The Latest Line...

A weekly look at the sports world!

act of the week: After scoring over 140 points in its first two games, the #4 Ohio State Buckeye football team is currently averaging more points than the 1996 UCSB men's basketball

• Prepare to rock. After a one-year hiatus, ESPN has announced that they will return to the Thunderdome to televise the Feb. 13 game against Pacific. Start saving your blue tortillas.

• More Pacific: Someone please explain how the Tigers volleyball team upset #2 Stanford and then dropped a four-game match against perennial cupcake Sacramento State. Leading the way for the Hornets was ex-Gaucho Jill Haas, who tallied 31 kills.

· With the departure of San Jose State (men's ba-sketball), UNLV (base-ball) and the University of Hawai'i (women's basketball and volleyball) to the WAC, the Big West has no returning champions in its marquee sports.

• Step down. After hosting Michael Jordan's Flight School Camp this sum-mer, UCSB will now host the Los Angeles Clippers' training camp. The true question is whether Jordan and four campers could top the Clips.

• Former Atlanta Falcons Head Coach Jerry Glanville has as much business in the broadcasting booth as his old run-and-shoot offense does in the NFL

• The #16 women's volleyball team is loaded with young talent this year -Head Coach Kathy Gregory's starting lineup consists of three sophomores and three freshmen. Can you imagine the lineup when junior Jennifer Stroffe returns from her knee injury? Kind of makes us wish we were on

 Freshman phenom Roberta Gehlke, who leads the team in kills, has tallied 20 or more kills in six matches so far this season. To go out on a limb ... she's our pick for Big West

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Young Santa Barbara Squad Scorched by #3 Golden Bears

■ Experienced Cal Water Polo Team Hurts Gauchos 14-5

By Brian Arbour Staff Writer

The youthful UCSB men's water polo team saw exactly the importance that experience plays on Sunday, as Santa Barbara was defeated 14-5 by #3 UC Berkeley at Campus

The 14th-ranked Gauchos, a team consist-ing of 15 freshmen and only two returning star-ters, was hit with the ob-stacle of an experienced Cal squad. The Golden Bears (4-1 overall, 2-0 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) made few mistakes while making sure the Gauchos paid for their own as Santa Barbara fell to a record of 0-8

"The biggest factor in this game is that we missed our shots and made mistakes. They're more exper-

ienced," said UCSB Head Coach Joe O'Brien. "We made mistakes and they were able to capitalize."

Santa Barbara fell behind early as Cal's Rikki Krumins found the back of the net to put the Bears up 1-0. UCSB had a chance to answer on a six-on-five against Cal, but the Golden Bears were still able to capture one of their four first-period goals.

The Gauchos, who were held scoreless in the first quarter, didn't allow themselves the same fate in the second period. Sophomore driver Ryan Peddycord converted a six-on-five to trim Cal's lead to 6-1 at the half.

The second half proved to be just as damaging for UCSB, with the Bears adding four goals in both the third and fourth periods. Leading the way for Cal was Krumins and Pat Cochran, who each finished

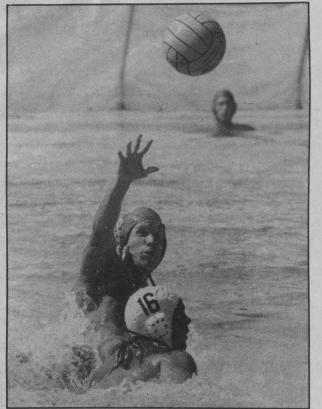
with three goals. Former Santa Barbara High School standout Brad Kittredge also added a goal.

Peddycord, the team's leading scorer on the season, became one of the few bright spots for the Gauchos during the game. The sophomore was the bulk of the team's offense, with two goals on the day, including one for a two-point score — his sixth of the season. Santa Barbara's other goal came from freshman Chris Dornin in the third quarter.

Sophomore goalie Aaron Withrow kept the score from benefiting Cal any further with his twelve saves for the game.

According to Peddy-cord, one of the more positive aspects that can be taken by such a loss came from the toughness of this Gaucho squad.

"They're way bigger than us. And physically we



OUCH!: Despite a hand on his throat, sophomore driver Ryan Peddycord fires off a shot against Cal.

played even with them,"

Although the Gauchos have had a rough beginning, the team appears ready to become even more competitive.

"We had a pretty shaky start, but we're getting better every game. I think we're at the level now where we can start picking up some wins," said

UCSB Spikers Dominate Cal Poly, Remain Perfect in League Games

By Yier Shi Staff Writer

The UCSB women's volleyball team is beginning to enjoy the new-look Big West Conference the Gauchos won their second-straight league game Saturday at Cal Poly

San Luis Obispo.

Coming off a secondplace finish last year behind top-ranked University of Hawai'i, the #16 Gauchos (10-3 overall, 2-0 in the Big West) now look to capture the league crown after Hawai'i made its move to the Western Athletic Conference.

Against the Mustangs (8-4, 1-1), Santa Barbara was able to outlast its opponent in a three-set sweep (15-11, 15-12

15-8). "The match was pretty well played by both teams," said UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory. "We were very consistent

in our play." The Gauchos were led by freshman outside hitter Roberta Gehlke, who finished the game with 18 kills and 18 digs despite having a slight knee injury.

"A couple of girls had to play hurt," said Gregory. "Fortunately, we had a lot of depth for the match that was the difference. We were lucky to get out with a 3-0 score.'

The other player battling injury is sophomore middle blocker Katie Crawford, who is nursing a sore right arch.

Crawford was replaced by sophomore Hilary Gunsaulus in the middle of the third game after recording 13 kills at .400 percent. Gunsaulus responded with two solo



Katie Crawford

blocks and two kills. "Our energy level wasn't very high for the game," said Gunsaulus. "We didn't play too well, but we didn't play too bad either."

Crawford said she is expected to miss the next

"It doesn't look like I'm going to play against UCLA," she said. "My foot was really sore at the end of the game. Hilary went in and played pretty well."

UCSB did get some good news from the injury front as junior setter Maile Mortensen played for the first time after recovering from back spasms.

Mortensen entered the match midway through the second game and recorded 17 assists. Freshman Vicki Viso, who has

started in her place, added

Sophomore Tania Yamashita, who started her second game at outside hitter, set a career high with 20 digs in the game. She also contributed two kills and seven assists.

"It was actually an off night for me," said Ya-mashita. "I had a slow start. My passing wasn't great, but I got to touch the ball a lot."

Cal Poly was led by so-

phomore Trisha Jenssen, who tallied 12 kills. Senior Colleen Moro also contributed 11 kills, 13 digs and five blocks.

The victory was the fifth in a row for Santa Barbara over San Luis Obispo in their annual match.

This was the first Big West Conference match between the two teams since the 1989 season, when the Mustangs made a brief appearance in the conference.

UCSB will play UCLA at Pauley Pavilion tomorrow before continuing its quest for a Big West title against Cal State Fullerton this Friday at the Thunderdome.

The Bruins have had their way with Santa Barbara in recent years, winning the last three meetings dating back to Oct. 28, 1987. UCLA owns the all-time series with a commanding 32-4 record over the Gauchos in regularseason play.

the seven-year plan. Freshman of the Year.

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Thursday Friday

Volleyball vs. CSUF at 7:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. UCLA at 7 p.m.

Saturday Volleyball vs. UCI at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Women's Soccer vs. USC at 3 p.m. Men's Soccer vs.

CSUN at 6 p.m.

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Wednesday

CELEBRATE: Hilary Gunsaulus (left) was instru-

mental off the bench in the sweep over Cal Poly SLO.

UCSB Soccer Update

Men Shock Mustangs;

Women Tumble Twice

The UCSB men's soccer team enjoyed its biggest

The win was the first in five games for the Gauchos,

Junior Danny Mann scored the game's lone goal,

which came 41 minutes into the contest. Santa Bar-

win of the season on Friday, beating #6 Southern

Methodist University 1-0 in Dallas, Texas, at the SMU

who improved their record to 2-5-1 on the year.

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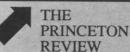
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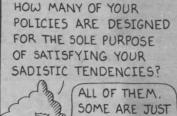
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Continued from p.1A Looking at the Baltimore Ravens' uniforms, you kind of get the feeling that they look and play more like a World League team than an NFL team.

• The UCSB men's basketball program is currently recruiting and hosting many hot and talented high school prospects from all over California.

· Any die-hard Gaucho fans willing to take part in the festivities should bring their cash and/or new car Nugent

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Continued from p.1A bara had been shut out in its past four games.

Freshman goalkeeper Trenton Ulicny, who is playing in place of injured sophomore Stewart Sanders this season, was remarkable in front of the net, making six saves on

SMU outshot the Gauchos 18-4, with two of UCSB's shots on goal coming from Mann, and the other two via senior Ryan Schomberg.

Women

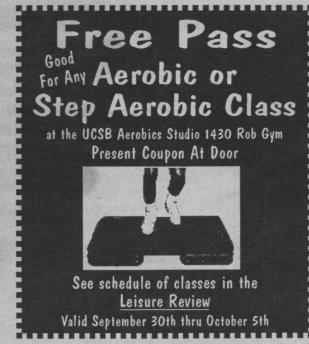
The UCSB women's soccer team dropped both of its games this weekend, losing to UC Irvine 1-0 on Friday at home and to Cal State Fullerton 4-0 on the road Sunday.

The two losses lower Santa Barbara's record to 2-7-1 on the year.

In Sunday's matchup, the Titans outshot the Gauchos 17-7 and had 12 corner kicks compared to UCSB's four.

The Irvine game was much closer, with the Anteaters only putting up eight shots on goal compared to Santa Barbara's six. However, a breakaway goal by Irvine's Nicole Bucciarelli 48 minutes into the match proved to be the difference.

-Steve Large





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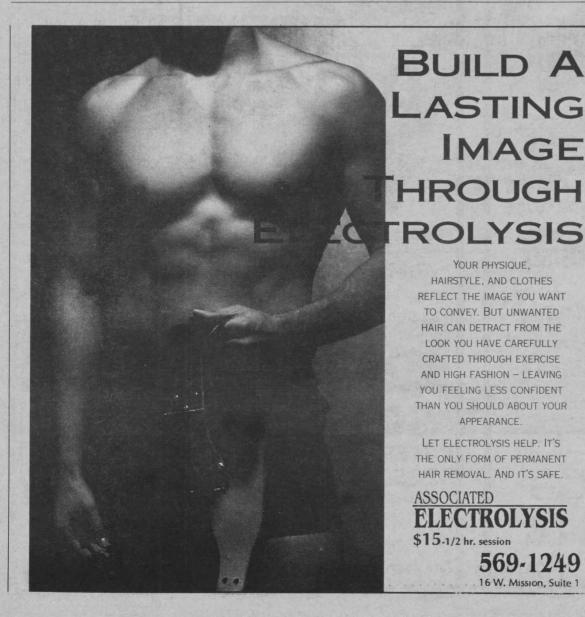
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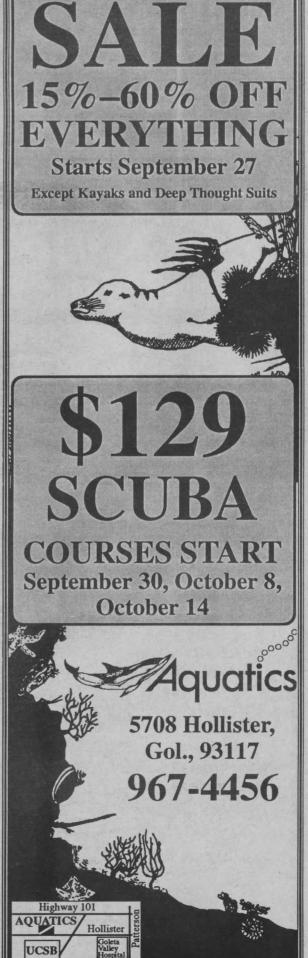
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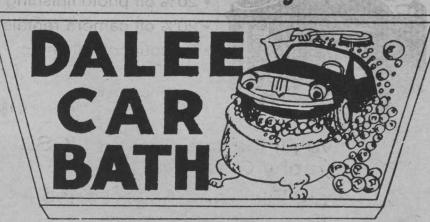
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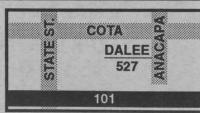
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