Cal Poly Stuns Santa Barbara by Stealing Two Games

By ELIJAH APPLEGRAUM
Staff Writer

They came, they saw, they came within inches of their season goals. With a possible Big West championship on the line, the UCSB baseball team came up virtually empty-handed against conference nemesis Cal Poly over the weekend for the final regular season games in the 2001 season at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.

The Mustangs (30-26, 8-10 in the Big West) stunned the Gauchos (39-15, 12-6) in Friday's game by nipping the home team, 3-2. Coach Bob Brontsema said, "I think each and every guy gave it their all. They all did their best; sometimes, you just don't get the reward. That's the way baseball works." The weekend wasn't a total wash, however. Sophomore eight fielder Ryan Spilboergs extended his school-record hitting streak to 33 games, and senior southpaw Rylie Ogle joined Junior ace James Garcia with 10 wins: Ogle and Garcia became the first Gauchos duo to finish one season with double digit wins. Senior second baseman Chad Phelke smashed his 58th double, a Big West and school record, in UCSB's lone win.

Garcia started game one against junior hurler Kevin Correia (6-1) and immediately struggled with his control. In the top of the second Garcia walked senior outfielder Phil Thorton and hit sophomore shortstop Scott Anderson — this was the beginning of Garcia's demise as he put men on to hit four batters and walked four over the course of 7.2 innings. Spilboergs continued his hitting streak with a triple in the bottom of the second to drive in senior second baseman Kevin Urtz and junior shortstop Scott Warrecker, who reached on a bunt single to load the bases for a two-run single to move Warrecker to third and extend his hitting streak to 32 games. Warrecker and Spilboergs completed a double steal, with Warrecker sliding home to give the Gauchos a 2-1 lead. Leadoff sophomore center fielder Skip Schumaker drove in Spilboergs for the final run of the inning.

The fifth inning saw Spilboergs beat out an infield dribbler and nab his second stolen base before senior designated hitter Mike Kolbch drove him in with a single in the ninth. Yet it was in the eighth inning where the Gauchos finally captured the most dramatic win of the season. After Strang fromm walked, Warrecker singled to put runners on the corners. Spilboergs was safe on a bunt single to load the bases for a sacrifice from Schumaker. Pinch-hitting sophomore Blake Havens bloomed an RBI single scoring Warrecker. Phelke hit his record-breaking double to drive in two runners and finish the scoring on the afternoon.

Another notable performance on the evening came when junior middle reliever Jeremy Sugarman came in and pitched two near flawless innings of relief. Sugarman, who got hit hard against UCLA last week, struck out two batters and maintained the tone that Ogle set with his fine performance. "UCCLA was just one of those games," Myers said. "It's the same game, it's just the offense, the defense and the pitching." He was forced out at second.

Ogle settled down and focused to strike out sophomore Phil Thorton and junior first baseman Tyler Von Schell, ending the inning, and not allowing another run in his six innings of work. Ogle gave up seven hits, one earned run, and struck out three batters.

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Santa Barbara rallied the scoreboard in the second with three long-anticipated runs. Junior lefty baseman Tyler Von Schell to second. Stingrmng popped up short to load the bases for a sacrifice from Schumaker. Pinch-hitting sophomore Blake Havens bloomed an RBI single scoring Warrecker. Phelke hit his record-breaking double to drive in two runners and finish the scoring on the afternoon.

Performance Should Outweigh Appearances

By MATT HEITNER

I was near the end of my journey home this past weekend, and considering the circumstances, I was in a pretty good mood. Up at 6 a.m., catch a bus to LAX, and then fly all day. And all just for my little brother's high-school graduation.

Sitting in the Phoenix airport, I noticed a lady reading the sports section of the Arizona Republic. Suddenly, Allen Iverson was coming off his 52-point thrashing of the Raptors, so I expected a big story about his second 50-point game of the series. Sure enough, the story was there, detailing his abuse of Toronto.

But it was another article that caught my eye. It was a little inset in the main story, with the title, "Iverson Should Dress Part." Now, I almost knew what the author, Pedro Gomez, was going to say, but I went and bought the paper just so I could read the column anyway.

Reading the story, my worst fears were realized. Gomez complained that Iverson doesn't carry himself in the part. "He's throwing quite a bit of pitches lately," UCSB Pitching Coach Tom Myers said. "He had a tender arm midpoint of the season, so now he's more cognizant of his pitch counts. If we get the same response he did the past season, we want him to be healthy.""
The NBA Part I: Sixers Will Succeed

BY ELIYAP APPELBAUM

I was wrong. Picking the Minnesota Timberwolves to win the NBA championship was rash. Most of you reading this do not know who Doug West is, but he is the quintessential NBA swingman. He is the man who made me a Wolves fan, and he is largely ignored to this day.

For some reason, West and the Wolves meant something to me, and now even he is gone, but his presence and 19.3 points a game in the ’92-’93 season still stand out in my mind.

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Sophomore right fielder Ryan Spilborghs slides into first base trying to beat the throw after his sacrifice bunt. Though Spilborghs was out on this play, he continued his hitting streak, extending his school record to 33 consecutive games.

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single in the sixth, and Schumaker moved him to second on a bunt sacrifice. Kolbach later drove Spilborghs in on a single. After Cal Poly built a 3-1 lead heading into the bottom of the ninth, the Gauchos prepared for one more relay. Dave Molidor hit a stand-up double to begin the rally. Von Schell walked and Barson hit a single in his last regular season at-bat to load the bases. Stringham sacrificed Molidor home, bringing up pinch-hitting Warreker to the plate with two outs. Warreker launched a hit that looked like it was going to drop in front of the right fielder, only to be caught by a diving Mustang Phil Thomson and end the game.
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