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SB Does Some Spring Cleaning Versus SJSU

Gauchos Take Three-Game Set From Spartans

By Curtis Kaiser
Staff Writer

Desperately needing at least two victories to stay in the Big West Conference race, the UCSB baseball team traveled north to San Jose State for a three-game series with the Spartans last weekend.

The Gauchos (16-13) combined excellent starting pitching with lively bats throughout the series to earn a key sweep (9-1, 6-2, 10-2) over SJSU (14-22-1 overall, 2-7 in the Big West), placing UCSB and its 4-5 conference record right back in the middle of the Big West standings.

"This sweep was exactly what we needed," said UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema. "[SJSU is] traditionally a very hard place to play. I can't remember the last time we even won two games up there."

On Sunday, UCSB jumped out to a quick 1-0 lead in the first inning when senior center fielder Doug Smaldino singled and scored after San Jose starting pitcher Jason Simontacchi (1-7) committed a throwing error on Gaucho sophomore left fielder Brett Hardy's sacrifice bunt.

With junior starter Jared Janke (4-3) in full command, Santa Barbara coasted to a 6-2

victory. Janke scattered 12 hits, walking one batter and striking out six. Senior Ryan O'Coyle came on with two outs in the ninth to strike out Eric Pitt and earn his first save of the year.

Sophomore second baseman Clark Parker led the Gauchos with three hits, while Smaldino and Janke chipped in with two each. Smaldino hit his third homer of the season, a solo shot in the ninth inning, to give the Gauchos a comfortable four-run lead.

"We did a lot of things very well this weekend," Brontsema said. "We put pitching, hitting and fielding together. That's why we got the sweep."

Saturday's contest featured another outstanding starting performance, this time by Gaucho senior Steve Lane. Lane (4-1) hurled all nine innings as UCSB took the second game of the series, 10-2.

Lane allowed only six hits on the evening, three of them to SJSU third baseman Chris Kokaly. Lane walked three batters, but struck out eleven in the complete-game victory.

Offensively, the Gauchos annihilated Spartan starter and losing pitcher Rich Ledoit (5-2), roughing him up for nine runs in five innings. Junior shortstop Zach Elliott and sophomore designated hitter Tyler Ferrer had



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Sophomore second baseman Clark Parker applies a tag. Parker led UCSB to three-game sweep of San Jose State with eight hits on the weekend, including a home run.

three hits each, sophomore catcher Dave Willis and sophomore third baseman Lou Tapia each had two singles and junior right fielder Wynter Phoenix delivered three RBI and scored three runs.

Brontsema said that getting

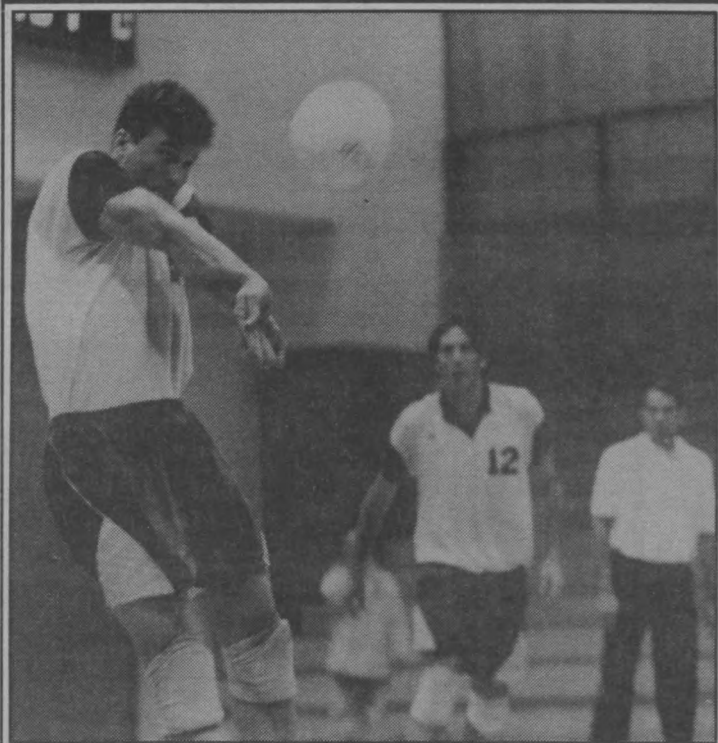
innings out of his starters was crucial because of an elbow injury to sophomore relief ace John Minton.

"It was really important to get some innings out of our starters," Brontsema said. "With this weekend, we put ourselves back

in position to make the tournament."

Friday had the same story and the same ending, as UCSB relied on power pitching from senior Pat Treend (3-4) and a little

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Junior outside hitter Amaury Velasco had eight digs and four blocks in UCSB's three-game victory over Pepperdine.

V-Ball Rides Waves to Win, Clinches 2nd Place in MPSF

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

The #5-ranked UCSB men's volleyball team finished up its 1995 regular season homestand on Saturday night in high fashion, sweeping Pepperdine University 15-9, 15-9, 15-11 in Rob Gym.

With their fifth straight win, the Gauchos not only boosted their record to 16-7 (13-4 in the MPSF), but they clinched second place in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation with only two matches remaining in league play. The Waves' record fell to 10-12, 7-12 in the MPSF.

"This was a big win for us tonight," said UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston. "Not only did we play a great match, but we clinched second place in league and get to host the first round of MPSF playoffs."

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UCSB Able to Muster Only One Victory in Four-Game Homestand Against Utah State

By Michael Cadilli
Staff Writer

The UCSB softball squad showed what it is capable of when it shut out Utah State 5-0 in the first game of a double-header at Campus Diamond on Saturday.

However, the Gauchos (12-25 overall, 3-13 in the Big West) also showed what kind of hard luck they're having, losing two close games, 1-0, 2-0, and falling 5-0 to the Aggies (19-15, 8-4 in Big West) on Friday.

"We have to take advantage of our opportunities. We have to score some runs," said UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly.

Santa Barbara started off the weekend slowly on Friday by giving up three runs on four hits in the first inning. UCSB was off-balance at the plate all game as Utah State's pitcher, Rhealee Thorn (6-8), scattered five hits while striking out four and walking none to record the complete-game win.

Junior Gaucho hurler Stacy Atwood (7-11) struggled, allowing 10 hits and five earned runs, but was able to strike out four Aggies in the loss.

UCSB was able to regroup in game two on Friday behind the solid pitching of sophomore Megan O'Brien, who gave up only one run on eight hits in seven innings of work.

The Gauchos threatened to take the lead in the fifth inning when sophomore catcher Michelle Ray roped a two-out double into the left-center gap. Senior second baseman A.J. Vitulli promptly singled to center, but Ray was thrown out at home on



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Junior Stacy Atwood took a no-hitter into the sixth inning of her 5-0 shutout victory last Saturday against Utah State.

the play by Shontinese Huey.

The Aggies stormed back in the next inning, scoring the only run in the ballgame on a Huey single that brought in Tara Thompson from third. Santa Barbara again threatened in the sixth when Atwood lead off by singling to center and advancing to third on Huey's two-base error. However, Atwood's teammates failed to bring her home in the inning.

O'Brien (4-13) took the 1-0 loss for the Gauchos while Thompson upped her record to 9-6, allowing only four hits and

striking out five Gauchos.

"I finally seem to have got my act together," O'Brien said. "I was hitting spots when I needed to."

After three scoreless innings in Saturday's opener, UCSB exploded to garner five runs in the fourth. Junior center fielder J.J. Cannon beat out a ground ball for a hit, followed by a Ray single over third base. Atwood laid down a bunt single to load the bases for sophomore designated hitter Johnna Mike, who singled

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Water Polo Crushes Cal Poly, Squeaks by Stanford, Drops Two Matches to UCSD, UCD

By Mark Moore
Reporter

In its last home tournament as a club sport, the UCSB women's water polo team had a "grudge match" to settle with Stanford University.

And settle it they did, defeating the Cardinal 6-5 in the Easter Classic collegiate women's water polo tournament Saturday morning at Campus Pool.

This weekend was the Gauchos' final tuneup before they head to UC Davis in two weeks, where they will attempt to qualify for the national tournament to be held in Virginia later this season.

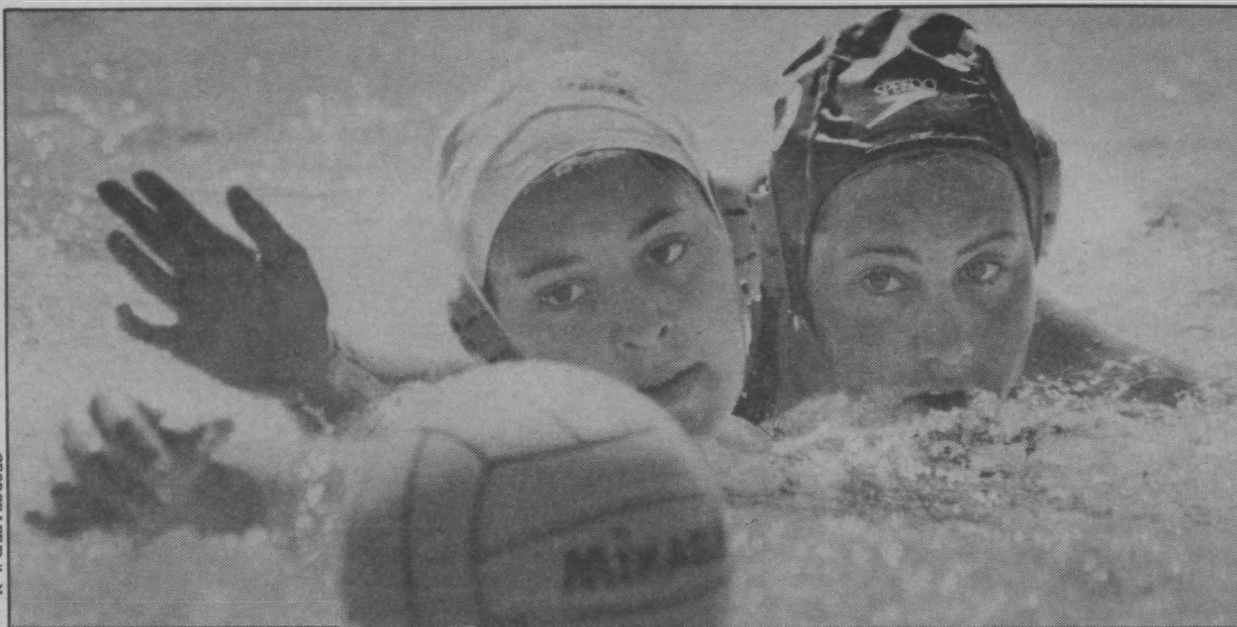
UCSB, which turns intercollegiate next season, looked strong defeating Cal Poly San Luis Obispo 6-1 on Friday, but lost to

perennial powers Davis, 12-1, Saturday evening and UC San Diego, 10-2, on Sunday.

UCSB Head Coach Tor Swanson indicated that he was not very disappointed with the losses to the Aggies and Tritons because he feels that they are two of the top teams in the nation.

"[Overall] I feel we played well," he said. "We beat Stanford, which was our main goal this weekend. I know that we're a better team than they are, and I just had to prove it to the girls. We lost to them last weekend in a close match where we didn't play very well."

The game against Stanford started out poorly for Santa Barbara, as they were shut out in the first quarter 2-0, despite the fact that they had several



A UCSB player (left) has position over her Stanford foe for the ball in their game last Saturday.

six-on-five player advantages. However, UCSB picked up its intensity, and with two goals from Kristen Slater and one goal from Leah Schwartz, Santa Barbara stormed back, closing the gap to 4-3 late in the fourth quarter.

Then came one of the most dramatic minutes of

the tournament. With 55 seconds left in the game, Gaucho Keri Santos tied the contest with a powerful outside shot. The teams continued to battle it out, exchanging shots, when Stanford appeared to have nailed the door shut by scoring with 15 seconds left in the contest. However, Santos stepped up

again and scored another goal to tie the game with just five seconds left, sending the game into sudden-death overtime.

Following Santos' goals in the waning moments of regulation, the momentum shifted in Santa Barbara's favor. Carly Jones struck gold with her fifth shot of the game early in overtime,

and the Gauchos' goal of beating Stanford had become a reality.

UCSB also had fine defensive performances from goalie Lisa Janz and Calla Allison.

"That was our big grudge match, kind of the whole focus of the weekend," said Gaucho Ali Crecelius.

UCSB Women Take Challenge Cup at CSF; Wilson Stars Again; Gaucho Men Finish Last

By Brett Lindstrom
Reporter

While the UCSB men's track and field team stumbled their way to a last-place showing, the women's team edged UC Irvine to win the inaugural Big West Challenge Cup at Cal State Fullerton Saturday.

Both the women's and the men's team hoped to use Saturday's meet as a stepping stone to future improvement.

"This is the last build-type meet," said UCSB assistant coach Marc Kallick. "It's getting us ready for upcoming invitationals and the Big West Championships."

For the women, sophomore standout Mary Wilson continued to shine, taking first place in both the javelin (127') and discus (135'3") while finishing third in the shot put (39'6").

"I was very pleased with the overall meet," Wilson said. "The women's team all pulled together for this win."

Fresh off a record-setting performance

last weekend at the Fresno Relays, junior Lisa Knott continued her dominance in the 100 meter hurdles with a first-place showing in a time of 14.71. Not to be outdone, senior Beckie Levy ran to victory in the 1500 meters with a time of 4:42.64.

Other highlights were provided by freshman Meredith Webster's first-place finish in the 400 meters with a time of 59.53 and junior Erika Bornhorst's first-place leap of 17'11 1/2" in the long jump.

Although the men's team struggled as a whole, they were led by first-place finishes from freshman Don Oliver in the 400 meters, with a time of 47.93, and junior Dave Cullum, who finished the 1500 meters in 4:00.39.

Gaucho runners senior Paul Goodrich and junior Forest Quinlan paced UCSB to a two-three finish in the 3000 meters with times of 8:44.25 and 8:45.90, respectively. Senior Gus Harper crossed the 800 meter line in second place with a time of 1:56.45.

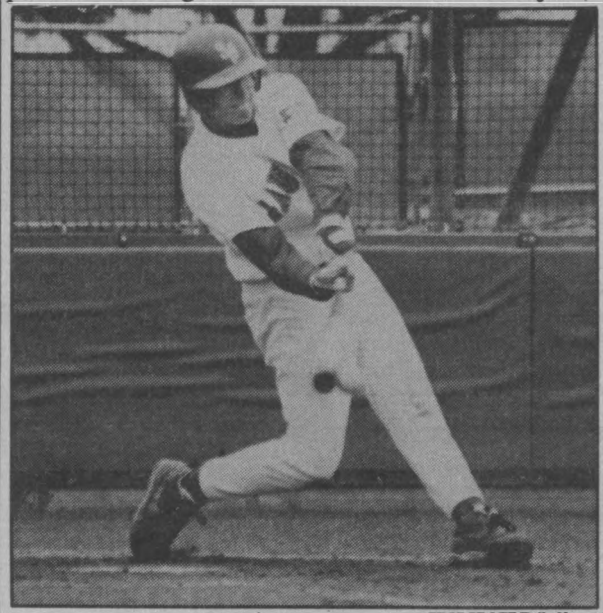
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SWEEP

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Parker, getting the three-game series off to a good start with a 9-1 victory.

In what may have been his best start of the year,



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Gaucho junior shortstop Zach Elliott went 3-4 in UCSB's win over San Jose State on Saturday.

Treend allowed seven hits and three walks, but struck out 12 Spartans on his way to a complete-game victory. Parker went 4-4 with a solo home run to pace the 13-hit Gaucho attack.

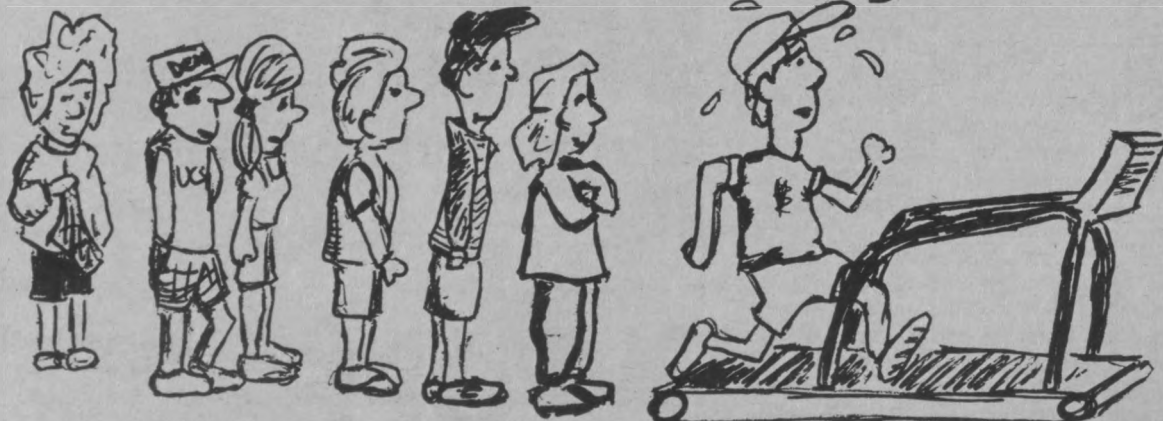
"Parker had a great offensive weekend," Brontsema said. "He had eight hits in the series."

Hardy, Willis and Tapia each contributed two singles, while Phoenix added two RBI. Norman Fujiwara (3-5) suffered the loss for San Jose, giving up five runs in 8 1/2 innings of work.

"We had to take care of our own business before we started looking up at the scoreboard to see what everybody else had done," Brontsema said.

Next up for the Gauchos is a home game against Pepperdine this Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

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WAVES

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The matchup with Pepperdine had a deeper meaning for the team this past weekend. It marked the final regular season game for two seniors, middle blocker Carter Reese and outside hitter Daren Torbet.

"I am very happy about the way we played," said junior middle blocker Doug Hughes. "We came out really fired up because we wanted to have a good night for the seniors and we knew we had a lot at stake."

"Pepperdine could have made it to playoffs if they won, and they came out playing to win. They didn't hold back and put up a good fight, but we played well. We served better and our spirits were definitely up."

Game one started off strong for the Gauchos as they quickly jumped to an 8-1 lead. Soon after, Pepperdine served Santa Barbara into a little bit of passing trouble, but could only push it to 11-8 before the Gauchos stabilized and took the game, 15-9.

The Waves increased

the pressure for the first half of game two. Pepperdine outside hitter Lee Bradford gave the Gauchos some trouble, pounding out eight kills, but it wasn't enough to tie up the match. Led by junior outside hitter Morgan Chapman, the Gaucho defense stepped up and made 20 digs during the game.

Game three was a longer battle for both teams, but the UCSB offense prevailed. Sophomore outside hitter Donny Harris led the Gaucho attack through the game with 11 kills. Reese and Torbet added six and seven kills, respectively, and sophomore middle blocker Robert Treahy added six more to finish off the match.

"We were really worried about the Pepperdine block going into the match," Reese said. "They did touch a lot of balls, but our offense was stronger. They had some runs that were disappointing, and that can't happen from here on out."

For the Gauchos, the offense was again led by Harris, who pounded out

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SB Golf Gets 10th Place in Lone Home Meet of Season; Squad Heads to San Jose Tuesday

After coming off impressive match finishes in Hawaii and San Diego, the UCSB men's golf team headed back to Goleta to host their only home tournament of the year, the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Tournament at Sandpiper Golf Course, back on March 30-31.

The tournament consisted of 22 teams, with nationally ranked teams such as UCLA and the University of Colorado heading the list. Although strong play came from senior Ryan Mitchell and sophomore Dan Buckner, Santa Barbara

finished in a disappointing 10th place. "We expected to win," Mitchell said. "We put too much pressure on ourselves because we wanted to win our own tournament. We didn't play very well."

One bright spot for the Gauchos came in the individual standings, as Mitchell and Buckner finished in seventh and 12th place, shooting 72, 77, 69 (218 total) and 72, 74, 75 (221 total), respectively.

Up next for UCSB will be a tournament at San Jose State April 11-12.

—Alex Nugent

AGGIES

Continued from p.1A to right. Junior right fielder Jennifer Merlo promptly roped a single to left, bringing in Ray.

When it was all said and done, the Gauchos strung together five hits, one sacrifice and an error off Thorn (6-9) for the only runs of the game.

Atwood went 3½ in-

nings before losing a perfect game on an error by junior shortstop Maria Costa. Atwood then lost the no-hitter in the sixth inning after giving up two hits. Atwood went on to record the complete-game shutout for the 5-0 win.

"I felt back to normal. Yesterday I felt off, today I was on," Atwood said.

Atwood (8-12) stayed on the mound for the second game on Saturday, giving up seven hits and

two runs to take the loss, 2-0. Utah State's Thompson (10-6) recorded her third straight shutout and is currently on a streak of 30 consecutive scoreless innings.

Offensive sparks for UCSB on the weekend were Ray (six hits), Atwood (five), Vitulli (four), Mike and Cannon (three each).

Santa Barbara takes on Saint Mary's College today at Campus Diamond.

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25 kills at an amazing .500 hitting percentage. Treahy added 17 at .353 and Reese had 15 at .545.

Defensively, Treahy led the way with 11 digs and six blocks, including one solo. Reese had nine digs, and Chapman and junior outside hitter Amaury Velasco each made eight.

With a strong night at the setting position, junior Todd Rogers could most surely be viewed as the match MVP, as he totaled 65 assists on the evening.

"Rogers did a great job," Preston commented. "He turned some shaky passes into perfect sets. He was unreadable. He spread out the sets and kept Pepperdine guessing where the ball was going."

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Despite finishing second, Harper did not feel he had run to his full potential.

"Although it wasn't that good of a race for me, a lot of other people did pretty well," Harper said. "Don Oliver's race was definitely a real breakthrough."

Outstanding performances were also given by javelin throwers junior Trey Smith and senior David Boles. They took the top two marks with throws of 187'5" and 170'3", respectively.

Team scoring was as follows — Men: Long Beach State - 184, Cal State Fullerton - 166, UC Irvine - 154 and UCSB - 129. Women: UCSB - 155, UC Irvine - 141, Long Beach State - 140 and Cal State Fullerton - 102.

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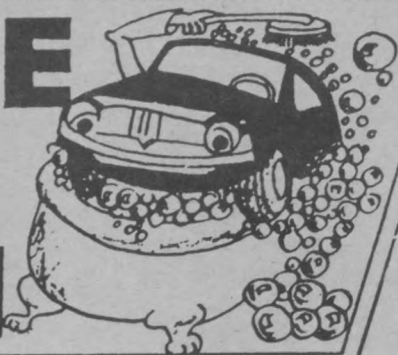
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