

## It's Fall-Winter UCSB Sports Transition Time

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Dandy Don Meredith would be delirious, disillusioned and downcast.

As a color commentator on ABC's Monday Night Football, the ex-professional quarterback has brought notoriety to his vocal chords, painfully singing (if you can call it that) two or three lines of a previously obscure tune when the outcome of the game became apparent.

If Dandy Don had been at the Gauchos football team's 83-0 walloping of the Northeast Los Angeles Bengals two Saturday's ago, he could have sprung into the his favorite verses in the first quarter. Just because the football season at UCSB is over, however, does not mean that Meredith's favorite jingle applies to all Gauchos sports teams.

Dandy Don and UCSB sports enthusiasts, take this down: don't turn off the lights, because the party is far from over. On the contrary, much of the fun is just beginning. In fact, the next two months are arguably the most hectic for the UCSB athletic department as a whole.

Why? Because through December and January we will be muddling through what I have affectionately dubbed the Fall-Winter Sports Transition Period.

What does that mean? Well, let me put it this way: of UCSB's 20 intercollegiate teams, all but five (men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country and water polo) will see competitive action during December and/or January.

Many of these teams are designated as "winter sports", so it's not surprising that they swing into full gear during the last month of 1984 and the first month of 1985. Both the men's and women's basketball teams, seeking to prepare for their demanding 1985 PCAA schedules, have a lengthy slate of games during December, and the two gymnastic squads will practice their amazing feats in dual meet competition in December and January.

The women's volleyball team, a "fall sport", is now engaged in its 11th consecutive NCAA post-season tournament. If things go well for Kathy Gregory's Lady Gauchos, they will compete well into December.

But what really creates an overlap of athletic seasons and makes my job three times more demanding are these so-called "spring sports".

I would bet two weeks pay you didn't know the softball team has *already* played in a tournament. Softball in November? Is the traditional sports world crumbling?

Another example: the baseball team opens its schedule on January 31st at Arizona State. Wait, scratch that. Al Ferrer's Gauchos play an alumni game five days before that.

Adding salt to the wounds of overworked sports writers, both the men's and women's tennis teams have already competed in a number of tournaments. Both squads begin dual meet competition late in January. Gregg Wilson's swimming squads have competed against USC and some club teams and continue their schedule through April. The golf team has played numerous rounds on the links, but will take a break until late January when they resume play. The men's volleyball team, under Ken Preston, is once again a national contender and will commence their schedule January 9th.

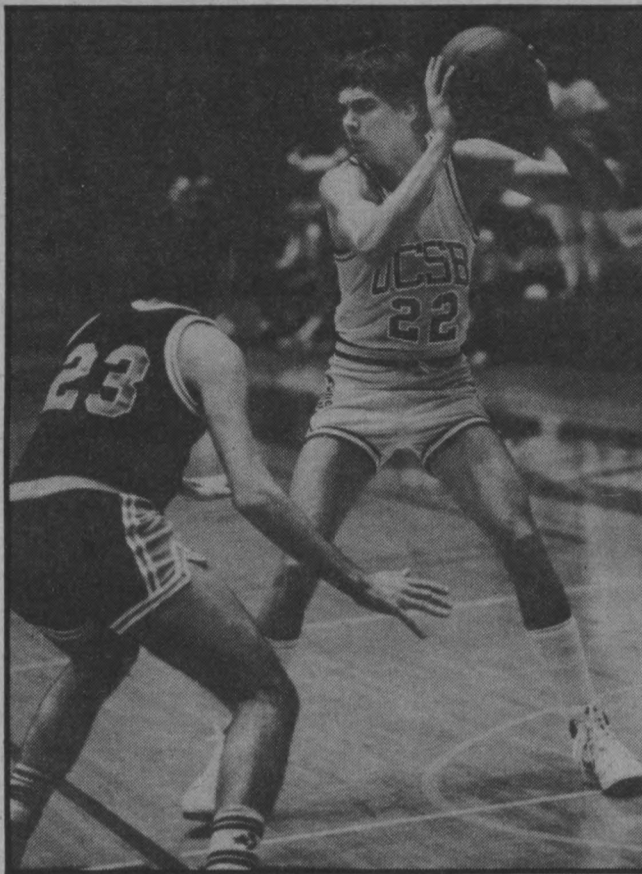
Mercifully, the track team didn't schedule its first dual meet until February 16th. Still not a whole lot of respect shown for the seasonal sports fan, but a break, nonetheless.

Has the entire UCSB sports world gone whacko? Don't these people know that baseball season isn't supposed to start until until spring, not a month after Christmas? Swimmers aren't supposed to swim races until the snow begins to melt in the Sierra Nevada.

Oh, well. I suppose these overlapping seasons are for the good of Gauchos athletics. Lengthy schedules can do a lot for a team's character, whether it's an athletic team or a group of a different sort — like a newspaper's sports staff.

For that reason, we here at the *Daily Nexus* will do everything in our power to keep you abreast on UCSB teams ... regardless of whether or not they're playing at the right time of year.

Are you listening Dandy Don? The party is not over. Stay tuned, more to come ...



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Intensity, such as that etched on Conner Henry's face, was not enough to give the Runnin' Gauchos a victory over 13th-ranked North Carolina State.

## Gauchos Taste Division One Reality In Loss

By PHIL HAMPTON  
Sports Editor

The Runnin' Gauchos learned first-hand Monday night that winning Division I basketball games requires both brawn and brains. The Gauchos had their bodies in order at Raleigh, N.C., but their minds must have been on other things than basketball, as the 13th-ranked N.C. State Wolfpack took advantage of UCSB mental mistakes and their own brawn en route to a 93-70 trouncing of the Gauchos.

"I was pleased with the intensity we played with, but not necessarily the intelligence that we played with," Head Coach Jerry Pimm said. "We didn't give ourselves a chance to win the game because we really beat ourselves a lot."

Pimm explained that an early spree of turnovers (10 in the first half and 24 in the game) took the Gauchos out of the game quickly. The Wolfpack is simply too big, too strong, too quick and too intelligent to allow a team to claw its way back into a game that they took themselves out of — especially a team (such as UCSB) with seven players who have never seen Division I action before.

"We had to start right (in order to win) and we didn't start right," the second-year head coach said. "We turned

it over too many times early in the game and those turnovers turned into baskets for them, or three-point plays, actually. When you don't get a chance to defend them, the quick buckets" really add up fast. "That was just too much for us," he added.

Even when UCSB did get the opportunity to play defense, Chris Washburn and Lorenzo Charles proved an excessive task for the Gauchos. Washburn is a 6'11" freshman and was one of the most highly recruited high school players in the nation last year when he averaged an amazing 30 points and 17 rebounds a game. He scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds against UCSB. Charles, a 6'7", 239-pound senior, scored 20 points and collected six of the Gauchos' missed shots in only 24 minutes.

Those missed shots weren't terribly hard to come by, as the Gauchos shot only 46.5 percent from the field.

"I thought that our judgement on when to shoot ... was very poor," Pimm said, explaining that he felt the bad shot selection resulted from first-game jitters and the fact that N.C. State presented a bigger and quicker defense than what (Please turn to pg.2B, col.3)

## Women's Basketball

### Stanford Loss Prepares Cagers For December

By MARY HOPPIN  
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The final buzzer of the Stanford game Saturday night came too early to allow the Lady Gauchos to emerge victorious, but they were able to shrink the Cardinal's 23-point lead to eight. If UCSB Head Coach Darla Wilson's impressions of that contest and of the season in general are correct, the team is well on its way to improving its dismal 1983-84 record of 3-25. Seven non-conference games are on the schedule to give the young team experience, as they rest for only six days of the winter break.

The final 64-54 loss, which put the Gauchos' record at 1-2, illustrated a tremendous second-half effort by UCSB. But against Stanford's 58.6 field goal percentage in the first, little could be done to put the Gauchos on top.

"I was really pleased with the last eight minutes and 33 seconds of the game," Wilson said. "But we were slow starting and Stanford is too good a team to come out slow against. Consequently, we paid the price for getting down too many points and it made it a real uphill climb to get back into the game."

Point guard Kristen Nicholson more than doubled the scoring tallies of any Gauchos; her 20 points was a team high. The PCAA 1983-84 Player of the Year was cited by her coaches as a force in the contest.

"She really came alive," Assistant Coach Phoebe Nikolakakis said. "She had a couple of three-point plays that really helped us out."

"Kristen did an excellent job in bringing back organization to the court in the second half," Wilson said. "She's going to become more and more astute (in her new role of running the offense) as she becomes more accustomed to it."

Along with Nicholson, junior Dana Panfili was characterized as a leader by the second-year head coach.

"I truly feel that Dana's effort became contagious in the second half," Wilson said. "I think she changed the momentum of the game in our favor. She really became a leader for us in effort in that just her presence on the court was felt."

The Gauchos play Loyola Marymount Friday night. Wilson is unsure what kind of opponent the Gauchos will find in the Lions, since they recently underwent a coaching change.

"The new coach has been a strong coach in the past, so I expect to see a strong LMU team," Wilson said. "I really feel we have better personnel than they do, and if we can come out with a more experienced approach to the game, we have an excellent opportunity to take control."

The team travels to Los Angeles for the Loyola match, then has three more contests during finals week. Four more games spiced through the month of December round out play this year.

"In all the games ahead of us we certainly have the opportunity to play some good basketball and come out on top," Wilson said. "It's just a real simple equation: if we play up to our capabilities, there's no reason we should lose in the upcoming games. However, I think UCLA (Dec. 15 at Pauley Pavilion) is going to be a tremendous challenge for us."

"I think our December is going to be pivotal because if we do well in December, it's going to lead into a strong January," Nikolakakis said. "I think it's going to be a good eight games that we have coming up. They're teams that I feel we can beat with a little bit of work. The girls have to realize that their potential is a lot more than they've been putting out."

"We have one conference game this month against UOP (Pacific), and that's something the girls are really going to have to get up for because we want to do as well in the conference (PCAA) as possible," she added.

Freshman Kim Brown will be suiting up for the first time this year at the close of finals to fill out the Gauchos' 14-player roster.

The coaches cite youth and inexperience as the biggest liability as they start into the meat and potatoes of non-conference action, but endurance is not a problem with the rookie majority.

"I don't think that our conditioning is so much of a problem. Down the stretch we ended up coming ahead in the last eight minutes of the (Stanford) game," Nikolakakis said. "We're gonna try and put those eight minutes together for a full 40-minute game. We want to try and continue that level of intensity on the floor."

## INSIDE:

— The women's volleyball team, in its 11th straight year of post-season appearances, faces Fresno State tonight. Please turn to John Cumbelech's story on page 2 to see how the team got there.

— The water polo team failed to qualify for NCAA post-season play for the first time in six years. Greg Chambers tells you why on page 7.

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**Women's Volleyball**

**Gregory's Netters Garner Eleventh Straight NCAA Post-Season Bid**

By JOHN CUMBELICH  
Sports Writer

Both coaches and supporters of the women's volleyball team, who had foreseen a transition season for the Lady Gauchos, had their predictions thrown back in their faces recently. Not a soul is complaining, however, as the Gauchos turned in a 20-17 record and finished the regular season ranked 17th in the nation.

A handfull of those victories were at the expense of teams ranked in the top ten, a fact that undoubtedly played a major part in UCSB landing its 11th consecutive NCAA post-season berth.

Tonight at 7:30 p.m. the Gauchos will begin their second season with a match against the Bulldogs of Fresno State at Fresno in the first round of the NCAA playoffs.

"They have outdone all of my expectations," proud Head Coach Kathy Gregory said, summarizing the 1984 Gauchoplight.

The Gauchos, who struggled below the .500 mark for the first half of the season, executed a stirring turnaround at the season's midpoint, going unbeaten in four games to claim the UC Berkeley Invitational title. Those four wins boosted the Gauchos' record over the .500 mark for good and shed some national attention on the team.

Gregory agreed that the Berkeley tournament was a paramount factor in changing the course of her team's season.

"The turning point was going up to Berkeley," Gregory said. In that impressive trek north, the Gauchos did not drop a single game and swept the tournament. More importantly, however, the Gauchos played like a team; a singular interdependent volleyball unit with a common objective.

The ability to master the fundamental element of teamwork emerged at Berkeley and metamorphosized the Gauchos season from a struggle for .500 (9-10 before the tournament) to a more impressive team whose primary focus was no longer just playing hard, but victory (11-7 after) and accomplishment. The differences between a winner and its lessors are the final by-products. The Gauchos learned through experience what it took to be winners, and their by-product is an NCAA post-season berth.

Trying to pinpoint her recipe for success, Gregory said quite simply: "We were able to win the games that we had to." The Gauchos' style of play, divergent from those employed by most of the squads they faced, undoubtedly

helped them to win the "big games."

The Gauchos were noted for their balanced attack all season long, with the entire roster contributing under varying lineups. This style of play would initially strike the casual observer as an ill to the team's cohesiveness, not allowing stable patterns and a unique team character to develop. But the Gauchos, through Gregory's platooning at various positions according to opposition strength, developed a style of team-oriented play where any combination of players could play comfortably together, and with good communication.

This makes it virtually impossible to choose a Most Valuable Player for the 1984 women's volleyball team. Unlike a conglomeration of six athletes, the Gauchos were blessed with 12 teammates. Offensive gunners dug the hardwood like back row specialists. Defensive standouts came to the net swinging like players six inches taller. The Gauchos played sick. They played with injuries a spectator would never know was ailing the competitor. In general, a communally held attitude of sacrifice accounts for the post-season berth the Gauchos now enjoy.

Don't let the team play fool you, though. Several individuals established new school records for seasonal marks. Seniors Gina DeQuattro and Kathy Luedeke left little question about their prowess at the net, as DeQuattro set a solo block mark with 89 and Luedeke surpassed the old kill mark by 51 with a season total of 448.

With three seasons in front of her, Bonnie Bright seems to be well on her way to Gauchogreatness, as she shattered two records. Bright eclipsed UCSB's service ace record with 62 and set a new standard for digs, saving 212 spikes on the year.

What was expected to be a rebuilding year and a transition season has been a success, which holds more potential accomplishments ahead of it. An "A+" goes to Gregory and her coaching staff, as well as the entire Gauchoutfit, for their efforts in the 1984 campaign.

**GaUCHO Notes** — The Gauchos hold a 2-1 edge over the Bulldogs in competition between the two teams this season. Fresno State is 24-12 and will be making its first-ever appearance in post-season play. UCSB closed its season with a disappointing four-game loss to UC Irvine Tuesday night at Irvine. "It was a very tough match for us to lose and (it came) at a very bad time," Gregory said. "I was a little dissatisfied, but I think we can learn from this loss and come back stronger for the NCAA's."

**Men's Basketball...**

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his team is accustomed to.

Juniors Scott Fisher and Conner Henry still managed 16 and 15 points, respectively, with Henry leading the club with seven assists.

The Wolfpack led at the half, 52-31, so the Gauchos may have played the hosts even in the second stanza. But Pimm knows that the large lead entirely changes the complexion of the game.

N.C. State and UCSB had the exact same number of rebounds and took nearly the same amount of shots. Thus, Pimm believes that the

game "came down to turnovers and poor shot selection."

Pimm emphasized that playing such a high-caliber team so early in the season should teach his team an awful lot.

"I think it (playing N.C. State) tells them (the Gauchos) where our program has to go in order to compete at that national top twenty level," he began, "and it tells them ... how hard we have to work."

"I really don't think — Vegas (UNLV) included — that we're going to play

anybody that has any more talent than N.C. State the rest of the season," he continued. "We just have to, now, get our act together and know we have to go to that level of proficiency to be successful."

The Gauchos have exactly eight games in December to put it all together before the PCAA season gets under way.

"It's going to be important for us to come together as a team and learn more about ourselves and continue to grow as a team," Pimm said, mentioning that it will probably take the entire month of December to do so.

In order to be ready for the PCAA opener January 5th at

New Mexico State, Pimm believes the Gauchos need to "take good shots, move the basketball, read defenses and really work on our own defense while keeping people off the boards."

Pimm is optimistic about the future.

"If we can score 70 points against a talented team like N.C. State, then we can score against anybody," he said. "Now we have to keep people from scoring and have to start reading defenses a little better..."

**Runnin' GaUCHO Notes** — UCSB is 0-1 while the Wolfpack, the 1983 national champs, is 2-0. Pimm predicted N.C. State will go undefeated in December.

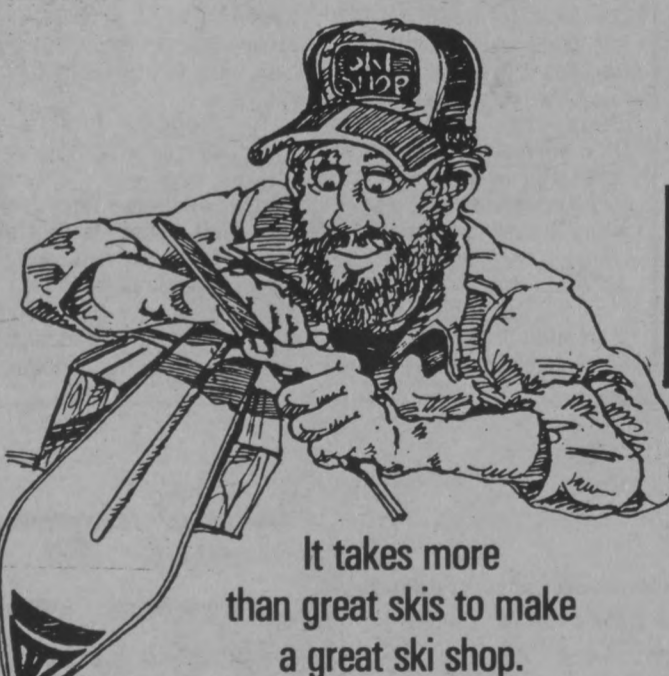
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## Co-Coaches Resign; Cite Time Restraints

# Fledgling Football Program Generated Enthusiasm

By BILL DIEPENBROCK  
Sports Writer

The athletes, coaches, students, and community involved with Gaucho football this year have created something special with their efforts. Not only did the second-year UCSB football team record a 4-3 winning season and perform with credibility and respectability, but the support it generated left something of even greater importance in its wake: a highly promising future for the entire football program, one which extends far beyond next season.

"What I see building is pride," UCSB Co-Head Coach Mike Moropoulous said, "(It's) not just a good football team. Students and players are proud to be associated with Gaucho football. The most encouraging thing about the season was the student support shown to the team."

"We were really impressed with the student body," Moropoulous' partner in coaching, Sut Puailoa, said. "We were pleased and impressed with the students' attitude and support."

The Gauchos started the season off slowly, dropping consecutive games to rival Cal Poly San Luis Obispo junior varsity, 24-23 (largely on the basis of mental and physical errors), and to NAIA powerhouse Azusa Pacific, 31-7 (due to the team's sheer size and ability).

After a brief respite with a 13-10 victory at Cal Poly Pomona, the Gauchos suffered their third and final loss of the season to the University of San Diego, 31-28, at Harder Stadium.

Of these losses, the coaches and players concede only one.

"The only game there wasn't much question about was the Azusa match," Moropoulous said. "Against the University of San Diego, we could have won, and against Cal Poly (SLO) in our first game we should have won, but we just gave it away."

Coming together for its last three outings, UCSB made a speciality of dismembering football teams, outscoring opponents 130-9, while stacking up two shutouts as well.

"We just kept getting better every time we played," Moropoulous said. "We executed our offense better and played sharper defense with each game."

The Gauchos improved so much that Moropoulous is confident his team would have provided students with a good, hard-hitting match against Azusa by season's end.

Santa Barbara first showed its offensive strength against Cal Poly Pomona, and would have done it again, had Pomona met with the Gauchos in Harder Stadium for Homecoming as agreed. However, the Broncos cancelled and Western Cal Institute was rescheduled to fill the void. Four-thousand eager fans held on to beer cans and high spirits during a two-hour game delay, and showed enormous enthusiasm throughout the 27-9 UCSB victory.

The seventh-game gap in the Gauchos' schedule was filled by a semi-pro squad out of Northeast Los Angeles. To say the least, it was a rout. During the 83-0 emasculation of the Bengals, the Gauchos scored a dozen touchdowns and gave everybody on the bench a chance to play, and to score. The poor quality of the 19-man opposition, however, should not detract from the flawless performance given by an inspired Gaucho club.

"We were at our height of play in that Bengal game," Moropoulous said. "In spite of our opposition, we played an outstanding game."

And it was outstanding play from extraordinary athletes that brought UCSB to this height. Quarterback Steve Marks, a junior, had his arm clicking off the completed passes by the end of the season, and worked smoothly with back-up quarterback Paul Wright. Although the two have vastly different throwing styles, both hit their receivers with great accuracy and the transition from one to the other caused no problems with the rest of the Gaucho offense.

"We were disappointed in our earlier passing game ... But then Marks came back. He really threw the ball well," Moropoulous said. "(Tailback) Steve Bluford was another major factor, along with (tailback) Robert McGruder. Those two really made our running game strong."

The freshman Bluford and junior McGruder hustled up some serious yardage for the Gauchos, providing a stable running basis to the team's strategy. This running game gave the offense the chance to develop its passing attack, to the point where Santa Barbara could fire effectively with either weapon. "Once you get your running game going it really enhances your passing game," Moropoulous said.

Looking toward next season, although the Gauchos will lose linebackers Bob Shea and Gerald Jones, split end Brad Tisdale, tackle Steve Reztlaff, guard Ed Toy, and tight end Jeff Swann to graduation, a central "nucleus will remain."

According to Bluford, it will "take a little bit to get into the groove next year, especially with the loss of the seniors." However, the talent is there and it's just a matter of applying it, putting new people into the leadership roles, he said. According to Puailoa, the team's performance this year has already begun to attract new athletes to the program.

But the two people UCSB will miss most next season are Moropoulous and Puailoa. The co-head coaches currently serve as athletic directors at local high schools, and can't give the team as much time as they feel is necessary for the job.

According to Puailoa, they will still help out, but a search is currently being conducted for a new head coach.

Puailoa believes the elements needed to keep the program going at UCSB are there, but must be cultivated. Football Director Gary Rhodes agrees, and said that "football will continue at UCSB if the students want it. Looking at Homecoming alone, the team has really come a long way since its inception. Football is a success at UCSB," he said.

Rhodes acclaimed the aid and support given the team by the UCSB Associated Students, the university alumni organizations, and the community-supported Gridiron Club.

The coaches and the club sports department will attempt to set up next year's schedule, select a new head coach, and begin publicity immediately to keep the momentum going.

## Club Sports Roundup

By MARY HOPPIN  
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Christmas break for most of us brings needed rest and relaxation, and the return to school means back to the books. For athletes active in club sports, vacation means training and the return to school means competition.

As finals begin Saturday, the rugby team will be participating in the Second Annual Michelob Tri-County Rugby Tournament. Last year it was held at UCSB, and the Gauchos took second place. Bakersfield is the site of the tournament this year, so the most pressing problem facing Team President Pete Bobak is fielding a full 15-man team on an exam day.

Some players don't even have the luxury of just training over the break, some have to compete. The women's crew team is a case in point. December 8 they travel to Long Beach for the Christmas Regatta. Team Captain Ilse Neef looks for a strong performance from the Gauchos since the course is only 800 meters and the women have trained for 1,000.

"We've been working out for the regatta and we're ready," Neef said. "I think we'll do pretty well."

A long respite occurs for the followers of club sports for the rest of December, competition resumes when

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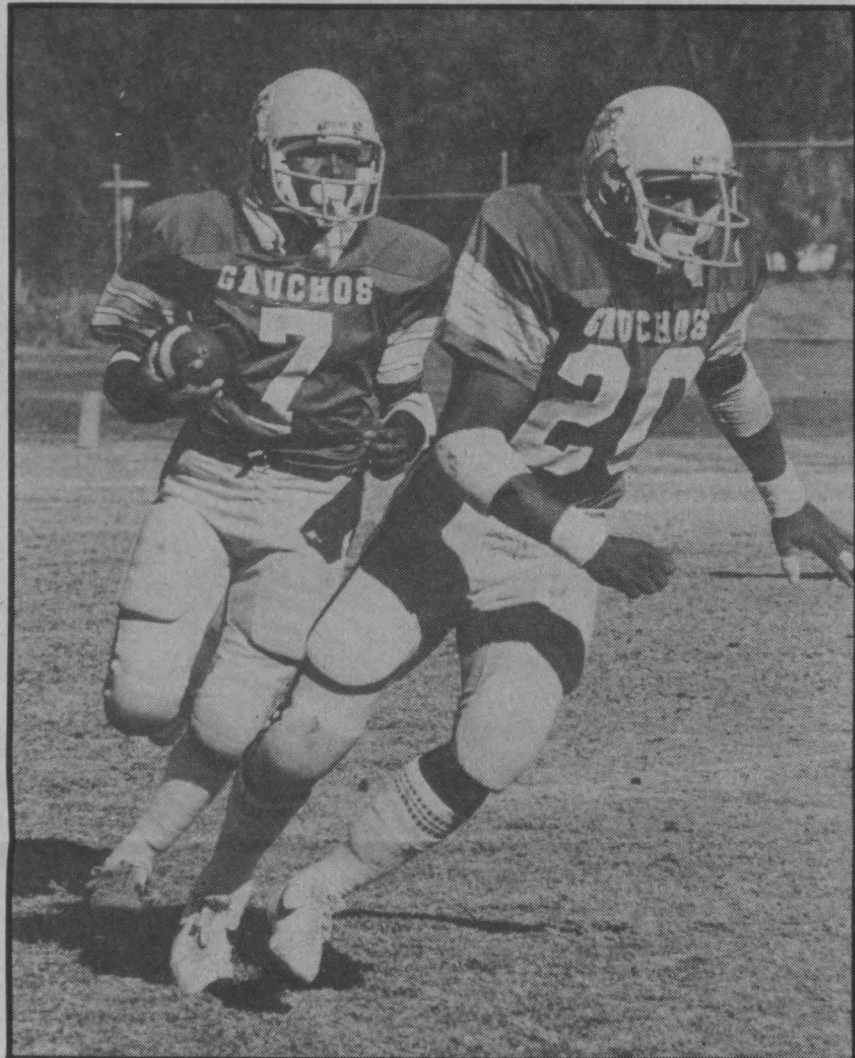
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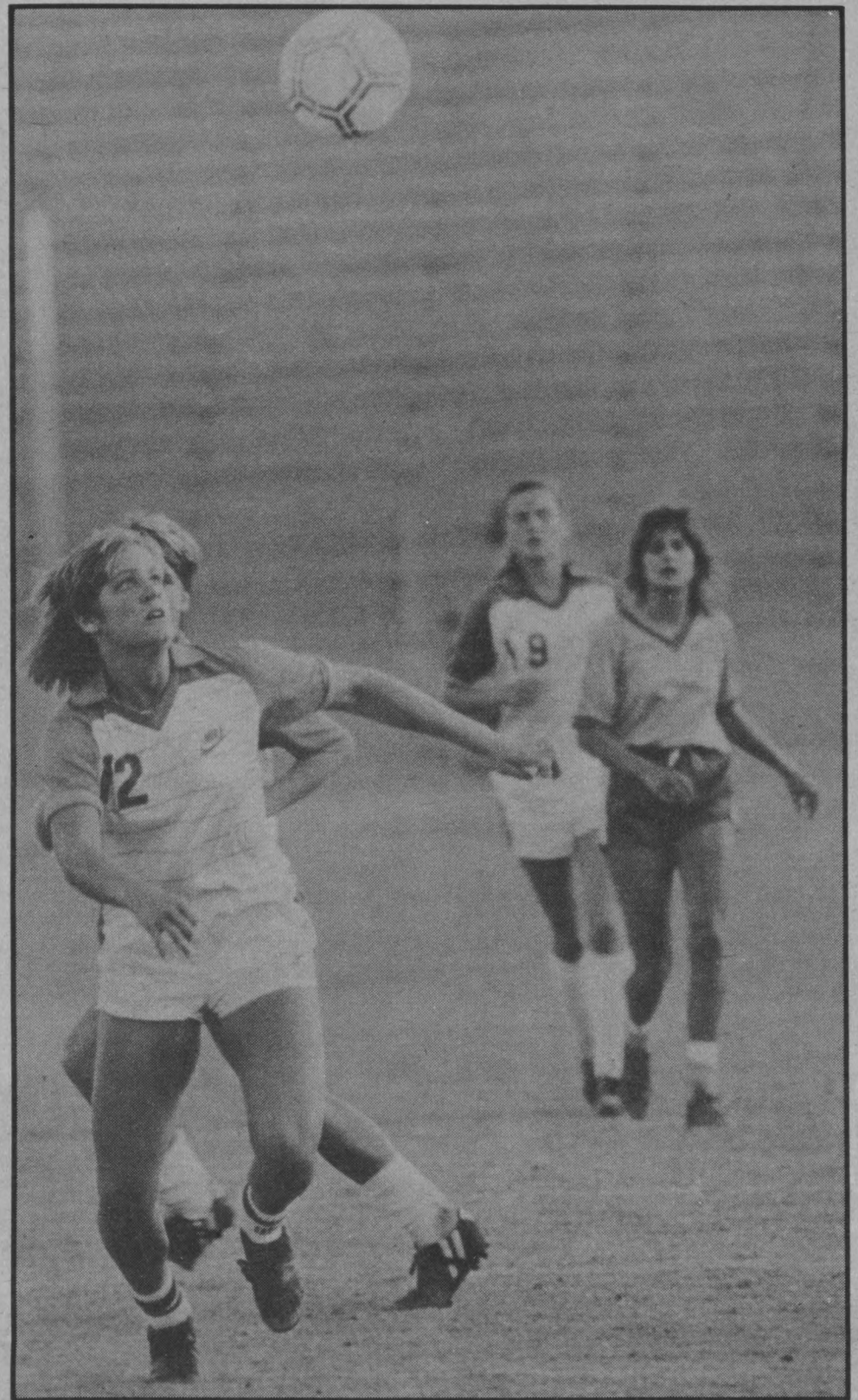
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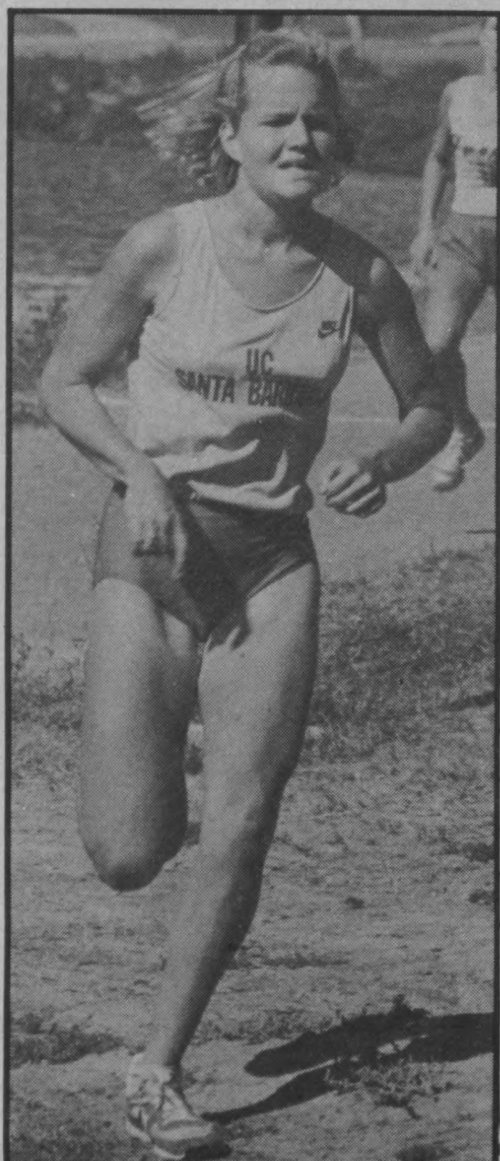
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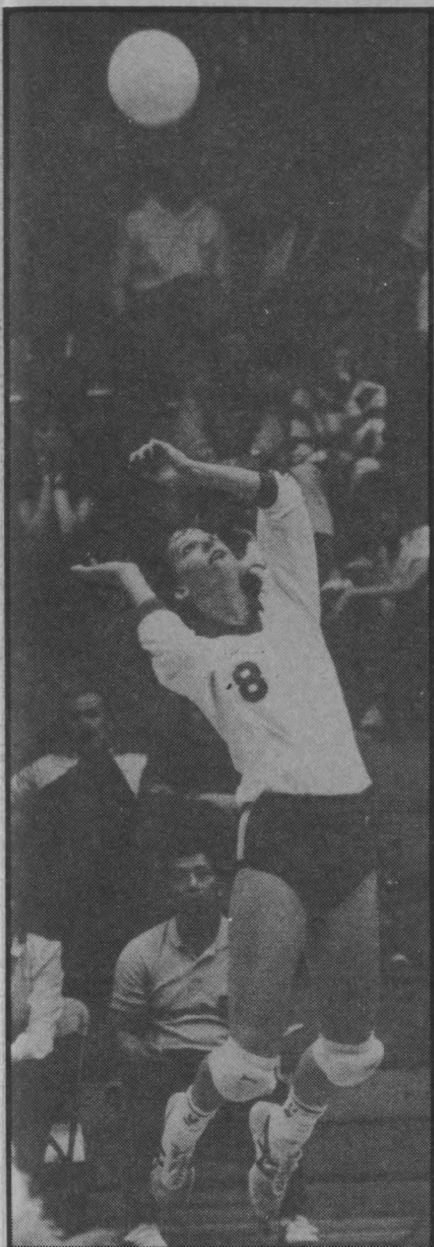


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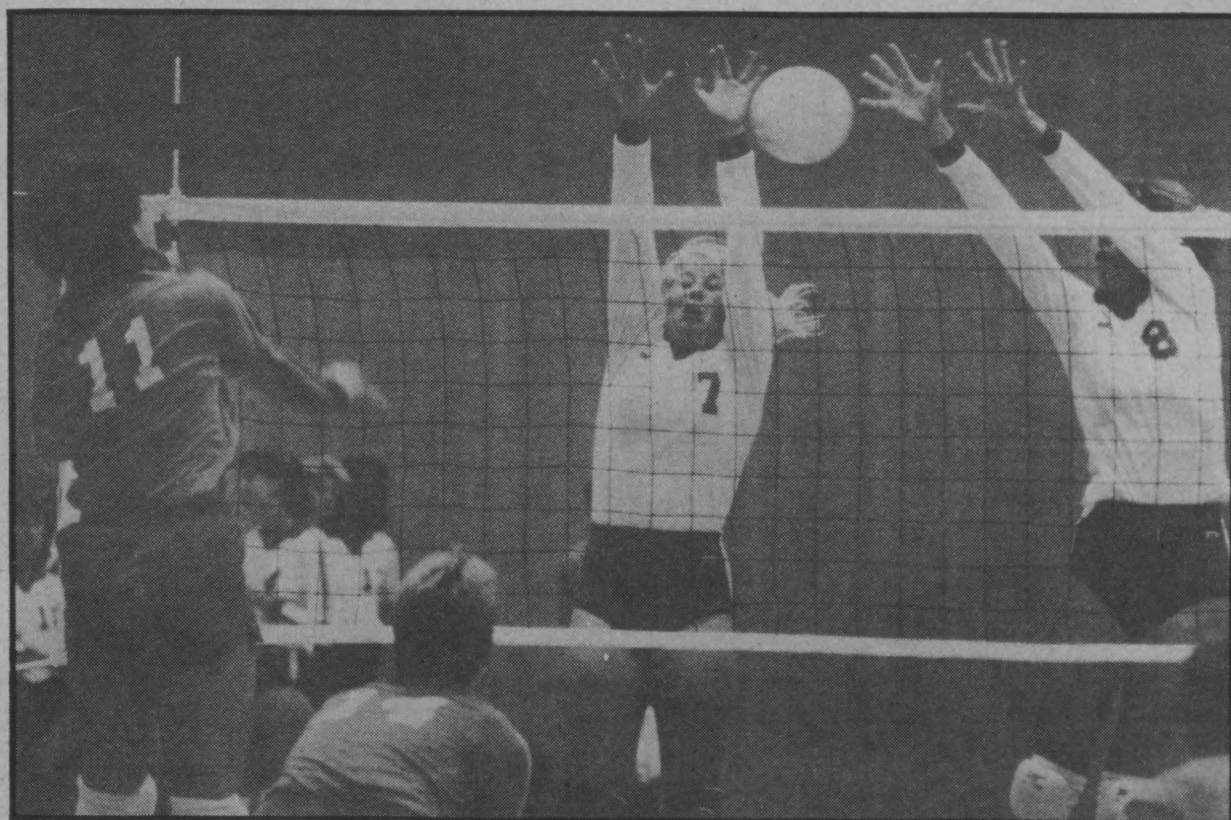




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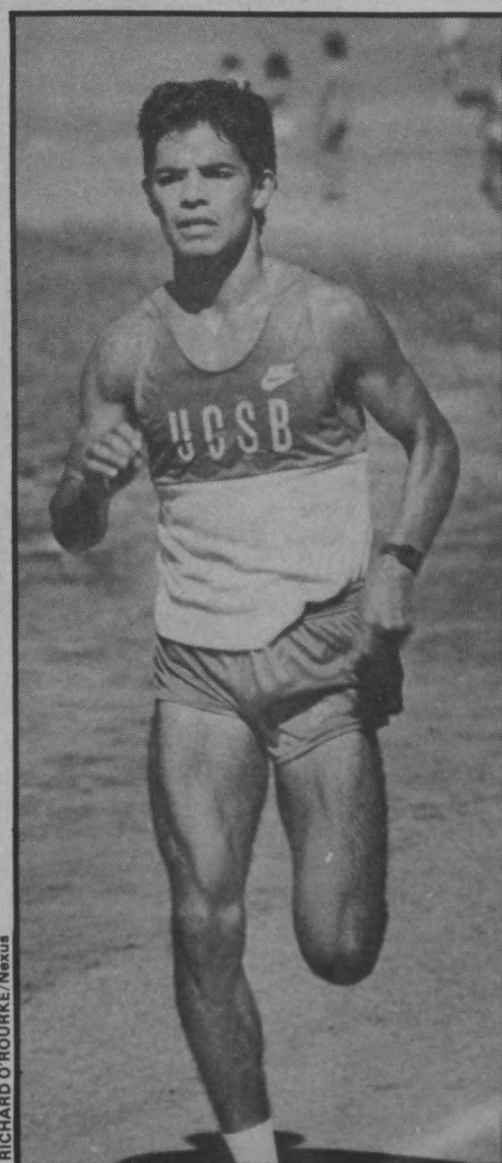
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## DECEMBER ON TAP


DAY/DATE	SPORT	OPPONENT	TIME
Sat. 1	<b>M &amp; W Swimming</b> W Basketball <b>M Basketball</b>	Anaheim Aquatic (C) CSU Northridge <b>Missouri-St. Louis (E)</b>	10 am 1 pm 7:30 pm
Fri. 7	<b>W Basketball</b> W Volleyball	<b>Pepperdine (R)</b> Regionals	7:30 pm TBA
Sat. 8	M Basketball <b>W Basketball</b> W Volleyball	U. San Diego <b>San Francisco State (R)</b> Regionals	7:30 pm 7:30 pm TBA
Tues. 11	M Basketball	San Diego State	7:30 pm
Wed. 12	<b>W Basketball</b>	<b>Biola (R)</b>	7:30 pm
Fri. 14	M Swimming	USC	1 pm
Sat. 15	W Basketball <b>M Basketball</b>	UCLA <b>Loyola (E)</b>	5:15 pm 7:30 pm
Mon. 17	<b>M Basketball</b>	<b>Pepperdine (E)</b>	7:30 pm
Wed. 19	W Basketball	Pacific	7:30 pm
Thur. 20	M Basketball	Washington State	7:30 pm
Fri. 21	<b>M Swimming</b>	<b>CAL (C)</b>	10 am
Fri. 28	<b>M Basketball</b>	<b>Illinois-Wesleyan (E)</b>	7:30 pm
Sat. 29	<b>M Basketball</b>	<b>Montana State (E)</b>	7:30 pm
Sun. 30	<b>W Basketball</b>	<b>Cal Poly SLO (R)</b>	7:30 pm

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