

Sports

NCAA Water Polo Championships

Two One-Goal Defeats Spell Fourth Place for Gaucho Poloists



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By David James
Sports Writer

The Titanic was a big ship which sunk. True, but neither accurate nor descriptive.

The same could be said for most accounts of the 1985 NCAA Water Polo Championships. It is difficult to capture the emotion in words.

In the simplest of summaries, Stanford won its fifth national title while the Gauchos finished fourth, beating Long Beach State, 7-6, and then losing to Stanford, 7-6, and UCLA, 10-9.

This tournament was much more than wins and losses to those people who spent Thanksgiving weekend at the Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool.

For those 2000 people in attendance, frustration and exhilaration were inseparable companions as the weekend unfolded.

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Spikers Place 3rd at PCAAs; Host NCAA Match

Number-One Pacific Downs Lady Spikers in Semifinal Game

By Steven Deeley
Sports Writer

Prior to last weekend's PCAA Women's Volleyball Championships, UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory stated that the trip to Stockton would give her team the opportunity to prepare for the upcoming NCAA Championships, and to see some potential NCAA qualifiers in action.

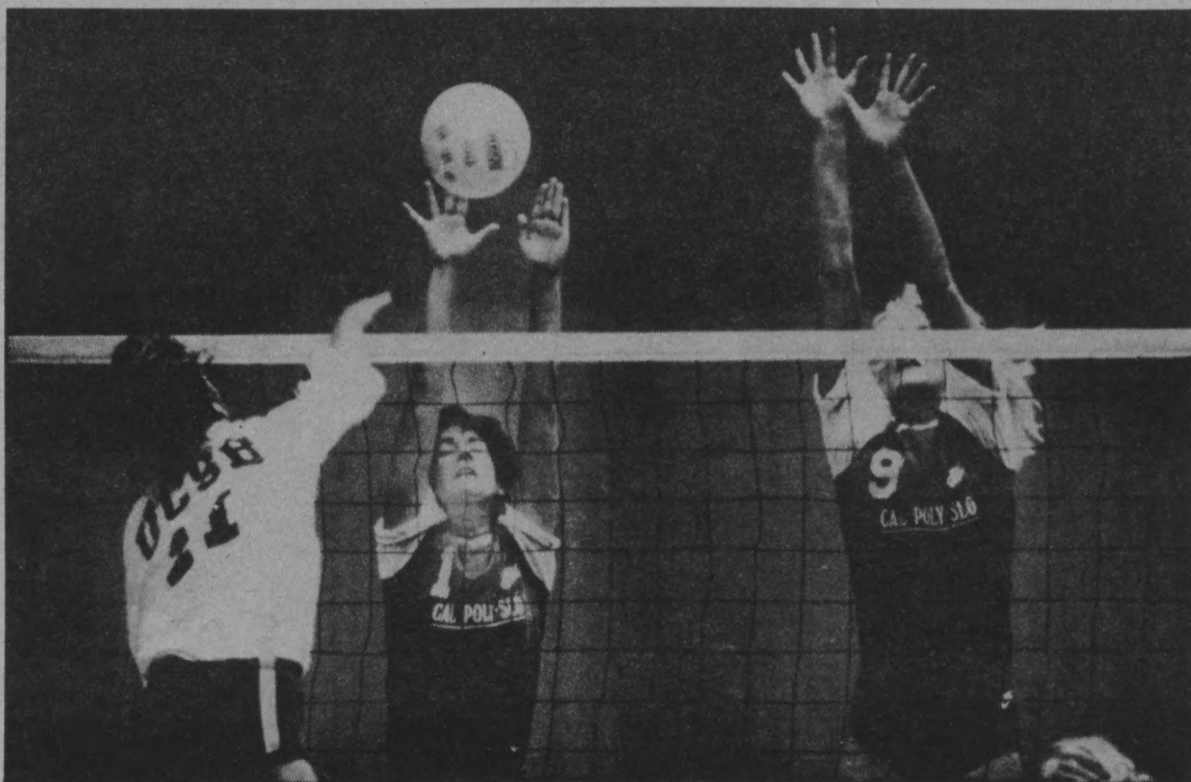
The Gauchos readied themselves for this weekend's opening-round NCAA matches by tying for third with Cal Poly SLO, a team UCSB hosts this Saturday.

On Friday, the Gauchos defeated Long Beach State for the second time in three meetings this season, 15-9, 18-16, 16-14.

The hosting Pacific Tigers, however, continued their dominance over the Gauchos on Saturday, running their seasonal record against UCSB to 4-0. UOP stopped the Gauchos' quest for the PCAA title with a 12-15, 15-6, 15-10, 15-13 victory.

The Tigers defeated Hawaii in four games on Sunday, adding the PCAA Tournament Championship to their regular season title. The Tigers finished the season with a 32-3 overall record, 18-1 against PCAA opponents.

Going into Friday's match with Long Beach, the major concern for UCSB was how to stop the 49ers' superb outside hitter, Connie Watson. Watson recorded 32 kills in the 49ers' win over UCSB in October, but did not play when the Gauchos returned the favor last month. Whether stopped by injuries or by



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After tying for third place with Cal Poly SLO at the PCAA Championships, UCSB hosts the Mustangs this Saturday in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

the Gaucho defense, Watson was able to record only 10 kills.

"I felt we were really ready to play," Gregory said afterward. "The key was winning the second game (18-16)."

"Liz Towne set a very fine match," Gregory continued. "Our seniors, Kathie Luedeke and Lisa Moore, played excellent, and gave us experience and leadership on the court."

Luedeke and Moore each registered 12 kills, while Bonnie Bright led the Gauchos with 14. Defensively, the Gauchos were very strong, recording 72 digs as a team. Charlotte Mitchel paced UCSB with 15, while Shari Rodgers and Bonnie Bright each had 14.

Saturday's match with the top-ranked Pacific Tigers was not nearly so pleasant. In all four contests between the two teams this season, the Gauchos have jumped to an early advantage only to see the Tigers come back by winning three straight games. This weekend was no different.

The Pacific attack was led by freshman middle blocker Elaina Oden, who recorded 28 kills. Oden, the most highly-recruited high school player in the nation last year, was named PCAA Player-of-the-Year, and PCAA Tournament MVP for outstanding play.

"Kathie Luedeke and Lisa Moore played a great match in the mid-

dle," Gregory said. "We just didn't get the play from our outside hitters that we needed. Injuries and illnesses really hurt us."

Bonnie Bright was hampered by a knee injury, Lisa Moore played well despite a strained back, and flu kept Annette Juptner on the bench.

Moore led the Gauchos with 17 kills, with fellow senior Luedeke recording 16. Defensively, Mitchel added to PCAA-leading total with 22 for the match, while the ever-present Luedeke had 20.

A pair of Gauchos were rewarded for their efforts by being named all-conference. Senior Kathie Luedeke was named First Team All-PCAA, and junior Charlotte Mitchel was named Second Team All-PCAA.

Spikers Host Rival Cal Poly SLO in NCAA Playoff Game

By Steven Deeley
Sports Writer

It may not generate the same amount of media attention as USC-UCLA, or Army-Navy, but when UCSB and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo meet in any sports event, the intensity is just as high.

The regional rivals will meet for the third time this season in women's volleyball, when the 12th-ranked Gauchos host the fifth-ranked Mustangs in the first round of the NCAA Women's Volleyball Championships, Saturday night in Rob Gym at 7:30 p.m.

The winner of Saturday's contest will meet the winner of the San Jose State-Long Beach State match in the Northwest Regionals next week in Stockton. The next step is the NCAA National Championships (Final Four), which are scheduled for Dec. 20-22 at Western Michigan University.

The Gauchos and Mustangs can be considered even, despite a substantial difference in records (UCSB is 24-15, Cal Poly is 29-5). The Gauchos thrashed Cal Poly in three quick games in Rob Gym on Nov. 5. The Mustangs played the role of ungracious host on Nov. 22, with a similar three game rout. The teams tied for third place at last weekend's PCAA Championships in Stockton.

Mustang Coach Mike Wilton, the PCAA Coach-of-the-Year, brings an experienced squad to Rob Gym. The Mustangs are led by two All-PCAA performers, setter Dede Bodnar and middle blocker Ellen Bugalski. (See VOLLEYBALL, p.7D)

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Basketball Team Unleashes Potent Offense During Weekend Victories

By Scott Channon
Sports Editor

The Runnin' Gauchos ran away with two home wins last weekend, as they continued to unleash their potent offense after beginning the season with a 107-92 defeat at the hands of the Oklahoma Sooners.

And just as Oklahoma did, UCSB's opponents answered back with strong offensive efforts of their own, but unlike the Sooners, came away with defeats.

On Friday night in front of 1,233 fans at the Events Center, the Gauchos let the visiting St. Mary's of Texas Rattlers come within three points late in the game before holding on for an 89-83 victory. UCSB raised its record to 2-1 after the Gauchos defeated the United States International University Gulls, 109-101, on Saturday night.

GaUCHO forward Mauryc Carr poured in a game-high 25 points Friday night and added five rebounds. With 6:57 left in the second half, Carr picked off a pass and powered down the court for a slam dunk, giving the Gauchos a 67-59 advantage. In a repeat performance with 2:32 to go, Carr went coast-to-coast for his second slam, leaving UCSB with a 74-68 lead.

The Rattlers remained close by firing in one three-pointer after another. St. Mary's was six-of-eight from three-point range, most of those coming late in the game.

Daryl Keller sank one with 1:16 left, closing the gap to 79-76. But from there, the Gauchos kept control by converting their shots from the charity stripe.

UCSB guard Conner Henry (17 points, 5 rebounds) hit four straight free-throws as the Gauchos pulled away for the win.

"We kept them (the Rattlers) in the game with our poor defense," UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said Friday night. "Once we got on tract and built up a little bit of a lead in the first half, we let up a little on the defensive end."

The defensive end seemed non-

existent the following night.

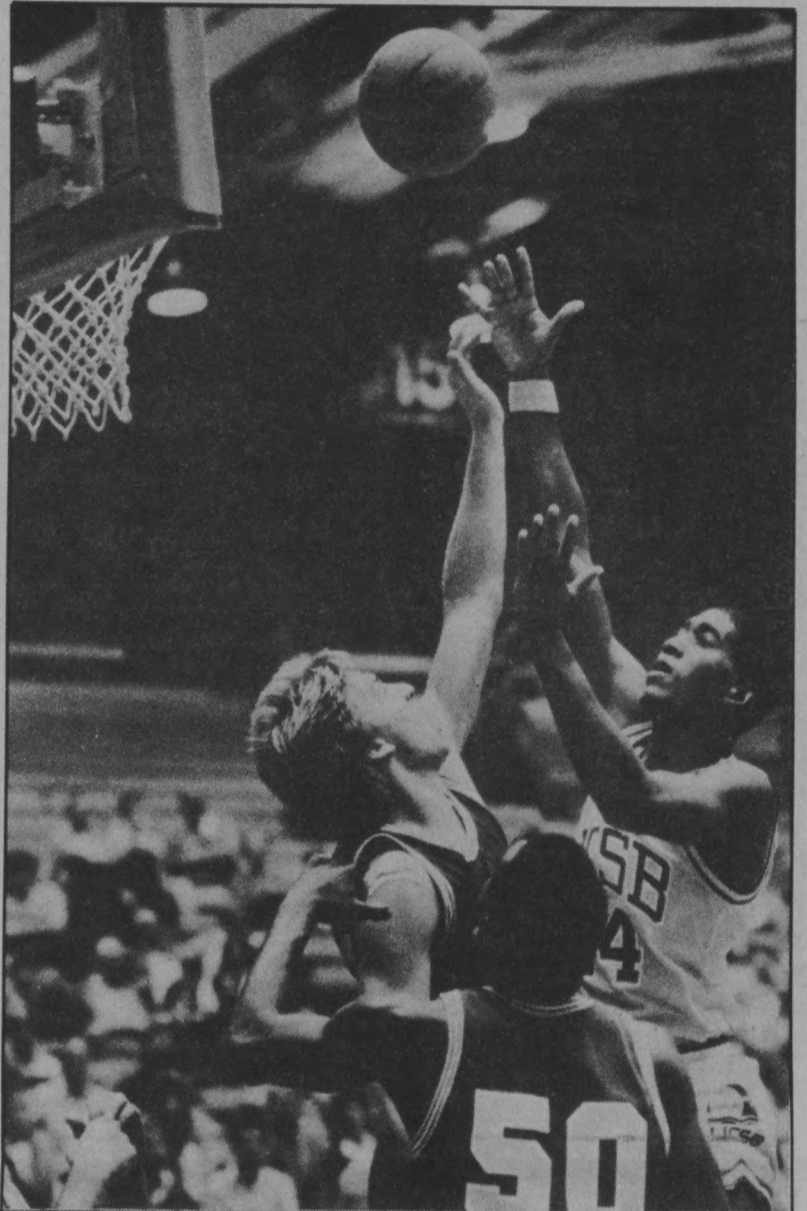
Prior to the shootout with the Gulls, Pimm had instructed his troops to run and gun, but the Gauchos were handed the same gunning offense back in their face.

Although employing such an offense would not seem advisable against a strong opponent, the Gulls

were considered anything but a strong threat. USIU posted a 1-27 record last season.

The Gauchos led by only two points at the half, 56-54, but once again, Henry (career high 30 points, game-high eight assists, seven rebounds) helped the Gauchos pull

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UCSB's Bruce Hannan scores two of his career-high 17 points in Saturday's win over USIU.



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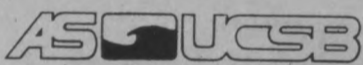
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Gauchos Host WSU

What better way is there to take a study break from finals than by cheering on your Runnin' Gauchos?

UCSB plays host to Pac 10 power Washington State Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in the Events Center.

The Cougars, who return four starters from last year's 13-15 team, are led by 6-9 forward Otis Jennings, 6-7 forward Joe Wallace, and 6-3 guard Keith Morrison.

The teams have met once before, when the Cougars won, 80-69, in 1984.

Hoop

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away in the second half. Henry's point-total was the highest by any Gauchos since York Gross scored a UCSB-record 37 points on Feb. 13, 1983. Only 12 Gauchos in 48 years have scored more than 30 points in one game.

"Offensively we are a much better team than we were last year at this time," Henry said. "Defensively I think we are about the same. We are slow at the defensive end and all it's going to take is more hard work."

"It was fast," Pimm remarked, "probably too fast. We encouraged that type of game by our offense."

"We finally gave up the run-gun (offense) with about five minutes to go," Pimm said. "We were able to control it and make them play some defense."

As the Rattlers did the night before, the Gulls remained close by converting seven three-point shots. Ken Bradford (25 pts.) made all four of his three-pointers, while Joe Yezback (33 pts.) was three-for-three from that range.

But their efforts were not enough, as the Runnin' Gauchos ran away with the win.

"You can't say we weren't the Runnin' Gauchos," Pimm observed, "but we were galloping. We were out of control. We lost the reins of the horse, and the horse got away from us too many times."

Pimm was eluding to the 25 tur-

noyers by the Gauchos, as compared to 22 for the Gulls. So in retrospect, both offenses had trouble handling the ball.

UCSB's Bruce Hannan tied his career-high by knocking in 17 points, 15 coming in the first half. Mauryc Carr was second on the team in scoring with 22 points, while freshman forward Richard Carr looked impressive during his ten-point performance.

1984-85 Gauchos MVP Scott Fisher settled down after a shaky first-game Friday night to add 17 points and a game-high ten rebounds on Saturday.

"His knee is much better," Pimm said. "He won't be as rusty as he gets more playing time."

"My leg muscles are a little weak and I feel a little uncoordinated; my timing is really off," Fisher revealed. "The knee hasn't hurt at all. As for the rest of my body, it's a little bit behind."

Under possible pressure to perform during his first time out after he stretched a collateral medial ligament in his right knee five weeks ago, Fisher fouled out in only eight minutes of playing time, tying his career record.

"When I was a freshman," Fisher remembered, "I fouled out in eight minutes after coming back from my ankle injury."

As the season progresses, Fisher should steadily improve and be at full strength come January 2, when the Gauchos begin their PCAA schedule.

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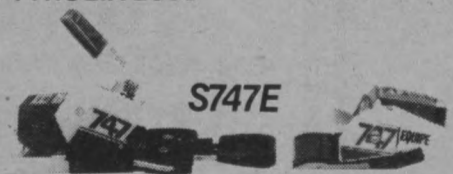
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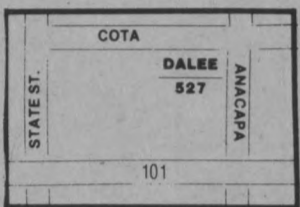
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Lady Cagers Learn from Eastern Losses; Host UCLA on Saturday

By Mark van de Kamp
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For the UCSB women's basketball team, losses to DePaul, 89-60, and to Rice, 75-69, translated into a world of experience at the Coopers and Lybrand Invitational held in Chicago last weekend.

"We gained some valuable experience that will help us when we play conference games," UCSB Head Coach Darla Wilson said. "We played good-caliber basketball."

The Lady Gauchos have an opportunity to try their skills at home this Saturday, when they host UCLA in the Events Center (game-time is tentatively scheduled for 8:45 p.m.).

"That will be an exciting game," Wilson said. "It's a good chance for students to see some good basketball."

It was DePaul — a top-20 team — who played good basketball in their match with UCSB on Saturday. The Blue Demons won easily by 21 points after opening up a gaping 48-26 advantage at the intermission. Blue Demon Jackie Joiner led all scorers with 20 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Gauchos, led by All-Tournament performer Therese

Puchalski, remained even in the second half, 42-41, and held the rebounding advantage for the game, 39-38.

"It was a well-played game," Wilson said. "Unfortunately, our turnovers came at critical moments, and that hurt us. We were weak at the line as well (10 of 19 for 52.6 percent)."

Rebecca Rehder, a 6-2 sophomore center, led UCSB with 19 points and 10 rebounds in 37 minutes. Senior guard Kristen Nicholson added 12 points and four rebounds, while Pulchalski connected on six of 12 shots for a dozen points.

"They were very aggressive, very hot," Wilson said of DePaul. "Because they were hosting the tournament, I knew they were either going to choke, or be above their heads. They played the latter."

Just 15 hours later, the lady cagers met Rice University, and led at the half, 42-40.

"We had a chance to win it, but (Rice's) Holly Jones was on the money when it counted," Wilson said. Jones poured in 34 points, went 18 for 18 at the line, and grabbed 11 rebounds.

"She's an intelligent, seasoned player," Wilson explained. "She

drew a lot of fouls, and went to the line a lot."

The free throw line was where the game was decided. Although UCSB outshot Rice from the floor, 53.6 percent to 41.5 percent, Rice led in free throw average (79.5 percent, 52.9).

"Free throws really hurt us," Wilson admitted. "(But) I thought we shot really well in the tournament, especially in the second game."

Pulchalski's 15 points and two rebounds helped to place her on the all-tournament team, while several other players also had solid performances. Junior guard Mary Reilly was six of eight from the floor to net 14 points, and grabbed four rebounds in 25 minutes. Kira Anthofer poured in 12 points in 28 minutes, and used her 6-5 frame to reach six rebounds.

"With every game we gain more experience that will help later on," Wilson explained. "Now we've faced a situation with a dominant player (Jones). Against DePaul we faced a press, the kind of game we're likely to see against San Diego State."

Remember, UCSB faces the UCLA experience this Saturday.

Water Polo

(Continued from front page)

Here's a brief recap of the weekend, as it happened:

Friday — Three teams from the east and midwest and five teams from California enter the tournament. Only the five California teams have a shot at the title. California schools have yet to lose to an eastern school in the 17 year old tournament.

Standing out among three east-west opening day blowouts is the game between fifth-seeded UCSB and the fourth-seeded Long Beach State 49ers. Long Beach State leads in the fourth quarter, 5-4, and has trailed only briefly at 2-1.

UCSB's Antonio Iniguez scores and brings the Hammerheads (who are extending temporary membership to all UCSB rooters) to life. The game is tied for the fifth time, at 5-5, with 5:23 left. John Anderson puts the Gauchos in front 59 seconds later. Iniguez's fourth goal with 3:24 left gives UCSB the first two-goal lead of the game.

The Gauchos have the ball and are working six-on-five (as in hockey, water polo players can be temporarily ejected) with just over one minute to play. John Anderson turns the ball over and the 49ers convert it into a five-on-six goal.

UCSB keeps the ball, and consequently, keeps the drama to a minimum, holding the ball until there is no time on the clock. Long Beach takes possession and calls timeout with 0:00 showing on the clock, but before the horn runs out. (Anyone been to Munich for an Olympic basketball game lately?)

The referee sends both teams back into the pool to play the final nanosecond and Long Beach's 20 meter desperation heave is blocked sending the Gauchos into the semifinals.

Saturday — The Gauchos meet the consensus favorite in the tournament, the Stanford Cardinal. The Cardinal is 23-4 and returns everyone from the squad which lost in the 1984 NCAA final by a single goal.

The Gauchos jump into the pool and start flailing away as if they were from the east coast. After three periods UCSB trails 7-3.

"I felt we were safe with a four goal lead," Stanford Coach Dante Dettamanti later confessed. "But it's human nature. One of the hardest things in sports is to hold a big four goal lead."

During the first three periods, UCSB had failed to score during four six-on-five advantages and John Anderson missed a four meter shot.

"I did the worst possible thing," Anderson moaned. "I changed my mind in the middle of the shot and went for the other corner."

Instead he planted the ball firmly in the middle of goalie Jeff Kemp's chest. Fortunately for Anderson, Kemp had come out of the cage too early and Anderson converted on his second opportunity.

In the fourth period UCSB comes alive. Goalie Jon Pendleton later noted an increase in the emotion level as UCSB asserts itself. A pair of goals by Iniguez draws UCSB within two, at 7-5.

With three minutes to play both Iniguez and Tom Yore are kicked out, giving Stanford a six-on-four opportunity. One goal will clinch a victory. The Gauchos block a shot and swim down the pool five-on-six as Iniguez rejoins the fray. With just five seconds left on the UCSB shot clock and Yore just back into play, Iniguez fires the ball from the right wing to Pat Obrien on the left post. Falling backward, Obrien fires the ball just inside the post and beyond the reach of Kemp, making it a 7-6 game with 2:10 to play.

UCSB has one last chance to tie. Timeout Gauchos. Seventeen seconds left.

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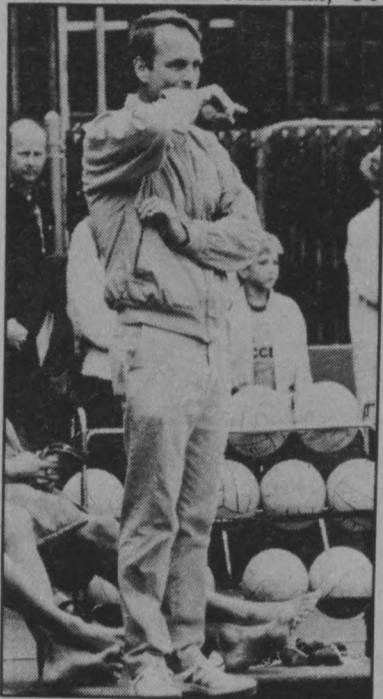
Water Polo

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The Hammerheads break into their patented cheer and chant the question of the moment. "Is Stanford Choookinnng? Yeessss, Stanford'sss Choookinnng!"

With a chance to force the overtime, the Gauchos run a pick, freeing Roberto Aguilar for a shot from two meters out on the right post. Kemp makes the game winning save; UCSB's NCAA title hopes are lost somewhere in the first three periods. But not in the fourth, as Roberto Aguilar's eyes suggest.

In the second semi-final, UC



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The Nationals produced many nailbiters, and some coaches — including UCSB's Pete Snyder — resorted to wrist-biting.

Irvine uses Stanford's script to defeat UCLA. With UCI leading 7-6 in the final 10 seconds, Anteater goalie Mark Maizel makes a fabulous save, sealing the victory.

Sunday — In the third place match, the Gauchos finally get off to a good start, leading UCLA, 4-1, at the end of the first period. UCSB suffers through a miserable fourteen minutes. Twice they let Fernando Carsalade break away one on one with goalie Jon Pendleton and score while the Bruins are in a five-on-six.

Now trailing, 7-5, UCSB goes on a scoring binge which Pat Obrien caps with his third goal of the night. UCSB leads 9-8 with 2:06 to play.

Carsalade ties it up at nine with his fifth goal of the match and Jeff Chase puts the Bruins in front with 17 seconds left.

Tom Yore shoots from the perimeter, but goalie Chuck Brown moves to the right post to block it. Anderson flicks the rebound toward the center of the cage, but Brown dives back to his left and bats the

ball out to the perimeter. Pat Obrien grabs it and fires it back towards the cage with just three seconds left. Brown snags it and the Bruins third place trophy in the same moment.

In the title game, UCI takes control with a 6-2 early lead, but Stanford battles back to tie it at eight apiece.

The Cardinal appears to force an overtime, tying the score at 9-9 with 33 seconds left, but UCI's Jeff Campbell scores on a backhand, no-look goal with just 13 seconds left. Stanford, miraculously, ties it on a lob by Jeff Tingle with five seconds to play.

In overtime Stanford grabs the lead with two and a half minutes left. UCI ties, 11-11, on the next possession. Stanford goes back in front as Tingle swats a pass from a teammate into the back of the goal with just 47 seconds left. Irvine scores with 14 seconds left, but it is waved off. An offensive foul gives Stanford its fifth NCAA Championship.

Key Players Lost

The UC Santa Barbara water polo team graduates fourteen players from the squad which qualified for the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1982.

John Anderson, a 1985 All-NCAA-Tournament selection and 1984 All-American, concludes his two-year career by placing sixth on the all-time UCSB scoring list with 139 goals. He scored 72 goals (seventh all time) this season and 67 (ninth) last year.

Senior Pat Obrien, ranked 15th on the UCSB scoring charts, was named to the All-PCAA second team this season.

John Obrien, an All-PCAA second team selection last year, was one of the team's leading scorers both of the last two years.

Among other graduates who will be sorely missed are goalie Andy Barnes, Tom Yore, Steve Simmons, Neal Sorensen, Greg Chambers, Tim Hugar, and Russ Tanner.

The Gauchos return several key players next season. Junior Antonio Iniguez, who scored 42 goals on the season, was UCSB's leading scorer at the NCAA's with eight goals. Iniguez was second team All-PCAA and second team All-Tournament at the NCAA Championships.

Goalie Jon Pendleton, Roberto Aguilar and Ian DeVries will also return in 1986.

Volleyball

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Middle blocker Carol Tschasar and outside hitters Lynn Kessler and Kelly Strand will also make UCSB's drive to reach Stockton even more difficult.

"We respect Cal Poly," Gaucho Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "The last time we played, they served us cross-court and very tough. We have to pass much better this time around."

"Although we're playing Cal Poly, a higher seed than we would normally play, it's better to play in front of a home crowd," Gregory said.

"It's much better for the team to be playing at home this weekend. Playing on the road right before finals would be a detriment academically."

Gregory's main concern going into Saturday's match is the health of her team. Outside hitter Bonnie Bright is hampered by a knee injury. Freshman Annette Juptner did not play this past weekend in Stockton, falling victim to the flu. Lisa Moore performed extremely well this past weekend, despite a strained back.

"We need to be healthy to beat Cal Poly this weekend," Gregory said. "We don't have the great depth like other teams."

Gregory, however, will probably be looking to her bench for help this

weekend. Gaucho fans should expect to see Juptner in the match at some point, while Ann Wyatt and Susan Bakker may both see action at the middle blocking spot. Kathie Luedeke could move to the outside, giving the Gauchos more offensive punch, and a bigger block up front.

Gaucha Notes: Saturday night's match is an NCAA event, so admission will be charged — even for UCSB students. Admission prices were unavailable at press time ... All-PCAA performer Kathie Luedeke leads the Gauchos in kills with 317, raising her career total to 1,445, an all-time UCSB record ... Second Team All-PCAA player Charlotte Mitchel leads the conference with 342 digs, a UCSB single-season record. She ranks 12th nationally ... As a team, the Gauchos are ranked sixth in blocking (4.0 per game) and kill average (15.6 per game), and are third in assists (14.7 per game) ... Credit the high-assist ranking to the fine play of freshman setter Liz Towne.



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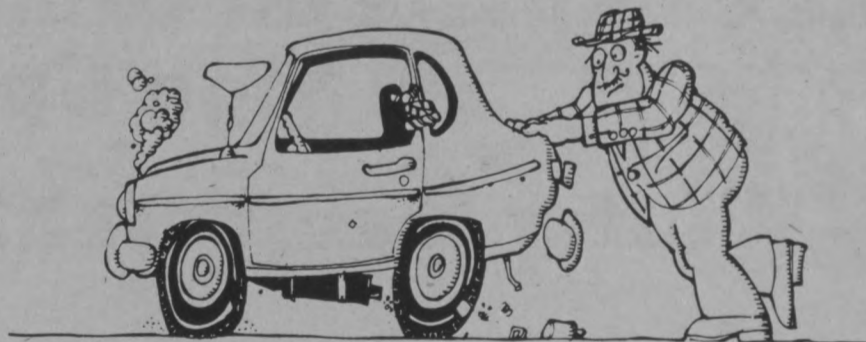
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