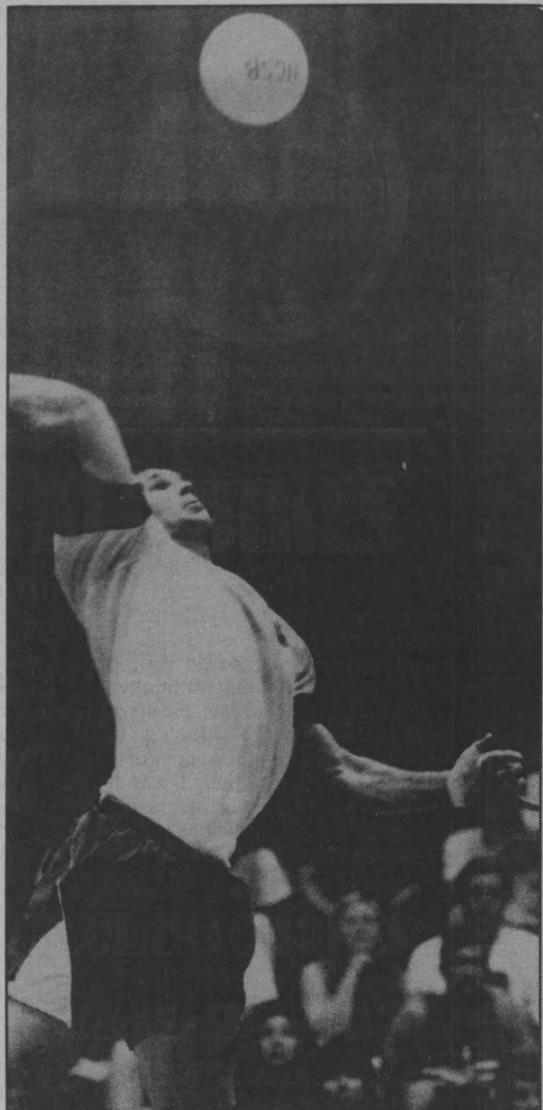


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Junior outside hitter Morgan Chapman elevates as he gets set to hit in UCSB's win over LBSU.

#5 SB Volleyball Takes #6 Long Beach State in Four-Game MPSF Quarterfinal

Team Advances to Semifinals Against #2 University of Hawaii on Friday Night

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

With a strong offensive effort, the #5 UCSB men's volleyball team advanced to the semifinal round of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation tournament, knocking down #6 Long Beach State yesterday afternoon (15-7, 15-13, 8-15, 15-8) in Robertson Gymnasium.

The big win brought the Gauchos one step closer to the national championships. Their next test will be against #2 University of Hawaii on Friday night at UCLA.

Despite running into some hitting trouble in game three, the Gauchos (18-8 overall, 15-5 MPSF) played an exceptional match against a strong LBSU team (18-9, 12-8). This victory should help the Gauchos pick up their momentum as they head down south this week.

"I couldn't be happier," said UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston. "Our defense played well, our offense played well and, yes, we ran into some trouble in game three, but it didn't overly concern me. We got back in there and hung on, and that will be very important for our matchup with Hawaii.

"Todd Rogers did a really good job. He set balls all over the court and kept the offense going even when we were having trouble getting through Long Beach's block. Morgan [Chapman] also had a good game. He picked up his offense when we really needed it."

Game one was an important one for UCSB, as it seemed to set the pace for the whole match. Long Beach kept it close at the beginning of the match, but UCSB pulled away, and with a strong all-around effort took a 1-0 game lead.

Before the Gauchos could get too comfortable, the 49ers pulled out to an early 5-2 lead over Santa Barbara in game two behind the hitting and blocking power of junior middle blocker Tom Hoff. Led by junior outside hitter Chapman and sophomore outside hitter Donny Harris, the Gaucho attack narrowed the deficit and kept

the game close.

With a 12-10 LBSU lead, UCSB middle blockers senior Carter Reese and sophomore Robert Treahy took control and hit the team to a 2-0 game lead.

The tables took a dramatic turn in the third game as the 49er block, led by Hoff, shut down the Gauchos' offense, which took a nose dive, hitting with a .000 percent efficiency in the third after hitting at .462 and .418 in the first and second games, respectively.

"I can't really explain what happened in the third game," Preston said. "Long Beach blocked well and we kind of fell into a slump. I wasn't too surprised about it."

In the match-winning fourth game, the Gauchos quickly fell behind 3-0, but came back to take the lead as fast as they had lost it. Harris and Treahy led the offense throughout the game.

"We realized what Long Beach was capable of and we stepped up and took control before they had a chance," said Chapman. "We are becoming a more steady, head-smart team, and that will help us go into the Hawaii match confident."

For the Gauchos, Harris, the ninth-ranked hitter in the nation, led the way on offense and on defense, pounding out 26 kills at .320 and making 10 digs. Treahy led the way at the net with seven total blocks, including one solo, while pounding out 18 kills at .324. Junior setter Rogers tallied 65 assists.

Hoff led the 49er offense with 23 kills at .255 and also led the team at the net with an unprecedented 11 blocks, including two solos. Junior setter Steve Walker led the defense with nine digs while making 51 assists.

"We have become a lot more steady, but looking towards the Hawaii match, I think we need to steady a little more," Chapman said. "We are more together now than we have been. We know what we are doing and we know what [Hawaii is] capable of."

"Now we have to worry about Hawaii," Preston said. "I think we're more prepared this time than the last time we faced them. We're really looking forward to this matchup."

Gauchos Drop Two at 'The Beach' Saturday

By Michael Cadilli
Staff Writer

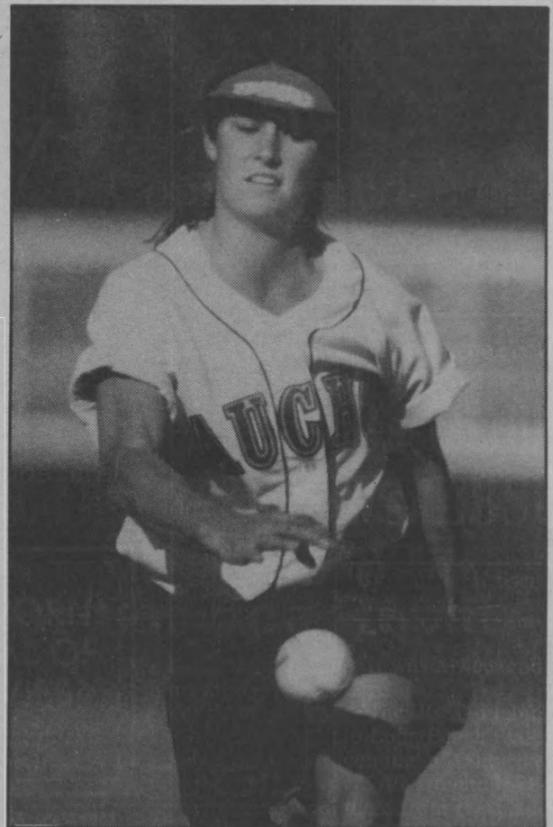
"We survived it!" said sophomore catcher Michelle Ray, who seemed relieved to be home from a recent road trip.

Not only did the UCSB softball squad survive its 10-game, nine-day travel

schedule, but it came within one run of a win on Saturday against Long Beach State in the first game of a doubleheader and a .500 record on the trip.

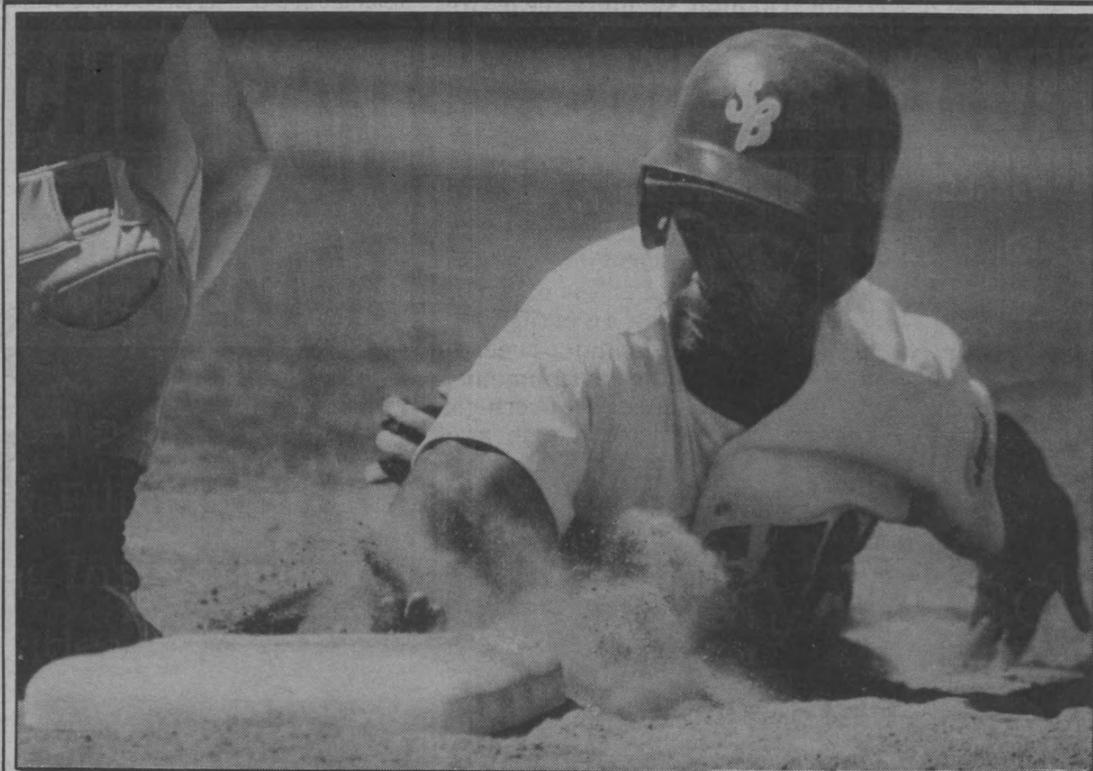
However, the 49ers (27-24 overall, 10-10 in the Big West) spoiled the

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Junior pitcher Stacy Atwood lost a heartbreaking 1-0 decision to LBSU on Saturday at Long Beach.



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Junior right fielder Wynter Phoenix dives back into first base against Long Beach State. Phoenix had seven hits on the weekend, including two home runs on Sunday. UCSB lost two of three to LBSU.

Baseball Loses Two of Three in Weekend Series Vs. LBSU; Janke Injured, Undergoes Surgery

By Curtis Kaiser
Staff Writer

It was a weekend to forget for the UCSB baseball team.

The UCSB pitching staff allowed 32 runs and 48 hits to Long Beach State, 29 and 39 of them, respectively, coming on Saturday and Sunday alone. The 49ers (23-19-1 overall, 10-5 in the Big West) took two of three from the Gauchos (18-20, 5-10) at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium, coming back from a loss on Friday and erasing a seven-run deficit on Saturday to hand Santa Barbara a pair of crushing defeats.

The losses weren't all the Gauchos were worried ab-

out, however, as the primary concern on the mind of UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema and his squad was the health of junior first baseman and pitcher Jared Janke.

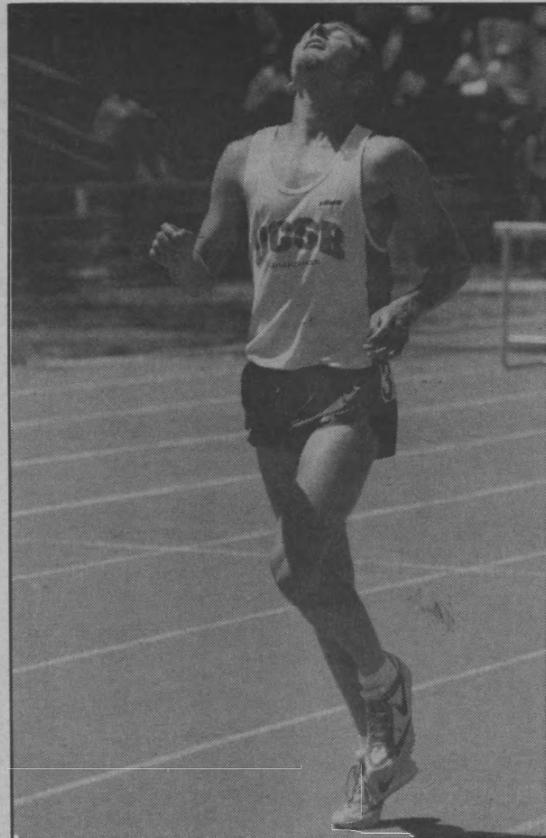
Janke took a fastball in the face from LBSU starter Rocky Biddle in the third inning of Sunday's game. The pitch, which caught Janke just under the bill of his batting helmet on the left side of his face, sent Janke to the ground in pain. He was conscious throughout the ordeal but was bleeding and had visible swelling of the eye. He had to leave the game with the assistance of the team trainers.

He was transported to Goleta Valley Hospital,

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A UCSB athlete (center) attempts to take the lead over two competitors last Saturday at Pauley Track. The meet was the Gauchos' first at home in over two months.



A Gauchos runner has given his all. UCSB came home to Pauley Track on Saturday to compete in the Nick Carter Gauchos Invitational.

SB Track Comes Home for Carter Gauchos Invite; Mosier and Oliver Named Gauchos of the Meet

By Brett Lindstrom
Reporter

After being away from home competition for nearly two months, Saturday's Nick Carter Gauchos Invitational proved to be just what the UCSB men's and women's track and field teams needed.

To the delight of the home crowd, the Gauchos raced their way to several outstanding individual performances, which will no doubt boost the team's confidence going into the California State Championships next weekend.

Senior Julie Mosier, named female Gauchos of the meet by teammates and coaches, led the women's team with a second-place finish in the 100 meter hurdles in a time of 15.29 and a 56.8 split on the winning mile relay team.

"Everyone was so excited being on our home track," Mosier said. "There was just so much enthusiasm."

Meanwhile, senior teammate Lisa Knott continued her dominance of the 100 meter hurdles, winning in a time of 14.86.

The Gauchos took first through third in the women's 800 meters with solid efforts by junior Mary Crane, senior Laura Hodnett and junior Missy MacPherson, as they finished with times of 2:19.76, 2:20.48 and 2:21.67, respectively.

Once again, sophomore Mary Wilson controlled the throwing events with top marks in both the discus (126'1") and shot put (40'4") and a second place in the javelin (118'11").

Although somewhat fatigued by the hot weather, freshman Don Oliver pulled through with a victory in the men's 400 meters with a time of 48.07.

"I'm not used to running in this much heat," said

Oliver, who was named male Gauchos of the meet. "But under these conditions, I felt my time was pretty good."

In an extremely tactical race, sophomore Adrian Garcia and senior Gus Harper finished one-two in the 800 meters with times of 1:54.21 and 1:55.03, respectively.

"Gus and I were both pretty happy," said Garcia. "We took first and second, which is exactly what we had planned at practice."

While juniors Dave Cullum (3:55.4) and Brad Glosser (3:56.2) went two-three in the 1,500 meters, freshman Trent Bryson (9:44.9) and sophomore Dave Blum (9:58.9) took the top two places in the 3,000 meters.

The meet's most valuable male athlete was Dan Held of San Luis Obispo, who won the 1,500 meters in 3:48.4. The most valuable female athlete was 1992 Olympic heptathlete Kym Carter of Santa Barbara, who won the 200 meters (24.48), the long jump (19'2 3/4") and the javelin (126'6").

UCSB Falter, Loses 5-4 to UOP; Team Heads to Ojai on Wednesday

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

It's over — for now. The UCSB women's tennis team played in its last regular season match of 1995 last Thursday, losing to the University of the Pacific by a score of 5-4 in Stockton.

The match was postponed for much of the afternoon due to rain and heavy winds. Spending

that afternoon sitting and waiting for the match to get underway, UCSB lost much of its competitive spirit and eventually succumbed to the Tigers once the two teams hit the courts.

"They were really bad conditions," said Gauchos Head Coach Pete Kirkwood. "But that is not a good excuse for losing."

Toward the end of the afternoon, after UOP

had played to a 5-3 lead, the Tigers decided to call the final match due to the weather conditions. The decision automatically gave the Gauchos a fourth point and simultaneously ended the regular season for Santa Barbara.

The loss gives the Gauchos a record of 8-16 on the season. Prior to the start of the 1995 campaign, most predicted those two numbers

would be reversed.

Ending the regular season is something of a relief for Santa Barbara, which began its season ranked 19th in the nation. But such relief is short-lived, as UCSB must now prepare for the Big West Championships that will be held in Ojai from this Wednesday to Friday.

The Gauchos are hoping that the disastrous season will provide some sort of inspiration for the championships.

"We can only do something positive now because nobody expects us to do anything," said

Gauchos senior Lynn Coakley. "We have absolutely nothing to lose."

Kirkwood, always the optimist, believes that the loss to Pacific will motivate the Gauchos in a good way as they head into the championships.

"I think it's going to affect us in a positive way," Kirkwood said. "We're a little more fired up."

Playing in Ojai is something that UCSB has vast experience in, as the town is located just 30 minutes south of Santa Barbara. Hosting the Big West Championships on their adopted home court gives the

Gauchos an advantage in more than one way.

"I think having the fans to support us is good and also just the conditions are better for us," Coakley said. "We just wake up and play."

The Gauchos will most likely face the University of Hawaii in the first round on Wednesday, depending on the outcome of this week's Hawaii-San Jose State match. If UCSB advances to the semifinal round, its opponent will be conference rival University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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where it was determined he had suffered a fractured left cheekbone. Surgery was performed on Sunday night and Janke will be out of action indefinitely.

"He has pain in the upper and lower orbit of his left eye," Brontsema said. "He is a tough man. I feel for him."

Although a pitch by Janke earlier in the contest had grazed the top of LBSU shortstop Jason Knupfer's helmet, Brontsema did not believe that Biddle's beanball was a retaliatory pitch.

"I did not think that it was at all intentional," Brontsema said. "I know it didn't come from the bench."

Long Beach State Head Coach Dave Snow denied that the pitch was intended to hit Janke, UCSB's leading power hitter.

"We're definitely not throwing at somebody," Snow said. "He's a quality player, a quality person. I hope he's OK."

In the fourth inning, Gauchos junior reliever Dax Groves plunked 49er right fielder Will Skett, the first batter he faced, in the back. A warning not to continue the brushback war was issued to both teams by the home-plate umpire.

Brontsema stated that Groves was not ordered to hit Skett.

"I didn't tell him to do it," Brontsema said. "There's a good chance he did it for his teammate [Janke]."

In the game itself, the 49ers roughed up Janke for eight runs in the first inning and Groves for five runs in five innings. LBSU also touched freshman reliever Joe Smith for two runs in the seventh inning.

Snow explained his team's method of hitting against Janke.

"We were trying to sit back on him and make him get the ball up," Snow said. "We were trying to be selective."

Leading the charge for Long Beach was left fielder Jason Minici, who went 4-6 with four RBI. Catcher Kirk Pierce, second baseman Tim Falsken and designated hitter Jason Hodges each added three hits.

Biddle (2-1) allowed three runs in six innings to post the win, while Janke (4-4) suffered the loss.

Saturday's game may have been the worst defeat of the season for UCSB. Having won Friday's game 7-3, the Gauchos jumped out to a 7-0 lead against 49er starter Kyle Wilson (8-2). The big inning in the contest for Santa Barbara was the third, when UCSB sent 10 batters to the plate and scored five runs on six hits and one Long Beach error.

Gauchos senior starter Pat Treend (3-6) was cruising until the sixth inning, not having allowed LBSU to score. Treend got into some trouble in the sixth, walking two batters and allowing a single to load the bases for Minici with one out.

Minici promptly took Treend downtown for a grand slam, bringing the 49ers within three, and the comeback was on. Sophomore right-hander Jorvic Salazar relieved Treend and allowed three runs, one of them earned, in two-thirds innings pitched.

"They sure swung the bat well," Brontsema said. "They didn't crush us, but they really came out."

Of the 14 Long Beach runs, only seven were earned, as costly Gauchos errors propelled the 49er surge. A quartet of Santa Barbara relievers, including senior Ryan O'Coyle (1-2), who took the loss, and sophomores John

Minton, Clint Pearson and Steve Cain, fared no better, while Long Beach put across four runs in the seventh and eighth innings in addition to two more in the ninth.

"It was somewhat contagious," Snow said of his team's comeback efforts. "We played through a lot of frustration. We were due for some good things to happen. I'm proud of the players, especially after what happened on Friday. They did it collectively."

What happened on Friday had seemed to be the beginning of a good weekend for the Gauchos, as they snapped a nine-game losing streak against the 49ers with a 7-3 triumph.

UCSB rode to victory behind the strong starting pitching of senior Steve Lane (5-1). Lane went seven innings and allowed eight hits and three earned runs.

"This series, we had to put ourselves in position to take the four spot from UNLV going into the series there," Lane said on Saturday.

Because the Gauchos were not able to reach their goal of taking two games, the road to the Big West playoffs becomes a lofty one.

"It means we have a tougher job to do," Brontsema said. "We can't afford any slips. We have to come out swinging."

The UCSB offense was guided by senior center fielder Doug Smaldino, Janke and sophomore catcher Dave Willis. Smaldino and Janke each had two hits, while Willis had a double and two RBI.

Besides Friday's victory, the highlight of the series for UCSB was the play of junior right fielder Wynter Phoenix. Phoenix went 7-10 on the series with two home runs, both on Sunday, and five runs scored, raising his batting average from .210 to .245 over the three games.

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Gauchos' goal of a split by winning the first game in the bottom of the seventh inning 1-0 and used a two-homer performance to fuel a 7-2 victory over UCSB (18-33, 4-20) in the second game.

"[The road trip] was definitely physically and mentally straining, but we prepared for it and handled it well," said UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly. "We played well in Hawaii—to beat them was great. We played well in Long Beach, but we just don't have the depth."

After injuries and sickness, Santa Barbara was forced

to play people out of position by the second game at LBSU. Junior shortstop Maria Costa was spiked at the end of game one, needing six stitches, sophomore catcher Johnna Mike had the flu and couldn't continue, junior center fielder J.J. Cannon injured her arm sliding in Hawaii, and junior backup catcher Susan Williams was accidentally hit in the face in warm-ups.

"We were living and breathing softball — our bodies just couldn't do it anymore," Ray said. "I'm emotionally, physically and mentally drained."

UCSB junior pitcher Stacy Atwood didn't seem tired, throwing a gem in the first game. Atwood (11-17) scattered five hits and gave up the only run of the game in the

seventh inning with two outs to take the loss.

Santa Barbara couldn't get things going in the night-cap, as LBSU jumped out to an early 3-0 lead off Atwood by the third inning. Sophomore hurler Megan O'Brien, who came in for Atwood in the fourth inning, was touched for four earned runs on five hits and a walk.

The Gauchos did have their chances to score in the game. Down 3-2 in the sixth inning with the bases loaded, Atwood was thrown out at the plate but not without controversy. The umpire called Atwood safe, which would have tied the game at 3-3, but then changed the call to take the run away.

Gauchos Fall to Fresno St.; Team Gets #3 Big West Seed

By Brian Berger
Reporter

The UCSB men's tennis team started Friday on a good note by receiving the third seed in the Big West Tournament but then watched it turn ugly as the Gauchos fell to #30 Fresno State 6-1 later that afternoon.

Santa Barbara had not competed for two weeks, and the Bulldogs were able to take advantage of the rusty Gauchos. Fresno State won all the singles matches, with the exception of the fifth match, in which junior John Bowerbank picked up UCSB's lone point.

"We came out a little flat," said junior Eddie Weiss. "They are a very good team and they played well."

UCSB (7-8 overall, 2-1 in the Big West) had its two-game winning streak stopped, but Weiss feels that the match prepared the Gauchos for the conference tournament.

"This match definitely woke us up. It shows us what we need to do to be successful."

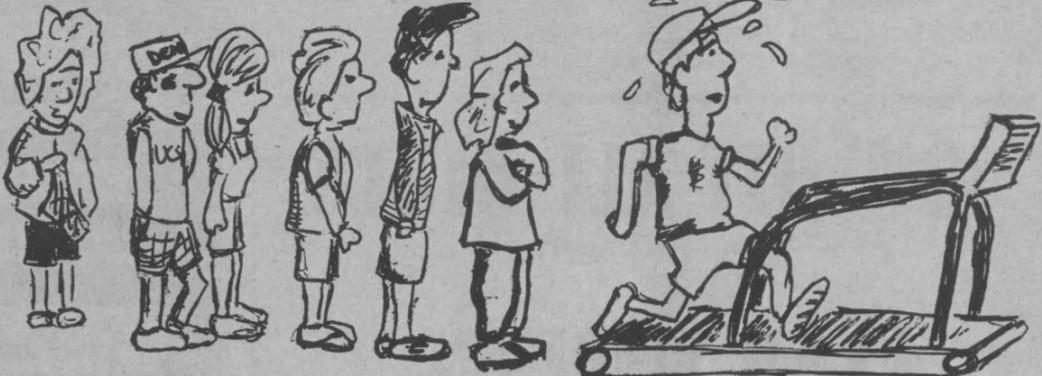
With the third seed in the Big West Tournament, UCSB will open against the University of Nevada, Reno, a team it defeated 5-2 just two weeks ago. The Gauchos would not meet top-seeded UC Irvine until the finals, a scenario which pleases Head Coach Don Lowry.

"We were hoping for the second or the third seed," Lowry said. "We match up better with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas and we have already lost to Irvine twice this season."

The Big West Tournament begins Friday in nearby Ojai and will be hosted by UCSB.

"We have been accused of having a home-court advantage," Lowry explained. "I think that the courts are neutral, and the only advantage we have is that we don't have to travel as far as the other schools."

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