

Gauchos Strike Gold; #2 49ers Go Down in Stunning 5-Game Battle

Spikers Mount Furious Charge in Deciding Game to Pull Off Win

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After quickly falling into a 7-1 deficit in the decisive fifth game Saturday night against Long Beach St., the UCSB women's volleyball team staged a miraculous comeback to stun the #2 49ers in a match charged with emotion.

With a 13-12 LBSU lead, it all came down to an overruled call and a near-impossible dig by UCSB junior outside hitter Heather Collins.

The referee called Gaucho blocker Tammy Steiner for being under the net. But before he could turn the ball over to the 49ers for a shot at match point, the second referee called LBSU under the net — and the call was reversed, creating a 13-13 deadlock.

With a quick kill, the Gauchos got to match point. Long Beach St. set up a UCSB serve and a powerful blast by 49er All-American Danielle Scott came shooting down, but before it could hit the ground, Collins hustled and got a hand under the ball, setting up the game-winning kill by freshman Jill Haas.

The kill capped off an improbable yet amazing victory for #9 UCSB, who rallied to win by the score of 7-15, 15-10, 5-15, 15-10, 15-13. The win put the Gauchos (16-2, 9-0) all alone in first place in the Big West.

"I don't know what to say," an ecstatic UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "It's been an incredible season, I didn't think anything could top beating UOP in their gym and then beating Hawaii twice. But to win against Long Beach after losing to UCLA just four days ago, to come back from 7-1 in rally scoring ... I mean, it's phenomenal."

UCSB's comeback in game five began with three consecutive points, including a service ace by Shannan Meixsell. Outside hitter Ana Elisa Franca delivered a couple of kills to keep the rally alive, but the 49ers kept pushing back.

"I wanted to win so badly, but when we were down 7-11 I knew I had to push the team to block better or we would lose the game," Franca said. "But the key was that first call reversal when Tammy's [Steiner] hit got a late-tip call. I knew we had a chance."

When the pressure was really on, the Gauchos responded as they have been doing all season. Spurred on by an inspired Shirley Aboyme, who came up with key digs and nailed down three kills, Collins kicked up her level of play.

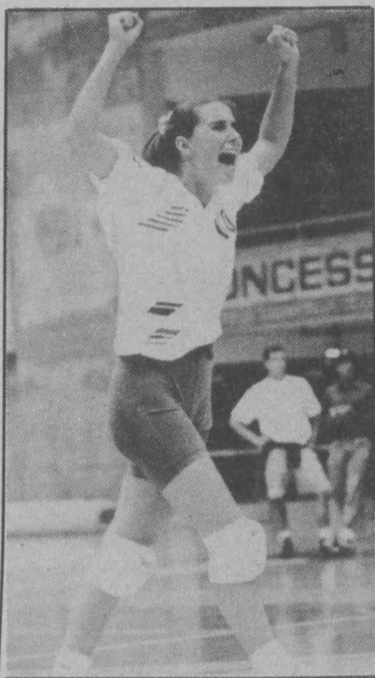
"Shirley gave us a spark emotionally off of the bench and then Heather really picked up her talking and played much more aggressively," Gregory said.

"During the last timeout, I told the girls that we needed to serve the ball aggressively and if we could do that they would pass the ball off-position and we could run our attack," Gregory explained. "We knew we were capable of that much, and on top of it, we — especially Heather — showed a really strong defense."

Collins (15 digs, 11 kills, six blocks) was able to dig out Scott's spike attempt and put the Gauchos in position to win the match. Scott, a 6-foot-2 middle blocker, led LBSU in hitting with 25 kills and also had 15 digs, seven blocks and one ace.

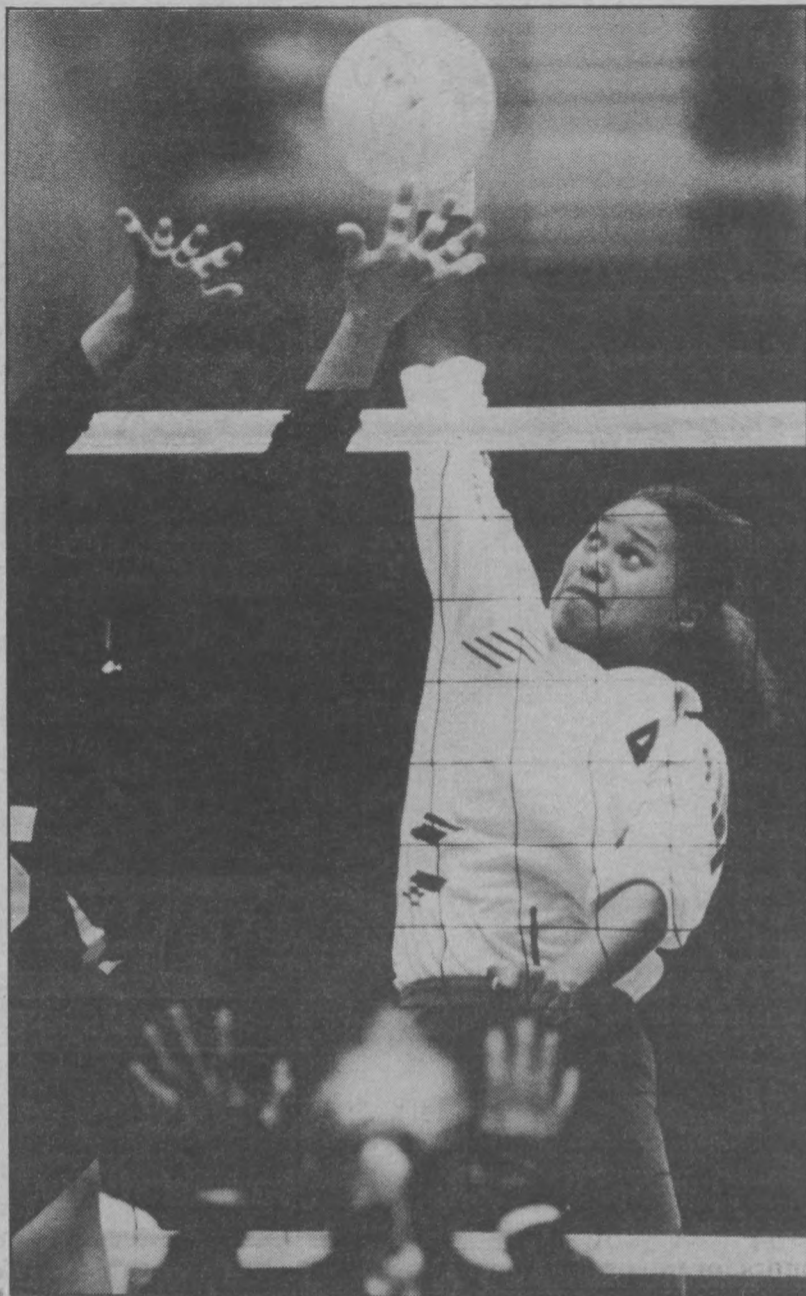
"You know, the funny thing about the match was that their [Long Beach] stats were better than ours. But I guess that doesn't

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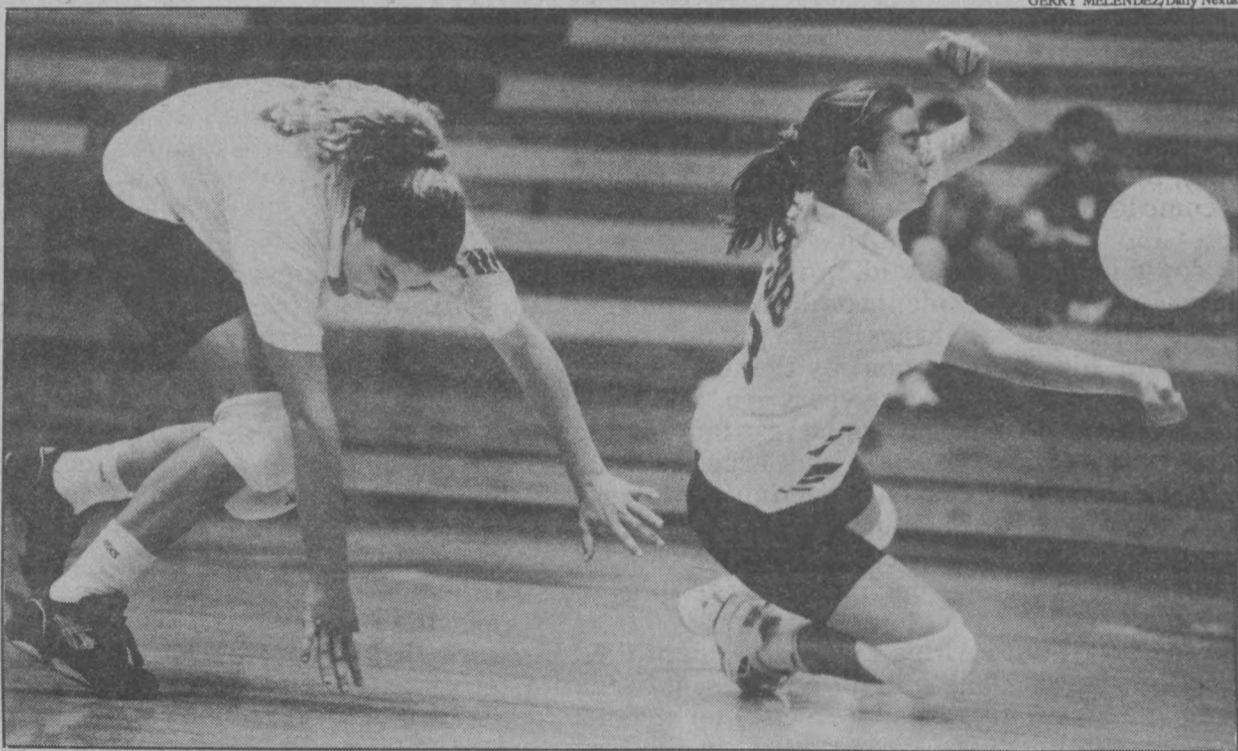


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(Clockwise from top) Junior Chrissy Boehle reacting during Saturday's upset of Long Beach St. Sophomore middle blocker Tammy Steiner goes up for a spike attempt over the outstretched fingers of a 49er player. Sophomore Kim Keys (left) and Jill Haas (right) converge to dig out a ball.



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Women's Soccer Squad Averts an Upsetting Weekend With Victory

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With less than two minutes remaining in Sunday's UCSB women's soccer game, things looked bleak for the Gauchos. After a disappointing 2-0 loss to Washington Friday night, a scoreless game against first-year New Mexico was not in UCSB's best made plans.

But in those two short minutes, a seemingly sure overtime game was turned into a victory and the Gauchos' fears were

put to rest.

Freshman Amy Gutowski scored the first of two late Santa Barbara goals (9-5) en route to the 2-0 victory, salvaging what could have been a disastrous two-game stretch.

Gutowski was knocked senseless for a few minutes after her game-winning boot, needing to be helped off the field. She smacked her head on the grass after the off-balance delivery, aggravating a head injury she suffered two weeks ago when she collided with another team-

mate, resulting in a black eye.

"What I can remember is that I just saw the ball bouncing in front of me and I knew that we needed to shoot and get that goal with less than two minutes left," Gutowski said. "So I just hit it first time and saw it go into the upper corner, and then I hit my head and I don't remember much after that."

UCSB's Julie Harris added an insurance goal one minute later, receiving perfect lead passes

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Water Polo Team Can't Hang On to Knock Off #5-Ranked UC Irvine

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With just under three minutes left to play, UCSB men's water polo goalie Matt Flanders made an outstanding save on a breakaway shot by UC Irvine's Kurt Edler. The Gaucho home crowd hoped that the save would help rally the UCSB offense which was trailing by one goal.

However, some questionable officiating and a tough Irvine defense held the #7-ranked Gauchos in check, and the #5-ranked Anteaters, captured the

win away from home, 6-5.

Having beaten #8-ranked Pepperdine, 8-7, on Friday afternoon, Santa Barbara (13-7 overall, 3-1 in MPSF) entered Sunday's contest looking for a win that would get the squad back into the national top five. UCSB built a 3-1 lead with three minutes remaining in the first quarter on a two-point goal by junior Mike Strohecker. The two teams continued to battle and UCI (11-6 overall) narrowed the score to 4-3 as the first half came to a close.

"I think we got a lead and we just sat on it, and

we paid for it," UCSB sophomore Colum Lavelle said. "This is same thing that happened the last time we played them. We just didn't execute in the last two quarters and that killed us."

The Anteaters tied the game a mere 33 seconds into the second half, and went ahead two minutes later on an undefended shot from the left wing by senior Greg Hayes.

With UCSB trailing 6-4 as the fourth quarter opened, senior Marty Asp-lund assisted on junior Nikola Ivanovic's two-meter

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UCSB Upends Irvine; #3 Bruins Are Too Much

By Deborah Raffi
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The UCSB men's soccer team breathed a collective sigh of relief as they were able to win one of their two games this weekend at Harder Stadium.

Despite the fact that the team lost 2-1 to #3 UCLA on Sunday, they were able to push the Bruins and prove they could play with the best in the country. Furthermore, they showed an intensity that had been missing in some of the team's recent contests.

The Gauchos (6-8, 1-3 MPSF) took to the field hoping to spring an upset on the Bruins (4-0 MPSF) but they were unable to get anything past UCLA goalie Chris Snitko.

In the 16th minute, Bruin midfielder Jorge Salcedo scored UCLA's first goal unassisted off a poor defensive clearance by UCSB.

Junior midfielder Matt Arya scored Santa Barbara's only goal in the 35th minute off an assist from Reinhold Huber, who was playing at the forward position rather than in his usual spot as defender.

"I think we played them at their level and everyone fought hard," Head Coach Mark Arya said. "We played smart soccer for 85 minutes, and after the first goal we

played twice as hard. We're not #3, but this game gives us the confidence to know we're a class team and we can play at such a level."

"I think we've proved that we can play with one of the top five teams in the country and do really well," UCSB Team Captain Mike Schaupp said. "We definitely came out with a lot of intensity and the game was a positive thing for us."

Friday's game against UC Irvine ended 2-0 in UCSB's favor as the Gauchos were able to add another loss to the Anteaters' 0-2 record in conference play.

Midfielder Mike Schaupp scored for the Gauchos in the 38th minute from a corner kick by Ralph Robertson.

Forward Brian Mackerer got warmed up in the second half and put in UCSB's second goal in the 67th minute with an assist by midfielder Ryan Schomberg.

The Gauchos came out of the match with a total of 18 shots while Irvine had just two, both coming in the second half.

"We had a very good performance and it's evident that we're so much better than in the first part of the season," Arya explained.

"It's incredibly encouraging to know that we're playing at a high level and are able to come out of playing national caliber teams and know that we're just as good if not better."

LOBOS: Gutowski, Harris Prevent UNM Upset

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 from senior captain Phronsie Franco and freshman Felicia Hayes to put the game out of reach. The score was Harris' second on the year; Gutowski's was her fifth, and it ties her with Franco for the team lead.

"We were very frustrated today," UCSB Head Coach Tad Bobak said. "But despite that frustration we kept battling. Despite the toughness we confronted out there, we kept fighting. It is, a lot of times, through sheer determination and staying con-

centrated and focused all the way to the end that we are able to keep in it. And we got a goal to win the game."

"It's great that we pulled it off," midfielder Julie Bushman said. "It's bad that we had to score two goals in the last two minutes, but I think it just shows us what we could have done. But overall we played badly. We started off very slowly."

Starting slow was UCSB's main problem in Friday's game against the Huskies, but late goals weren't there to save the

Gauchos.

Washington's Terry Gleason got the Huskies on the scoreboard in the 19th minute when she deflected a teammate's corner kick off a Gaucho defender and past goalkeeper Amy Goodwin for a 1-0 lead.

Amy Hamamoto added to the lead three minutes later when a breakdown in the Gaucho defense allowed her to launch a shot from the top of the penalty box almost uncontested, leaving Goodwin little chance to stop the

attempt.

UCSB's best scoring opportunity came right before the end of the first half when Harris launched a shot from roughly 25 yards away only to be denied by the crossbar.

"In our forward line, we weren't able to grip onto the ball and give our halfbacks and our fullbacks time to come up," Bobak said. "As a result, we didn't have much on the forward line and we had to constantly get back on defense."

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 goal with 5:47 remaining in the game. The Gauchos attempted to tie the game with 1:15 remaining on a shot by junior Sebastian Jacobs, but the ball bounced off the water and over the cage.

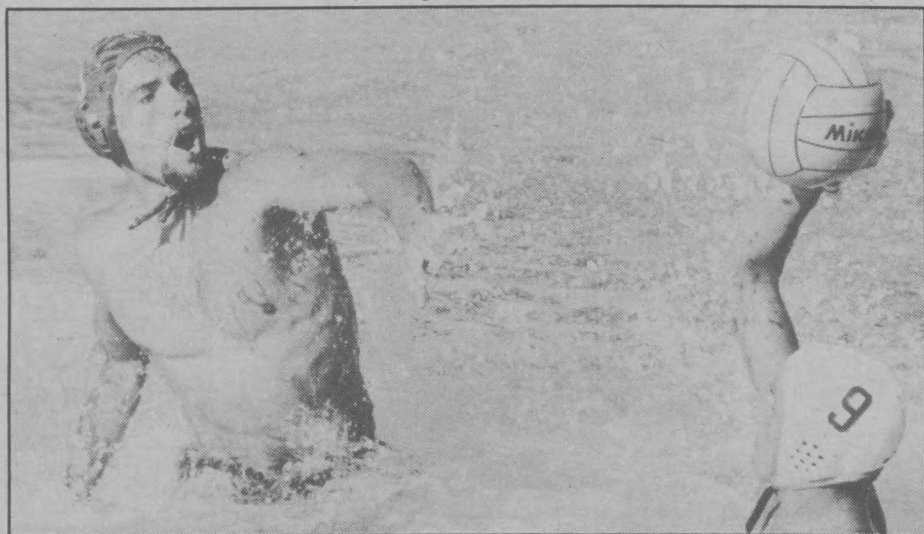
"Today I think we were in a situation where we forced things a little bit too much, and this is not a good team to do that against," UCSB Head Coach Pete Snyder explained. "They're a solid defensive team and if you

force shots and force passes you're probably going to lose the ball. We needed to either make an extra pass or be a little more aggressive with the ball and try to beat their goalie."

Flanders increased his season saves total to 146 with 11 saves on Sunday, as well as nine in Friday's contest. Against Pepperdine (5-11 overall), UCSB fortified what was thought to be an unbeatable 8-3 lead on Ivanovic's fifth goal of the game with 6:26 remaining in the fourth

quarter. The Waves managed to scare the Gauchos by scoring four goals in two minutes, but Santa Barbara held on for its second win over Pepperdine this season.

"In Friday's game, I think we just played with more confidence," Snyder commented after Sunday's match. "I really didn't have that sense in this game. We just seemed a little more tentative about things, and we were just hard-pressed to score goals."



UCSB's Mike Strohecker (left) defends against Pepperdine's Michael Radka.

Cross Country Squads Aren't SLOWing Up; Women's Team Takes Third, Men Get Sixth

By Michael Kohn
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The UCSB cross country teams propelled themselves into the Big West Conference Championships with a moral victory at Cal Poly SLO.

With a bye next weekend, the Saturday meet marked the final race of the regular season — and the last chance for Santa Barbara to prepare itself for the biggest meet of the year.

The women's squad, running at full strength for

the first time since September, placed third with 88 points. This was more than enough to beat out highly rated Cal Berkeley (102 points). UCLA and Cal Poly dominated the nine-team field as they tied

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 matter. What matters is that we pulled through and won."

The 49ers outhit, out-served, outdug and out-blocked the Gauchos. They totalled 30 blocks throughout the evening, with a game-high nine coming from Nichelle Burton. In contrast with previous matches, UCSB finally had a good night up at the net, blocking 21 LBSU kill attempts.

Franca, the key to the Gaucho offense, started out slowly but came back to lead UCSB with 15 kills, three service aces and 16 digs.

"I think we were a little nervous getting into the first game and Ana was a little down," Gregory said. In game two, the attitude change in the Gauchos was obvious as both Franca and Stiner shouted through the net after key blocks. Their emotions carried the team to even the match out at 1-1.

"I was definitely aware of how strong their blocking and hitting was, but I didn't let it intimidate me, especially with Ana in the front row with me," Stiner said.

Game three was all 49ers, especially Scott who was unstoppable, but the fourth game belonged to the Gauchos as Collins and Franca pushed the team to an early 8-1 lead.

"It just goes to show you that size is not the most important thing. The kind of guts and competitive spirit and will to win are really what volleyball is all about," Gregory said.

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SLO: Big West Meet Looms Near

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Throughout the race the Gaucho pack was led by Kara Bradbury and Kristen von Teuber. However, Julie Thomas finished with a good kick to end the race alongside Bradbury. The pair came in at 18:32 to take 13th and 14th place.

"That was the best race our team has done in probably ten years, it was a huge success," Bradbury said.

The men's team has been hampered by injuries. This time the fallen were top runner Matt Haugen (knee injury) and

#3 runner Dave Cullum (back strain). Both are expected to run October 30 in the Conference Championships.

As a result Santa Barbara had a slower pace and finished sixth with 136 points. San Luis Obispo was unstoppable in this race as they won the meet with 20 points. The first four runners to cross the finish line were all Mustangs.

"Cal Poly knew what they wanted to do and they did it," Brad Glosser said.

With the absence of Haugen, junior Paul Goodrich stepped up to lead the Gauchos. His

time of 32:48 was good for 23rd place. Glosser, who also had a big meet, was quick on his heels and placed 25th.

The most positive part of the men's race was the return of Damion Lewin and Froylan Sanchez who returned from injuries.

"For me this race was confidence building. I had to catch up mentally," Sanchez remarked. "For the team it was a chance to compare us to other schools and it looks like we are in a good position for Conference [Championships]."

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#5 Ohio State def. Michigan State, 28-21
#6 Nebraska def. Kansas State, 45-28
#7 Penn State lost to Michigan, 21-13
#8 Miami, idle
#9 Oklahoma lost to Colorado, 27-10
#10 Tennessee tied Alabama, 17-17
#11 Arizona def. Stanford, 27-24
#12 Washington lost to UCLA, 35-29
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#14 North Carolina def. Georgia Tech, 41-3
#15 Virginia lost to Florida State, 40-14
#16 Wisconsin def. Purdue, 42-28
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#18 Michigan def. Penn State, 21-13
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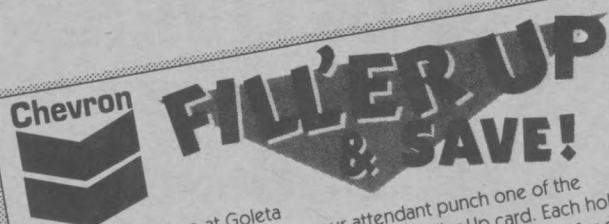
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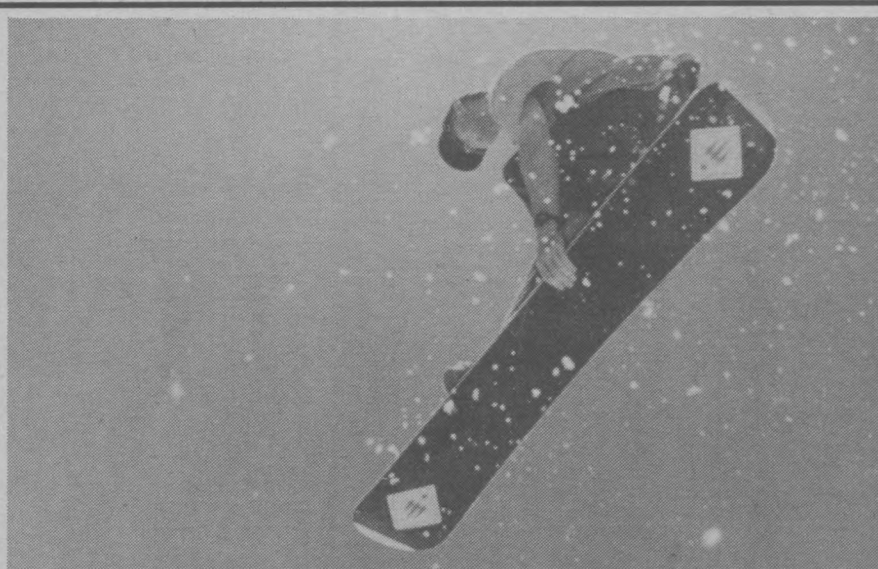
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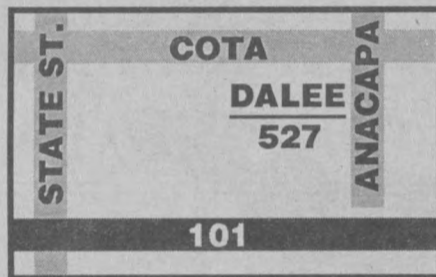
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