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Outmanned, Outscored: Still Outstanding



GOSH DORN IT - The Gauchos pulled off a dramatic come-from-behind victory over UConn Saturday night, 2-1, on the strength of two Linda Dorn (left) goals. UCSB then fell Sunday night to Wisconsin, 1-0.

Fielding Only 10, Women Show Character in 1-0 Loss

By Brian Banks Staff Writer

What to say about a team that could field only 10 players against the #6 squad in the nation 24 hours after an emotional 11-player win over the third-ranked team? That outshot both opponents, and by many accounts, outplayed them? That had to overcome even more obstacles in its fi-nal matches with a playoff berth on the line? The most popular word of choice around Harder Sta-

dium Sunday night was "character." It was appropriate, if not a vast understatement. The UCSB women's soccer squad gave the University of Wisconsin a 90-minute power-play, yet played some of its best soccer of the season before losing, 1-0, in front of 507 fans. UCSB could have made a strong claim to an NCAA play-

off spot with a win, since the Gauchos turned heads with a 2-1 victory over the University of Connecticut in the team's opening match of the UC Santa Barbara Collegiate Invitational. Now the squad's hopes are slim, resting on the chance that enough people were impressed by Sunday's performance. The playoff seedings were announced early this morning.

Though Wisconsin claimed the victory, UCSB (12-6-0) made them work. Increased offensive pressure in the second half gave the Gauchos scoring opportunities, but they were unable to finish. Saturday night, forward Julie Bush-man injured her right leg just before halftime, and midfiel-der Lisa Ferragamo hurt her left leg with 2:22 left in the game. Both players were unavailable Sunday, leaving UCSB Head Coach Tad Bobak with just 10 players. "It was a tremendous performance, both on Saturday and Sunday," Bobak said. "We needed a great team effort and the girls came through, they came through with flying colors. I'm very proud, not only did we have the playoffs on the line, but we had (problems) that we had to overcome." Wisconsin scored the game's only goal in the 14th mi-nute, when midfielder Amy Warner punched a deflected pass past Gaucho goalkeeper Jan Urich. Five minutes later, Badger forward Erica Handleman took a shot off a cross from the right side, but Urich made a point-blank save to keep UCSB close. ond half gave the Gauchos scoring opportunities, but they

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Santa Barbara's best opportunity came late in the second half, when forward Phronsie Franco got the ball in the box,

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Spikers Get It Started Late in CSUF Victory

By Jonathan Okanes Staff Writer

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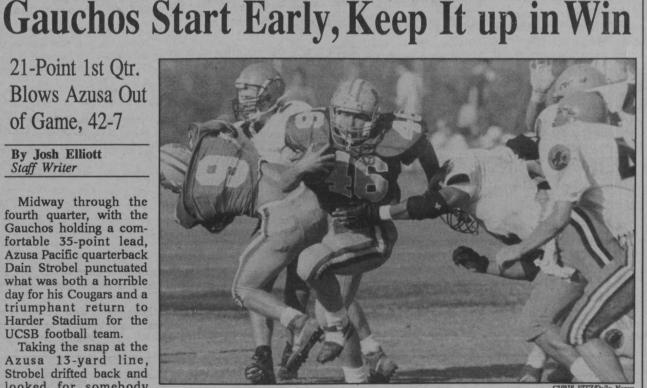
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21-Point 1st Qtr. Blows Azusa Out of Game, 42-7



State Fullerton in three games back on Oct. 16 at Titan Gym, Gaucho Head Coach Kathy Gregory was still a little concerned because Santa Barbara had struggled to get production from its middle against a team of such lesser caliber.

That wasn't a problem in the rematch between the two teams Saturday night at the Events Center.

Junior middle blocker Tina Van Loon had a career-best 15 kills and Julie Pitois led the Gauchos with 16 as UCSB rebounded from a horrid first game to defeat the Titans, 3-15, 15-5, 15-2, 15-2, in front of a sparse Halloween-weekend crowd of 178. With the win, #10 Santa Barbara improved its Big West Conference record to 10-4 to go along with an overall mark of 15-7. Fullerton is now 6-24, 1-11 in league play.

Van Loon, who has been battling a strained back for much of the season, showed why UCSB has the potential to be a formidable opponent when it is able to employ a middle attack. After a first game that saw lineup changes that seemed to take Santa Barbara out of its rhythm, the Gauchos proceeded to display a potent attack, hitting for a .380 percentage in the final three games after mustering just

a -.114 clip in game one. "I felt relaxed and ready to hit tonight," Van Loon said. "(Setter) Stephie (Cox) had more confidence in me - the more I put the ball away, the more she knew that I could, and (so) she was giving me more sets."

Cox, who has started most of the season but in recent weeks has been sharing time with freshman Chrissy Boehle, had one of her better matches of the year. The senior co-captain was used exclusively in the Gauchos' victories in games two, three and four and was one of the main

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By Josh Elliott Staff Writer

Midway through the fourth quarter, with the Gauchos holding a comfortable 35-point lead, Azusa Pacific quarterback Dain Strobel punctuated what was both a horrible day for his Cougars and a triumphant return to Harder Stadium for the UCSB football team.

Taking the snap at the Azusa 13-yard line, Strobel drifted back and looked for somebody downfield. And while standing on his own goal line, with loads of time to throw the ball or run the ball or do just about anything with the ball, completely untouched, he simply, laughably, fell to the turf.

Almost as simple was the rude way Santa Barbara sent the Cougars (3-5) packing Saturday, adding a solid passing attack to an ever-improving running game for a 42-7 whitewashing that im-

Sophomore tailback Peter Burke gained 30 yards on his first carry and finished with a season-high 108 yards on 14 carries in the Gauchos' 42-7 win on Saturday,

proved UCSB's record to 5-3 and clinched its fifth straight winning season, the longest such streak in school history.

The Gaucho offense certainly didn't look like the unit that produced only a field goal in last week's 41-3 loss at St. Mary's. Santa Barbara came blazing out the gate, led in large part by the running of sophomore tailback Peter Burke. On fourth-and-one from the Azusa 46, Peter Burke took a John Barnes pitch 30 yards down the right sideline to the 16. Then, after UCSB moved to the Azusa three-yard line, Burke followed a great block from running mate Ross Bauer into the end zone for a 7-0 Gaucho lead

at the 10:26 mark of the first quarter.

After the Cougars stalled on their second drive, Burke went to work again, breaking three tackles on his way to a 32-yard gain down to the Cougar 18. From there, Barnes found senior slotback Brian Fleming for an

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Men Finish Season With 2 High Notes

By Scott McPherson Staff Writer

The UCSB men's soccer team finished off a rough 1991 season by defeating San Jose State at Harder Stadium Saturday 1-0. Along with a Friday-night tie against conference-leading Fresno State, 2-2, the Gaucho victory completed the best weekend of the year for the UCSB squad, as it closed out the season with a disappointing

4-13-2 record, 3-6-1 in Big West play. Sunday's game with San Jose was a battle of the bottom two teams in the Big West, with both squads coming into the contest with identical 2-6-1 conference records. The only score in the game came in the second half on a strange play, when Gaucho forward Ryan Fell disrupted a short pass between the San Jose goalkeeper and a defenseman. "The goalie kicked it out to the sweeper," Fell said of the

sequence. "The sweeper had it and tried to tip it back."

The routine play turned into a score when Fell stepped in, stole the ball, and found himself with a clear shot at the goal.

"It was kind of nice," Fell said of staring into the open net. He completed the play by easily tapping the ball inside the post and giving the UCSB squad all the scoring it needed.

The win gave the Gauchos a fifth-place finish in the sixteam Big West, after coming in second last year.

Friday night's contest against the Bulldogs of Fresno was a rematch of a 5-0 Gaucho defeat in Fresno on Sept. 27. The #16 Bulldogs have won the Big West title three consecutive years and are close to making it four this year. Both teams competed with an injury to the respective squads' leading scorer — UCSB's Sean Redmond had been sidelined for two weeks with an ankle injury, and Fresno's Gerell Elliot — the nation's leading scorer and a top candidate for the College Player of the Year Award — was hampered with a groin injury.

Fell was the offensive star for the Gauchos on Friday as well, taking several good shots early in the game before converting a pass from junior Stefan Gudmondsson into a goal late in the first half.

Gaucho goalkeeper Ryan Sparre made a great leaping save several minutes into the second period, but was beaten

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Continued from p.1A but was hounded by two Wisconsin defenders. She got the ball to teammate Karen Eustaquio, who had cut to Franco's left. But Eustaquio was unable to get off a clean shot, and Badger goalkeeper Heather Taggart grabbed the ball.

"We had our chances, especially at the end," Franco said. "We had a couple of

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away, so I'm happy with our offense. It's not like we weren't getting anything Gauchos looked to create going."

The Gauchos' secondhalf offensive pressure Sunday mirrored that of the previous night, when UCSB pounded away at Connectithe game. Six minutes later, cut goalkeeper Wendy Lo-gan for the first 20 minutes Dorn scored again on a 35-yard volley that spun away from Logan into the after intermission. Defender Linda Dorn, saddled with upper-right corner of the the assignment of stopping goal. Huskie star forward Julie times we could have put it Hultgren, also provided the

Poloists Start Second Half With Split

SB Beats Fresno, Loses to Pacific

By Bryan Sullivan Staff Writer

The second half of the season looks to be brighter for the UCSB water polo team, as the Gauchos split two conference games this weekend at Campus Pool. UCSB grabbed its first Big West win of the season against Fresno State on Saturday, 6-4, then lost a tough battle with the University of the Pacific on Sunday, 8-7. Twelfth-ranked Santa

Barbara (9-16 overall, 1-6 in the Big West) started out a little sluggish in Sunday's game against the #8 Tigers, falling behind, 2-1, at the end of the first period.

"We weren't showing the emotion (Sunday) that we showed against Fresno," UCSB Head Coach Pete Snyder said. "And I was worried because that's what happened the last time we played Pacific and they beat us.'

But the Gauchos quickly regrouped for the second quarter and came out playing inspired water polo. Goals by Steve Kunst on a Gaucho powerplay and Nik Ivanovic on a perimeter shot brought Santa Barbara to within one at the half, 4-3.

Down 1-0 at halftime, the

opportunities early in the

second half. The first came

when Dorn took a pass from

Franco in the 50th minute in

front of the goal and

knocked it past Logan to tie

"I was able to push up

offensive highlights.

The Gauchos then found themselves trailing, 8-5, midway through the final period. But they refused to lie down and die, mounting an impressive comeback. With 3:32 remaining in the game, Nik Ivanovic scored on a counterattack perimeter shot, cutting the Tiger lead to two, 8-6. Ivanovic then found James Dent inside the perimeter 30 seconds later, as Dent scored from five feet to cut the deficit to 8-7

After a great steal by Kunst with 32 seconds left in the game, Santa Barbara had a shot to tie the game. But a shot attempt by James Dent sailed off to

more (Saturday) because we were playing with such good rhythm and sync," Dorn explained after Suntheir final regular-season match Sunday. Many teams day's match. "Tonight I could barely push up be-cause we were playing one had to overcome what the Gauchos faced in 1991. down, so I had to play more Their final performance left defense, but last night I had most speechless. a great chance and I finished. It was textbook, it THROW INS: Before Sunday's match, UCSB freshman Julie Bushman — repre-senting the four freshmen who have was great — my career highlight."

Though they may not realize it yet, the weekend will someday become a ca-

Continued from p.1A 18-yard scoring strike and a

the left, and the clock ran out leaving the Gauchos with a hard defeat to swallow.

A REAL EYE OPENER - UCSB junior goalie Scott Taylor had two impressive efforts

in both the Gauchos' 8-7 loss to UOP and their 8-6 win over FSU this weekend.

"It was definitely a win-able game for us," Snyder said. "We had plenty of opportunities that we just failed to capitalize on. Our defense wasn't as good as I hoped it would be, and we had problems getting the ball inside, but overall I think we did a pretty good job."

The ninth-ranked Bulldogs had their way with the Gauchos last time around, winning 10-8. But on Saturday, the Gauchos successfully contained Fresno's powerful two-meter attack, and frus-

reer highlight for all the

Gaucho seniors who played

have character, but few have

played a vital role in the team's late-

season resurgence — gave a speech in the locker room. The purpose was to let the veterans know how much

The Gaucho passing

game was run by committee

Saturday, as Barnes, back-

ups Dave Franco and Tom

his play."

trated the Bulldog's most potent offensive weapon, Don Kenney.

Along with the relentless defense, the Gauchos performed aggressively on the offensive as well. Santa Barbara was able to execute a successful counterattack and took advantage of its 6-on-5 powerplay opportunities.

"We played very well throughout the whole game," Snyder said. "I think we proved to ourselves that we can win in this conference and play any team tough. As long as we stay focused, we can play some great water polo."

they were appreciated, and accord-ing to Urich, it had an effect. "It brought everyone together and it just made everyone a unit," she said. "Tonight we needed that unit more than anything else." In the weekend's other matches, West Coast power Santa Clara hurt its playoff seeding with a pair of losses. The Broncos were defeated by Wisconsin, 1-0, Saturday night on a goal by Handleman in the third minute. by Handleman in the third minute. Sunday's match against Connecti-cut went into double overtime, where Huskie midfielder Kerry Page scored on a 30-yard volley from the right side. Connecticut missed a chance to win the match in regulation, when Karen Warner could not convert on a penalty kick with 7:37 left in the match.

quarterbacks meant more of the same from star receivers Thomas and Fleming. Thomas had 11 catches for 119 yards and two TDs, but it was his first catch that was the biggest for him that day. His 11-yard catch on the Gauchos' first offensive play was the 100th of Thomas' illustrious career, making him only the second Gaucho to ever break the century mark. Number one on that list is Fleming, who also had quite a day, finishing with eight catches for 143 yards and two TDs.

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ess in those games.

"Stephie was magnifi-cent," Gregory said. "She was running every ball down and getting every hitter involved - and competing — that's what I know she can do. This kind of game is meant for her. She realized that the team was losing and that she really had to perform. I think it gave her a lot of confidence."

Pitois hit for a .314 per-.500. Junior outside hitter Kristie Ryan added 10 kills and freshman Heather Collins had nine.

"I could tell that Tina was ready to hit," Cox said. "She was really fired up and wanted the ball tonight. She's just seemed really aggressive."

Gregory used three freshman in the starting lineup with Boehle, Collins and Nina Withrington, who replaced Ryan on the left side. The move failed to pay off for UCSB, which appeared dramatically out of sync. "Nina deserves a chance,



Junior outside hitter Julie Pitois led the Gauchos with centage while Van Loon hit 16 kills and hit for a .314 percentage in Saturday's win over Fullerton.

> but it was just too much inexperience," Gregory said. "But it actually woke us up and we played better, so I it. It did teach me a lesson that you have to go with your ball-control lineup. Kristie Ryan is too important to this team not to start."

While sophomore Ana Elisa Franca continues to attempt to find the offensive punch that has suffered since moving to the middle, Pitois continues to pick up the slack. The junior outside

hitter, who has put her early-season struggles behind her, has led the Gauchos in kills now for three consecutive matches.

"I'm finding my game again," Pitois said. "I lost it for a while, but now it's back. I'm feeling good and my confidence is back."

Sophomore outside hitter Becky Howlett led the Titans with 17 kills, but Fullerton hit just .171 as a team after hitting for a .389 clip in its first-game win.

4-0 lead with 0:20 remaining. Burke's rushing total to this point — two drives, four carries, 71 yards, one TD. This, from an offense that passes the ball roughly 75 percent of the time.

"Ross (Bauer) and I have some jokes about how it's supposed to be 80/20 passing/running, so you're just happy to get the car-ries," said Burke, who finished the day with 14 carries for 108 yards, the first 100-yard-plus day for a Gaucho back this year. "I kind of thought we'd run more today, since we match up really well with them. With the way our offense usually works, you just have to be ready when the time comes."

The banner day was just more of the same from the sophomore, according to Head Coach Rick Can-daele. "(Burke)'s been just tremendous the last four games," said Candaele, soaking wet from a postgame Gatorade shower. 'He had been pretty consistent — but now he's just taken off. He's really elevated

McNeil and a surprise appearance by Bauer added up to 350 passing yards and four TDs. Barnes played most of the first half, throwing for 131 yards and three TDs on an efficient 10-of-14 passing rate. He hit senior wideout Amahl Thomas for a 35-yard touchdown pass on a fade pattern down the right sideline to push the Gauchos' lead to 28-0 and effectively end the Cougars'

hopes for a win. Franco relieved Barnes at the end of the second quarter and played through most of the second half, completing 10-of-19 passes for 165 yards and a TD. He seemed pleased with his day's work, the most he has gotten all season.

"The first couple passes were a little rusty, but then I settled down after that," said the redshirt sophomore. "I kind of thought I would play today. I like coming in with the game on the line more, but I'm glad I got the time today. We were hungry after last week, so it felt good to play."

The big day from the

The Santa Barbara defense also rebounded well from last week's loss, as it forced Strobel to constantly rush his passes, of which it intercepted three while sacking him five times. Inside linebacker Mike Spinello led the Gauchos with seven tackles and a sack, while defensive lineman Steve Brooks, who had "the finest day of his career," according to Candaele, had five tackles and a career-high three sacks. Inside linebacker Dave Ellis, while recording just two tackles, put the stamp on the Gauchos' 21-point first-quarter explosion with his 23-yard interception return for a touchdown.

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CROSS COUNTRY ROUND-UP

Men Place a Disappointing Fifth at Big West

By Dan Thoene Staff Writer

Everything that could have gone wrong for the UCSB men's cross country team did on Saturday as they experienced a heavy dose of Murphy's Law at the Big West Conference Championships in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Gauchos went into the meet hoping to relive their early season triumphs, which saw them go undefeated through their first three meets. However, they left New Mexico with a distant fifth-place finish in the seven-team conference.

"I thought we were running for second ... but fifth? It just doesn't cut it," Santa Barbara Head Coach Pete Dolan said. "The guys will really be hanging their heads low."

Junior Bill Aronson and sophomore Paul Goodrich ran consistently well overall, finishing 12th and 18th respectively, with times of 26:02 and 26:29 on the 8,000 meter (five mile) course.

Senior Don Patti, top finisher at the Fullerton Invitational earlier this year, did not perform as well as expected, finishing 19th with a time of 26:33.

This is where the classic season jinx took effect. Senior Damian Cappozola, who has been running cross country for almost eight years now, was diagnosed, surprisingly, with asthma only a few days before the meet. Cappozola finished 27th overall with a time of 27:10. Senior All-Conference runner Bryan MacMillan deve-

loped a stomach cramp with only 3/4 of a mile left in the race, dropping him from the top 20 to 37th place overall. To make matters worse, All-Conference senior runner

Sean Nyhan and sophomore Rene Rigal were coming off injuries and consequently finished with sub-par times of 28:46 and 27:14 respectively.

"It's another extension of the problems we've had all season. This just caps it off," Dolan said in frustration. "Unexpected things have happened all year long, with our health, Damian's asthma ... who would've thought that would happen? It's just hard to take."

UC Irvine took first place overall with 29 points. Fresno State (52 pts.) took second, with Bulldog Jamie Harris as the meet's top finisher at 25:07. Cal State Fullerton (96 pts.) edged out Utah St. (97 pts.) for third place, with UCSB, New Mexico St. and Long Beach St. rounding out the bottom.

Freshman Leads Women to 4th-Place Finish

By Mark Gabarra Reporter

The UCSB women's cross country team competed this weekend at the Big West Conference Championships at Las Cruces, New Mexico, and although the team set its sights upon a second-place finish, the Lady Gauchos improved upon last year's fifth-place finish, tallying 107 points and getting a team standing of fourth out of a field of 10 teams.

UC Irvine, with 41 points, took first place for the third consecutive time, and the eighth time in the nine-year of the history women's conference. Placing behind the Anteaters were Cal State Fresno (second) and Cal State Fullerton (third).

"The top three girls, Kara (Bradbury), Julie (Thomas) and Beckie (Levy), they stayed together the whole time. Actually, Beckie caught up to them, so that helped us a lot," freshman Eva Mattson said. "Everyone ran slow times because of the altitude, but the team did really good.

We didn't beat Fullerton this time, but I think that in two weeks, if everyone is running where they should be, we will beat Fullerton. Coach wants us to be in the top 10 at (the) District 8 (championship meet)."

The first Gaucho to break the finish line was freshman Kara Bradbury, 12th overall at 19:31. Bradbury was followed by sophomore Julie Thomas, who placed 14th at 19:38, freshman Beckie Levy (15th, 19:39) and Kristin von Teuber (29th, 20:20).

Bradbury, placing 12th, missed qualifying for All-Conference honors by two places. "I heard people yelling for me to beat this Long Beach State girl to get 10th, but in the end, I just didn't have enough kick to catch her," Bradbury said.

'Everyone was really up for this race and I think it really showed, because everyone went in with the right atti-tude and I think the overall team did really good." Bradbury said. "My times were a bit slower and it was the hardest race I ever ran. When I went into the race, it was just to run hard. It would have been awesome to make All-Conference as a freshman, but I'm not disappointed."



The Gauchos defeated SJSU, 1-0, Sunday.

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Continued from p.2A minutes later when Fresno's Elliot headed a long center-ing pass into the UCSB goal to even the score.

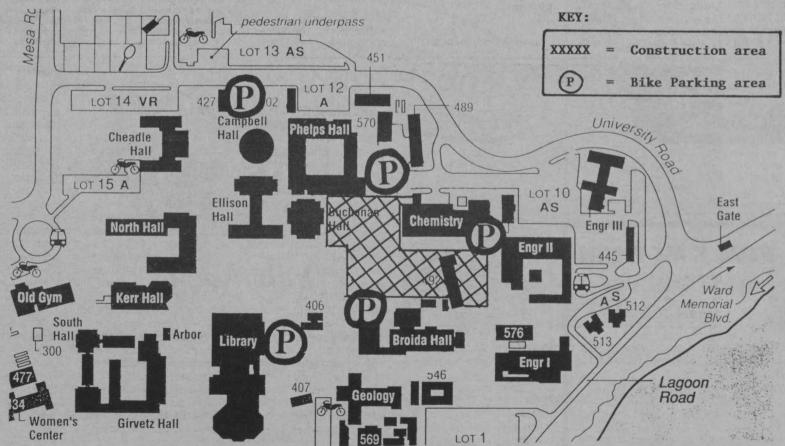
The score remained deadlocked until Gudmondsson scored with under 15 minutes remaining in regulation. The Gauchos seemed to have the upset clinched, but with only seven minutes remaining, the Bulldogs again evened the score, sending the match into overtime.

Neither team was able to score in the first extra period, but the physical play that had begun in the second half culminated into several shoving incidents in overtime. Gaucho Scott Pieri and a Fresno player were both given red-card ejections, and yellow cards were also given to players on both teams. As the second overtime

commenced, Redmond returned to the Gaucho front line for the first time in two weeks. However, even with Bulldog star Elliot on the bench with an aggravation of his injury, UCSB couldn't score and the teams ended in a 2-2 tie. With the draw, Fresno's record moved to 11-3-4, 6-1-1 in conference play. They will play Cal State Fullerton this Friday for the conference title.

For UCSB, however, the season is over. In this year of disappointment, this final weekend's showing was certainly a good way to finish. "It's good to end on a positive note," Gaucho Head Coach Cliff Draeger said after Sunday's game. "It gives us something to build on for next year.

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