

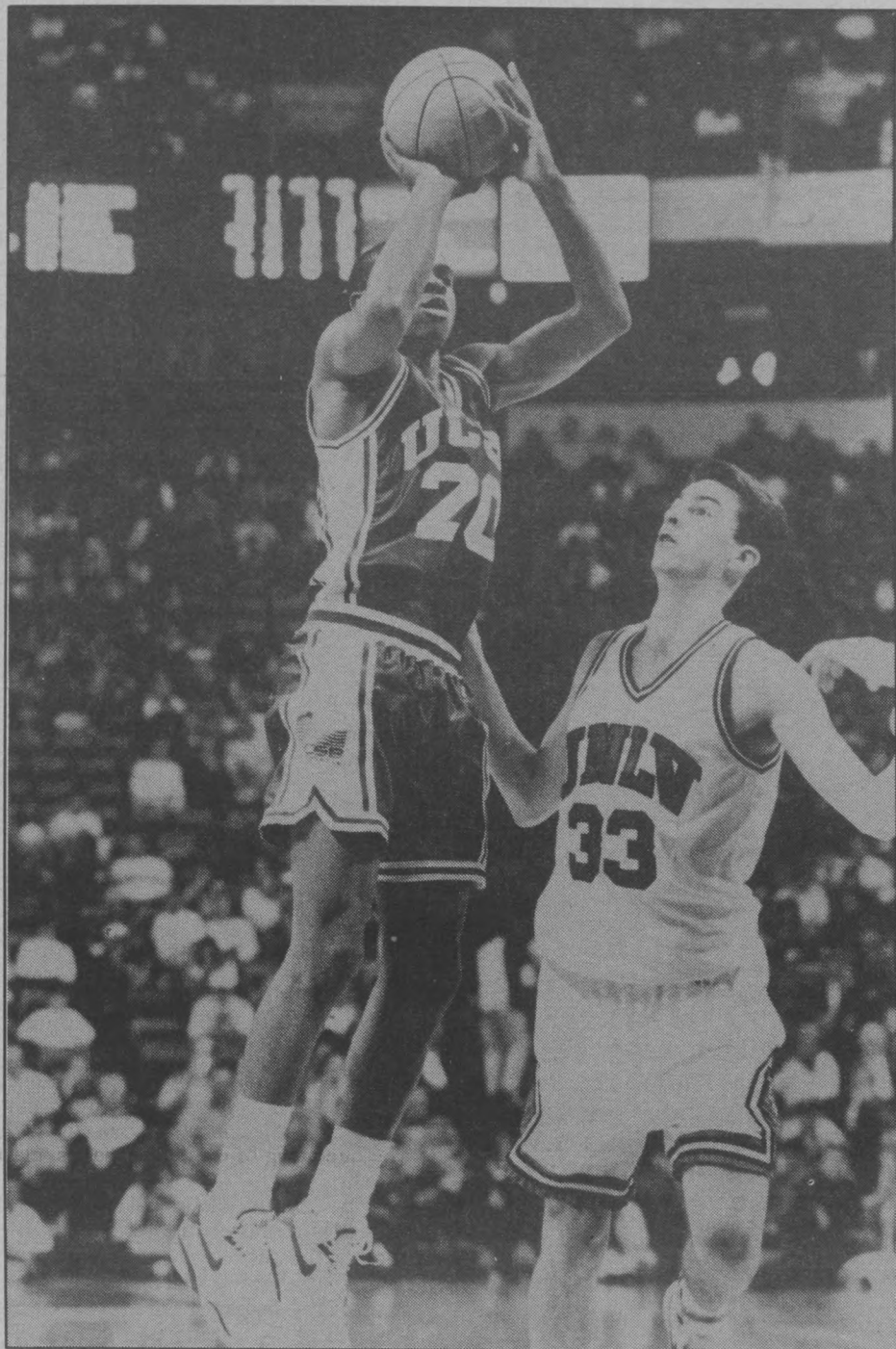
SPORTS MONDAY

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Gauchos Crap Out, Lose Big at Vegas



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THE OPEN J: Freshman guard J.J. Polk saw his first court time in three weeks Saturday, playing four minutes. Polk had been sidelined with an ankle injury.

Rider's 31 Points Leads Runnin' Rebels to Victory, 82-69; SB Slips to Seventh Place

By Scott McPherson
Staff Writer

LAS VEGAS, Nev.— The city of Las Vegas, dotted with grandiose buildings in which out-of-towners gather to partake in frenzied games of chance, usually sends its visitors home as losers.

This weekend was no different, as the UCSB men's basketball team came out on the losing end of a 82-69 decision to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in front of 14,218 fans at the Thomas and Mack Center.

Santa Barbara (11-7 overall, 4-6 Big West) had Lady Luck on its side early in the contest, leading by four points with 4:16 remaining in the first half. However, the Gauchos rolled nothing but craps the rest of the way, as the Runnin' Rebels of UNLV (14-2, 7-2) scored the next 16 points to coast to victory.

"We just didn't have it those last four minutes," UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said. "It should have been an even game at the half. We really buckled under. We just played horribly those last four minutes. We didn't keep our poise. It really wasn't anything the Rebels did — we just collapsed."

One thing the Rebels did do was run, although it took them a few minutes to find their fast-paced attack. Coming off a loss Thursday at Pacific, UNLV began Saturday's contest faltering on offense, allowing UCSB to dictate a slow pace to the game. The Gauchos went out to a 13-9 lead on Idris Jones' jump shot with six minutes elapsed, but UNLV quickly found its run-and-gun style and began to speed it up. The Rebels proceeded to score on a trio of layups to key an 8-0 run and go up by two points.

"I thought we were somewhat lethargic early on," UNLV Head Coach Rollie Massamino said, "but we stepped up and made it our tempo kind of game."

"They wanted to create tempo, and when they create tempo like that, we've

got to do something to combat that," Massamino added.

The Gauchos were able to hold their own for the next several minutes, as freshman Chris Ford nailed a 10-foot jumper to open a 23-19 UCSB lead with 4:14 remaining in the half. But the Rebels soon held all the cards, with forward J.R. Rider dealing out seven points in three minutes to send the teams to the break with UNLV up 30-23.

"They forced the tempo, they got the tempo, and they got the lead," Pimm said. "We had to take shots quicker than we wanted to and the game obviously got out of hand."

The game did indeed get out of hand for the Gauchos. A three-pointer from Dexter Boney gave the Rebels a 12-point lead two minutes into the second half, and Rider went to work from there. The 6-foot-5, 215 pound senior hit the jackpot in the second half, scoring 23 of his game-high 31 points after halftime. Rider also led all players with eight rebounds on the night, and with a basket in the second half, he became only the fourth player in UNLV history to tally over 1,000 career points.

"He's like a man among boys out there," Pimm said of Rider. "He's very difficult to stop, although we did a good job on him in the first half."

"But he just elevated his play in the second half. It seemed like when he wanted to get the ball, he went and got it, and when he wanted to score, he scored," Pimm added.

With Rider running the show, the Rebels took advantage of a UCSB team that was struggling on both ends of the court. The UNLV lead quickly became 17 points after a pair of layups from Rider midway through the half, and things didn't get any better for UCSB. Jones connected from three-point range with 5:08 remaining to cut the lead to 64-50, but the Rebels ran their advantage back to 20 a minute later

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UCSB Bats Go Silent as CSUN Sweeps Softball Team

By Michelle Imperial
Staff Writer

NORTHRIDGE— A combination of tough pitching from Cal State Northridge and lack of offense from the Gaucho bats led to the shutdown of the UCSB softball squad on Saturday.

The Santa Barbara sluggers were swept in a doubleheader by the 14th-ranked Matadors, dropping the opening game 4-1 and being shut out 3-0 in the nightcap.

"Northridge is definitely a solid team and they are very well coached," UCSB Head Coach Sandy Pearce said. "They just hit the ball hard and that made the difference. We knew they were going to hit it hard and we were just hoping that we would be able to get the bat on the ball."

In the opening game, UCSB hitters were silenced by Matador pitcher Amy Windmiller, who threw a one-hitter. Gaucho freshman Ginny Mike broke up the no-no with an infield single

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THE THROW TO FIRST: Chris Johnson holds a runner close during last week's Loyola series.

History No Help as Sluggers Drop Three

By Rob Carpio
Staff Writer

History may have been on the side of the UCSB men's baseball team this weekend, but offense was on the side of the University of San Diego.

The Toreros, who were thumped 12-0 by the Gauchos when the teams last met in 1990, swept UCSB in three games this weekend at Cunningham Stadium in San Diego. USD pounded the Gauchos 8-4 on Friday, 12-2 Saturday and 7-5 in Sunday's season finale.

The losses extend Santa Barbara's losing streak to four games and drop the Gauchos' re-

cord to 1-5 on the year. The three-game sweep improved unbeaten San Diego's overall record to 4-0.

Hitting was the significant factor in USD's dominating performance against the UCSB pitching staff. On Friday, the Toreros pounded out 12 hits, nine of which were charged to Gaucho starter Armando Delsi. The senior right hander took the loss in his only decision of the year after giving up four earned runs and striking out two in four and one-third innings pitched. Sophomore right-hander Pat James notched the win.

The Toreros' bats came alive again on Saturday

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Spikers Take Third at San Diego ASICS Tournament

By Daniel Solomon
Staff Writer

One really has to hand it to the #6-ranked UCSB men's volleyball team. At a time of the quarter when most students are studying for midterms, the Santa Barbara spikers have not seen the UCSB campus in five days.

The Gauchos (7-3 overall) embarked on their San Diego road trip last Wednesday and defeated UC San Diego that evening before moving onto this weekend's ASICS Grand Prix Tournament at San Diego State. The trip ended late last evening with the Gauchos, who entered the event as the third highest-ranked team of the field, taking their third place finish back to the bus for the ride home.

UCSB's final match of the tournament was not without excitement, as the Gauchos came from behind to beat #7-ranked Long Beach State, 12-15, 15-11, 15-17, 15-10, 15-10. Staked to a two-games-to-one disadvantage, the Gauchos entered the

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Men's Tennis Players Get Match Experience in San Diego Tournament

By Brian Pillsbury
Staff Writer

Match experience: It's one of those intangibles you can never get enough of if you're a tennis player.

Three members of the UCSB men's tennis team, who up to this point have seen little action, went looking for it this past weekend at the 22nd Annual San Diego Intercollegiate Tournament.

While freshmen Andy Joseph and Ryan Radtke and junior Gil Monteaux all were unable to make it out of the first round in the main draw, Monteaux advanced to the semifinals of the consolation draw. In doing so, he proved to him-

self that he has regained some of the form that had been missing all season long due to a debilitating shoulder injury that has prevented him from playing for several months.

"This [tournament] was good for me," said Monteaux, a transfer from Brazil. "It's been really hard watching all the other guys playing while I've been hurt. While they've been practicing, I've been with the trainer for two-and-a-half months. The problem has been my injuries, but now my shoulder is good and I really feel like things are going to get better."

In the consolation rounds, Monteaux defeated David Comadena, from the University of Redlands, in straight sets,

winning 6-3, 6-1. His next opponent — Josh Manning of BYU — had to default his match, and that let Monteaux into the semifinals, where he was defeated by Rice University's Mark Gately in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3.

For the two other Santa Barbarans, things didn't go quite as well, but nevertheless, it was a good opportunity to play some competitive tournament matches. Radtke lost 6-3, 6-3 to the University of San Diego's Phillip Hoffman, who went on to win his draw. In the consolation draw, Radtke went out in the first round to Jerry Miyamoto of UC Irvine in two sets, losing 7-6, 6-4. In the first round of the main draw, UCSB's Joseph lost to Craig Geldard of the University of San

Diego in a three-set battle, losing 6-4, 1-6, 6-4. In the consolation draw, Joseph was defeated by Michael Weston of Redlands, 6-4, 6-4.

"I've been kind of struggling lately, and I was hoping to break out of it here," Joseph said of the tournament. "I haven't practiced in a while because of a back problem, so my groundstrokes aren't really in tune. I realized I need to have an alternative to my groundstrokes, so I tried to come to the net more. Overall, I learned quite a bit."

The Gauchos will next be in action on Feb. 14 when they host Big West rival Pacific.

USD

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afternoon, as USD garnered 15 hits in giving the Gauchos their third straight loss. UCSB sophomore Steve Lane took the defeat and evened up his record at 1-1 after surrendering four runs on five hits in four and one-third innings. Senior Chris Johnson relieved Lane in the fifth and went for two

and one-third innings, giving up two runs on four hits.

"It was a close game until the fifth inning, and then I made a few mistakes and then the game got out of hand," Lane said. "We didn't have enough offense, and we didn't have the pitching to stop their offense."

Sunday's contest was closer, although Gaucho starter Mike Wolger lost his second start in a row

after UCSB fell behind early in the game, 4-0. The sophomore left-hander did not make it past the first inning.

The Gauchos made a game of it in the latter stages of the finale, but their offense could not carry them through. It appeared that everything that Santa Barbara hit bounced into the gloves of the San Diego defense.

"We didn't play really

well, to be honest, but it wasn't bad enough to get swept in the series," Johnson said. "Everything pretty much went their way and nothing really went our way. Our pitching wasn't too bad. It's tough to say what happened. The games went so fast, it seemed like."

Freshman outfielder Wynter Phoenix made a homecoming of sorts during his first road trip as a

member of the Gaucho squad. Phoenix — whose hometown is nearby El Cajon — saw action in all three games, but had mixed feelings about his overall performance.

"I was a little disappointed in myself at the plate, but defensively, I was happy with it — I try to keep that up if my batting's not going so well," he said. "I think [being swept] showed us that we need to

pull together a little more, and once we do that, the winning will come sooner or later. [On Sunday], we didn't have that bad of a game. [Head Coach Al Ferrer] just wanted us to stay involved and intense throughout the game, and we did that."

On deck for the Gaucho sluggers are the Cal State Northridge Matadors this Tuesday afternoon at Campus Diamond.

ASICS

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fourth game of the match knowing that a loss would give them a fourth place overall finish, one place down from their entry ranking.

UCSB, which outblocked LBSU 25-16 in the match, was able to regain its earlier momentum, and the squad sent the match to a fifth and decisive game. Because of rally scoring, the Gauchos were able to capitalize on the

'49er mistakes and eventually closed out the match in five.

Redshirt freshman Amauray Velasco, who finished the tournament with a team-leading 118 kills, led the Gauchos with 37 kills and four blocks against Long Beach. Senior outside hitter Stace Lougeay added 19 kills and five blocks.

UCSB started the tournament on Friday afternoon with a rematch of Wednesday's game against UCSD. This time around, the results were no differ-

ent as the Gauchos — who outthit the Tritons .378 to .179 — swept San Diego, 15-12, 15-12, 15-6.

The team's next match was its biggest upset of the event, as Indiana-Purdue at Fort Wayne came into the tournament as the highest-ranked team in the field at #4. However, because UCSB Head Coach Preston was able to beat San Diego with his reserves, his regular starters were well rested Friday evening and they rolled over IPFW in three, 15-2, 15-3, 16-14. UCSB outthit

Purdue .408 to .146 and outblocked the Boilermakers 15-6. The Gauchos also came away with 14 service aces and Velasco led the squad with 18 kills, four blocks and a .548 hitting percentage.

The Gauchos' five game winning streak ended Saturday morning at the hands of #5-ranked Cal State Northridge, 15-10, 15-7, 7-15, 7-15, 15-12. The Gauchos' 20 service errors were responsible for the loss, as the teams played close to dead-even in all other statistical

categories. However, CSUN All-Americans Coley Kyman and Ken Lynch were tough, combining for 32 kills and 18 blocks.

Later that afternoon, the Gauchos took to the floor against the 13th-ranked host SDSU Aztecs. Despite 21 Gaucho service errors, the team had a relatively easy time in capturing the win, 15-7, 8-15, 15-9, 15-8. Once again, Velasco led the squad with 26 kills, while redshirt freshman Doug Hughes put down 15 kills on his

way to a .542 hitting percentage.

Playing against #8-ranked Hawaii Sunday morning, UCSB knew that a win could put them in the championship game, with a chance to rematch CSUN. However, a .269 team hitting percentage and 20 service errors gave the Rainbows the three game sweep, 15-9, 15-12, 15-11. Junior Hector Lopez was the Gaucho star in the losing effort, recording 14 kills and hitting .345, while Lougeay chipped in nine for a .667 figure.

CSUN

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in the sixth inning. Santa Barbara's Margo Melendez then scored on a sacrifice fly to deep center field by first baseman Alison Brickner.

The Matadors were paced by junior Jen Fleming, who had three of Northridge's eight hits. CSUN's Beth Calcante and Missy Cress each hit 210-foot home runs to deep center.

"This loss is very frustrating because we wanted to at least split with a

ranked team," UCSB second baseman Jen Gomez said. "There are a lot of quality players here and I don't think we were mentally or physically prepared for this game. Some days it's like that and we just have to deal with it."

In the nightcap, the

Santa Barbara sluggers faced sophomore Kathy Blake, who led the Matadors as a freshman with a 25-7 record last season. Blake shut out the Gauchos, allowing one hit from junior Krissy Kyriazis in the first inning.

The Matadors scored in

the third inning when Calcante hit her second home run of the day to give Northridge a two-run lead. CSUN scored again in the fourth when Kari Hazlett scored on Denise Swank's single to right field.

"The loss is emotionally

really hard, but I think it's good to take a loss like this now because now the girls know they have to work really hard in order to step things up," Pearce said. "We certainly want to play teams that challenge us and it's good because we learned a lot today."

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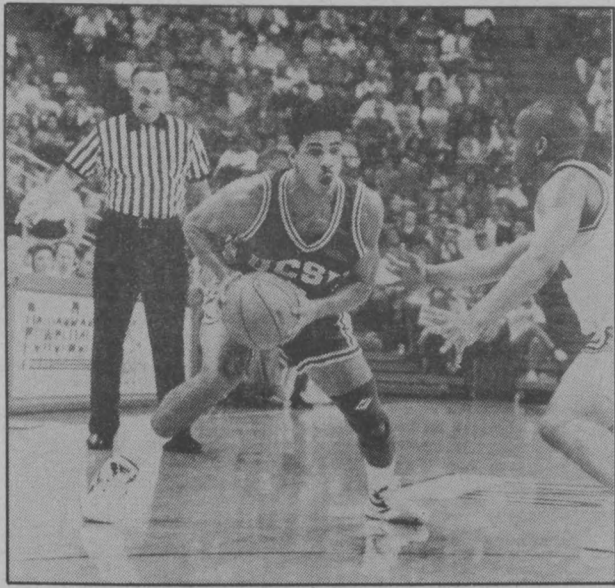
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Idris Jones (above) scored eight points as Gaucho fans (below, from left) Bob Salk, Ali Javanbakht and Victor Santodomingo looked on at Las Vegas.



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UNLV

Continued from p.1A and the teams emptied the benches for the final few minutes.

Ford scored nine of his team-high 14 points in the final four minutes, and also paced UCSB with seven rebounds. Ray Kelly was the only other Gaucho player to reach double figures, scoring 13 points and adding eight assists.

The loss leaves UCSB with a 2-2 split on its now completed four-game road trip, and also drops the team to seventh place in the Big West Conference standings heading into the final eight games of the season. The Gauchos will now look to regroup for a game this Thursday against the Nevada Wolf Pack, a team that beat UCSB at Reno last month. "We're going to take [Sunday] off and have a good, solid practice on

Monday to get ready for Thursday," Pimm said Saturday. "We are where we are, and we need to understand who we are and

where we are, and we need to come back with good practices for three straight days and get ready for Nevada."

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Halftime—UNLV 30, Gauchos 23.
 Three-point goals—UCSB 5-16 (Ford 2-7, Jones 2-6, Kelly 1-1), UNLV 6-16 (Boney 3-3, Rider 2-4, Smith 1-1, Gray 0-4, Gibson 0-2, Manuel 0-1, L Thomas 0-1).
 Blocked shots—UCSB 3 (Ford, Muse, Johnson), UNLV 1 (Rider).
 Steals—UCSB 2 (Ford 2), UNLV 8 (D Thomas 3, Rider 2, Boney 2, Haygood).
 Total fouls—UCSB 20, UNLV 20. Fouled out—Johnson (UCSB), Turnovers—UCSB 15, UNLV 13. Team rebounds—UCSB 4, UNLV 3.
 Attendance—14,218.

BIG WEST

Men's Basketball	conference record		overall record
	conference record	overall record	
New Mexico St.	9-1	17-4	
UNLV	7-2	14-2	
Cal St. Fullerton	7-4	12-6	
Long Beach St.	6-4	14-5	
Pacific	6-5	10-9	
Utah St.	5-6	8-11	
UCSB	4-6	11-7	
San Jose St.	3-6	6-11	
UC Irvine	2-8	4-13	
Nevada	2-9	7-11	

Saturday's Results:
 UNLV 82, UCSB 69
 New Mexico St. 77, Long Beach St. 65
 Utah St. 81, UC Irvine 70
 Cal St. Fullerton 72, Nevada 60
 San Jose St. 54, Pacific 50

GAUCHO SPORTS: THE WEEK AHEAD FEBRUARY 8 - 12

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
(no games scheduled)	Men's Volleyball vs. UC Irvine, at Events Center, 7:00 Baseball vs. Cal St. Northridge, at Campus Diamond, 2:00 Softball vs. Chapman, at Softball Field, 1:00	(no games scheduled)	Men's Basketball vs. Nevada, at Events Center, 7:30 Women's Basketball vs. San Jose St., at San Jose, 5:00	Baseball vs. Santa Clara, at Campus Diamond, 2:00 Men's Volleyball vs. UCLA, Events Center, 7:00 Men's Gymnastics, at Arizona, 7:30

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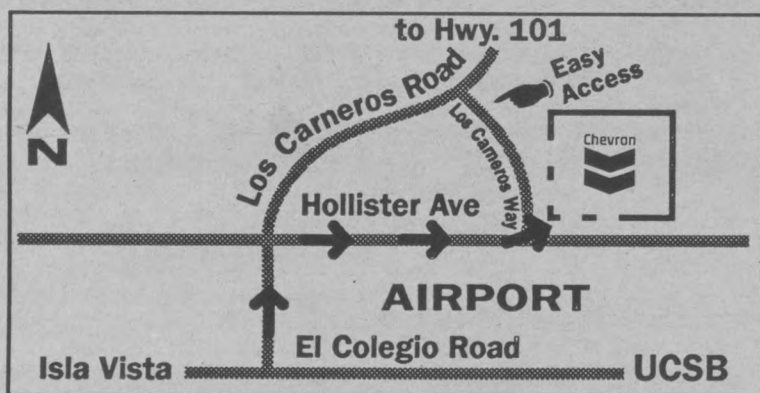
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