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## 49ers Strike Gold Early, Panned Later

Down 22-6, UCSB Battles Back to Beat #25 Long Beach, 61-60

By Scott McPherson Staff Writer

After 39 minutes of basketball and one of the most impressive comebacks in UCSB history, it had all come to this:

With :09 showing on the clock and the Gauchos up by a point, Long Beach State superstar guard Lucious Harris drove to the basket and went up for a layup.

And missed.

Harris grabbed the rebound and put up another shot, but was blocked by Gaucho center Doug Muse. Long Beach's Bryon Russell got to the ball and threw up a desperation attempt, but it was well off the mark as the buzzer sounded.

UCSB fans flooded the court in celebration of the Gauchos' 61-60 upset of 25th-ranked LBSU Monday at the Thunderdome.

"You should see us in the locker room," said UCSB guard Ray Kelly, whose team had lost three in a row before Monday. "This feels so good. I haven't been this happy all season. Coming off the threegame losing streak, who else is better to beat than the best team in the conference, the 25th team in the nation?

"I just had a bad feeling in my heart after these last three losses, I almost forgot what it felt like to win. Tonight, I'm so happy."

The Gauchos (9-4 overall, 2-3 Big West) got to share their happiness with a nationwide ESPN television audience, which also saw the 49ers (12-2, 5-2) squander a 22-6 first half lead en route to losing for only the second time this season.

It was UCSB's first victory over a ranked opponent since a 78-70 win over then-#2 UNLV in February of 1990.

After trailing late Monday night, the 49ers were able to even the score at 51-51. With 5:48 to play, Gaucho forward Paul Johnson was called for his fourth foul and LBSU's Mike Atkinson converted on

both ends of a one-and-one to put the 49ers back up by two, 53-51. But the Gauchos were able to regain the lead with a 12-footer by Kelly and a three-pointer by Idris Jones. With 1:10 remaining and the Gauchos up by a point, UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm called a time-out to set up another play for Jones to seal the win.

"I have confidence that Idris, when he gets his feet under him, is going to make the shot," Pimm said. "And on those kinds of plays, when you're going for a particular shot, he's going to come through for us and make that shot."

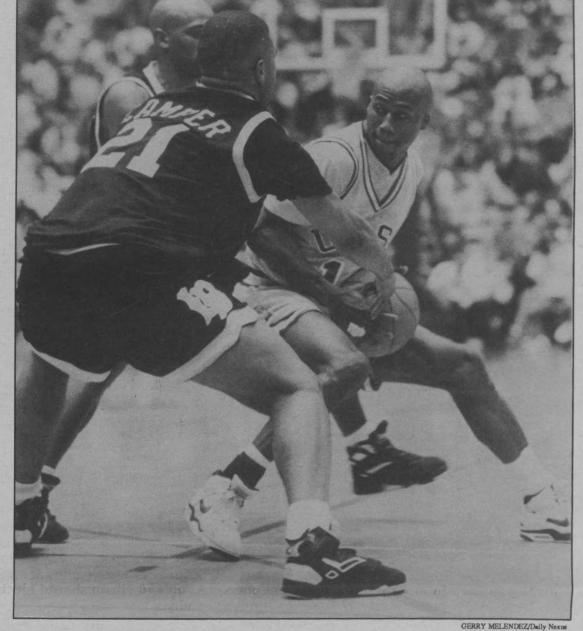
Jones did, burying a 18-footer that put UCSB up 60-57. When 49er guard Jeff Rogers missed a shot and Kelly was fouled, it appeared that the Gauchos would coast to victory in the final 35 seconds. But Chris Tower nailed a three-pointer with 20 seconds to go to pull Long Beach to within a point at 61-60.

When Duane Carter was unable to handle a pass from Jones and was tied up, the 49ers got the ball on alternating possessions with nine seconds to play and a chance to win it.

"Nine out of 10 times he makes that shot," Long Beach Head Coach Seth Greenberg said of Harris' missed layup. "The ball just didn't bounce our way tonight."

Greenberg obviously forgot about the first 10 minutes, when the Gauchos had no chance to even make a game of it, let alone win. Long Beach forward Brian Camper started the onslaught with a layup 32 seconds into the first half, and by the time Russell slammed one home four and a half minutes later, the score was 14-1. Carter and Kelly each scored for UCSB in the next minute, but the 49ers continued to beat up on the struggling Gauchos, pushing their lead to 22-6.

"We were getting embarrassed out there, and nobody wanted



GOLDEN TOUCH: 49er Brian Camper tries to take the ball away from Ray Kelly in Monday night's 61-60 UCSB win over Long Beach State. Camper had five steals, while Kelly had four.

## Big Comebacks No Big Deal in Big West

### By Dino Scoppettone Staff Writer

Get used to this, because it's going to be like this all year. In the span of one week, the

UCSB men's basketball team: • took its annual lumps in Logan against Utah State,

suffered an upset in Reno against Big West newcomer Nevada.

• recovered from a disastrous

start to topple nationally ranked as any big surprise to those fol-Long Beach State.

Doesn't make much sense. Then again, neither does the Big West Conference this year. The Gauchos beat Pacific in

Stockton. Pacific thumps Long Beach in Stockton. Long Beach drubs New Mexico State. New Mexico State takes the Gauchos in the Thunderdome.

And so on.

Naturally, then, Monday night's win shouldn't have come

lowing the carnage that is the Big West. After all, the Beach came in ranked 25th in the nation, the first time they had cracked the charts since disco was dominating the other charts. UCSB, on the other hand, had lost three in a row, and the team was experiencing a collective shooting slump that saw balls flying everywhere but in the hoop.

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## **Frustration Finally Ends** as Swimmers **Down Vegas**

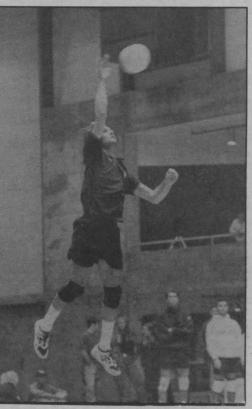
### By Michelle Imperial Staff Writer

The stormy weather over the weekend failed to phase the UCSB swimming and diving teams as they traveled to the city of lights to take on their conference rivals, the Runnin' Rebels of UNLV.

The Lady Gauchos avenged a loss taken last year from the Runnin' Rebs at Campus Pool with a 135-104 victory at Vegas, while the men also beat UNLV, 135-105.

The women's team was especially fired up, since it has failed

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UCSB hitter Hector Lopez soars for a serve.

## **Tourney Wins Aren't Light**

Gauchos Beat #2, #4 Teams Before Losing to #1 UCLA

### **By Daniel Solomon** Staff Writer

If the preseason is any indication of what is in store for the regular season, then the UCSB men's volleyball team may have a lot to look forward to when its 1993 campaign begins in less than two weeks.

Holders of the top seed in their own tournament but with a #9 national ranking, the Gauchos breezed through preliminary and qualifying group play before their winning streak ended at the hands of #1 UCLA, 15-4, 15-10, 15-7 in the championship match of this weekend's 29th Annual UCSB/Bud Light Collegiate Invitational.

UCSB's second team, which was comprised mostly of Gaucho reserves due the team's roster of 21 players, also did suprisingly well, placing 6th overall. Its victories were over Loyola Marymount, 15-12, 16-14, 15-13; San Jose St., 15-7, 15-3; Manitoba 15-7, 15-8; and UC Berk-

eley, 11 15, 15-6, 22-20. But the squad's biggest win of the tournament, and perhaps the biggest suprise of the weekend, was over the #5-ranked Trojans of USC, 16-14, 6-15, 16-14. In the crossover playoff match, UCSB's second team was defeated by CSUN, 15-5, 15-5.

"Sean Stafford and Daren Torbet had unbelievable passing," said Todd Ah-madi, referring to the USC match. "The whole game is based on passing and when you have that, you're going to win that third and decisive game." By the time UCSB's first team came out

to play the championship game, it was ap-parent that the demands of the tournament had started to take its toll. The squad appeared sluggish in the first game, and the result was several uncharacteristic mistakes, which put the Gauchos in a 0-5 hole.

The team never regained its composure as UCLA's Dan Landry got his season's kill totals off to a good start, finishing the

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ON THE REBOUND: Christa Gannon (left) scored another double-double against the Spartans.

## Lady Gauchos Run All Over Spartans

### **Big Second Half** Lifts SB, 77-49

### By Edgar Escolar Reporter

Home sweet second home.

That's how the court at Robertson Gymnasium felt to the UCSB women's basketball team, which continued its mastery of opponents on the home court with a resounding 77-49 victory over San Jose State University Sa-turday night.

UCSB is now 6-7, 5-1 in Big West conference play, while SJSU falls to 3-9, 2-2

The first half of the game was a see-saw affair, as the two teams exchanged leads seven times in the opening 20 minutes. Neither team built up a lead larger than four points, and the Gauchos had the last one at halftime, when they were ahead 32-28.

"San Jose State played really well in the first half," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "I don't think necessarily that we didn't play well - I thought we played with reasonable intensity, but San Jose State just played very well. I thought it was really criti-cal that we didn't get too frustrated at halftime."

If UCSB had any frustrations about the outcome of the first half, they unleashed them on the Spartans after the intermission. The Lady Gauchos turned up the defensive pressure early, and opened the half with an 11-4 run to go up 43-32with 16:32 left after Lauren Goldstine com-pleted a three-point play. The Gauchos closed with a 21-3 spurt over the game's final 10 minutes.

A Leg Up

"In the first half we really played our game, but we made some crucial mistakes to let them go up by four [at halftime]," SJSU Head Coach Karen Smith said. "They picked apart our press and gave us more pressure than we're used to. We didn't handle that very well — we lost our cool and let up, and you just can't do that."

The Gauchos were led by guard Anna McConnell, who scored a game-high 16 to lead five UCSB players in double figures. Christa Gannon added another double-double to her collection, as she had 12 points and 12 re-bounds. The Spartans were led by forwards Hulett Brooks and La-Donna Irving, who each scored 14 points. The Gauchos forced 33 SJSU turnovers, and tallied 21 steals, led by Gannon's five.

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## **Tourney Gives Netters Experience**

### By Brian Pillsbury Reporter

This past week at the NCAA Milwaukee Classic, the UCSB men's tennis team had a chance to expose two freshmen to a big-time college tennis tournament and gave a senior an opportunity to prove to doubters that he is indeed capable of beat-

ing top-ranked players. While freshmen John Bowerbank and Joe Bar-barie looked to test the waters of NCAA tennis and gain further match experience, senior John Fox had bigger plans. Playing his best tennis so far this season, Fox won four hardfought matches before falling in the quarterfinals.

Fox, a natural grounds-

### troker, seemed to be out of his element, given that the tournament was being played on an indoor court. A faster surface, the indoor carpets tend to re-ward those with big serve

and volley games. "It feels really good to get four good wins at a major tournament like this," Fox said. "This isn't really my favorite surface so I'm

happy with how I did. "I was really pleased with my return of serve. I hit it consistently well and it was really something that was a key," he added.

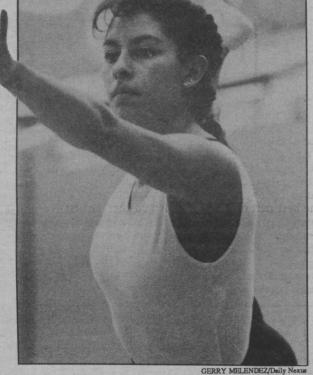
Bowerbank was able to get into the second round in his first major college warm-up tournament, where he lost to the #2 player from Texas A&M, 6-3, 6-1. Barbarie was defeated in the first round by

David Zardon of Ball State in a tough three-set match.

Playing with a steady confidence that built upon itself match after match, Fox scored a very impress-ive win over fifth-seed Mark Everl of Texas A&M, ousting him in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6. After defeating Southern Methodist University's Eric Clark, 7-6, 7-5, in the fourth round, Fox finally was defeated by second seed Chris Dionne of Drake, 3-6, 7-6, 2-6.

"I just concentrated well and was focused throughout the tournament," Fox said. "The confidence factor was there as well and I know now that I can play competitively with anyone.'

With nice balance and an all-around pleasant disposition, the UCSB women's gymnastics squad visited Sacramento State for the squad's first meet of the year. How'd they do, you ask? Well, keep your eye on the sports pages later this week for full results. We'll reveal this much: someone did the splits.



foot and got us pumped up for the rest of the races, Cusato said.

The indoor pool proved to be a nuisance for some of the women, but UCSB's new arrival Wenka Hansen came less than a second shy of breaking the school record with her win in the 200 IM (2:05.55.).

"It was muggy indoors

been focusing on this all year long so it was gratify-ing to win by a large margin."

Santa Barbara swimmer Bill Sweeney headed the men's team with first place victories in the 50-yard freestyle (21.35) and in the 100-yard freestyle (46.19). Freshman Mark Andersen won the 200-vard breaststroke (2:06.18), while sophomore Chris Garces placed first in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:52.48.

also beat up on the hosts with first-place finishes in the 1-meter low board and second-place finishes in the 3-meter high board.

Santa Barbara diver Erin Evans took top honors in the three-meter and second in the 1-meter for the women.

"I was more fired up for

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Continued from p.1A to come away with a victory against Vegas in the past. Last year, the Santa Barbara women came the closest to victory when it came one race away from a win

"We have been focusing on this meet before Christmas and I think our overall performance was really good," UCSB swimmer Stephanie Raymond said. "It was a very emotional meet. People were really up for this meet and we proved that we really pulled together as a team.' The first race of the meet was the 400-yard relay, and the women beat out UNLV by 20 seconds with a time 3:55.62. The narrow



ANDREY KUZYK/Daily Net BIG DIPPER: UCSB's Bill Sweeney won the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events against UNLV.

victory gave the women her season-best with a first momentum as Gauchos place finish in the 500-yard freestyle in Ashley Cusato and Stacy St. Martin posted their 5:01.86. season-bests in the dual "The 400 individual meet. Cusato had a career-

medly relay was an especially exciting spark for the women because it started the meet out on a good

and we are not used to that," St. Martin said. "It can get hot indoors and it is really hard to catch your breath. but we overcame that and swam very well."

The Santa Barbara men didn't have the pressure to avenge any losses and had an easy time with the Runnin' Rebels by posting the 30 point win.

"I thought it was a very exciting meet," Gaucho Jason York said. "We have

"I was nervous about UNLV because I felt a great pressure to perform well," Sweeney said. "My events were strong and I was satisfied with my swims considering all of the traveling we were doing."

The UCSB diving teams

is meet than I ever was, Evans said. "I set some personal goals that I wanted to meet and I was satisfied with my performance. I have some new dives that are really starting to come along."

Gaucho freshman Toby Reclusado took first in the 1-meter and placed third in the 3-meter, while junior Ted Moore placed second in both the low and high boards.

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The second game was the closest of the three, as UCSB reshman Amaury Velasco led his squad back from an early 1-7 deficit with three strong line spikes, which added to his tournament total of 16 kills. With the Gauchos

trailing 9-10, Velasco and setter Jeff Zevely tripped over each other in pursuit of the ball, increasing the Bruin lead. A couple of UCLA kills and Gaucho mistakes later, the second game was over.

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backstroke- (2:12.83),

while St. Martin posted

Despite an early 5-0 lead, UCSB could not overcome the Bruins' momentum in game three, as UCSB committed crucial errors late in the game. Landry and sophomore Jeff Nygaard led the Bruin attack with five kills and two blocks.

"Overall, I think we proved that we are right there with all of the top teams in the conference, senior Greg Ryan said. "Against UCLA, well, they had been resting their starters all day while we had only 10 players who saw action almost every game." Before losing to UCLA,

the Gauchos were nearly

perfect in all of their preliminary group play and qualifying pool play matches. Upset victories over Pepperdine, the na-tion's second ranked team, 5-15, 15-6, 15-12 and #4 CSUN, 17-15, 17-16 on Friday evening were the squad's biggest of the weekend.

"By upsetting those two teams, we showed that we could play good, solid volleyball and that we will be

there when the season matches begin," senior Kory Hull said.

In Friday morning's group play matches, UCSB was in full control, beating Sonoma St., 15-0, 15-0, UC San Diego, 15-4, 15-4 and University of Pacific, 15-5, 15-8. The wins continued Saturday morning as the squad rolled over University of British Columbia, 15-7, 15-7 and

UC Irvine, 15-6, 15-9.

Zevely, who finished the tournament with 30 of UCSB's 33 assists, and Velasco captured All-Tournament honors along with Pepperdine's Tom Sorenson, UCLA's Nygaard and Landry, and Stanford's Canyon Ceman. Setter Mike Sealy, who led UCLA with 32 assists, won the tournament MVP award for the second straight year.

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## LBSU: 6000 Fans Cheer Comeback

Continued from p.1A that," UCSB's Mike Meyer said. "We came to the huddle and I think we were just fed up with ourselves, and we said, 'Let's go, let's do this."

Meyer ignited the Gaucho comeback with a six point run of his own. After being fouled in the act of shooting a threepointer, Meyer went to line and hit all three of his free throws. The senior forward then drove to the basket for a layup and a foul, which he converted into another point from the line. The play was part of Meyer's team-high 16 points on the night, and cut the 49ers' lead to 22-12 while energizing the Thunderdome crowd.

"I thought Meyer's back to back three-point plays hurt us," Greenberg said. "I maybe should have used a timeout to stop that run, but we were getting good shots inside. We just didn't finalize."

The Gauchos kept hacking away at the lead, finally coming to within a point at 31-30 when Carter's short jumper found the net with 2:20 to go in the half. Santa Barbara was also able to force Long Beach starters Tower and Jeff Rogers to the bench with foul trouble in the first half.

"I just kept telling them the same thing," Pimm said. "There's a lot of time left, one-possession at a time, let's start executing. We chipped away. It wasn't an outstanding performance by any means, but the best part of it was the heart that we showed in coming back, and the guts that we showed when we were tired. That's what it takes to guard good athletes and good teams like

## Losing Road Trip Capped by Saturday Loss to Reno

Just two days after dropping a Big West Conference game at Utah State, the UCSB men's basketball team finished a winless road trip Saturday by losing 64-58 to the University of Nevada at Reno.

The loss dropped the Gauchos' record to 8-4 on the year, including 1-3 in conference play, and extended UCSB's losing streak to three games.

Nevada's Ric Herrin led the Wolf Pack, as the 6'10" center scored a game-high 22 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Forward Eric Martin added 14 points for Nevada.

Senior guard Idris Jones led the Gauchos with 16 points, while Paul Johnson added nine. Point guard Ray Kelly, coming off a scoreless outing at Utah, scored only five points on the night.

scored only five points on the night. In addition to losing the game, the Gauchos also lost the services of freshman J.J. Polk. The backup point guard suffered a twisted ankle during the first half Saturday, and was not in uniform for Monday's game against Long Beach State. Polk also remains doubtful for this Saturday's game against Cal State Fullerton.

For Nevada, which joined the Big West this season after leaving the Big Sky Conference, Saturday's win improved the Wolf Pack to 7-5 on the year, 2-3 in conference play.

-Scott McPherson

Long Beach — it takes a lot of guts and a lot of heart. I think we showed that tonight, especially getting down like we did." After going into half-

After going into halftime trailing 34-30, the Gauchos took control early in the second half, with Kelly leading the way. The senior point guard scored from 16-feet out, then dished off to Meyer for a layup and drove into the lane for another layup to give UCSB its first lead of the game, 36-34 with 17:10 to play. "We could have easily

"We could have easily folded up after the first five minutes, down 22-6," said Kelly, who tallied 13 points and nine assists. "But this team showed its guts and we believed in each other."

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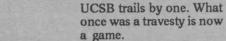
Halftime—Long Beach State 34, Gauchos 30 Three-point goals—LBSU 3-10 (Russell 1-2, ower 1-1, Harris 1-2, Camper 0-2, Rogers 0-2, town 0-1), UCSB 4-8 (Meyer 2-2, Jones 1-5,

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2, Harris 2), UCSB 8 (Kelly 4, Johnson 2, Muse, Turner).

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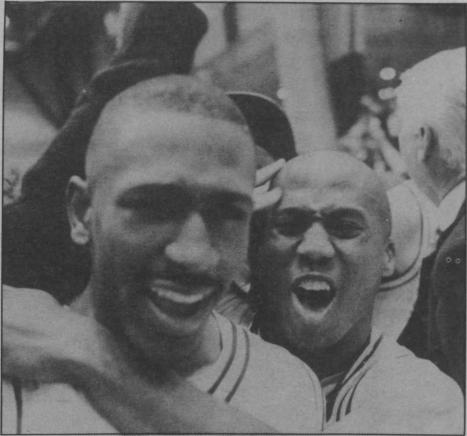
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The casual observer could see a blowout waiting to happen. The casual observer, however, knows nothing of the workings of the Big West, and of the Gauchos. The casual observer would have turned off the TV set after seeing UCSB fall behind 22-6 in the first half, while looking worse than an intramural

B team.

once was a travesty is now a game. "The best part of it was the heart we showed to come back, and the guts we showed when we were tired," Pimm said. "That's what it takes to guard good athletes and good teams like Long Beach, a lot of

last night. And that's the secret to the Big West this year. Harris is a star, but with Chris Tower and Bryon Russell, the Beach can win even without him. UNLV can throw J.R. Rider and Evric Gray at you, among others. New Mexico State has Sam Crawford dishing the ball out to a cast of characters. Utah State, Pacific, even Nevada feature solid teamwork, not just a reliance on one person. "There's going to be some losses in this conference," Pimm said, adding that the Big West champion could finish with up to five losses. "Anybody can beat anybody. San Jose State and Irvine have no wins, and they're good enough to beat anybody. This year, this conference is very strong." Very strong, and very strange. A muddled, chaotic mess, in which anybody can beat anybody. Last week, the Gauchos proved that in losing to Nevada.





There weren't many people happier than Ray Kelly (above, right) after the Gauchos defeated the 49ers Monday night. Here, he grabs freshman guard Chris Ford in a moment of celebration. Former UNLV Head Coach Jerry Tarkanian (left), in the T-Dome to watch the game, forgot his towel for a game that proved to be a nail-biter.

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ferry Pimm couldn't turn off the set. As the Gaucho coach, he had to stick this one out with his troops. He had to come up with something, *anything*, to get the guys going.

to get the guys going. "I just kept telling them the same thing — that there was a lot of time left," Pimm said of his tactical discourse during a timeout early in the game, when Santa Barbara trailed 22-9.

"I told them for once, let's get back and keep them from scoring layups. Once you do that, you can keep them from scoring."

The Gauchos shored up their defense, and the momentum started to slip away from the Beach. With senior forward Mike Meyer shouldering the offensive load, UCSB began to crawl back. A defensive stop here. A good entry pass there. Meyer for three — yesssss! — and suddenly the Gauchos are within seven. Duane Carter drops one in, and Gauchos are built on, the tough defense, and that's what kept UCSB in the game.

Notice a trend? You can

talk about the scoring and

the big plays, but Pimm

will always bring it back to

defense. That's what the

It showed in the final numbers. Hounded by Meyer, 49er star guard Lucius Harris hit only five of 14 shots from the field, and his 16 points were well below his season average of 24.9.

For the Man of the Evening, Meyer, the night will always be remembered by one play — Harris' knifing, diving lastgasp layup attempt that fell short with three seconds left. Gauchos win, 61-60.

"If there's one thing that sticks out in my mind about this game right now, it's that last second shot," Meyer confessed. "I think God wanted me to win this game personally or something, because that ball just rimmed out. Maybe He realized that I needed this game more than anything."

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And last night, of course, they proved it once again in beating Long Beach State. So get used to it. It's gonna be that kind of year.

