4 win.

Pitching was the name of the game on Friday. Gaucho senior Armando Delsi pitched a gem, scattering seven hits and striking out nine, en route to the 4-3 win. Haar gave UCSB what was thought to be a comfortable 4-1 lead in the fifth inning with a two-run homer, but Pacific made things interesting with two runs in the seventh. Delsi settled down and put the Tigers away 1-2-3 in the ninth to record his third win of the

WP:Miller (4-4) LP:Janke (5-2) SV:Rinderknecht (1). 2B—Haar (UCSB), Rios (UOP). HR—Bame 10



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Continued from p.1A but the squad was able to translate the walks into seven runs in the top of the sixth inning to break the game open. In the inning. only two of the seven runs scored came on RBIs, and three of the seven runs fielding errors were costly, were unearned.

Schott (5-6) allowed four earned runs over seven innings and scattered nine hits. She gave up four

In the second game of the twin bill, Lopez fourhit the UCSB squad, pitch-

ing her way to a completegame shutout. The Gaucho offensive attack was kept silent by Lopez, who allowed only three hits. UCSB pitcher Margo Melendrez went 2-3.

Melendrez (5-5) pitched well, allowing only four hits and one walk. But two Gaucho as Pacific was able to put across an unearned run in the fourth inning. It proved to be the only run scored in the ball game walks and struck out two. and spoiled Melendrez's

-Brian Pillsbury

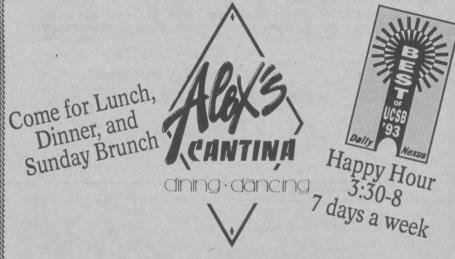
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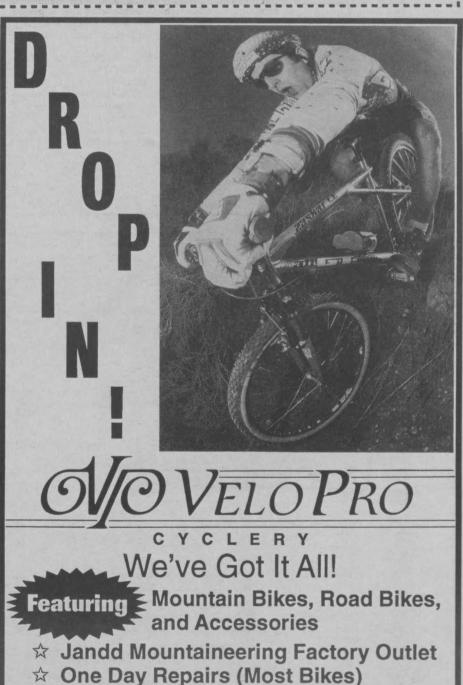
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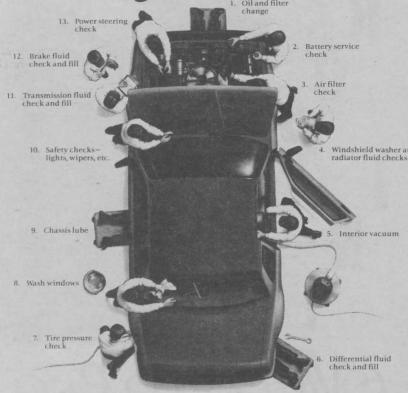


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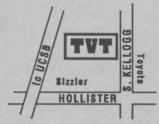
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