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## Netters Score Big Win Over UCI

Markovits Bounces Back from First Set Loss; Doubles Teams Win

By Chris Ballard Staff Writer

It was such a good story, one would have thought it had been

written for the silver screen.
In the last match of the year, an up-and-down tennis team pulls it together to beat a favored rival at home, 5-4, after being down 3-1 with its star players losing. A graduating senior wins an emo-tional match and the star sophomore comes back from the brink of defeat to win a dramatic match. Disappointing in doubles

match. Disappointing in doubles all year, the team plays as if divinely inspired and walks away with the victory.

For the 75-100 spectators who got to watch Sunday's UCSB-UC Irvine men's tennis match, all that was missing was the popcorn as they were thrilled by an amazing 5-4 comeback victory by amazing 5-4 comeback victory by

the Gauchos at the East Courts. UCSB (11-10, 4-1) pulled out the victory with some gutsy play by their top guns and big wins in doubles competition, but it looked pretty dismal at one point on Sunday. Down 3-1 in singles competition, with their remaining two players, #1 David Decret and #2 Laszlo Markovits, losing their matches, it looked like the team would be hitting the showers without even having to bother playing the doubles competition.

Decret, who sat out the previous match because of tendinitis, air. was close to being eliminated by Irvine's sophomore phenom, Bret Hansen-Dent, down 5-6 in the third set and struggling.

lost the first set and was down in the second 5-1 with a match point against him, a tough hole to climb out of.

But then the pulse of the game changed, and Santa Barbara came to life. Decret battled back to win his match in a third set tiebreaker 4-6, 6-1, 7-6, and Markovits somehow came back to beat the diminutive Stern, 5-7, 7-5,

"I thought we'd dug our own grave starting out like that," said UCSB Head Coach Don Lowry. "I was hoping David would pull through for us like he usually does in the big matches, and Laszlo had played awfully in the first set and he needed to focus to pull it out."

For Decret, it was some big came out fired up as Rosvall and serves late in the match and a lot Ellison won handily at the three serves late in the match and a lot Ellison won handily at the three of desire that won him the match. spot, beating Luke Fitzsimmons He hadn't been playing his best and Aaron Stoltman, 6-3, 6-1. tennis all match but was hanging The team of Markovits and Dein there, coming up with some cret then proceeded to clinch the big aces in the last few games of match by defeating Hansen-Dent the third set. In the tiebreaker he hit a crosscourt backhand winner at 6-5 to win and exulted,

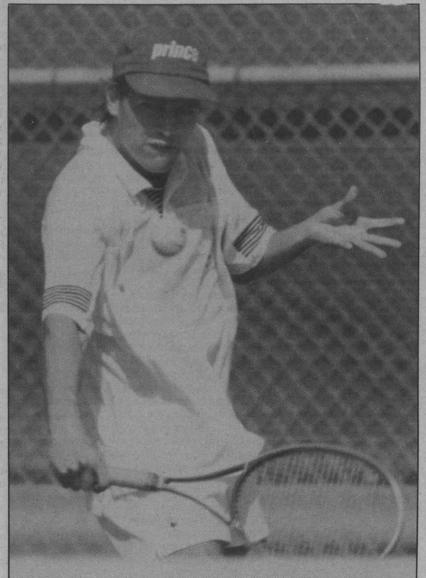
"In the third set I couldn't be tentative, I had to take some chances," Decret said about his serves. "It was more of a gutsy Markovits was also having match than anything else, I problems with a Bret, Irvine's didn't play my best game, but it number two, Bret Stern, and had tired, worn out ... I just had to focus more and serve if I wanted to

> Even after Decret's victory and Markovits' miracle comeback, the Gauchos were going into doubles tied at three, partially due to the stellar performance of senior Bill Pham, who won 6-3, 6-3 at the three spot. In the past, a tie entering doubles spelled trou-

ble for the team.
"Our two and three doubles teams had been real shaky all year," Lowry said. "We decided to go with Mark (Ellison) and Henrik (Rosvall) at three because they'd played well together last year, but I still wasn't very confident at all going into doubles tied with a team like Irvine."

Confident or not, the Gauchos The team of Markovits and Deand Marcos Zuniga, 6-4, 6-2.

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Sophomore Laszlo Markovits came back from an awful first set to beat UC Irvine's Bret Stem, helping the Gauchos to a comeback victory over the Anteaters Sunday.

## Gauchos Score Early, Often; Outslug NMSU

By Jonathan Okanes Staff Writer

UCSB and New Mexico State had never met on the baseball diamond before this past weekend, when the Gauchos travelled to Las Cruces for a three-game Big West conference series. Maybe the two teams should get together and

do this more often.

The Aggies and Gauchos staged an explosive, exciting and suspenseful weekend of baseball as UCSB took two of three from NMSU, trashing the Aggies Friday afternoon, 25-7, and using an eight-run ninth inning Sunday in a 12-10 come-from-behind victory. NMSU won Saturday's contest by a score of 7-5.

The Gauchos are now 4-8 in Big West play, 21-15-1 over-

all. The Aggies are 12-27, 2-13 in league.

Santa Barbara tied a school record with six home runs in Friday's game, including five of those in an 11-run third inning that broke the game open. Chris Johnson (2-1), who started the game and went six innings to pick up the victory, also hit his team-best ninth home run of the season. Rich Haar, Jeff Antoon, Mike Wolger, David Waco and Nick Satriano also added round-trippers for the Gauchos. Johnson completed the game going 3-6 with five RBIs. Aggie starter Jamie Mendes pitched two two-thirds innings and gave up 10 runs in taking the loss. By the end of the game, NMSU was forced to put position players on the hill.

A fundamental breakdown cost UCSB Saturday's game, as a wild pick-off attempt at second base by Gaucho reliever Pat Bennett allowed Aggie second baseman Lauro Felix to come around and score in the bottom of the seventh, giving NMSU a 6-5 lead. The Aggies had taken an early lead with three runs in the first inning off Gaucho starter and loser Armando Delsi (4-4). However, another home run by Waco, this one a three-run shot, highlighted a fourrun Santa Barbara fifth inning that temporarily put the Gauchos out in front, 4-3. Gary Goldsmith pitched a complete game for NMSU to pick up the victory.

The Aggies opened up an early 6-0 lead in Sunday's ballgame, as Gaucho starter Mike Wolger didn't last the second inning. But Wolger, who remained in the game as UCSB's designated hitter, redeemed himself in the ninth inning as

his bases-loaded triple tied the game up at 9-9.
Wolger was again involved a little later, as he scored on a single by Jeff Elder. Bennett pitched the final three innings to pick up his first victory of the season (1-1). Mendes took the loss in relief this time for the Aggies, allowing four runs while facing only five batters.



Freshman Janelle Klintworth slides in safely to score as the San Jose State catcher waits in vain for the ball.

## Schott Hurls Shutouts; Softball Sweeps Spartans

By Jason Masini Staff Writer

Defense — the one word that is probably stressed the most in softball is defense, and this weekend the UCSB softball team put on a clinic, taking three of four games at

Saturday, the Gauchos (15-17 overall, 7-11 in the Big West) finished their weekend play by notching their first sweep of the season with wins of 2-0 and 3-0 over San Jose

State. Friday, UCSB split a pair of games with New Mexico State winning the first game, 4-1, and dropping the second, 2-0.

Saturday's games were a showcase for junior Kelli Schott's pitching talents. She was almost unhittable, allowing only one hit in the first game and five in the

nightcap.
"My rise ball was working the best today," Schott (9-8) said. "Gina (Oliver) did a great job of mixing up the

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#### TRACK AND FIELD

### It's Lucky Thirteen For Men at Weekend Meet

By Robert Silk Staff Writer

Thirteen is supposed to be an unlucky number; but for the UCSB men's track and field team it was the number of choice Saturday, as it garnered 13 first-place finishes enroute to a 112-48 win over Occidental College at Los Angeles.

The best event for the Gauchos was the 800-meter run, in which Rene Rigal and Andy Allard both obtained personal bests while finishing first and second, respectively. Rigal's time was 1:54.34 seconds, with Allard finishing just behind him at 1:54.40.

"I was fighting the whole way down the stretch but I couldn't make it," said Allard, who beat his previous personal best by over two seconds. "I was really happy. That was my goal for the season, to reach 1:54.

Six other personal bests were achieved by the Gauchos Saturday; two coming in the pole vault, where Daniel Choi placed second with a vault of 15 feet and Mark Cassayre finished third at 14 feet. Additional personal bests were recorded by Bill Aronson, Frank Smith, Jay Christofferson and John Whitmer. Aronson finished second in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 8:46.4; Christofferson won the shot put with a throw of 49 feet; and Smith leaped 45'-11"in the triple jump, good enough for first place. Whitmer also won with a discus toss of 149'-10", but seemed disappointed with his day — which also included

a second in the shot put and a third in the hammer throw.
"I can do a lot better than I did this last meet," he said, "I did all right in the discus so I was happy about that, but I didn't do very good in the shotput even though I placed."

Another best for the Gauchos was turned in by the 4x100-meter relay team of Masaru Fisher, Ernest Morrell, Rich Frank and Smith. Their time of 42.4 seconds was the lowest of the season.

Frank's success was not limited to his role in the relay victory, as he also won the 100-meter sprint in 11.16 seconds and the 200-meter sprint with a time of 22.33

UCSB also got first place finishes from David Hammond, Scott Fairbanks, Colman Conroy and the 4x400-meter relay team. Hammond completed a Gaucho sweep in the four shortest running events by taking the 400-meter run in 50.89 seconds. Fairbanks won the steeplechase in 10.01.16, and Conroy claimed the high jump with a leap of 6'10 3/4". The 4x400 relay team comprised of Rigal, Hammond, Allard and Bryan Fairbanks took first in a time of 3:26 seconds.

Rounding out Saturday's victories for UCSB were Christofferson — who added to his excellent shotput performance by winning the hammer throw at 167'8" - and Nils Fearnley, whose season debut following academic suspension resulted in a javelin heave of 209'9".

The men's track and field team continues its season Friday at the Pomona Invitationals and Saturday at the Mt. San Antonio Relays.

### Women at Occidental: Good News, Bad News

By Scott McPherson Staff Writer

According to Head Coach Jim Triplett, the results of the UCSB women's track and field team's recent competition at Occidental College were a mixture of good news and bad news.

"We didn't win the meet — that's the bad news," said Triplett, who saw his team outscored by Occidental 71-61, Saturday. "But we did have a number of breakthroughs, and a number of seasonal and personal bests ... it was by far our best meet of the year."

Among the personal bests recorded by the UCSB athletes Saturday were performances turned in by sophomore Keri Peterson and junior Tamara Olson. Peterson surpassed her best-ever shotput distance Saturday with a throw of 40'0", good enough for first place. Olson, a 400-meter hurdles specialist, scored her best performance in that event when she posted a time of 1:03.74 at Occidental. Senior Micheline Sheaffer scored a seasonal best in the discus Saturday, reaching a distance of 161 feet to win the event.

"Those (totals) will be amongst the best in the Big West conference this year," Triplett commented.

Other first-place finishers on the day for the Gauchos were seniors Julie Thomas and Susan Callahan, and sophomores Christie Howard and Dawn Marusov. Thomas won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 15:28; javelinthrower Marusov's best toss on the day reached 108'6"; and Callahan and Howard tied for first in the high jump, each topping the 5'2" mark.

"It was just a very good meet for us," Triplett said. "It will boost our confidence and really help us in the last three to four weeks of the season."

With the year winding down, improvements from the athletes is something that the coach indicated he had hoped for.

"This is what I've been waiting for," he said. "I felt it would happen at Occidental."

"This is now all the hard work paying off," Triplett added. "This makes coaching fun ... watching the athletes reach a higher level. In track and field, there's so much in-

volved in training, and now they get to see all the hard work paying off.

Next up for the women tracksters will be the Pomona-Pitzer Invitational this Saturday at Claremont. The team will compete in one other April meet before the Big West Championships, which are held May 8-9 at Fresno.

## **Spikers Close Out** Season with Loss

Gauchos Swept by #2-Ranked Stanford

By Dino Scoppettone Staff Writer

What a difference a year makes.

Despite losing on the road to Stanford (19-3, 13-3) in its final regular-season match, the UCSB men's volleyball team is in good shape heading into this week's Western Intercollegiate Volleyball Association tournament. Last year at this time, the Gauchos were a weak 10-19 as the regular season came to a close. After the Stanford match on Friday evening, Santa Barbara is 15-12 with a final league record

UCSB's resurgence explains why Gaucho Head Coach Ken Preston wasn't too worried about the loss.

"It was just a loss," Preston said, "not a heartbreaking, gut-wrenching defeat. We played pretty well. We were right in the games.

According to Preston, the difference in the 15-10, 15-9, 15-8 Stanford victory was serving. Cardinal setter Canyon Ceman notched five of his team's eight service aces.

"Canyon Ceman and Duncan Blackman jump-served and really hurt us," Preston noted. "They scored points at critical times in the match. In the third game, it was tied 8-8 and Blackman served them to three straight points."

"Toward the end, they got a lot of aces and we had some serious passing trouble," agreed UCSB outside hitter Eric Fonoimoana. "They ran a smooth offense. They're a good team, but I don't think we played as well as we can play."

Part of the problem was the Gaucho defense, which had trouble shutting down the Stanford attack. The second-ranked Cardinal pasted 65 kills at a .427 clip, as hitters Dave Goss and Bob Hillman notched 20 and 15 kills, re-

spectively. UCSB only managed five blocks.
"We played OK defense in certain spots," Preston said. "Other spots didn't do too well."

Outside hitter Stace Lougeay paced the Gauchos with 17 kills, while Todd Ahmadi managed 11. UCSB was limited to a .261 hitting percentage, and 17 service errors helped doom Santa Barbara to defeat.

The loss left the Gauchos in fourth place in the WIVA's DeGroot Division, and UCSB will open up the WIVA tournament on Wednesday in a match against third-place Cal State Northridge. Fonoimoana thinks that this year's tournament will be a far cry from last year, when eventual champion Long Beach State blitzed the Gauchos in the first round.

"We've gotten a lot of good wins this year," Fonoimoana said. "Last year we really didn't have any significant wins. We've beaten a lot of Top-5 teams and we know we can play

"I think it's just a matter of putting everything together. Against Northridge, we should just run right through them. But they are a good team, and we know that," he added.

#### SPORTS SLATE

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Baseball	Pacific	Thurs.	TBA	Stockton
W. Tennis	UNLV	Thurs.	2 p.m.	UCSB
Volleyball	CS Northridge	Thurs.	7 p.m.	Northridge
Baseball	Pacific	Fri.	TBA	Stockton
M. Track	Pomona Invitational	Fri.	All Day	Pomona
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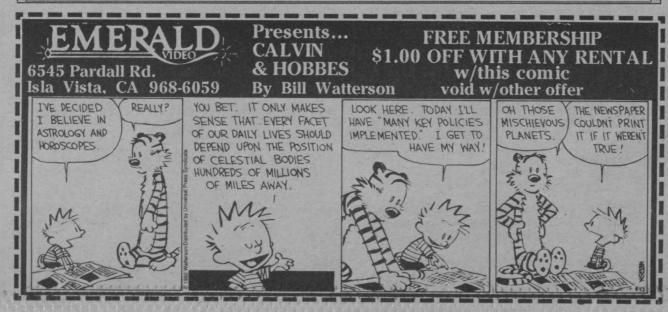
said of Rosvall and Ellison's play. "But really I should have expected it, it was a big well and now gains momenmatch and they're tough competitors."

that second set I knew he championships do not carry going to win the match and set up doubles," said NCAA Championships, Decret. "I thought we'd and therefore the Gauchos have a good shot at doubles, and I just hoped we could

win at two or three."
With the dramatic victory, the Gauchos avoided a losing season and beat a team that had long been on their minds.

"The guys had been thinking about this match all year," said Lowry. "I was just hoping we wouldn't "I was just as in awe as the come out too excited and rest of the crowd," Lowry not be able to play well."

The team certainly played tum going into the upcommpetitors." ing Big West Champion-"Once Markovits won ships. Unfortunately, the an automatic bid to the will probably not get a bid to go as a team due to their mediocre record. However, they should be represented in singles, as Markovits and Decret are likely to receive invitations as a result of their top 25 rankings.



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## San Diego Trip Not Pleasant for Underdog Lady Netters

Scheduling is the Enemy as Women Lose to SDSU, USD

Staff Writer

Nothing quite like a whirlwind tour of San Diego to wear a team out and hurt its

The UCSB women's tennis team went to the warm Southern California mecca in hopes of upsetting the two teams ranked directly in front of it in the Western region; 15th-ranked-nationally San Diego State and 14th-ranked University of San Diego. The Lady Gauchos came

away empty, however, losing to SDSU
7-2 Friday and USD 8-1 Saturday.
"We had a rough road trip," said Head
Coach Chris Russell. "I thought we were in a favorable position to win, though."

Saturday, the Lady Gauchos took to the UCD courts at 9:30 a.m., only 18 hours after playing SDSU. Obviously fatigued, the women lost 8-1.

We came out a little slower," Russell said of the Saturday games.

Russell admitted that it was difficult to play two matches so close to one another, but said that it was the only time that they could schedule to play USD. In addition, due to a men's match later in the afternoon, the match had to be scheduled at an early hour.

Number four player Lynn Coakley was the only UCSB player able to pull out a victory, beating Maddy Diekman, 1-6, 6-2, 6-0. That was the only highlight of the day for the women, though, as all but one match ended in a two-set sweep.

Rutledge and #5 Kathy Peterson were able to come out with victories at SDSU. Rutledge defeated Nicole Storto 6-4, 6-4, and Peterson came back to beat Tanya Laver, 1-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Santa Barbara's #1 and #2 singles players, Debbie Goldberger and Julie Coakley, both won their first sets, but were unable to hold on to take the match, each

falling in three sets.

Number four player Lynn Coakley and #6 Courtney Strauss also came up short in singles, both losing in two sets.

Doubles events were no better, as all three of the Gauchos entrees fell in two

"San Diego State is a tough team to beat at home. We were in a favorable position to win, though," Russell said, indi-cating that the pulse of the games quickly changed when the Gauchos got away from their game plan.

Despite the negative results, Russell was not disappointed with the women's performances. "Everybody played fairly well this week," he said. "Laura Rutledge played well both days, Lynn Coakley continued to shine, though she had a tough day against (San Diego) State, and Kathy Peterson learned a lot about her abilities. She played well in doubles.

"We took some knocks, but we're getting better."

The Gauchos now return to the friendly confines of Santa Barbara for two big conference games against Irvine Tuesday and UNLV Thursday.

Continued from p.1A pitches for me behind the plate and the defense in the field was incredible. Our team just came out with an attitude."

In the first game, UCSB opened the scoring in the third inning as senior Kellie Newcombe's infield single plated freshman pinch-

runner Janelle Klintworth.
The lead then increased to 2-0 in the sixth inning when junior Margo Melendrez slapped a two-out, bases-loaded single to left that brought in Schott, who had walked earlier in the

The two runs were all that UCSB would need as Schott shut down the Spartans the rest of the way and gave her team the win. Schott re-corded four strikeouts in the

Game two opened with Schott again on the mound, and she was again masterful, retiring 13 of the first 15 batters she faced with the help of some brilliant, di-Melendrez and juniors Amy Bond and Jennifer Gomez.

1-0, in the fifth inning when completely as a unit,"

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Kelli Schott

Bond hit a sacrifice fly to right that brought Gomez in. In the sixth inning, Santa Barbara got two more runs on sacrifice flies. Melendrez and Newcombe started off the inning with singles and later scored on sacrifice flies from Oliver and Gomez, giving UCSB an insur-

mountable 3-0 lead.
Schott worked out of a jam in the sixth inning and cruised the rest of the way, giving Santa Barbara its first

Melendrez was awarded "The Broom," the team's ceremonial broom given out to a star player each time ving defensive efforts from UCSB sweeps one of its

opponents.
"This is the first time UCSB broke out on top, we've played totally and

Melendrez said. "Everybody was diving for balls, cheering each other on and pumping each other up. It was just a total team effort."

UCSB Head Coach Sandy Pearce was just as excited about her team's performance.

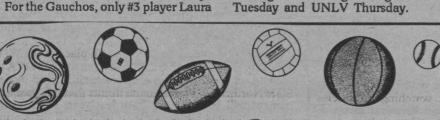
"They were awesome," she said. "They executed really well today. We were able to stay focused for both games and, most of all, just hit the ball the way I know we can. We had a tough loss to New Mexico State, but we didn't get down and were able to really pull it all together."

Friday, Santa Barbara took on NMSU and came out strong in the first inning, going ahead 2-0. The Gauchos then added single runs in the second and fifth innings. Schott allowed only four hits and one run

on her way to the 4-1 win. Melendrez took the mound for the second game and pitched a very good game, allowing only two runs. Unfortunately, Santa Barbara couldn't score at all. Roadrunner pitcher Wendy Snyder shut out the Gauchos for seven innings and NMSU was able to come away with a 2-0

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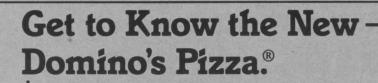
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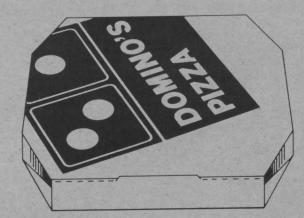
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