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## Softball Squad Feeling Stranded After Defeats

### #5 Rebels Extinguish Gauchos' Upset Bid

By Michael Kohn  
Staff Writer

The UNLV softball team came to Gaucho diamond on Saturday armed with a #5 national ranking and out to prove that it was well earned. The Rebels made believers out of the Gauchos, who dropped two heart breaking games to UNLV, both by a 3-2 score.

In the first game, UCSB (22-27 overall, 9-19 in the Big West) cruised through six innings of work with little difficulty. Gaucho ace Kelli Schott (7-10) was taking care of things on the mound by blanking the Rebels (34-12-1, 22-7-1) with a good mix of pitches. Schott was doing it at the plate as well, driving in teammate Margo Melendez in the first inning.

Santa Barbara added an insurance run in the fifth. Melendez singled off Rebel pitcher Kim Smith (21-3) and ended up at third after two UNLV throwing errors. The Gaucho third baseman later scored on a Krissy

Kyriazis groundout to put UCSB ahead, 2-0.

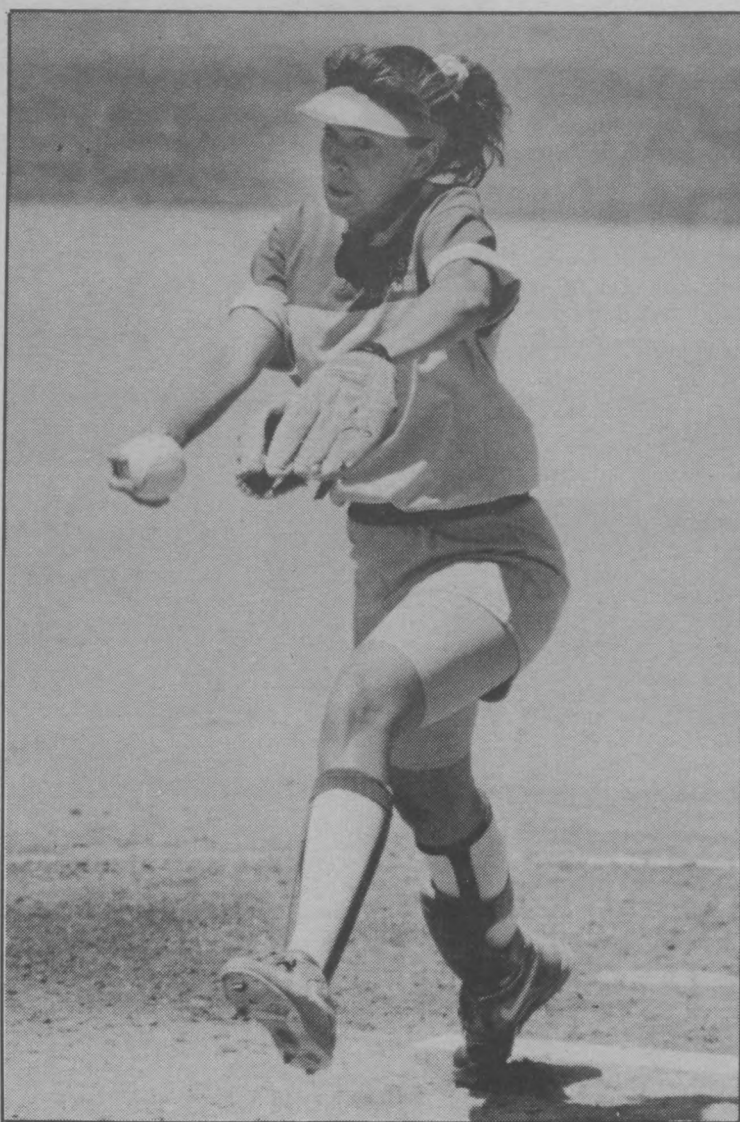
With smiles on their faces and victory close at hand, the Lady Gauchos took the field in the seventh. But the sleeping giant quickly arose and UNLV broke out with four singles — two of which were legged-out infield hits — resulting in two runs. UCSB failed to score in the bottom of the seventh, sending the contest to extra innings.

The four innings which followed were frustrating for the Santa Barbara squad as several baserunners were left stranded. This included an 11th inning rally when UCSB had a runner on third with one out but failed to score.

Inevitably the Rebel offense, which is hitting .298 this season, showed its muscle. All-American Tricia Reimke ended the game with a triple to right and scored when the relay throw was off the mark.

"We outplayed them ... and had lots of opportunities to win but we stranded base runners in extra innings," Schott said. "It's frustrating because we have been getting so close to the big teams but can't win."

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**SCHOTT IN THE ARM:** Kelli Schott fires in another pitch against #5 UNLV. The Gauchos were swept at home by the Rebels.

## Ninth Inning Homer Gives UCSB a Split With CSUN

By Jason Masini  
Staff Writer

A split and some satisfaction.

That's what the UCSB baseball team got and what it feels after two games with #23 Cal State Northridge, winning 11-8 on Saturday and losing 12-5 in Friday's contest.

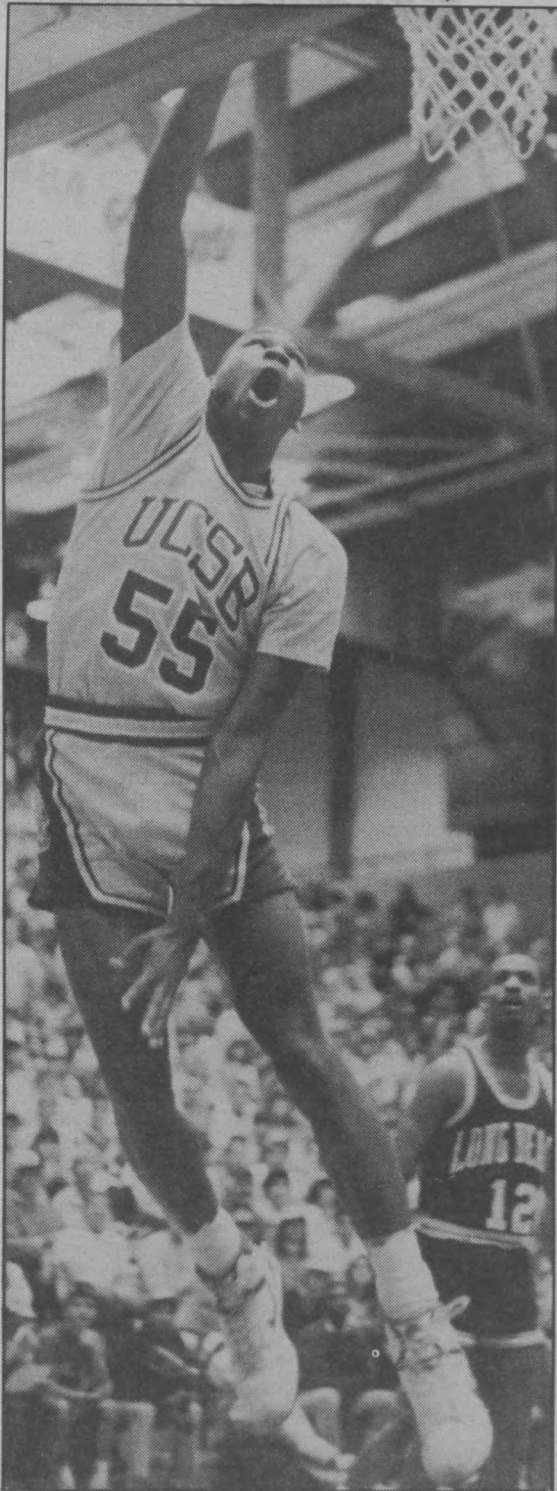
Senior third baseman Rich Haar was the hero of Saturday's win, blasting out a three-run home run, his team-leading 14th of the year, with the score tied 6-6 in the ninth inning. The Gauchos (22-26-1) smacked out 17 hits in the game.

"I'm real pleased with the way the team played this weekend," UCSB Head Coach Al Ferrer said. "We swung the bat extremely well and we were very clutch. It was good to see us come back after falling behind."

Santa Barbara jumped out to a 3-0 lead on Matador starter Marco Contreras (5-4) in the first inning. Wynter Phoenix was

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## In Overseas Markets, UCSB's Basketball Stars Find There Is Life After the Thunderdome



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**TWICE THE FREEZE:** Eric McArthur has brought his pro team in Japan two championship rings.

# Leagues of their Own

By Andrew Paul, Staff Writer

Playing in front of thousands of screaming and sometimes deafening fans in the Thunderdome, members of the UCSB men's basketball team are — for a few months out of every year — the centers of attention at UCSB and in the Santa Barbara community.

But when their days as Gauchos come to a close, many of these players also seem to disappear, and their adoring fans never hear from them again.

Unless, of course, you are Brian Shaw. The former Gaucho was drafted in the first round of the 1988 NBA Draft by the Boston Celtics. He was later traded to the Miami Heat, where he just finished his fifth season in the league.

Shaw was Mr. Everything during his two years at UCSB. In his second season (1987-88), Shaw led the Gauchos in scoring (13.3 ppg), rebounding (8.7 rpg), assists (6.1 apg) and steals (1.6 spg).

But not every former Gaucho has been able to remain in the spotlight after UCSB. Many of the players whose college eligibility ended have also found success playing professional basketball — overseas.

Currently, six former Gauchos are having successful basketball careers in foreign countries.

Scott Fisher (UCSB 1982-86) was named the Most Valuable Player in Australia this past season for the second time in the last four years.

Conner Henry (1982-86) is playing in Spain.

Brian Vaughns (1986-87) is playing in Australia after playing a few years in Greece.

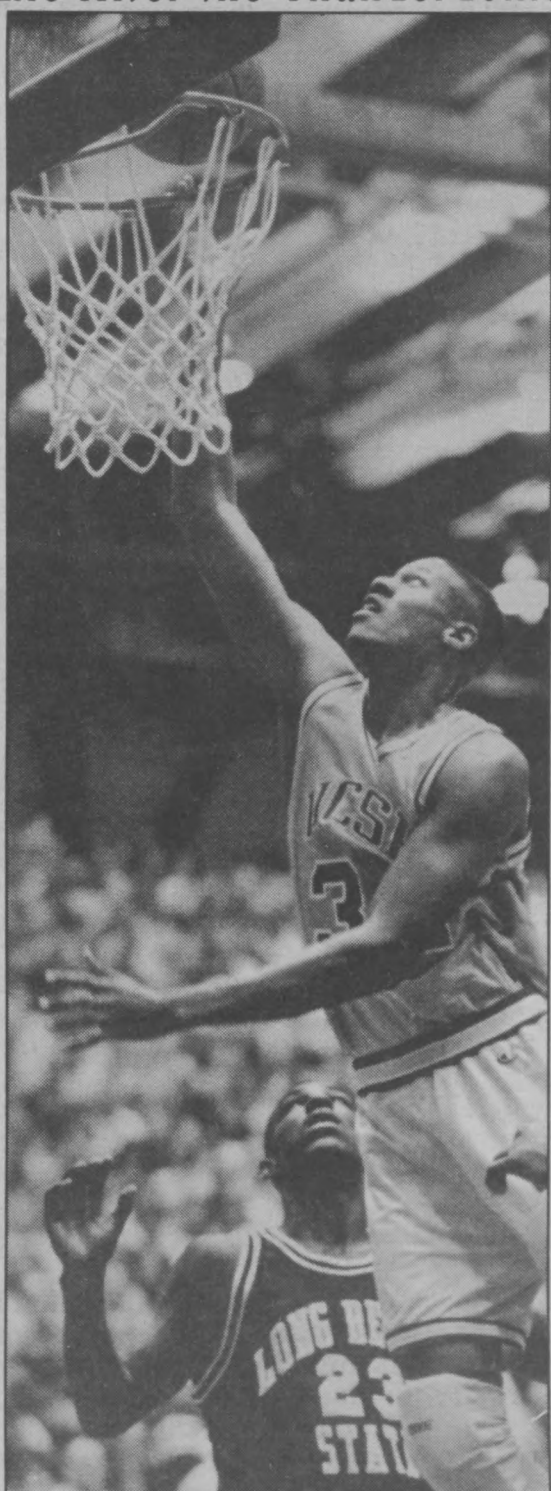
Mike Doyle (1987-88) is playing in France.

Eric McArthur (1986-90) led his team to its second straight championship in Japan. He led the league in rebounds and blocked shots.

Lucius Davis (1988-92) just finished his first season in Greece, where he finished fifth in the league in scoring, averaging 24.4 ppg.

Several other Gauchos also have played professionally since

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**SWEET LU:** Lucius Davis, now playing in Greece, has picked up right where he left off.







# CSUN: Gauchos Manage a Split in Weekend Doubleheader With Matadors

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hit by a pitch to start the game and Matt Bokemeier followed with a single. After a pop-out, Jared Janke smashed a single that scored Phoenix, and Zach Elliot followed with an RBI double that plated Bokemeier and Janke. CSUN would come back to tie the game with single runs in the second, third and fourth innings, but once again UCSB extended its lead to three with a three-run fifth inning as Janke blasted out a three-run round-tripper after Bokemeier (3-4) and Haar had singled with two outs.

However, just as before, the Matadors came back to tie the game again, this time with a three-run seventh inning off reliever Brian Stevenson, who had come in for starter Pat Bennett in the previous inning. That set up the Gauchos' five-run ninth inning that started with Doug Smaldino's walk followed by a fielder's choice. Bokemeier's walk then set the table for Haar's 420-foot heroics, but UCSB wasn't finished as Janke (3-5, with four RBIs) followed with a triple. Mike Wolger (3-5) crushed an RBI double to

plate Janke, and Elliot then singled to score Wolger and give UCSB the cushion it needed. "He [Contreras] threw me two sliders in the previous at-bat, so I was sitting on the slider," Haar said. "He threw a good pitch, but I went down and got it. It was nice to make some good contact and get it in the air since I hadn't done that all weekend." In Friday's game the two biggest bright spots for UCSB were the bats of Bokemeier and Wolger. Bokemeier went 4-for-5 in the game and including Saturday's game has gone 11 for his last 14 at the

plate, a .786 average. Wolger went 3-4 including a double and raised his average to .353. The Gauchos were ahead 2-0 after three innings on RBI singles from Bokemeier and Haar, but CSUN exploded in the bottom half of the frame with nine runs. The two biggest hits were Chris Olsen's two-run double and Joey Arnold's grand slam off UCSB starter Janke who left after pitching 2.2 innings and giving up eight runs, all earned. Santa Barbara cut into CSUN's lead with two runs in the fifth inning and one more in the sixth and

had an excellent chance to cut deeper in the seventh when Janke drew a leadoff walk and Wolger followed with a double. But the next three Gaucho hitters struck out against Northridge starter Johnny Najjar (5-2) and CSUN cruised the rest of the way in the 12-5 win.

knocked home Melen-drez. The other run came when Annjanette Vitulli scored on an error. "It's hard to go 12 innings and lose and then be able to get up for the second game," explained Schott. "They just didn't give up."

## LEAGUE

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UNLV pitcher Amie Stewart, who improved her record to 12-11, was touched for Gaucho runs in the third and fourth innings. Stewart gave up one earned run when Kyriazis

pitched a complete game but was victimized by two unearned runs. UNLV pitcher Amie Stewart, who improved her record to 12-11, was touched for Gaucho runs in the third and fourth innings. Stewart gave up one earned run when Kyriazis

## UNLV

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this moment." Not quite the pushover of some other overseas leagues, there was some formidable opposition in Greece this past season, including former NBA players Roy Tarpley, Walter Berry, Rod Higgins and Cliff Livingston. But Davis must weigh his career options against those of his expanding family. "I'm married now and my wife is expecting, so the only thing I'm really concerned about is my family and how it affects my family," Davis said. "If it doesn't affect my family, it doesn't matter where I'm at." Davis does admit, though, that a shot at the NBA is certainly in his plans for the next several

years. "I'm young right now, but I would like to give the league [NBA] another shot, maybe after my contract runs out in Greece," Davis said. "If I can't get a crack at the league I'll continue to play overseas in Europe. Hopefully, I'll figure out a way to obtain my degree and go into other fields." Academics have always been stressed by the Gaucho coaching staff during Pimm's 10 years at UCSB for the situation that Davis might soon face — life after basketball. "Academics are discussed, not from the standpoint of staying eligible, but staying in conversations when they are out of basketball," Pimm said. "I tell them to stay informed in all subjects so they don't have to feel like they don't know what they


are talking about." Many former Gauchos have taken steps towards successful careers away from basketball. Among those players are Brian Johnson (1984-86), who is a counselor at Devereaux School; Carlton Davenport (1985-89), who is an elementary school teacher; Doug Olsen (1986-90), who works for a pharmaceutical firm in the Bay Area; John Sayers (1989-91), who is student teaching in San Jose; and DeHart, who is the career guidance director for the Santa Barbara Boys Club. Although there are options for UCSB basketball players outside of basketball once they get their degree from UCSB, many Gauchos still hold onto that dream of one day playing in the NBA. The four starting seniors on this past year's squad —

Ray Kelly, Idris Jones, Mike Meyer and Paul Johnson — all maintain that dream. Meyer, however, is likely to put his \$5,000 NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship to good use right away for study at the university or professional school of his choice. As for Kelly, Jones and Johnson, they are likely going to play in a professional basketball summer league at the Bren Center at UC Irvine, according to Pimm. This league includes not only NBA hopefuls, but also many NBA rookies and reserves. The teams are coached by NBA coaches. "Many foreign reps watch these games and scouts from the CBA are there too," Pimm said. "They have to be seen and all of them have expressed interest in playing."



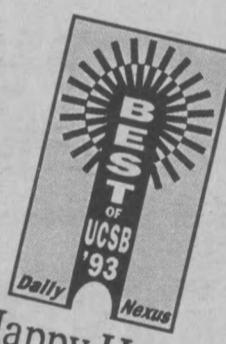
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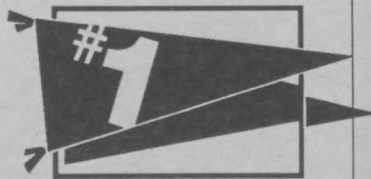


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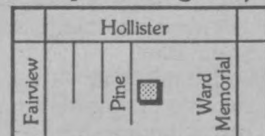
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