Sports MONDAY Take Two: Santa Barbara Pounds Dirtbags

UCSB Captures First Two Games Before Dropping the Third; Von Schell Ties School Record With 17th Home Run of Season

BY MATT HEITNER Staff Writer

The #25 UCSB baseball team had hoped to do some spring cleaning this weekend with Long Beach State in town. But after winning the first two games against LBSU, the Gauchos' brooms didn't leave the closet Sunday.

Santa Barbara (35-12, 9-3 in the Big West) pounded out 10 hits, including three home runs in game one, ripping the Dirtbags, 11-4. UCSB then ran its winning streak to seven games with a hard started," Brontsema said. fought 5-4 win Saturday, before falling Sunday, 10-4. With the series victory, the Gauchos moved into second place in the Big West, only trailing #6 Fullerton. Although UCSB is happy with the series win, the club is disappointed that it couldn't complete the sweep.

"Taking two out of three looks good on Brontsema said. "It doesn't look too good on Sunday after winning the first two. [LBSU] is a good team, and they just got more big hits [Sunday]."

The Gauchos fell behind Friday early in game one, as LBSU took a 2-0 lead in the third inning.

After being sent down in order during the first three innings, UCSB finally broke through in the fourth for its first run of the game. Sophomore center fielder Skip Schumaker started the UCSB rally, leading off the inning with a double, and eventually coming around to score on a groundball from senior second baseman Chad Peshke.

"Schumaker gets us "He always gets us going. He doubled and then Kolbach moved him over, and then Peshke drove him in. When you play a good team, that's what you have to do. That's what got us going."

Senior shortstop Jeff Bannon tied the game in the fifth inning with his fifth dinger of the season, a solo shot. The Gauchos' a round tripper from junior left fielder Jed Stringham.

The onslaught continued in the seventh, as UCSB scored five more

Junior first baseman Tyler Von Schell got in on the long-ball action with a three-run shot of his own, tying the team record of 17 in one season.

"It's awesome," Von Schell said of tying the record. "We know we have to play well to beat these guys. I feel that if I play well against these guys we're going to win."

Junior starter James Garcia picked up the win for UCSB, improving to 9-1 on the season. The junior-college transfer gave up only two earned runs in nine innings.

"[Garcia] was erratic at the start," Brontsema said. "He didn't have the command he usually does. He can pitch bad and still get away with it, and he made the good pitches when he had to."

Game two was a classic Big West duel, and for most of the game it appeared that UCSB couldn't solve Long Beach pitcher Nate Beucler. But Thursday [before the offense finally found its Santa Barbara finally series starts],"ddUCSB stroke in the sixth, scoring broke through in the sev-Head Coach Bob four runs, three coming on enth inning, scoring three enth inning, scoring three runs to take a 5-4 lead.

Senior closer Jamie Gonzales then finished off the Dirtbags in the ninth inning. Gonzalez needs runs to take an 11-2 lead. only nine pitches to retire



Junior first baseman Tyler Von Schell does the splits while trying to nail Nick Covarrubias at first. Though Covarrubias was safe, his Dirtbags were not, losing two of three to UCSB.

Long Beach State.

[Gonzales] was definitely pumped," Brontsema said. "He was coming out and throwing hard. When he throws his breaking ball like that, he's fun to watch."

After giving up three first-inning runs, senior starter Rylie Ogle settled down to shut out Long Beach for the next five innings.

"I didn't really have my 'A' stuff," Ogle said. "I just did what I could to keep us in the game. I didn't come UCSB, as the first six out the way I should have, Dirtbags reached base,

but I made good pitches when I had to. I wasn't happy with coming out [after the sixth inning], but looking back it was the right thing to do."

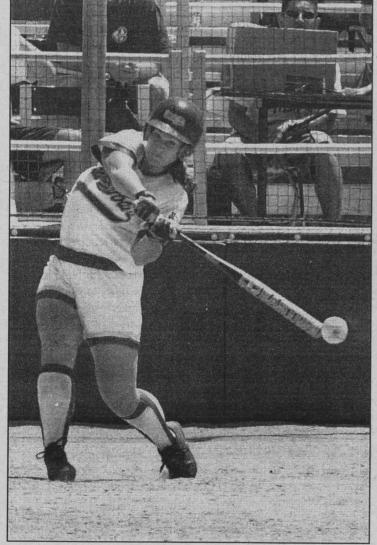
Santa Barbara was looking to bring out the brooms Sunday, but two big innings from LBSU led to the Gauchos' demise. With the game tied at one heading into the fourth inning, LBSU scored three runs to take a 4-2 lead. The fifth inning was just as unkind to

leading to a six-run explosion. UCSB could only muster two runs the rest of the way, dropping the final game of the series.

Although UCSB failed to complete the sweep, it finished the week taking three of four games from the Dirtbags.

"It was a good week," Kolbach said. "Obviously I'm disappointed with the loss. We did take two out of three this weekend and put ourselves in good position [in the Big West]. Now we've got to get ready for next week."

Matadors Put Final Stake in Gauchos' Season With Three-Game Sweep



BY KEITH BUSAM Staff Writer

They usually say that parting is such sweet sorrow, but this may not be the case with the 2001 UCSB softball team as it finished its season this past weekend, dropping three in a row to a tough Cal State Northridge squad.

Santa Barbara lost both games of its Saturday

port she would need belting a three-run homer. Northridge cruised to an easy 5-0 blowout.

But the tide would turn in Saturday's nightcap, as the Gauchos exploded in the seventh inning after remaining dormant for much of the game. Trailing 3-0 and heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, Santa Barbara put together one last rally. Sophomore catcher Jami Trinidad singled in an RBI, and then the Gauchos capitalized on a fielding error and a wild pitch to tie the game.

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The UCSB softball team could not solve Cal State Northridge, getting swept by the Matadors in the Gauchos' final series of the 2001 year. doubleheader, 5-0 and 4-3. Then, in senior second baseman Teresa Tolson's last game as a Gaucho, UCSB fell 5-2.

"We definitely wanted to end the season with a win," junior second baseman and team co-captain Kim Sawyer said. "You never want to say that you have nothing to look forward to, but it is hard to get motivated when you have no post-season ahead of you."

Santa Barbara (18-34, 4-17 in the Big West) entered this weekend's series coming off of six straight losses, three to #9 Cal State Fullerton and three to Utah State this past weekend. UCSB was hoping to finish its season on a high note.

Unfortunately, Northridge brought its ringer in to spoil the party.

Rarely does an entire team revolve around one player, but Northridge has a player of such caliber: Sarah Farnworth. The Matador hurler tossed nineteen scoreless innings, tallied three wins, and added a home run in the three games this weekend.

"She is definitely one of the best pitchers in the league," sophomore outfielder Ashley Groefsema said. "The [team] was good all around. She did everything. She [pitches] great and she hits great."

Saturday's first game was an impressive pitching display from Matador pitching aces Farnworth and Tanya Ledesma, who combined for a one-hit shutout. Farnworth also provided all the run sup-

The score was deadlocked until the ninth inning, when CSUN's Veronica Lopez stepped to the plate and doubled home the winning run. UCSB failed to score in the bottom of the inning, and the team suffered its eighth straight loss, 4-3.

Heading into Sunday's game, the Gauchos had a bittersweet taste in their mouths. The team obviously was going to play for pride, but Santa Barbara would also play for Tolson, who was playing in her final game at UCSB.

Things looked bleak for the Gauchos, as the team was unable to score any early runs. The Matadors would score all five of their runs in the fourth inning behind back-to-back long balls from Summer Richardson and Colleen Spencer.

But Santa Barbara would not let the sun set on its season so easily, clawing back to score runs in the sixth and seventh innings on an RBI single from sophomore Natalie Adame and off a Matador error. Yet, Northridge proved too strong, winning 5-2.

Although Tolson ended her career on a losing note, she will always be remembered by her teammates as an exceptional team player and leader.

"She definitely had the best team leadership," Sawyer said. Sawyer, who knows Tolson better than most because they live together, added, "Everyone looked up to her. She would always fire the team up and you could just see the desire in her eyes every time that she was on the field."

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - You feel strong-ly about a sensitive domestic issue. So does everybody else. How about calling a family meeting? You might not get it resolved, but you'll find out who thinks what. This is not a

waste of time. It's good to know. Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - Do you feel as if you're carrying the weight of the world on your shoul-ders? Actually, you are. It's just your turn for a while, that's all. Don't try to wiggle out of this. It's good for you. You're getting stronger

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - You want to provide the very best for your family. There's a way to do that without merely throwing money at the problem. Luckily, your

family and friends will tell you how to do it. Just ask. Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - You're a good analyst. You believe in doing homework and getting all the facts, so don't be dismayed if your forward motion appears to be blocked. Catch up on your reading while you're waiting. Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You're learning, and that's good. The problem is that some of the facts seem to contradict others. That's all part of the lesson. Dig deep to find out what is true and what is bogus.

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Tuesday, May 8	7:45-9 p.m.	Information Meeting	University Ce
Wednesday, May 9	9:30 -5 p.m.	Personal Visits	University Cen
	7:30 p.m.	Informal Recruitment Event	ΣK House, 76
Thursday, May 10	9:30-5 p.m.	Personal Visits	University Cen
	7-9 p.m.	Preference Event (by invitation)	ΣK House, 76
Friday, May 11	10 a.m5 p.m.	Bid Distribution	University Cen
	7-9 p.m.	Bid Day/Formal Pledging	ΣK House, 76

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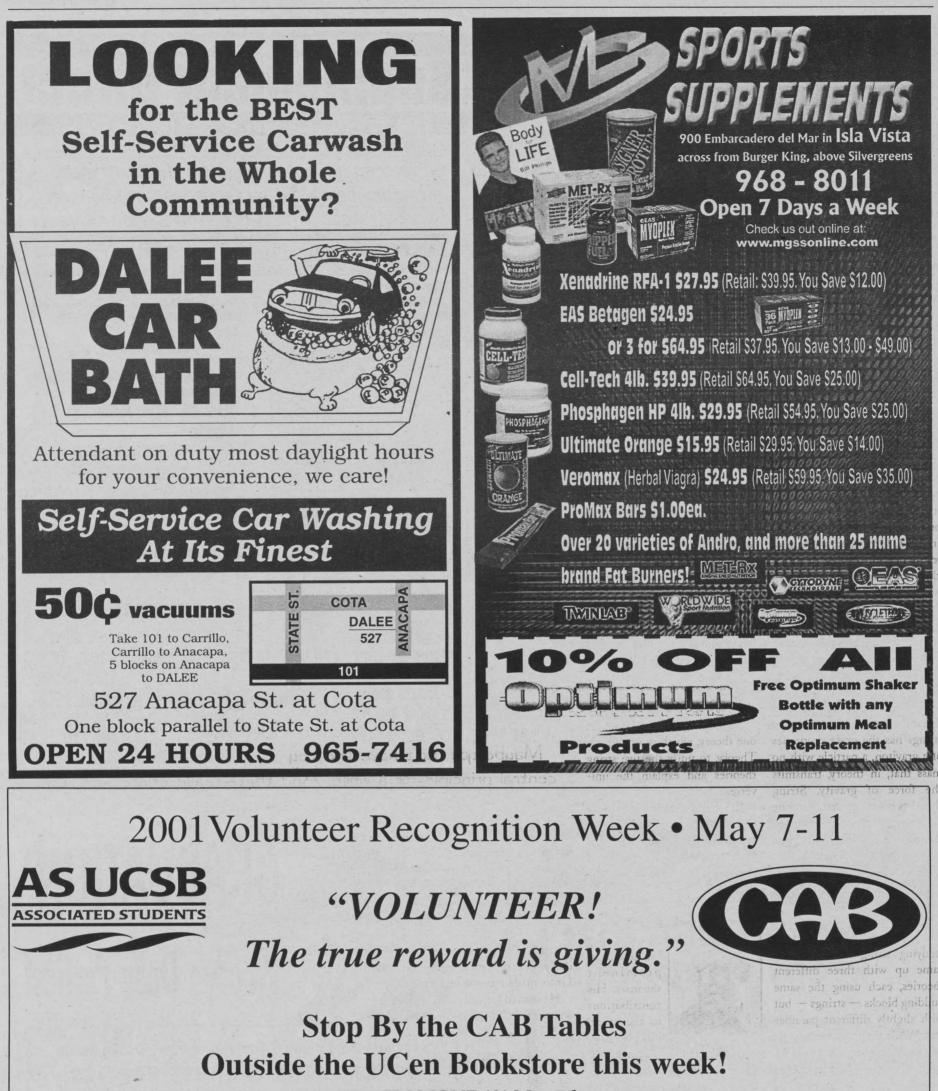
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11-1 PM MONDAY, May 7th

The ASAP Cat Demo will be on Monday in front of the UCen. The Animal Shelter Assistants Program (ASAP) will be displaying several cats and provide information regarding adoption and foster care.

11-2 PM TUESDAY, May 8th



The Blue Ribbon Day. Tuesday Students from CAB will be tabling outside the UCen, educating the campus community regarding CALM (Child Abuse Listening and Mediation). Literature and blue ribbons will be distributed to provide an opportunity to raise awareness of child abuse, its causes and cures. There will also be a Children's Book Drive during the entire week for children at CALM.



11-2 PM WEDNESDAY, May 9th and THURSDAY, May 10th



Wednesday we will be sponsoring a Paint and Plant-A-Pot Activity outside the UCen, to engage the students, staff and faculty in decorating a pot and planting a flower as a gift to the residents of Friendship Manor.



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