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BIG WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS

Women Repeat as Champions; Men Third

Fast Start Isn't Enough as Team Fades in the Stretch

By Chris Ballard Staff Writer

When all the dust cleared from this weekend's Big West Tennis Championships in Ojai, the UCSB men's tennis team emerged with a third-place finish and a couple of indivi-dual accolades, but also a hint of disappointment.

The awards went to Head Coach Don Lowry, who was named Coach of the Year by his peers, and to senior Bill Pham, who won the #3 spot championship.

The weekend was disappointing because, after an amaz-ing first round, the team faltered in the later rounds, dropping from first to third place. The team played inspired tennis in the crucial first-round

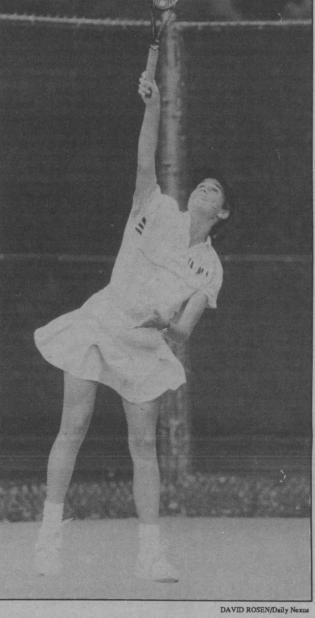
matches, which were worth four points, winning all nine of their matches and entering a first-place tie with UC Irvine going into the one-point second-round matches. The Gauchos had been red-hot ever since their stunning seasonending comeback victory against UCI and seemed poised to cap off their up-and-down season in spectacular fashion, but it cooled down considerably in the second round, winning only three of nine matches, and dropping into second place.

"We had the best first day we've ever had at the tournament," Lowry said. "We'd had some team meetings and we knew we'd have to win the first nine to have a chance in the tournament.'

In the championship round, Santa Barbara emerged with one victory, that from Pham at the #3 spot, and ended the tournament with a total score of 40, two points behind Fresno State and nine behind the victorious UC Irvine squad.

It was a strong contrast to the first round, where the Gauchos were unstoppable, as they won at every position. Sophomore Henrik Rosvall won an important match at the number-four spot, defeating the number-three seed, Lorin Entzel of UNLV, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2. Senior Mark Ellison, the fourth seed at the number-five spot, defeated Miles Webster of UOP, 7-5, 6-3, and the doubles team of Pham and John Fox were victorious by a score of 6-1, 7-6, at the number-two doubles spot.

"The whole team played really well in the first round," Rosvall said. "We had some easier matches at the top spots, but Ellison and Fox (who won 7-5, 6-3) had some tough matches. In my match I was really fired up, I was playing on center court and I knew I could beat the guy, from there I just played confidently and it came easy."



Big West Player of the Year Debbie Goldberger lets fly See MEN, p.2A on a serve.

Lady Netters Win Title for Second Consecutive Season

By Robert Boller Staff Writer

For the second year in a row, Lady Luck was with the UCSB women's tennis team, as they put on a clinic of win-ning tennis and successfully defended their Big West Championship at Ojai.

The Gauchos finished with 43 points to the University of the Pacific's 38. Fresno State took third with 36 and UC Irvine fourth with 35.

The weekend was made even better when senior cocaptain Debbie Goldberger was named the 1992 Big West Player of the Year and Head Coach Chris Russell was voted Coach of the Year by the other conference coaches for the second year in a row.

UCSB came out on fire Thursday, sweeping all of its matches and leaping out to a big lead in the points standings.

The first day was really big. It put us out in front with a good lead," Russell said.

However, they came back to earth Friday, winning only four out of nine matches. The losses brought second-place UOP within five points of UCSB with eight opportunities to gain points Saturday during the finals and consolation rounds. With the fewer wins, UCSB had only four chances.

But with graceful play under pressure, Santa Barbara capitalized on their matches Saturday and left no one doubting who the champs were. In the #1 seeded finals, Debbie Goldberger defeated Fullerton's Roseanne Alva 6-2, 6-2. Alva had beaten the #48 player in the nation and Irvine's top player in earlier rounds, but was no match for Goldberger.

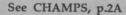
"There was a lot of excitement this weekend. I'm satis-fied," Goldberger said. "We were nervous going into competition because of the format of the tournament, even though we knew we were the best team."

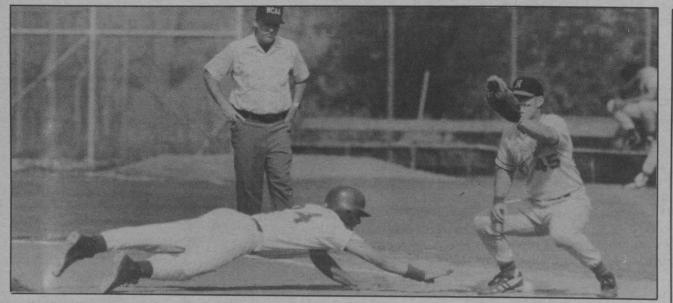
"It was a wonderful match for Debbie. She varied the speed and clinched Player of the Year and overall honors for us," Russell said. "It was a real nice way to cap off a great year."

In the #2 singles seed final, UCSB's Laura Rutledge was victorious over Leslie O'Keefe of UOP 6-3, 6-1.

UCSB was also in the #3 singles final, but the other senior co-captain, Julie Coakley, was defeated by Kim Chang of UOP 6-2, 6-1.

The Gauchos' fourth final opportunity came when the third-seeded doubles team of Rutledge and Susie Drage





Gymnasts Happy With Nationals Performance

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Freshman Mike Wolger dives back to first base safely during Friday's 13-1 loss to the Rebels.

Gauchos "Miran-dized" by Rebels; Drop 2 of 3

By Jonathan Okanes Staff Writer

After losing two of three games to UNLV this weekend, and in the process seeing any of the slim hopes his team may have had at making a run at the postseason virtually erased, fessional baseball team, the San Francisco Giants, to keep things in perspective.

and realized that this kind of thing doesn't only happen to control and the Rebels tagged him for four more runs. Miran us," Ferrer said, referring to the pitching problems his team suffered in 13-1 and 10-8 losses on Friday and Saturday, re-

spectively. "We give up four walks in one and 1/3 innings (on Saturday) - that was a real killer. Then the Giants go out and walk three people in the 10th and lose to the Dodgers. The short relief was the real problem on Saturday.

Ace right-hander Steve Lane got the start on Saturday and had a rare shaky performance, allowing six earned runs and four walks in just three and 1/3 innings of work. But the UCSB baseball Head Coach Al Ferrer used his favorite pro- Gauchos were having a good measure of success themselves against UNLV's ace Tory Miran, and when Lane was re-"I listened to the Giants/Dodgers game Saturday night d realized that this kind of thing doesn't solution in the fourth inning, Santa Barbara trailed only 6-3.

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On paper, the performance of UCSB's entries in the NCAA gymnastics championship doesn't look too hot. However, truth be told, the performance of Gaucho seniors Mark Brodman, Marc Jones and Eric Jones isn't nearly as bad as it looks.

Marc Jones tied a school record with a 9.7 on the pommel horse, but fell one-tenth of a point short in qualifying for finals. He ended up 13th best in the nation. "He hit like never before," UCSB Head Coach Mircea

Badulescu said. "He was extremely happy."

Brodman's score of 9.55 on the rings, his specialty event, fell five-hundredths of a point short of qualifying for the final round. He had qualified as an all-arounder, but chose to skip the compulsory events and focus on his specialty. He finished ninth overall on the rings.

Badulescu felt that Brodman's mid-meet appearance in the event might have hurt him, as the judges were still being conservative in their scoring. "We felt he was underscored. The Head Judge gave him

a 9.6, the other a 9.5," he said. "If he gets both 9.6's, he goes (to the finals).'

On the high bar, Eric Jones thrilled the crowd with a spectacular midair skill, a "full-twisting gineger." Jones was one of only to competitors in the whole meet to attempt the difficult maneuver.

"We had talked about it before the meet, as to whether he would do it. It was his senior year, his last chance," Badulescu said. "He did it. It was very awesome, very diffi-

cult. He was extremely happy." Unfortunately, Jones "broke a little form," according to Badulescu and scored only a 9.25.

"We have nothing to complain about," Badulescu said. "We did very well this year."

--Ross French

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Athletes not the Only Things Shining at UCSB Invitational

By Scott McPherson and Robert Silk Staff Writers

By the time all the events were completed yesterday at the first annual UCSB Gaucho Invitational track and field competition, the scorching sunshine over Pauley Track had taken its toll on the athletes.

"It's taken a toll on the runners and the coaches," quipped UCSB women's Assistant Coach Scott Culp. "It's been a very long day."

Despite the sun, the meet -- created this month after the cancellation of the annual Cal Poly SLO Invitational - was the scene of some quality track and field. Teams from UC Riverside, Cal State Bakersfield, Westmont College and Cal Poly SLO were on hand, as well as several unattached athletes.

The only first-place finish for the UCSB men was attained by All-American high jumper Colman Conroy. However, for the third straight week he was able to clear no higher than 6'10 3/4". His three attempts at 7'0" all came up short.

Despite only one win, the Gauchos had much to be happy about. They recorded seven personal bests as well as a plethora of additional finishes in the top three.

Among those getting personal bests was sophomore runner Rene Rigal, whose time of 3:52.30 seconds was good enough for third place in his heat of the 1,500-meter run and was his fourth consecutive personal record-breaking performance.

"I think it's just confidence," Rigal said, adding, "I'm taking the training more seriously.

Bryan MacMillan also had a personal best in the 1,500-meter run, finishing in

3:53.93 seconds. However, his primary event is the steeplechase, and after last week's seasonal best at the Mt. San Antonio Relays, he has set his sights toward the Big West Championships.

Right now I'm second in the Big West (in the steeplechase) and I plan to win the Big West," MacMillan said, "It's always nice to be confident, but I'm being realistic also.

Additional personal bests were attained by Nils Fearnley, Andy Allard, John Whitmer and Jeff Gartenberg. Fearnley took second in the javelin with a throw of 218'10", while Allard grabbed a third in his 800-meter run heat by finishing in 1:53.62. Whitmer and Gartenberg set personal bests in the hammer throw; Whitmer with a heave of 145'7", good enough for seventh, and Gartenberg with a toss of 132'4" and an eighth-place finish. Whitmer also had a personal best in the discus.

Peter Kallik was the only Gaucho of the day to figure in two top-three finishes. The senior placed second the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 54.93 seconds, and third in the 110-meter high hurdles heat by finishing in 19.41 seconds. More impressively, Regi Johnson returned from his groin injury with a third-place in heat one ot the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 14.6 seconds.

Others placing in the top three for UCSB included Brad Tower in the javelin, Dave Hammond in heat one of the 400-meter run, Rich Frank in the 100-meter sprint, Mark McGuire in his heat of the 800-meter run and Ernest Morrell in the long jump and 4x100- and 4x400-meter relay teams.

Meanwhile, the UCSB women were competing Sunday with a short squad after 16 of their top athletes participated in the UC Irvine Invitational on Saturday. Sprinter Riquesha Davis scored a pair of



Senior Susan Callahan sails over the 5'5" mark at the UCSB Invitational Sunday. The performance was a personal best for Callahan and earned her second place at the meet.

firsts for the home team Sunday, taking the 100 meters in 12.99 and the 200 meters in 26.42. Senior Micheline Sheaffer scored UCSB's only other first-place finish, winning the discus event with a distance of 154'4". Currently suffering from ligament damage in her throwing hand, Sheaffer indicated that her showings this weekend were a disappointment to her.

"I didn't feel good about my throws," said Sheaffer, whose discuss throw Saturday of 154'1" was good for third at Irvine.

However, she added Sunday that her hand was "all right - it's feeling better."

Other top finishers Sunday for the UCSB women included senior Susan Callahan, whose personal-best high jump of 5'5" was good for second. Sophomore Becky Thomas was only one onehundredth of a second off the pace in the 100-meter hurdles, settling for second with a time of 15.26 seconds.

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UNLV: Wolger, Waco Shine as Gauchos Salvage Final Game of Series

Continued from p.1A helped himself at the plate by belting two solo home runs.

UCSB did make things interesting with a three-run sixth inning that included RBI hits by Rich Haar, David Waco and Danny Lane. But Miran shut the door in the eighth and ninth to pick up the complete-game victory (8-3). Lane took the loss and is now 6-3.

The Gauchos salvaged one of the three games on Sunday with an 11-5 victory behind a complete-game per-formance by freshman Mike Wolger (3-0). Santa Barbara (25-18-1 overall, 7-11 conference) got to Rebel starting pitcher Jonathan Jarolimek early and often, as Waco ed a two-run firstcrack

inning homer to put the Gauchos out in front. UCSB extended its lead to 5-1 with a three-run third inning, but UNLV came back to cut the margin to 5-4 in the fourth on a pair of Wolger walks, an RBI single by first baseman Nick Kuster, an error by Haar at third base and a costly wild pitch by Wolger. But after that Wolger kept

Rebel hitters in check while UCSB exploded for four runs Dave Waco in the fourth inning and two more in the sixth. Center fielder Elgin Lowe had the big blow in the fourth with a bases-loaded triple, while Haar, who has begun to pick it up at the plate recently, hit his second home run of the series, a two-run shot in the



ven total strikeouts coming they got to Gaucho starter into the game, struck out and loser Armando Delsi eight on Sunday while allow- (4-6) for five runs in the top ing six walks, seven hits and of the first and added three just three earned runs. He more in the second to take a had runners on base in every commanding 8-0 lead. inning except the ninth.

after I had that bad (fourth) inning," Wolger said. "I figured if I kept letting them score on wild pitches like that, I wouldn't have lasted that much longer. I didn't want to allow those type of runs to score."

Meanwhile, with San Jose State being swept by UC Irvine over the weekend, the Rebels (27-18, 10-8) have quietly snuck into fourth place in the conference standings. Their victory Fri-Wolger, who had just se- day was never in doubt, as

Senior right-hander Greg

the second inning and was greeted by a first-pitch threerun homer from Kuster. Connolly didn't last the third inning, which ended in a score of 11-1 in favor of UNLV. LP-Delsi (4-6). Startor T L Mathews threw 2B-UCSB: Waco. HR-UNLV: Kuster (8), Mi-Starter T.J. Mathews threw seven innings for the Rebels

to pick up the victory. Miran and Kuster led the way throughout the weekend for the Rebels. Miweekend for the Rebels. Mi-ran was a combined 4-8 with seven walks, three HR's, four RBI and seven runs scored, not to mention the complete-^{UCSB} 120 013 100- 8 15 0 Miran and Reiber. S. Lane, Johnson (4), Bratza (6). WP-Miran (8-3). LP-S. Lane (6-3). 28-UNLV: Hubel, Yurovchak. UCSB: Waco, Haar. 3B-UCSB: Lowe. HR-UNLV: Miran 2 (10), Kuster (9), Madsen (5). UCSB: Haar (6). not to mention the completegame victory on Saturday. Kuster went 4-11 for the three games with two UNLV homers and six RBI. Waco continued his late-season and Reiber. Wolger and Bazzani, Elder (8). WP-surge by going 8-12 in the series and continued his fine 2B-UNLV: Mariani. UCSB: Antoon. 3Bries and continued his fine 2B-UNLV: Manani. UCSB: Lowe. HR-UCSB:

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Continued from p.1A Saturday's second round play broke the Gauchos, as even stalwart sophomore Laszlo Markovits lost, and only three Gauchos proceeded to the final round. Markovits lost 7-5, 6-1 to Joe Gonzalez of UOP, a player he had defeated earlier in the season. At the number-one spot, senior David Decret won again, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4 over Brandon Coupe of UOP, Pham defeated Misho Jevtic of UNLV 6-3, 6-2, and Decret and Markovits were victorious at the number-one doubles spot, 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.

"We didn't have as good of a second day as we needed to win the tournament," said Lowry. "We had sort of expected Markovits to win at two. Joe Gonzalez is a good player, but Laszlo had beaten him in the regular season, and that loss hurt



Bill Pham

us."

In the finals, Decret lost to his nemesis, Bret Hanson-Dent of UCI, who he had beaten in three brutal sets two weeks ago, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 to place second. Pham finished his title run by beating Nils Koitka of Fresno State 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, to finish his season on an up note, while the team of Decret and Markovits fell 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

"The championship match

between Bret and David was just beautiful tennis," said Lowry. "David played really well, and was close all the way, just great tennis."

Because of his victory in the finals, Hansen-Dent was named the Player of the Year and crowned Big West sin-they put it all together," Rusgles champion.

Pham's opponent was just as tough. Koitka had played at the one and two spots at times during the season, and was strong in his first two tournament victories. Pham's victory capped off a strong second-half run for the departing senior.

With the tournament behind them, Santa Barbara will wait until May 15 to see if Decret and Markovits are invited to the NCAA Individual Tournament, something that is probable but not a lock. The duo could receive a doubles bid as well as singles because of their strong seasons.

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Continued from p.1A downed Kim Kubar and Kristy Smith of Fresno St., 6-3, 6-3.

sell said. "Everyone got a piece of the pie by contribut-ing. If it hadn't been for all the other players throughout the year we could never have gotten to this point."

Russell also went on modestly about his honors as Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year. "It's a much-appreciated honor, but they (the team) make me look good. They are more re-sponsible than I and deserve a lot of credit."

This was Russell's third time receiving Coach of the Year as he was the men's

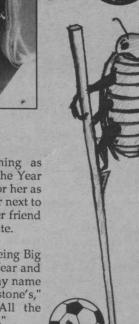
Coach of the Year in 1990.



Laura Rutledge

Goldberger's naming as Big West Player of the Year was a double thrill for her as her name will appear next to Tracey Johnstone, her friend and former teammate.

"It's a big honor being Big West Player of the Year and I'm stoked to have my name next to Tracie Johnstone's,' Goldberger said. "All the hard work paid off."



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Gauchos Split on the Road, **Return Home and Drop Two**

By Jason Masini Staff Writer

It took what seemed like an eternity for the fans and probably even longer for the players for it to end, Sunday, as the UCSB softball team battled with #6 Cal State Fullerton for six hours only to lose 3-2 in nine innings and 4-3 in 12 innings.

The first game was dominated by defense and strong pitching from both teams as each squad had its ace on the mound, Kelli Schott (10-12) for the Gauchos, and Tiffany Boyd (28-5) for the Titans. The game's only early scoring took place in the first two innings, as the Gauchos scored in the bottom of the first and the Titans answered in the top of the second.

The score remained 1-1 until the ninth inning, when Fullerton's Kim Pow-ers hit a two-out, two-run single that gave CSF a 3-1 lead.

The Gauchos made a valiant comeback effort in the bottom of the ninth inning, scoring once when junior Margo Melendrez came home on a Melissa Plaster single, but Boyd closed the door.

The second game saw the Gauchos fall behind quickly, 1-0, in the first in-ning. Titan K.C. Clark led off the game with a single to center and later came home on a groundout by Rose Garces.

UCSB came back strong in the second inning when Fullerton pitcher Cheryl Longeway couldn't find the strike zone and gave up four walks. The Gauchos took advantage of her generosity, scoring two runs for a 2-1 lead that would last until the sixth inning. CSF tied the score, 2-2, in that sixth inning when Powers came home on a

throwing error by Gaucho starting pitcher Melendrez. Santa Barbara went back in front, 3-2, in the bottom of the sixth inning

when Fullerton Head Coach Judy Garman decided to lift Longeway and put Boyd on the mound with the bases loaded and a 3-2 count to Melendrez. Boyd's first pitch was a controversial called ball four and Schott came in with the go-ahead run.

top of the seventh, sending the game into extra innings at 3-3. Both Melendrez and Boyd kept putting zeroes on the scoreboard until the

top of the 12th when Fullerton's Marci White scored from third on a two-out

single by Karin Knoop, giving the Titans a 4-3 lead and an eventual win. "I think that even though we lost both games, we played excellent ball today," UCSB Head Coach Sandy Pearce said. "They (CSF) just got a couple of the breaks that really made the difference. It makes us feel good knowing that we can play like this with the #6 team in the country. Next year, we'll have more experience and we'll be able to win games like these."

Friday, the Gauchos travelled to New Mexico State to take on the Roadsplit though, losing the first game, 5-2, and winning the nightcap, 5-4 in into extra innings eight innings.



Freshman pinch runner Janelle Klintworth kicks up a cloud of dust as she slides safely into third base during a recent game.

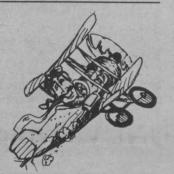
But once again, the Titans showed their tenacity and scored a run in the spotting NMSU a 5-0 lead. She allowed six hits for the game, and struck out five.

The Gauchos did try to come back, scoring two runs in the fifth inning when Melendrez and senior Kellie Newcombe both reached on errors and later scored on RBI groundouts from junior Krissy Kyriazis and senior Gina Oliver, but the rally fell short.

The Santa Barbara hitting attack came around for the second game as the Gauchos got a single run in the first inning, two in the second inning, and one more in the fifth inning to take what seemed to be a safe, 4-0 lead.

NMSU came back, however, with two runs off Melendrez in the sixth inning and got two more off Schott in the seventh, who had relieved Melenrunners, the last-place team in the Big West. UCSB came away with only a drez with two outs in the sixth, tying the score, 4-4, and sending the game

ght innings. The first game saw Gaucho pitcher Schott get roughed up right away, giv-the first game saw Gaucho pitcher Schott get roughed up right away, giving up three runs in the second inning and two more in the third inning, single, scoring Schott and giving UCSB a 5-4 lead that held up.







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At Irvine Saturday, senior Lani Friese scored a firstplace finish in the 800 meters, finishing in 2:17.5. Junior Tamara Olson placed fourth with a time of 1:03.56 in the 400-meter hurdles. Sophomore Julie Thomas and freshman Beckie Levy finished third and fourth respectively in the 800 meters; Thomas with a time of 4:40.80 and Levy running a personal best 4:41.74.

Along with the NCAA competitors at Sunday's meet, several other athletes turned in outstanding performances. UCSB alumnus Andy Sheaffer, an All-American for the Gauchos last year, won the hammer throw event with a distance of 198'10". Triple-jumper Vladimir Melichov of the Commonwealth of Independent States put on a show in the day's final event, leaping an incredible 53'9 1/2" over seven feet better than his nearest opponent. The UCSB men will be

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back in action Saturday at Pauley Track at the Nick Carter Invitational. The Gaucho women will have next weekend off before both teams travel to Fresno for the Big West Championships, held May 8-9.

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