

## Spikers Stumble, Don't Fall Down

### UCSB Struggles in Game 3, Defeats Northridge in Four

By Jonathan Okanes  
Staff Writer

Before the UCSB women's volleyball team's match with Cal State Northridge Friday night, referee Rick Olmstead delayed the first serve of the contest in order to let some air out of the somewhat overpumped game balls.

Apparently, that took some of the air out of the Gauchos as well.

UCSB defeated the Matadors Friday at the Events Center, 15-7, 15-7, 16-18, 15-4, but considering CSUN has only been competing at the Division I level for just one year, the fact that the Gauchos struggled to put away the Matadors doesn't exactly make UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory very happy.

"We won the first two games pretty easily, but when we needed to rise to the occasion to put them away, we made too many errors," Gregory said. "They did play well and dug some balls, but we still should have put them away (earlier)."

The Matadors totalled 83 digs over the four games to Santa Barbara's 86.

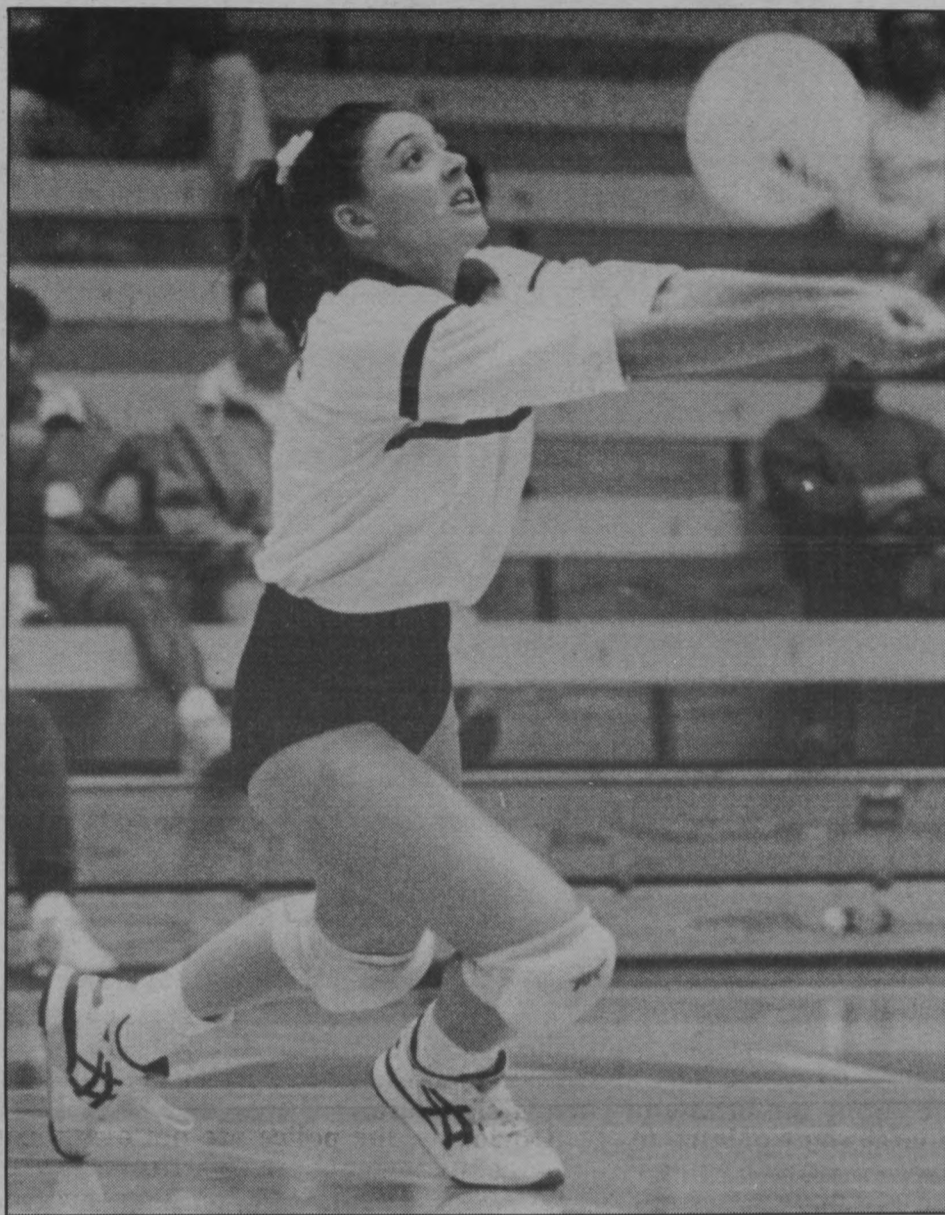
After staying relatively close to UCSB during the early portion of game one,

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|                     | W                   | L        | Pct.        |
| Long Beach State    | 16                  | 1        | .941        |
| Pacific             | 15                  | 3        | .833        |
| Hawaii              | 13                  | 3        | .813        |
| <b>UCSB</b>         | <b>11</b>           | <b>5</b> | <b>.688</b> |
| Fresno State        | 10                  | 6        | .625        |
| San Jose State      | 6                   | 10       | .375        |
| New Mexico State    | 5                   | 11       | .313        |
| UC Irvine           | 4                   | 13       | .235        |
| Cal State Fullerton | 3                   | 13       | .188        |
| Utah State          | 0                   | 18       | .000        |

the Gauchos (18-8, 11-5 Big West) tightened up their service game and cruised to the first-game victory. Santa Barbara jumped out to a 9-2 lead in the second game before holding on, but that brought the Gauchos to game three, where Santa Barbara's ball control fell apart.

Ineffective Gaucho serving, coupled with poor passing, kept the Matadors close throughout the game. Then, when UCSB exhausted all of its substitutes for the game, outside hitter Julie Pitois, who has been the Gauchos' leading attacker in recent weeks, was forced to remain out of the game. CSUN took advantage of Pitois' absence to pull out the third-game victory.

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**A CSUN SET**—Senior setter Stephanie Cox led the Gauchos out of their slow start Friday night as they went on to defeat the Matadors of Northridge, 15-7, 15-7, 16-18, 15-4.

DINO SCOPPETTONE

## Coaching Freshman A Piece of 'Toastie'

I found a nice surprise in my mailbox a couple of weeks ago. It was a large manila envelope addressed to a "Coach Scoppettoastie." Inside were some letters from the freshman football team at Santa Cruz High School, giving me an update on how their season was progressing. It brought my mind back to the dog days of August, when I would stand every day on a practice field with a whistle around my neck and sweat on my brow.

Over the summer, I had the opportunity to coach football at my alma mater in Santa Cruz. Because the UCSB school year starts in late September, I only had a few weeks to help out, but I figured those weeks would be great for getting a look at the coaching side of sports. What fun it would be, I thought, to pass on some of my football knowledge to these budding young players just beginning their high school careers.

Yeah, right.

Those "budding young players" gathered for their first practice on a hot August day with their three coaches: myself, Head Coach Booth Wainscoat and clueless assistant Victor Doppee. The three of us had played on the same Santa Cruz team several years ago, a team that finished 1-8-1 on the year. The fact that we all returned to coach shows you the trouble that the football program is in.

From the start, I could tell things would be tough. To begin with, most of the players, guys seven years younger than me, were taller than I was. That's just perfect for establishing authority. "Hey, 10 pushups for swearing," I would say.

"Yessir, squirt," they'd say as they hit the ground.

And that was another problem. Freshmen being what they are — freshmen — were quick to smart off. Very quick.

To wit: We're practicing, or rather, trying to practice our kickoff return team, and our kicker shanks a spiral kickoff about 15 yards. I grimaced. "How the hell do you spiral a kickoff?" I asked him. "Get outta there and let me try."

So I tried to kick off. I hit a spiral about 15 yards. I flinched.

Twenty prepubescent voices in unison: "How the hell do you spiral a kickoff?" Ensuing laughter.

"Take a lap, all of you," I said, asserting my authority.

And then there was Victor Doppee. "Dopey" was more like it. His high-pitched whine was perfect fodder for the players, and

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## Poloists Continue Slide, Lose 2 More

By Bryan Sullivan  
Staff Writer

It was nothing short of a severe letdown this weekend for the UCSB water polo team, losing soundly to Pepperdine on Friday, 13-7, and to USC on Sunday, 13-6. After two dominating victories against Loyola Marymount and Air Force a week ago, things were beginning to look much brighter for the 10th-ranked Gauchos. But UCSB responded by putting forth two of its worst performances in recent memory.

The seventh-ranked Trojans were able to do anything they wanted with the Gauchos yesterday, using an aggressive style of play to complete a three-game season series sweep of Santa Barbara. The Gauchos appeared to be out of sync from the start, much to the dismay of the fans at Campus Pool.

"We just weren't ready to play, it's as simple as that," Head Coach Pete Snyder explained. "It was one of our

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Goalie Matt Flanders gets beat by a USC shot at Campus Pool Saturday, as the Trojans smoked the Gauchos, 13-6, two days after Pepperdine beat UCSB, 13-7.

## SPORTS SLATE

### WEEKEND RESULTS

Women's Volleyball d. CSUN  
15-7, 15-7, 16-18, 15-4

Pepperdine d. Water Polo 13-7  
USC d. Water Polo 13-6

Men's Cross Country placed 10th and  
Women's Cross Country finished 12th at  
Dis. 8 Championships

### THE WEEK AHEAD

| SPORT         | OPPONENT  | DAY   | TIME  | SITE        |
|---------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------------|
| W. Volleyball | NMSU      | Thur. | 7:30  | Rob Gym     |
| M. Basketball | Richmond  | Fri.  | 7:30  | T-Dome      |
| Water Polo    | UC Irvine | Sat.  | 12:00 | Campus Pool |
| W. Volleyball | SJSU      | Sat.  | 7:30  | ECen        |

## CROSS COUNTRY DISTRICT 8 CHAMPIONSHIPS

## Men, Women Regain Respect at District 8 Championships

## Women Close to Goals After 12th-Place Finish

By Mark Gabarra  
Staff Writer

Once again, the UCSB women's cross country team returned home Sunday after a successful weekend venture. However, this weekend's return from the NCAA District 8 Championships in Fresno denotes the last weekend of the cross country season for the Lady Gauchos. But, before the season came to an end, the Gauchos were able to capture a repeat of last year's 12th-place finish.

"I think the team did well," sophomore Laura Hodnett said. "We got 12th place overall, and I think that was good. That was the same as last year, but I think the team improved a lot. We improved a lot over last year and continuously throughout the season. I think things look even better now for next season."

"It was a good way to end (the season)," sophomore Julie Thomas said. "Although some people may not think they ran particularly well, I think it was a good way to end the season. Only one (UCSB) runner last year ran faster than our top five runners this year. I feel real good about the (cross country) team — it's a good team."

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Senior Damian Cappozola and his Gaucho men's cross country teammates finished an up-and-down season with a 10th-place finish at this weekend's District 8 Championships.

## Gauchos Happy After Finishing in 10th Place

By Dan Thoene  
Staff Writer

After nearly losing their pride to a mid-season slump, the UCSB men's cross country team rose to the occasion at the District 8 Championships and regained their respectability by finishing 10th among some of the country's best teams.

Twenty-five teams were invited to the race, of which only 12 decided to enter, due to the high level of competition.

"Tenth out of 13 teams is a little misleading," Santa Barbara Assistant Coach Jeff Jacobs explained. "The teams that know they're going to get worked just don't come."

UCSB beat their season-long rival Cal State Fullerton, who was third in conference, to finish in the top 10 among the nation's best teams.

"Beating Fullerton was no easy task," Jacobs said. "They were ahead of us until the last mile, when Rene (Rigal) pulled through for us and passed their #3 and #4 guys at the finish."

Considering that five of the teams were nationally ranked, and two other teams were probably considered to be in the top 30, 10th place is quite a respectable

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## DINO

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he coached with the effectiveness of a slab of granite. Of course, I didn't help matters any when I dredged up his old high school nickname, "Sphincter."

To top it off, because Victor only knew the receiver and defensive back positions, I was forced to coach the defensive line and running backs, positions I knew next to nothing about. This reduced me to coaching the players while reading from a manual.

"OK, defensive lineman," I would say, reading aloud. "Uhh, Rule #1 — get in a four-point stance. Rule #2 — stay low. Rule #3 — attack the gaps. Got it?"

Blank stares. It was time for Rule #4: When all else fails, throw them some raw meat. Actually, I told them to wrestle for a while, and that seemed to work. Besides, quarterbacks don't normally wear raw meat during games.

Aside from all the less-than-ideal conditions, though, we managed to whip them into a competitive bunch. The key was running, as in disciplinary running. When all else fails, make 'em run. Swearing?

Take a lap. Calling me a midget? Take a lap. Making fun of Victor? I'll buy you a Slurpee after practice.

We had our first game two days before I was to leave for school. I was assigned the dubious task of defensive coordinator, meaning I was the guy to signal in the defenses to the team. I thought things were going OK until midway through the fourth quarter, when the defensive captain came up to me on the sidelines and said, "I finally figured out what that gun signal means. It's the goal-line defense, huh?"

Thanks for clarifying that. If it hadn't been a game, he would've taken a lap.

We ended up losing, 12-6, on blown pass coverage at the end of the game. Bummer. I gave my farewell address to the players after the game, knowing that there would only be Coach Wainscoat and Victor remaining to run the show after I left. I told them to give Coach Wainscoat their utmost respect.

And they have. It turns out that they've done all right, having compiled a winning record. Victor, though, continues to hit on the freshman cheerleaders. No surprise there.

## Lady Netters Impress at Rolex Tournament

By Robert Boller  
Reporter

In its second tournament of the season, the UCSB women's tennis team displayed its exciting talent and determination, setting the precedent for the coming year.

The Gauchos faced a wide array of formidable opponents, yet they rose to the challenge and finished with some impressive results at the Rolex Regional Championships at UC Irvine Saturday.

In singles play, Debbie Goldberger succeeded in reaching the quarterfinals on Saturday by beating Julie Tolberg of USC, 6-3, 6-3. However, she lost a close quarterfinal match to Laura Richards of the University of San Diego, 6-3, 7-5, to end a rewarding week. Goldberger also advanced to the round of 16 with her doubles partner Julie Coakley, before the

duo was eliminated by UCLA's Allegra Millholland and Jenny Baker, 6-2, 6-3.

"Debbie played the way she is capable of playing. She made decisions on her game plan, and executed her plan to a tee," UCSB Head Coach Chris Russell said.

Russell had further praise for Coakley. "Julie's doubles play has improved tremendously and is extremely competitive, especially with Debbie, who is one of the premiere doubles players in the country," he said.

The Gauchos entered the tournament last Wednesday ready to prove that their work ethic would pay off. "These gals love to compete, it's a great sign when you have players who are that keen on competition," Russell said. "We saw some of the better players at Rolex, everyone in our region was there. It was great exposure for our



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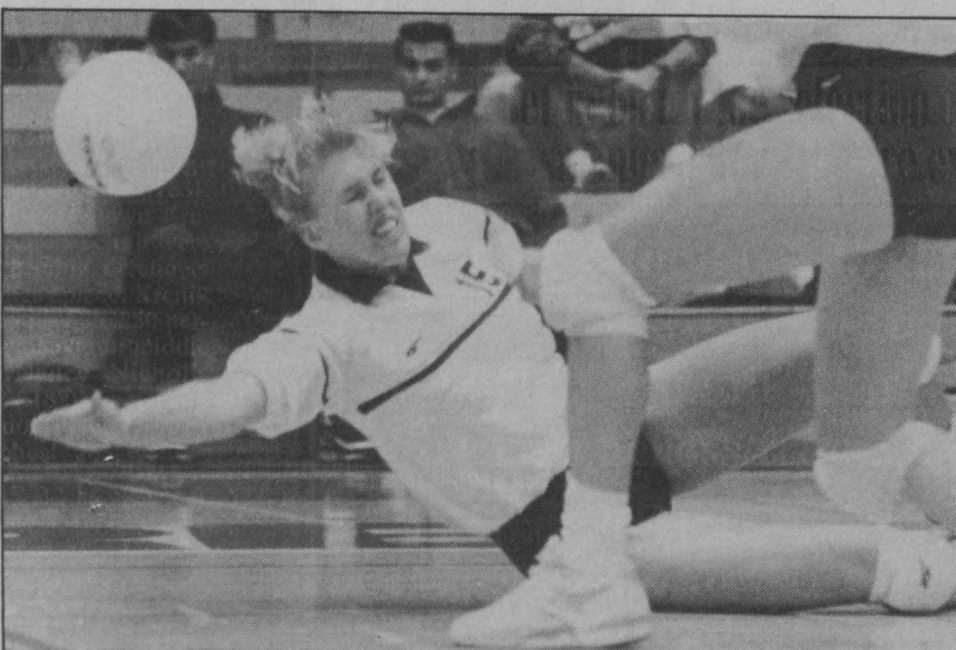
Julie Coakley teamed with Debbie Goldberger to advance to the quarterfinals of this weekend's Rolex Regional Qualifiers.

program."

The rest of the squad showed similar success and promise. In singles, Cathy Petersen, Lin Coakley, Laura Rutledge and Courtney Strauss all won matches earlier in the

week before being eliminated. In doubles, Rutledge and Susie Drage also had a first-round victory.

"Our team has a lot of character," Russell said. "This is going to be an exciting year."



DAVID ROSEN/Daily Nexus

Junior outside hitter Julie Pitois had a good night Friday with 17 kills, but the Gauchos struggled to find their rhythm in their four-game victory over Northridge.

## WIN: Women Start Match Slowly

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"We relaxed in game three and that gave them confidence, and then they started believing in themselves," Gregory said. "We had no serve in that game and we were a step slow. It seems that whenever we're supposed to beat a team, we can't put them away."

"We definitely have to be more motivated when we play these teams we're supposed to beat," UCSB junior outside hitter Kristie Ryan added. "Our level of play should've been a lot higher."

Pitois led the Gauchos once again with 17 kills, but wasn't as effective as in recent matches with just a .196 hitting percentage. Ryan added 16 kills (.295)

and 19 digs.

After three solid matches, middle blocker Ana Elisa Franca struggled to put down 10 kills at just a .179 percentage. The Gauchos were actually outblocked by the Matadors, 7-6.

"Our middle was nowhere to be found," Gregory said. "Ana wasn't ready to play and (junior middle blocker) Tina (Van Loon) didn't have enough kills. Our middle is in a funk right now."

UCSB freshman outside hitter Heather Collins continued her strong play with 16 kills at a .375 clip, while also adding a match-high 20 digs.

"Heather is improving with every game," Gregory said. "She is playing great

defense right now."

Freshman Missy Clements led Northridge (12-14) with 20 kills (.183). Outside hitters Dawn Krenik and Karen Scholl were CSUN's leading defenders with 15 digs apiece. Krenik added 18 kills at a .250 percentage while junior middle blocker Nancy Nicholls added 12 (.182). As a team, the Matadors hit just .190 to the Gauchos' .263.

NOTES:

Although senior Stephanie Cox started the match as the Gauchos' setter, freshman Chrissy Boehle shared time at that spot as well. Boehle set games two and three while Cox set games one and four... Pitois added four block assists to lead Santa Barbara... UCSB will play its final two Big West Conference matches this week against New Mexico State on Thursday and San Jose State on Saturday. Both matches are at home.

# WOMEN

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After a season of working on their strategy, the Lady Gauchos finally feel that they have followed their plan exactly how Head Coach Jim Triplett drew it up.

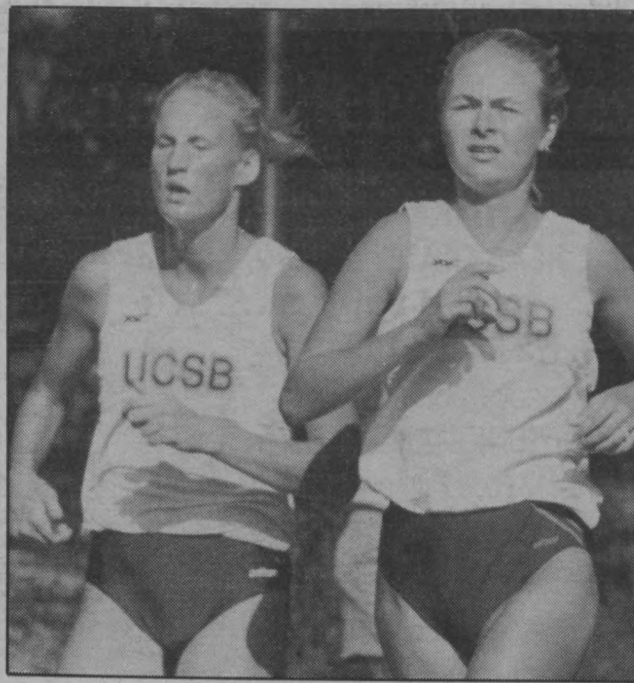
"Our top five finished within 19 seconds of each other," freshman Heidi Bloom said. "That's the way our coach wants us to run, in a pack. And that's the first race where we ran that way. They really followed the race plan."

"I think they held together real well — they ran as a pack real well," freshman Kristen von Teuber said of her team's performance. "I was very proud of them. I think they ran (strong) against the caliber of athletes that were (at

the District 8 Championships). With our team being so young, I think we handled ourselves real well. There is a lot of talent and a lot of us have the drive to make this a good program. Also starting so young as a team, we will spend a lot of time together and grow as a team."

"I was happy (with the way I ran)," freshman Beckie Levy said about her 19-minute finish at Fresno. "I was kind of bummed that I didn't break 19 minutes, but 19 flat — that's alright. I think we gained a lot of experience because the other teams were so awesome. So I think it was good that we gained this experience. It will help us for the years to come."

Thomas said that the performance will also carry over for her and for her teammates.



Eva Mattson (right) and Laura Hodnett helped the women's cross country team to a respectable 12th-place.

# MEN

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accomplishment.

"This was probably the most competitive meet I've seen in the six years I've been here," Jacobs said. "The times were much tighter and deeper than last year. For instance, UC Irvine had a much stronger team this year, but still finished in the same place as last year (sixth)."

The Pac-10 dominated the meet, as Arizona finished first with 58 points, followed by Washington, Washington St. and Oregon. The top finisher of the meet was Josephat Kapkory from Washington St., with a time of 30:11 on the 10,000 meter course.

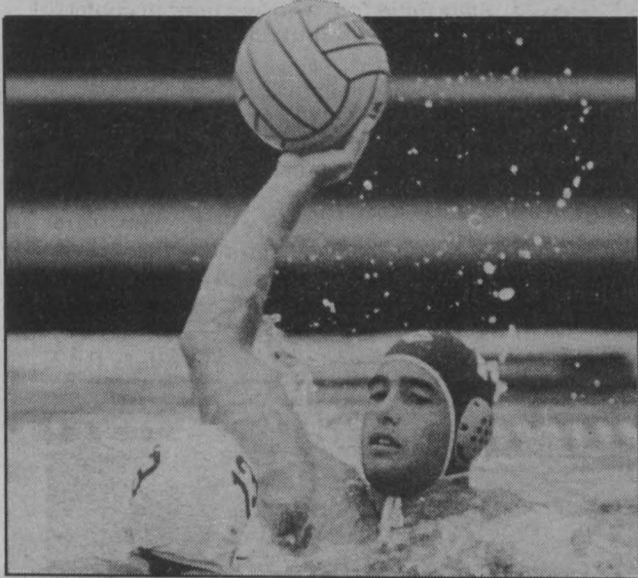
Junior Bill Aronson was the top Gaucho runner, finishing 51st with a time of

32:20. Senior Bryan MacMillan was close behind with a 32:25 mark, followed by seniors Damian Cappozola and Don Patti, at 32:37 and 32:42, respectively.

Sophomores Rigal and Paul Goodrich posted times of 32:51 and 33:41, and freshman Matt Taylor came in at 35:07.

"Everybody put out the race of their lives, for everything that has happened lately," Patti commented. "Most teams would've given up on our season, but we pulled together as a team and put out all that we could."

The District 8 Championships mark the end of the season for the Gauchos, as only the top three teams move on to the National Championships in Arizona next week. But they did successfully redeem their fifth-place conference finish two weeks ago.



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Junior Tom Cernier looks to pass against USC Saturday. The Gauchos were routed by the Trojans, 13-6, two days after losing to conference foe Pepperdine, 13-7.

# ROUT

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worst performances of the year and I am extremely disappointed. Maybe the team was too excited about winning two games last weekend that they just forgot about this weekend's games."

The Trojans outscored the Gauchos in the first period, 4-1, and held a commanding lead at the half, 7-2. It wasn't until the middle of the third period, when the Trojans were leading 9-2, that the Gauchos began to make a run for it.

Three unanswered goals by Adam Estabrook, Mark Cornish and Tom Cernier brought the Gauchos to within four goals of the lead,

9-5. But the Trojans had no problem maintaining the dominance they showed for most of the game and went on to an easy victory, 13-6.

In last Friday afternoon's conference match, the Waves also completed a three-game sweep of the Gauchos this season, with a disheartening 13-7 victory. With the loss, Santa Barbara fell to a dismal 1-8 in Big West Conference play (11-19 overall) — a far cry from last year's 9-1 conference championship.

The Gauchos started off the match with much aggressive defense and offense, and only trailed the second-ranked Waves 2-1 at the end of the first period. But the Waves quickly turned the tide and jumped out to a three-goal lead by

the half, 4-1. Pepperdine dominated Santa Barbara during the third period as well, outscoring the Gauchos 4-1 and widening the lead to 8-2.

But Santa Barbara tried to get themselves back into the game in the fourth period, moving the ball effectively on offense and scoring five goals. However, Pepperdine continued to take advantage of the Gauchos' weak defensive transition play, and added five goals of its own to seal the 13-7 victory. Junior driver Tony Litwak led the Gauchos offensively with two goals.

"We started off playing really well against Pepperdine," Litwak explained. "But we suffered defensively — especially on our

— " "We weren't ready to play ... it's as simple as that."  
Pete Snyder  
UCSB head coach

— " "defensive transition play. Pepperdine just had it together and we didn't. We just didn't have our heads in the game and we lost the game because of that."  
"Everyone is pretty bummed out," Litwak added. "When you play as good as we did last weekend and see what your team is capable of, and (then) play like we did this weekend, it's very disappointing."

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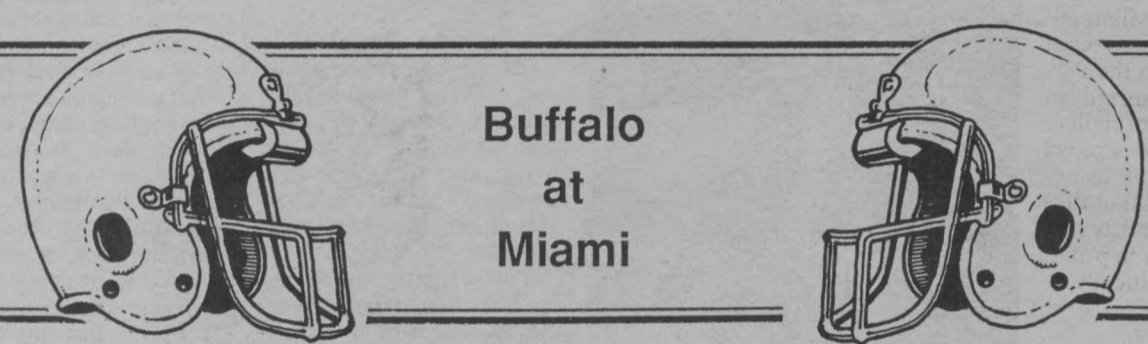
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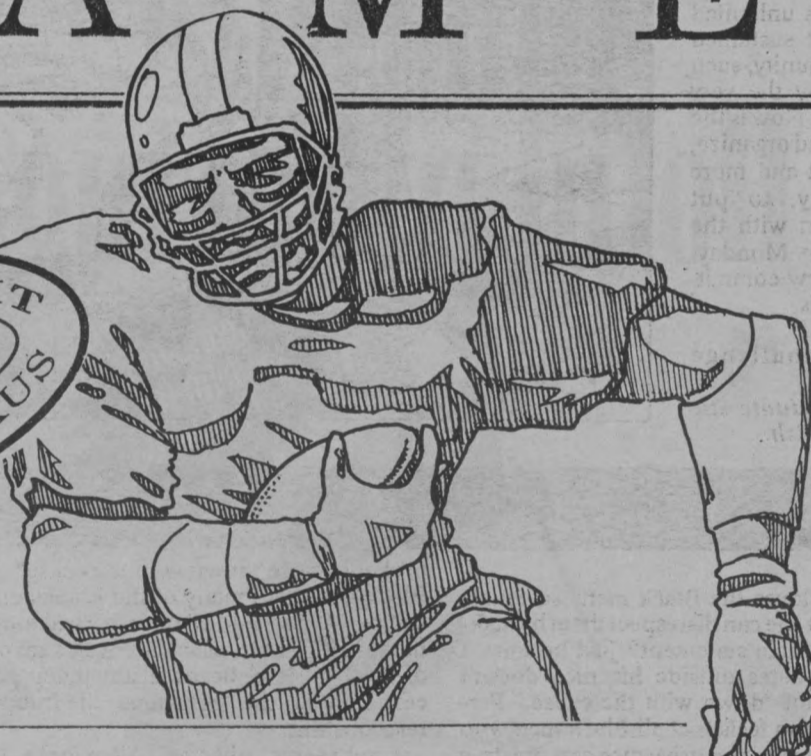
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