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Santa Barbara's Weekend Doesn't Pan Out Vs. LBSU 49ers

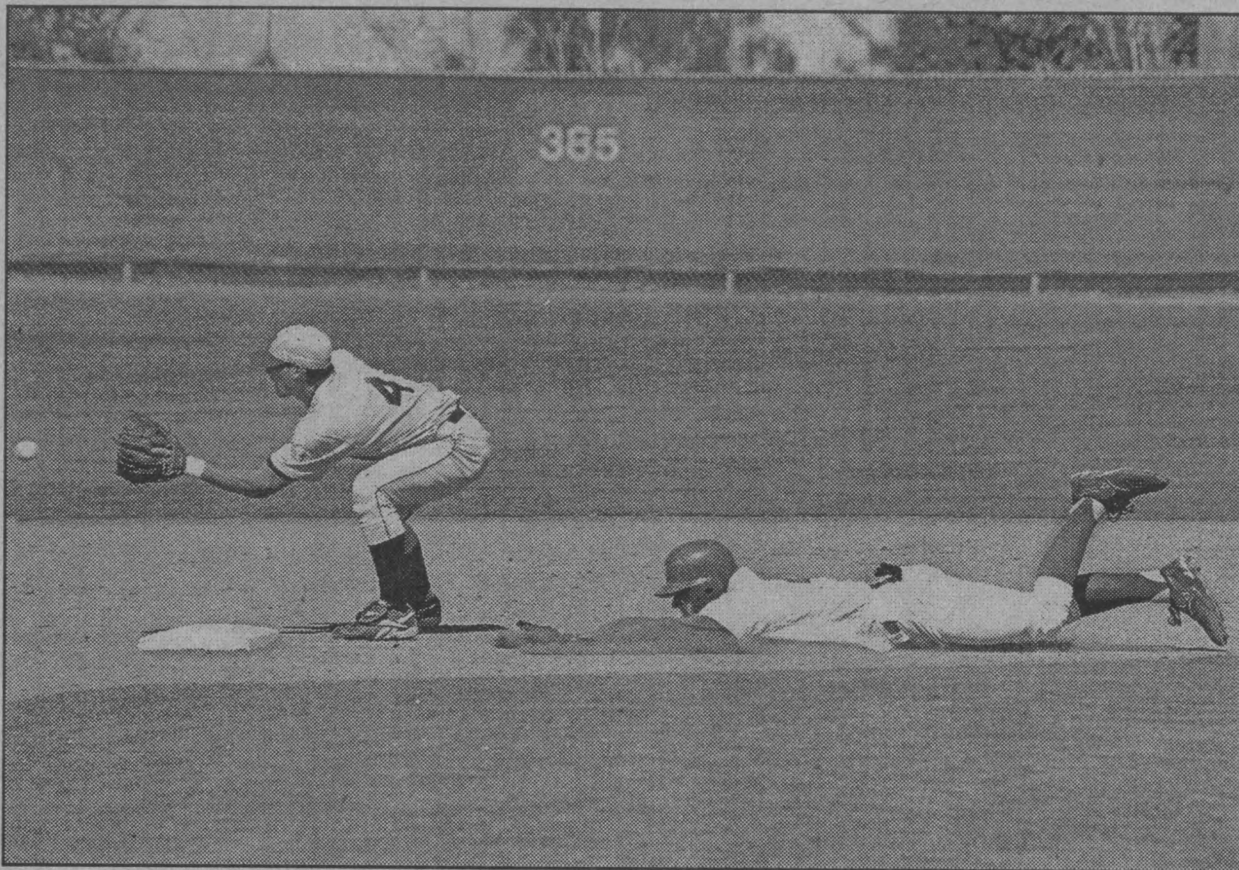
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The UCSB baseball team was sifted and panhandled this past weekend like bits of gold, while the Long Beach State 49ers were left saying, "Eureka!" as they found themselves winning two games from the Gauchos in a three-game series at Blair Field in Long Beach.

Santa Barbara (21-18 overall, 9-9 in the Big West) faced 49er ace Mike Gallo, who was 7-0 with a 1.95 ERA prior to this series on Friday. However, UCSB was able to overtake Long Beach (20-17, 10-7) in a 4-3 victory thanks to the strong pitching of its own ace, senior David Uris. Uris threw for eight innings and gave up only one earned run on just three hits, while walking two and whiffing six 49ers. Uris is now 5-4 on the year.

"Uris pitched as well as he has in any game for us," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "He's come up in many big games in the past, but this was definitely the biggest. As a team, we executed well and for the most part ran the bases well."

UCSB was the first to strike from the plate, scoring in the fourth when senior



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BROKEN SLIDE: Senior first baseman Bryan LaCour broke his hand in Friday's 4-3 Gaucho win in Long Beach and will possibly be out for the rest of the season. UCSB lost the remaining two games of the weekend series.

right fielder Brad Wright drove in sophomore shortstop Jeff Bannon on a ground out. In the fifth inning of action, Bannon would drive in a run of his own as senior center fielder Jim Alderete crossed the plate on a Bannon single, upping the score to 2-0. Alderete finished 3-3 from the dish with two

doubles.

"All the credit goes to Uris and [Chris] Quiroz," Alderete said. "I just tried to look for my pitches and contribute to the team any way I could."

With Santa Barbara leading 4-1 in the ninth, freshman righty Quiroz emerged from the Gaucho bullpen to

close the game. Quiroz gave up two runs on two hits in the final inning, but the 49er offense could do no further damage as he shut the door for his ninth save of the season. Quiroz's nine saves is a new UCSB school record, surpassing John Minton's previous record set back in 1996.

Despite the win, the Gauchos lost senior first baseman Bryan LaCour to injury. LaCour, who leads the team with 48 RBIs, broke his hand while diving into first base after a bunt attempt.

With the loss of LaCour, the Gauchos lacked their offensive firepower and were

shut out 7-0 by 49er pitcher Kasey Olenberger on Saturday. Olenberger (3-1) pitched a complete game, walked two and gave up only three hits against the Gauchos.

"It was a case of us running into a hot pitcher today," Brontsema said. "We hit some hard balls but couldn't find any holes."

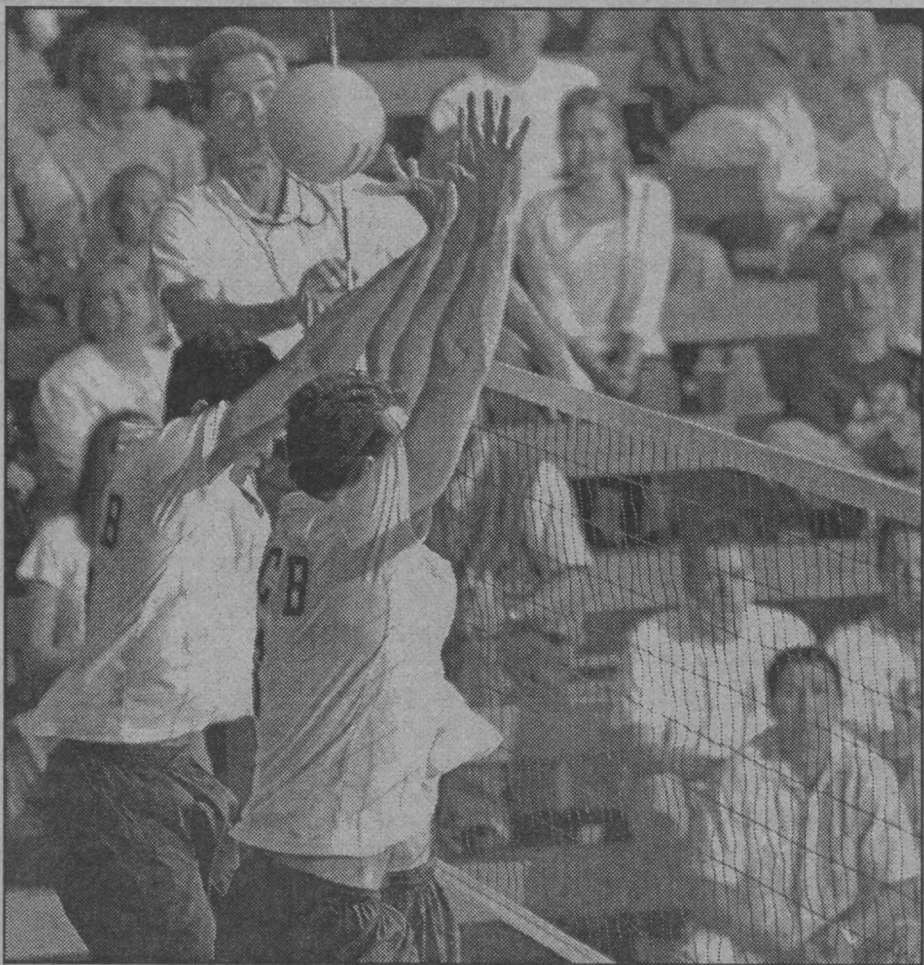
Conversely, Santa Barbara starting junior pitcher Gabe Neboyia gave up four runs on seven hits in five innings of work. Bannon, Alderete, and sophomore third baseman Dave Molidor were the only Gauchos to reach base against Olenberger.

Long Beach's offense was fueled by third baseman Greg Dobbs, first baseman Jaime Leal and right fielder Jeff Jones. Dobbs and Leal each finished 2-5 from the plate with two RBIs apiece. Jones went 2-3 with one ribbie.

In Sunday's rubbermatch, UCSB was unable to bounce back from Saturday's shut-out, suffering a 17-5 defeat. The Gauchos committed four errors in the loss, while Long Beach committed none.

49er batters scorched five

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TIPPED: The Gauchos were defeated in four games by the Cal State Northridge Matadors to end their regular season on Friday night.

Sporting Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No events scheduled.	Women's tennis vs. CSUF 2 p.m. Baseball vs. USC 2 p.m.	Women's tennis Big West Championships @ Ojai all day	Men's gymnastics @ U of Nebraska 7:30 p.m. Women's gymnastics @ Utah Men's tennis Big West Championships @ Ojai all day	Baseball vs. CSUF 2 p.m.	Baseball vs. CSUF 1 p.m. Softball vs. Santa Clara 12 p.m.	Baseball vs. CSUF 1 p.m.

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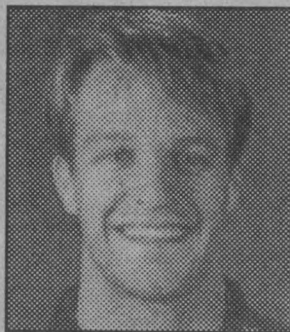
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In a season marred by inconsistency, the UCSB men's volleyball team's most recent loss to Cal State Northridge last Friday night has the Gauchos looking to next year.

Santa Barbara (9-15 overall, 5-14 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) lost to the Matadors in four games — 15-8, 13-15, 7-15, and 9-15 — to end its season in sixth place in the MPSF's Mountain Division. The Gauchos have not had much luck in four-game matches this year, suffering nine losses and only one win. UCSB concluded its season with a four-game losing streak.

Northridge entered the match losers of 13 in a row, giving Santa Barbara a solid opportunity to finish off the year on a positive note. However, Northridge (3-21, 2-17) dominated the

Gauchos in blocks (16-11), digs (47-41) and hitting percentage (.317-.273). Santa Barbara has a penchant for fast starts, and it did so against the Matadors, taking the first game



Kevin Collins

behind a blistering team hitting percentage of .462. UCSB managed 22 kills and only four hitting errors in the first game.

In game two the Gauchos were not as fortunate, as Northridge caught fire behind freshman outside hitter Eckhard Walter. Santa Barbara's hitting efficiency dropped to .277, while the

Matadors increased their hitting percentage to .370.

"Our game broke down," freshman outside hitter Joaquin Acosta said. "We didn't have the same intensity after we won the first game. We weren't the same team after the first game. We made a lot of errors."

The Gauchos could not regain any momentum in game three, losing 15-7, as Northridge's hitting barrage continued to improve, which gave the Matadors a 2-1 game advantage. UCSB's attack worsened in game four, managing just 16 kills and 10 hitting errors on 42 swings, translating into a .143 hitting percentage and ultimately Santa Barbara's 15th loss of the season.

"Flat out, we didn't play well," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "In the third and fourth games we didn't block well. Our middle attack was poor. We

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VOLLEY

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were unable to connect from the middle. We couldn't dig Eckhard Walter; we just couldn't stop him. They played well. After we lost the second game, it gave them confidence. They wanted it more than we did. It was a tough year."

Santa Barbara had four players with 10 or more kills, led by junior outside hitter Kevin Collins' 38. Fellow junior outside hitter Rick Rauth led the team in digs with 11, and he added 12 kills to post a double-double. Junior middle blocker Luke Carlson had a good offensive night at the net, putting down 12 kills on 22 attempts, good enough for a team-leading .545 hitting percentage. However, UCSB had 15 service errors in the match, compared to

the Matadors' total of nine.

Northridge depended heavily on Walter, who was a force all night and tallied a staggering 41 kills — an average of just over 10 kills per game — while the rest of the Matadors had 40 combined. The only other Northridge player to have a double-digit kill total was junior middle blocker Adam Black, who had 11. Walter also hit .538, had two service aces and made five digs. Senior outside hitter Mark Lee had 20 digs to aid the Matadors' defensive efforts, which included four assisted blocks at the net.

"[Northridge] wasn't that good; we just had problems getting motivated," said freshman outside hitter Andy Rivera, who had three kills on four attempts. "We didn't do anything well and we handed them the match. It was not a fun game to watch."



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NOSEDIVE: Freshman Joaquin Acosta and the rest of the UCSB men's volleyball team lost their final five matches of the 1999 season to finish the year with a 9-15 overall record, not quite good enough for a spot in the playoffs.

Men's volleyball Year in Review this week in Nexus Sports.

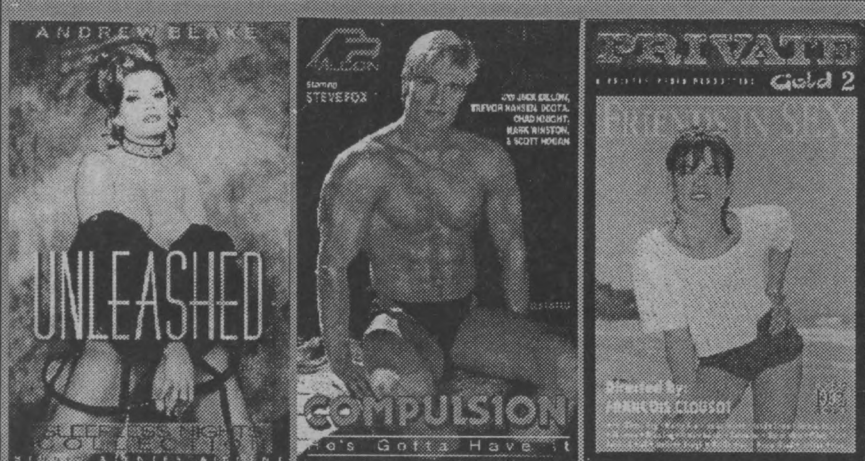
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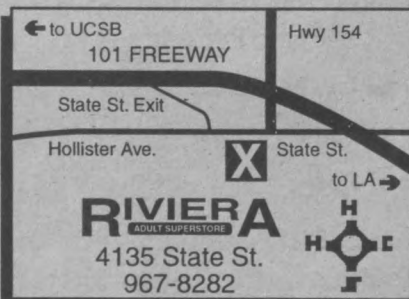
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different Gaucho pitchers for 16 hits. Junior Matt Dailey (1-2) was the starter on the mound and pitched two innings after giving up three earned runs on five hits.

The game was tight at 4-3 after three innings with the Gauchos down. However, the 49er half of the fourth proved to be the death knell for Santa Barbara, as the Beach shelled out 11 hits in that inning alone, moving ahead of UCSB 15-3.

"We didn't play very well today," Brontsema said.

"The game began badly and we were not able to turn things around."

Santa Barbara would score two more runs in the seventh, but could do little



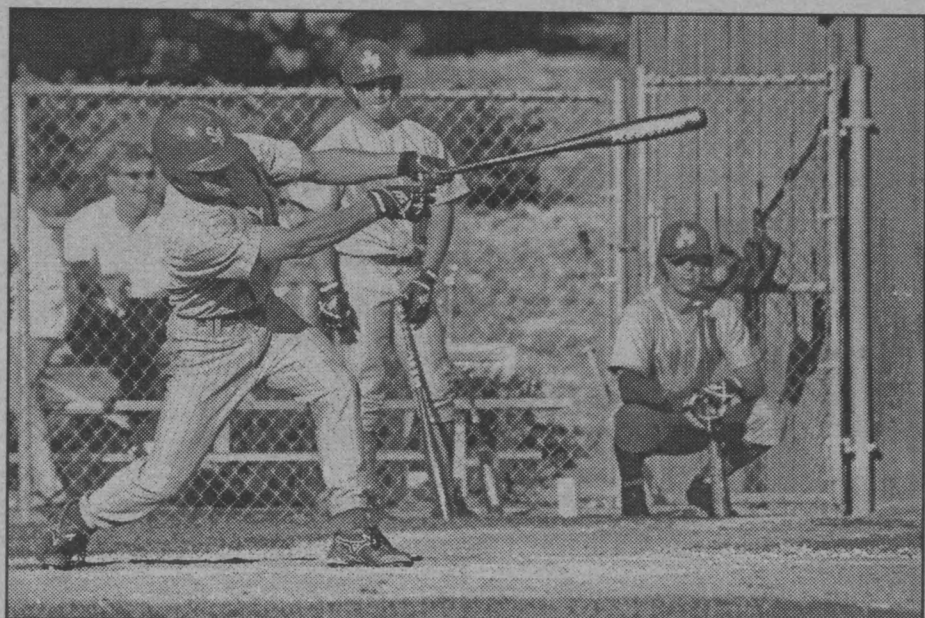
David Uris

else. Sophomore second baseman Chad Peshke finished the day 2-3 with a home run and two RBIs. Wright went 2-4 with one

ribbie while senior designated hitter Ryan Baderian also went 2-4. Senior catcher Gene Lenzi and freshman first baseman Tyler Von Schell each drove in one run.

Leal had only one appearance at the plate for Long Beach, but he made it count — going yard for a three-run dinger. Second baseman Scott Redfox had a 3-6 day with four RBIs and two doubles. Dobbs finished 3-4 with two RBIs, and Jones hit 2-4 with four RBIs.

UCSB will next face the USC Trojans in a rematch Tuesday afternoon at 2 at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.



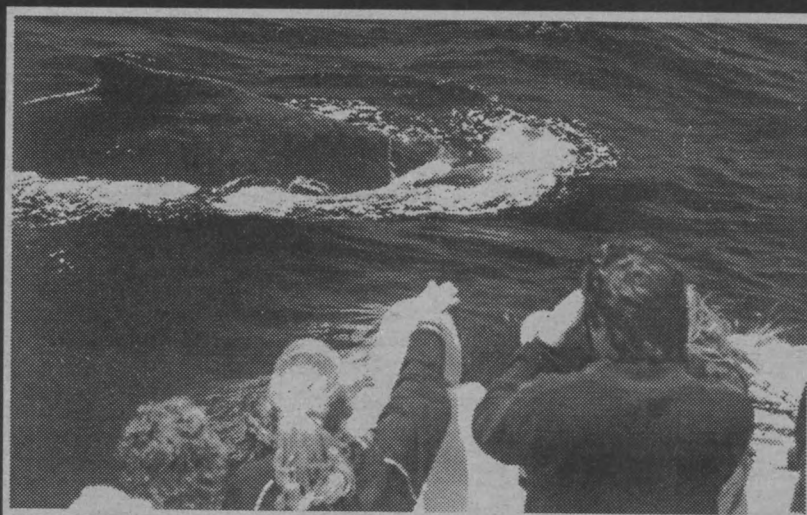
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DON'T MESS WITH BILL: Junior catcher Bill Duplissee and UCSB dropped two out of three games over the weekend. LBSU outscored UCSB 27-9 in the three-game series.

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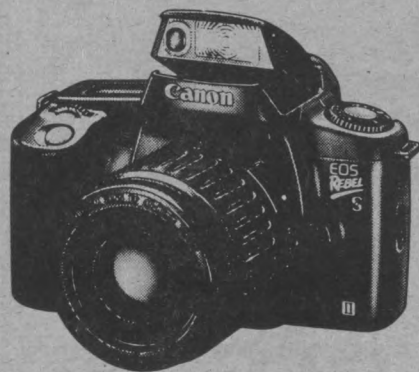
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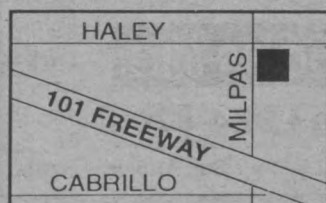
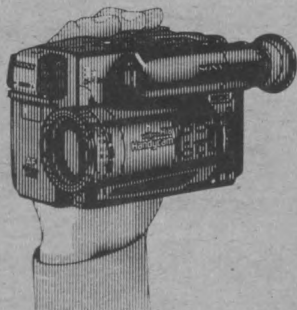


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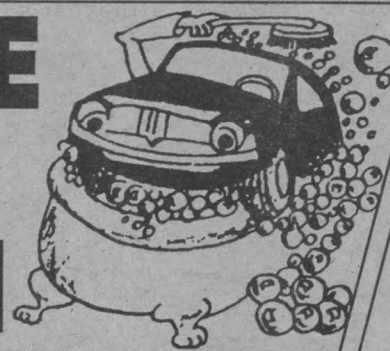
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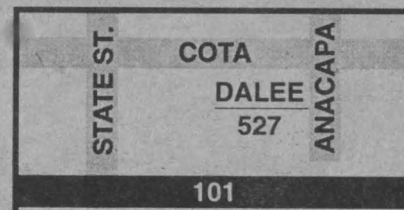


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