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The Latest Line...

A weekly look at the sports world!

• Thank God, or actually, the NCAA, for finally implementing overtime in college football. All we need now is an undisputed national championship game. ... Let's all hope for some divine intervention.

• Nine Lives: There's no question that the luckiest football teams in the NCAA this year are the Northwestern Wildcats and Arizona State Sun Devils, who again proved this week that it's not over until the fat lady sings.

• Mark my words: With the addition of Shaquille O'Neal in the middle, Lakers forward Elden Campbell will emerge as one of the premiere power forwards in the league.

• Mark my words, again: Forget Shaq as the new Laker fan favorite ... **KOOBEEEE!!!**

• Notre Dame quarterback Ron Powlus will finish his lackluster college career this year without a national championship and become another victim of a ridiculously pressure-filled collegiate athletic program. Maybe he and former Indiana Hoosiers guard Damon Bailey should go bowling some time.

• Game of the Week: Oakland Raiders (3-4) vs. San Diego Chargers (4-2). AFC grudge matches don't any get better than this.

• Worst Game of the Week: Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1-5) vs. Arizona Cardinals (2-4). Need I say more?

• The UCSB women's basketball program is currently holding tryouts for an all-male practice squad. After the media basketball game this past weekend, I'd like to see anyone, male or female, take on star guard Erin Alexander in a three-point shooting contest.

• It was a good week for Gaucho sports as the women's volleyball team and men's soccer team won all of their games over the weekend. Hey, even the men's water polo team won a game!

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SB Sweeps to Find Winning Ways Against Big West Foes

■ Team Comes Together in Victory Against Utah State

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

Chemistry — students hate it, coaches want it. Teams need it.

Over the weekend, the #19 UCSB women's volleyball team finally found it.

The Gauchos (14-6 overall, 6-2 in the Big West) beat Utah State (5-19, 1-7) in straight sets on Saturday, 15-7, 15-10, 15-6, to record a sweep in their longest road trip of the year.

They also came away with a victory over the University of Nevada-Reno on Thursday.

"I think our team chemistry really gelled together this weekend," said sophomore middle blocker Katie Crawford. "It's exactly what we needed right now."

Heading into the games this weekend, Santa Barbara had lost two straight road games and could not seem to find any rhythm

on the court during their losses.

But most of the problems seemed remote in their convincing win over the Utah State Aggies.

"We accomplished our goals this weekend," said Head Coach Kathy Gregory. "I told the team be-



Rachel O'Connell

fore the trip that this is the start of our second season. We are now 2-0 in the second season. We had a good end to the trip beating Utah State, and team chemistry played the biggest role in that."

Gregory used a revamped lineup for the Utah State game. Freshman Rachel O'Connell started her first game as a

Gaucha in place of freshman Heather Bown. Freshman setter Vicki Viso played ahead of junior Maie Mortensen and sophomore Tania Yamashita replaced the injured Kathrine Maaseide.

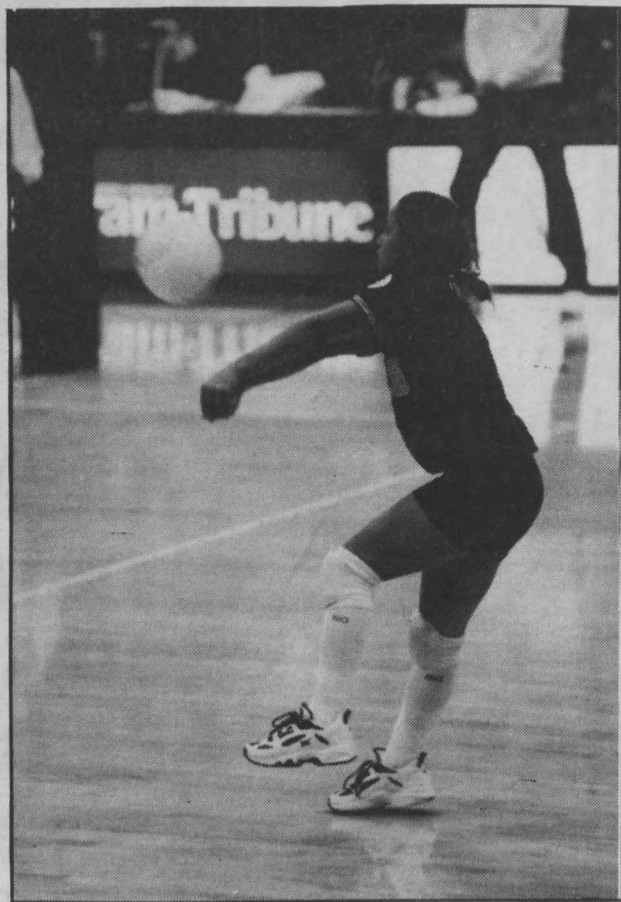
Leading the way again in the game was Crawford, who finished the game with 15 kills and 9 digs, both team highs. Freshman Roberta Gehlke also added 13 kills. But it was the role players who were the story for the Gauchos this weekend.

"I think Tania had a tremendous weekend," said Gregory. "This is the best I've seen her play all season. She gave us a big lift defensively."

Yamashita had 11 digs against the Wolf Pack and chipped in seven digs and two service aces against Utah State.

"I felt really confident this weekend," she said. "I thought I executed well."

"We really came together on the road and played well," she added.



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CONCENTRATION: Sophomore Tania Yamashita boosted the Gauchos to two wins over the weekend.

"Each player has a job and feels a part of the whole team. We really tried to play for each other."

O'Connell was simply ecstatic to make her first

start of the year.

"I was really excited to finally get in there," she said. "I played OK, I

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Men's Soccer Finds Scoring Touch, Beats Cal Poly for League Victory

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's soccer team picked up its first win in three weeks on Friday, beating Cal Poly San Luis Obispo at Harder Stadium 2-1.

The win was an important one for the Gauchos, although they are out of playoff contention. Despite the lack of postseason possibilities, the team is trying to finish out the season on an upswing.

"It's just a first step in building more of our confidence," said Santa Barbara freshman goalkeeper Trent Ulicny. "It proved to ourselves that we can win."

The victory over the Mustangs (3-9-1) improves the Gauchos' record to 3-9-2 on the year. But more importantly, it gives UCSB its first Mountain Pacific Sports Federa-



Kristian Berre

tion win this season. Santa Barbara is now 1-4 in league play.

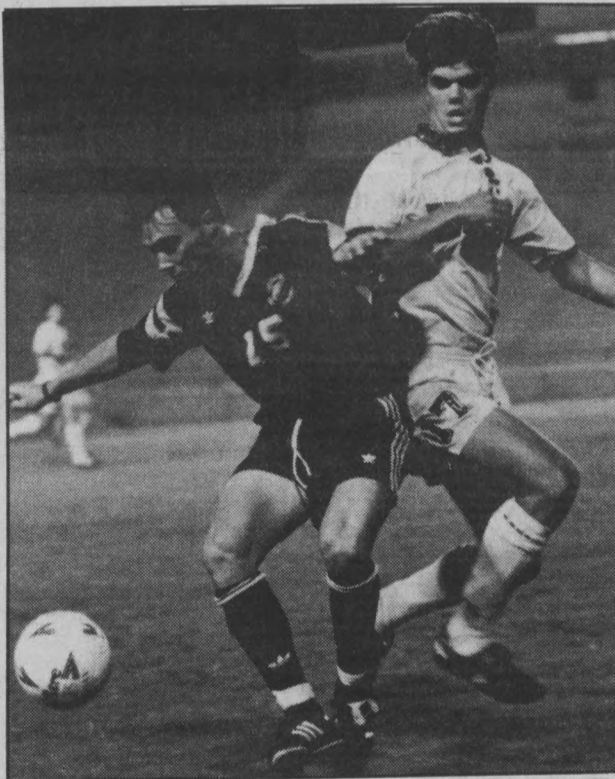
UCSB Head Coach

Mark Arya stressed a more aggressive style of play in the game, committing three of his players to the forward position. The move paid off with multiple scoring chances.

"That had to be a factor," Ulicny said. "We've been practicing a lot on finishing. Even with two forwards, we were getting the opportunities, but we weren't finishing. The extra man helps us do that."

Both Gaucho goals were scored in the first half. Senior midfielder Kristian Berre put Santa Barbara on the scoreboard with an assist from senior forward Ryan Schomberg in the 34th minute.

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NEXUS FILE PHOTO

IT'S MINE: UCSB men's soccer earned its first conference victory over Cal Poly on Friday.

Gauchos Lose Captain Along With Game

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

They were down early, and they tried to recover, but the UCSB women's field hockey team fell short in their comeback as they lost to UC Davis 2-1 in a thriller.

The Gauchos found themselves losing quickly when Davis scored two

goals in the first half. But freshman midfielder Colleen Snyder was able to score her first goal of the season off a penalty corner shot.

"We have a tendency to always play better in the second half this year," said senior co-captain Angella Bernal. "We had a number of fans there for this game who especially got us excited in the second half."

On this Parents Weekend, more than 70 people showed up at Harder Stadium to support the team, by far their largest crowd of the season.

"I thought we played a pretty good game overall," said Snyder, whose goal was the first of her collegiate career. "We brought up

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NEXUS FILE PHOTO

OUT FOR THE SEASON: Senior team captain Jen Tarvin (right) underwent surgery this week.

Sporting Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Women's Basketball Tryouts 6 p.m.	Women's Soccer @ Southern Methodist University 3:30 p.m.	Water Polo vs. UC Irvine Noon	No Events Scheduled	Men's Soccer @ Santa Clara 7:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. St. Mary's 7 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Idaho 7:30 p.m.	Women's Volleyball vs. Boise State 7:30 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Utah State 2 p.m. Men's Soccer @ Stanford Noon

V-BALL

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could've done better. But with my dad out there in the stands, I was a little nervous."
"Rachel needed some experience," said Gregory. "Heather hasn't played

well as of late, so it gives [Rachel] time to get off the bench."
Both Bown and Mortensen had started most of the games this season. According to Gregory, both played well coming off the bench.
"It was really good to see Heather bounce back

and be herself again," said Gregory. "Maile was very smooth and played well. It's good to know that she could play coming off the bench. It keeps her ready."
Bown finished the game with nine kills at a game-high .643 hitting percentage. She also contributed three blocks.

SOCCER

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Junior Danny Mann added another goal on a penalty kick just three minutes later. UCSB outshot Cal Poly 16-12 on the night.
The two goals scored in the game broke a scoring drought for the Gauchos — Friday's game was only the fourth one all season in which Santa Barbara

scored more than one goal.
The Gauchos were admittedly less concerned about their defensive play than their offensive output, and for good reason.
Ulicny, who began the season as a backup, held the Mustangs to one goal. His lone blemish came on a direct kick 75 minutes into the contest by Mustangs forward Scott Holmes.
"He's gone through a

maturity process, seeing the level of play that he has for 90 minutes a game," Arya said. "He's really blossomed."
Santa Barbara will head north next weekend to take on Santa Clara and Stanford on Friday and Sunday, respectively. The Gauchos have only one home game left this season: On Nov. 8, UCSB will host Sacramento State at 7 p.m.

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• Is there a better team to root for in the NHL this season than the New York Rangers? Everyone wants to see Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier finish as

winners.
• There's no doubt that after last night's romp of the New York Yankees, the Atlanta Braves will walk to their second-consecutive World Series.
• There's also no doubt

that after this postseason performance by 19-year-old rookie sensation Andrew Jones, David Justice will not be in an Atlanta Braves uniform next season.
• KOOBEEEE!!
—Alex Nugent

HOCKEY

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the intensity in the second half, but fell short."
The loss drops the Gauchos to 2-3-1 as they begin the heart of their schedule.
"We have a good chance of improving our record in the next few weeks," said Bernal. "I'm also excited we'll be playing some tough teams like Stanford and Berkeley."
"Our playing level is de-

finitely higher than last year," she said. "Even though our record doesn't show it, we're playing much better."
The squad, however, will be without their other co-captain, senior Jen Tarvin, for the remainder of the season. Tarvin had surgery on her forearm to repair a broken bone.
"We'll miss Jen a lot," said Snyder. "She's definitely a very intense player. She helps everyone get focused."
Tarvin will still serve out

her duty as captain and attend all team functions, including games.
"I really miss playing," she said. "But I'm learning different things on the sideline. It'll help me in the future. I want to be there for the team."
The team will play this weekend at home against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on Saturday and UC Berkeley on Sunday. Both games will be at the scrimmage field by Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.

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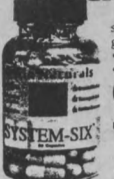
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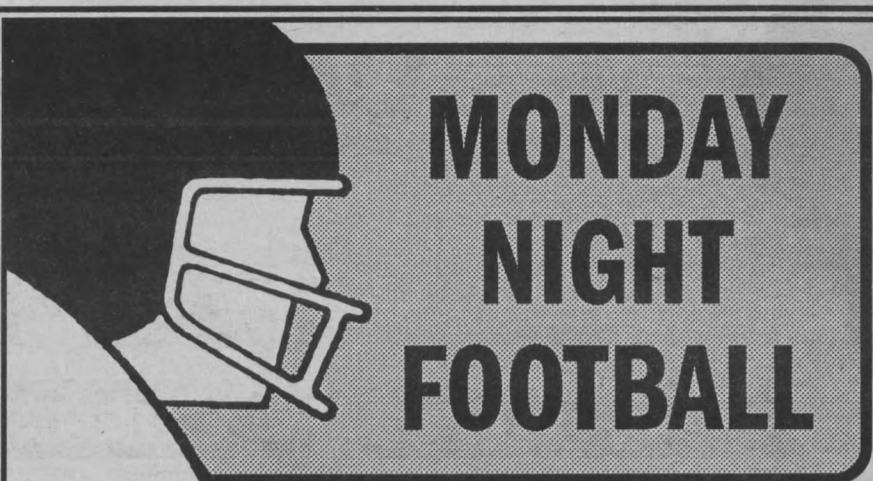
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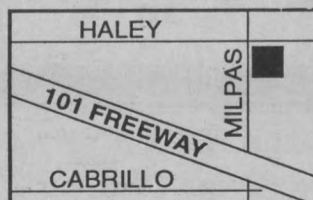
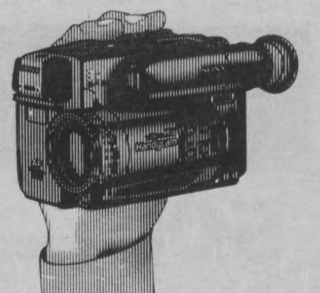
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