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Gaucha Sidenotes

By Yier Shi

I love UCSB athletics! There — I've said it.

Every day, I find myself helplessly enthralled with watching Raymond Tutt pour three pointers in the Thunderdome, or Katie Crawford spiking through an opponent's block, or Michael Young coming up to bat with the bases loaded.

For the past school year, I have seen firsthand all the sweat and the effort put in by the student athletes here at Santa Barbara. That is why it pains me deeply to witness the failure of the Intercollegiate Athletic Initiative in last week's campuswide balloting.

The benefits of the initiative would've been great to the Athletic Dept., with more athletes able to be rewarded for their hard work.

It certainly was a hard pill to swallow that the initiative lost by less than 35 votes — or a 0.5 percent margin, but the voting is over now. It's time for the athletes and the school to move on while learning from this election season.

More than 66 percent of the students who cast their ballots supported the initiative — and while the other 34 said no — this is nonetheless a good start for the future of the department.

Instead of blaming those who voted against the initiative, the next logical step for the athletes is to convert the non-supporters. This measure will be back in the next few years — mark my word on it. With the support it has already garnered in its initial try, the foundation has been set for the Athletic Dept. to pursue this further.

The Athletic Dept. — including its administrators, coaches and athletes — has done a commendable job publicizing and supporting this initiative. But as we all know, it is always a difficult task to try and get students to fork over more money for their student fees.

While the scholarships will remain constant next year, let's hope that the school will produce more likes of Tutt, Crawford and Young, who will attract more students to appreciate the UCSB athletic programs.

Gauchos Continue To Swing the Bats

■ Brontsema Earns His 100th Win

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

The UCSB baseball team's offensive surge continued this weekend, when the squad took two of three games from the University of the Pacific.

The Gauchos (23-23 overall, 13-11 in the Big West) opened the series with a 9-8 loss Friday before rebounding to overpower the Tigers on Saturday (18-5) and Sunday (16-5).

Santa Barbara Head Coach Bob Brontsema earned his 100th victory as a Gaucho in the process.

"I have no thoughts on my 100th win," Brontsema said. "We have a long way to go in this program. Hopefully I'll be there to see it happen."

The team is certainly on the right track as of late, winning its fourth straight series. This is due to the team's awesome offensive output, combined with savvy pitching.

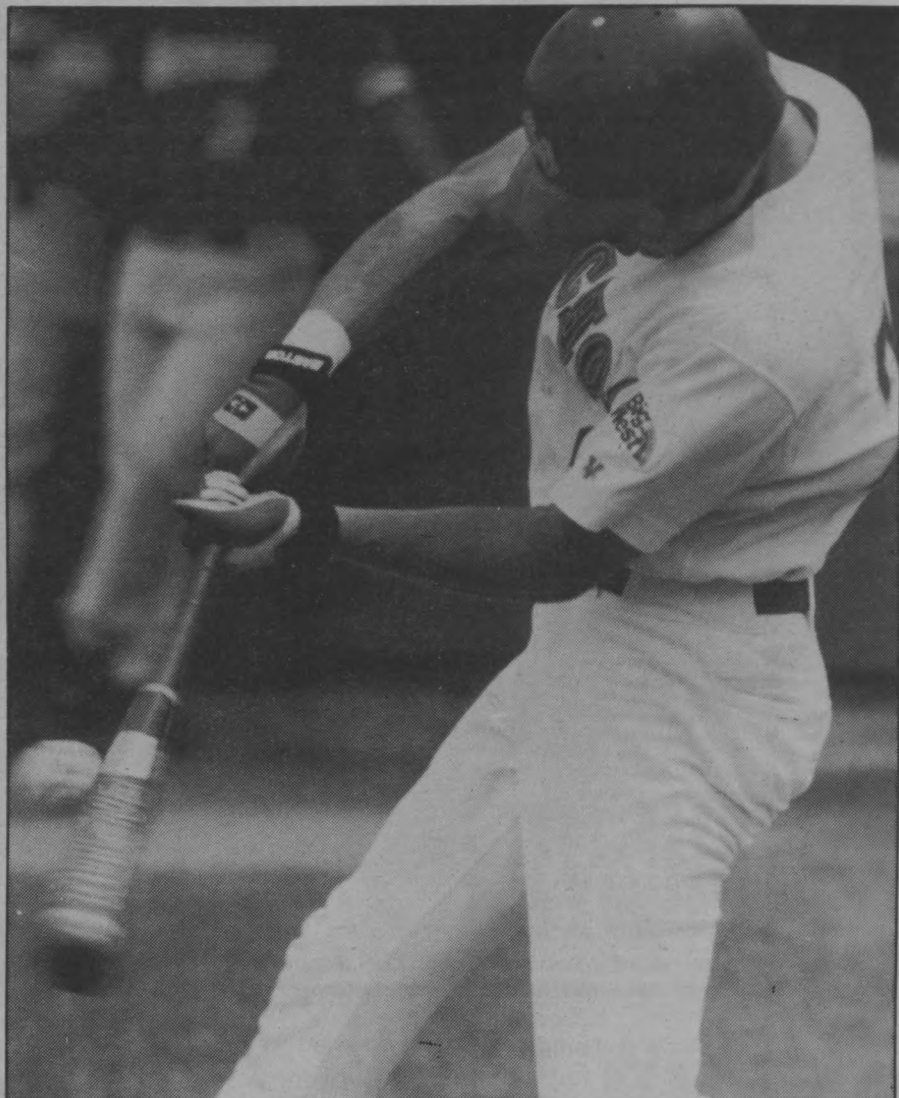
"We've had some incredible individual offensive performances this season," Brontsema added.

Sunday the power was supplied by senior center fielder Joe Kemper and junior shortstop Michael Young. Kemper pounded out two home runs, as part of a 5-6 performance. He also drove in six RBIs for the day.

Young continued his torrid hitting by getting his second grand slam of the season, his 12th round-tripper of the year. Young has been the heart of the Gaucho offense for the last few months.

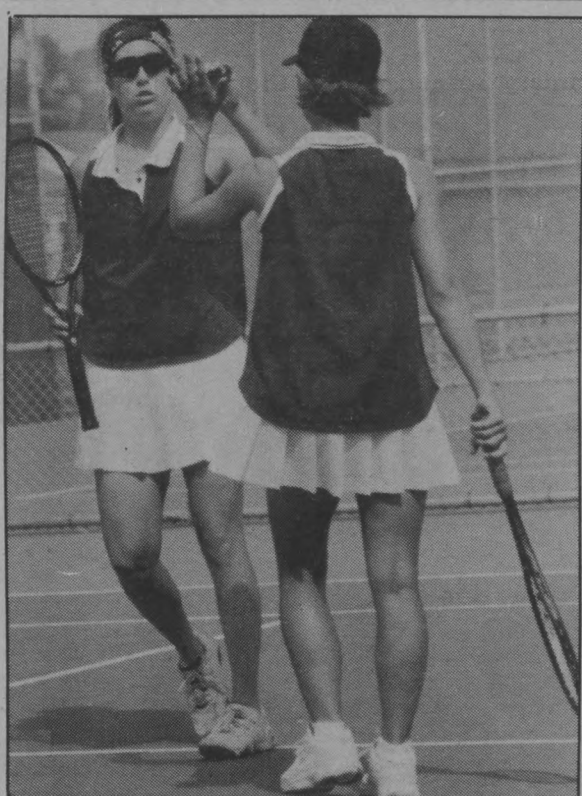
"Mike has been very good for us for a very long stretch now," Brontsema said. "We don't expect a guy to go on a streak like this, but we do expect a lot from him. He is a good player and living up to all of the expectations."

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MAKING CONTACT: The UCSB baseball team had plenty of hits this weekend against UOP. The Gauchos racked up 42 runs and 55 hits in three games.



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HIGH-FIVE: The UCSB women's tennis team will look to build next year on its eighth place finish this year at the Big West tourney.

SB Finishes Eighth in Big West; Team Optimistic for the Future

By Mike Lowman
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's tennis team battled its way to an eighth place finish at the Big West Championships in Ojai to conclude its season this weekend.

The Gauchos began the tournament with an impressive 5-3 triumph over the University of North Texas, only to be dropped successively by the University of the Pacific, Boise State University and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

"We played great all weekend," said UCSB Head Coach Pete Kirkwood. "North Texas was the best obviously — because we won. That was a great win. [North Texas] is a solid team. [Sunday's] match [against Cal Poly] was unbelievable. We had so many chances. It was a bitter [5-4] loss."

Leading the way for UCSB Thursday was sophomore Kristina Donehew, who throttled Patty Vital from North Texas 6-1, 6-2. The Gauchos' #1 player

also joined freshman Dana Mazza to defeat NTU's Melissa Spann and Dawna Denny 8-4 in doubles play.

Donehew continued her fine play against Cal Poly with a hard-fought 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory against Karen Apra.

"I played really well," Donehew said. "Today was pretty good. I fought back and won in the third. I have a lot more confidence. Playing such a tough schedule has made me improve."

Freshman Tracy Keyser had a thrilling 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 victory against Denny from North Texas. Trailing 5-2 in the decisive third set, Keyser took the remaining five games to win the match.

"I was so happy," Keyser said. "I just came on and didn't stop until I won. I needed to do that. I was really proud of the fact that I came back."

Freshman Erica Frantz scored a pair of victories in the #6 singles position. She ousted Stacey Whitaker from North Texas, 7-5, 6-3. Frantz came out on top again in a 6-2, 6-3 victory against UOP's

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Offense Explodes in Earning Split With Aggies

By Scott Hennessee
Staff Writer

The UCSB softball team broke out of its recent offensive slump by putting up 14 runs on 23 hits in two games against Utah State last Friday. The output was good enough to

earn the Gauchos a doubleheader split with the Aggies.

Utah State (14-31 overall, 4-18 in the Big West) came out on top in the first game, 6-4, before Santa Barbara responded with a 10-4 victory in the nightcap.

Santa Barbara (24-31,

8-20) came alive in game two, as the squad pounded out 14 hits, including four home runs and a double in the contest. It was the first time in the Gauchos' last 16 games that the team has put more than four runs on the scoreboard.

The offensive attack was led by freshman

shortstop Mandy Edwards, who had two home runs and five RBIs in game two. Freshmen outfielder Tonya Dias and catcher Sarah Davies each also went long in the second contest. Junior third baseman Kerry Kops and Da-

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Sporting Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No Events Scheduled	Baseball vs. USC 2:30 p.m.	No Events Scheduled	Men's Tennis @ Big West Championship All Day	Softball @ Fullerton 7 p.m. Baseball @ Long Beach State 7 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Big West Championship	Softball @ Long Beach State 7 p.m. Baseball @ Long Beach State 7 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Big West Championship	Baseball @ Long Beach State 7 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Big West Championship

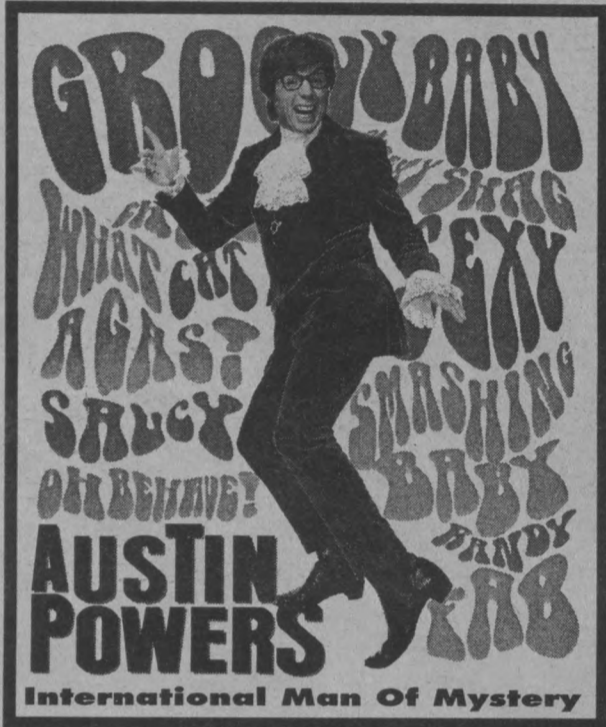
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Junior Seth Bean (4-7) picked up his second consecutive victory, allowing only five hits and two runs in seven innings.

Saturday's game was much like Sunday's, with the Gaucho offense pounding out 10 doubles.

Sophomore second baseman Bryan LaCour led the way with three doubles, while Young had two for himself. LaCour finished the day with five hits, while sophomore left fielder Brad Wright collected four. Santa Barbara shelled out 28 hits in all while scoring 14 runs in the last three innings.

Sophomore David Uris (7-5) pitched a complete game to earn his team-leading seventh victory of the year.

"We rotated our starters earlier in the year," Brontsema said. "Since [freshman pitcher Barry] Zito didn't make the trip, Uris stepped up big."

No reasons were given for Zito's absence this weekend at Stockton, but Uris made the most of his return to the starting rota-

tion. He gave up five runs and 12 hits in nine innings of work. Uris also struck out seven batters.

Friday's opening game saw the Gauchos run into a bullet train in the form of Pacific pitcher Dan Reichert. Although the squad was able to score eight runs — five earned against the right-hander — Reichert was able to pick up his nation-leading 12th win of the season.

Reichert has been dominating all season, picking up his 148th strikeout of the season against UCSB — four shy of the UOP school record.

Senior designated hitter Brooks Morris was the only Gaucho to record more than a hit against the right-hander — two singles and a double. Senior first baseman David Willis and Young each contributed three RBIs in the game.

The Tigers' (25-23, 9-15) offense was single-handedly led by first baseman Jason Vorhauser, who slugged two home runs on consecutive days over the weekend. Vorhauser went 5-7 with six RBIs in all.

The two wins officially clinched a spot in next month's Big West Tournament for Santa Barbara.

"It's nice to know we're going to the tournament," Young said. "But the next two weekends against Long Beach and Fullerton are still very important. Our whole game has improved and our pitching is leading the way. We're playing good defense and swinging the bats extremely well."

Both the LBSU and CSUF series will be away from the friendly confines of Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. With the tournament seedings still on the line the Gauchos need to focus against their two rivals.

"Our #1 goal was to get into the tournament," Brontsema said. "The guys have done a good job to get there and now we need to get as good of a seeding as possible."

UCSB will return home to battle in a nonconference game against USC on Tuesday at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. First pitch will be at 2:30 p.m.

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vies led the Gauchos in game one with two hits apiece.

"I had a lot of confidence," Edwards said. "As a team we hit really good. Everyone was just really on."

UCSB was the first team to score in game one, taking a 1-0 lead in the top of the second. Santa Barbara then added three more in the fourth, with the big blow being a two-run double by Edwards. The Aggies then charged back in the bottom of the inning, scoring four runs to tie the game. Utah State then went ahead by scoring a run in the fifth and sixth innings to finish off the game.

UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly feels that her team should not have let the game slip away.

"We were definitely the dominant

team," Kelly said. "Then we kind of kicked back after we got four [runs] and you just can't do that. You have to give credit to Utah."

Edwards also felt that the game was one her team could definitely have won.

"It was really disappointing," Edwards said. "We felt pretty comfortable with the lead. We settled back and said that four was enough."

In game two it was the Aggies who broke out to the early lead and the Gauchos who came from behind. Utah State went ahead with two runs in the first before UCSB broke it open with five runs in the top of the second. The Gauchos went on to score five more runs and senior Megan O'Brien shut down the Aggie offense to get the win.

"She threw really pretty well," Kelly said of O'Brien. "And our team played good defense behind her."

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Kristin Foote. Kirkwood is proud of his squad's performance knows that we had the toughest schedule in the Big West by far. Every

future.

"We don't feel that the win-loss [record] reflects what is going on," Kirkwood said. "Everyone knows that we had the toughest schedule in the Big West by far. Every

coach [at Ojai] was amazed at how much better we were than the first time. We will be right back in the hunt next year. We know what it's all about now."

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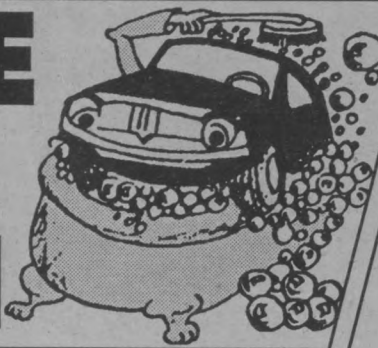


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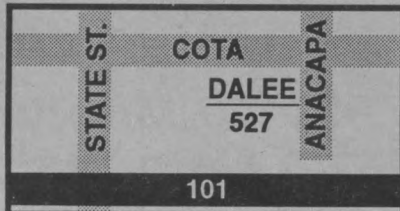


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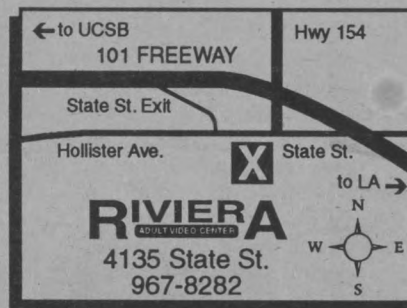
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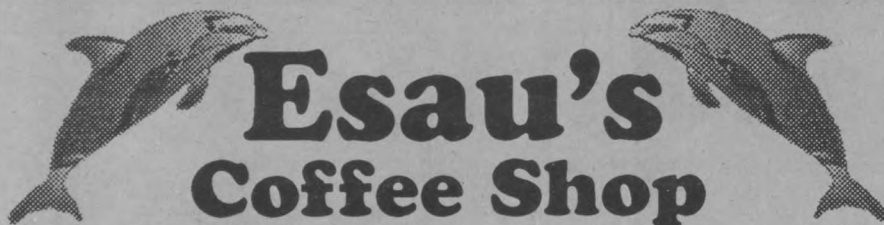


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