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Madness Begins as Rebels Come to SB





Doug Muse center Height: 6-10 Weight: 225 lbs. 1992-93 Averages: 7.8 points, 4.1 rebounds Hobby: Sleeping

Evric Gray center Height: 6-7 Weight: 235 lbs. 1992-93 Averages: 15.6 points, 7.2 rebounds Hobby: Fishing



Top-Ten Secret Strategies Devised By UCSB to Beat UNLY: 10. Convince UNLY juniors to leave school for the NBA early - like

9. Confuse Rebels by using two-syllable words while talking trash

on the court.

8. Add baskets hit during halftime shootout to Gauchos' score.

7. Two words: Referee Tarkanian

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 "No Rollie, tip-off has been changed to 11:30."
 While Rebels have possession, trick them with a sincere "Excuse me, can I see that ball for a second?"
 Forget Muse and Milling - get Kareem off his ass.
 Simulate Thomas & Mack center fireworks by having Thunderdome fans eat pop rocks and pepsi during introductions.
 Hire Lou Campanelli to scream at UNLV players during halftime.
 A made free throw or two might help.

Storke Plaza Rally Among Game Day **Festivities**

By Scott McPherson Staff Writer

Let the madness begin. The Santa Barbara campus has once again gone into the frenzy that is the annual UCSB-UNLV men's basketball game at the Thunderdome, as this morning's student ticket

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distribution kicked off a day of festivities that will culminate with tonight's 9:00 p.m. tip-off (KCSB-FM, 91.9).

With the Gauchos (13-9 overall, 6-8 conference) falling to seventh place in Big West after Saturday night's loss to Cal State Fullerton, the eagerly anticipated matchup with the Runnin' Rebels (17-2, 10-2) will not be the battle

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DUANE ON THE DRIBBLE: Gaucho forward Duane Carter goes to the hoop during UCSB's 82-69 loss at the UNLV Thomas and Mack Center earlier this month.

Career-Night for Close Leads Women Past Long Beach State



By Jason Masini Staff Writer

The Long Beach State women's basketball team used to roost itself toward the top of the Big West heap each and every year, with UCSB as just another stepping stone. The last two years, the tide has turned.

The Gauchos (13-9 overall, 11-3 in the Big West) trampled the night, 88-72, and senior point guard Cori Close was the main

Close had a career-high in points (24) and assists (15) and generally ran the show in what was not the usual tight, hardfought game between the two hated rivals.

"The type of defense they were playing was really suited towards my game," Close said. "I was in a

situation where it seemed every time down the court I had the choice to either score or dish it off to a teammate who put it in the

"We ran our break extremely well," she added. "I think we scored 44 points off the break, and as a point guard I was just reacting to the defense. On the first couple plays of the game, Christa [Gannon] had a couple of lay-ins off the break and we just had fun out

"Our defense keys our break and it was superb. If we can play defense like that in the Big West Tournament, we're going to be a lot of trouble to deal with."

The 49ers out-rebounded Santa Barbara 50-34 to keep the game close, and were led by the play of Chenise Butler, who tallied 24 points and pulled down a game-

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Gaucho Lead Washed Away as Waves Win Match in Four

#3 Pepperdine Downs #5 UCSB 13-15, 15-7, 15-10, 15-11

By Daniel Solomon Staff Writer

MALIBU -It was the lead that could not be held

Despite holding early leads in the final three games of its match against #3 Pepperdine, the #5 UCSB men's volleyball team could not get win #300 for Head Coach Ken Preston, as the Waves beat the Gauchos, 13-15, 15-7, 15-10, 15-11, Friday at Pepperdine.

The only game that the Gauchos (9-5 overall, 5-2 in the MPSF) did not hold an early lead in was the first, as Pepperdine (7-2, 5-2) started quickly and took an 8-2 before a series of hitting errors brought the Gauchos to within one. But UCSB committed its own series of errors, and the Waves soon found themselves up 11-7. The Gauchos came back with an 8-2 run, lead by two kills from freshman Amaury Velasco and two blocks from freshman Doug Hughes.

In game two, the Gauchos held a 6-3 lead before Pepperdine scored 12 of the next 13 points to win the game. A similar story unfolded in game three, where UCSB held an 8-4 advantage before the Waves went on an 11-2 run. In both games, Pepperdine was led by the blocking and attacking of senior outside hitter Tom Sorenson, and was aided by a series of four Gaucho hitting errors which closed out the third game.

"Teams will adjust and readjust as things go good or bad for them and we have to keep adjusting the same way," UCSB Assistant Coach Jose Gandara said. "If we stick to the same game plan, things are going to become a problem."

"I thought we played pretty much up to par with them, but they just outdug us," said Velasco, indicating that the Waves' tight 60-54 advantage in the category was

misleading.
"We didn't play defense like we normally do," he added. "There were a couple of rotations where they were getting all of their points, five, six points at a time. That's what killed us. If we would have sided-out more consistently, it would have been a different story."

In game four, UCSB came out with a quick 4-0 run, and it appeared as if things were turning around for the Gauchos. But the momentum slipped away, and disappeared when - with the score tied 10-10 — UCSB senior setter Jeff Zevely dove face first into the floor in pursuit of a dump shot and stayed on the ground for

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Sluggers Make Up Rainouts With Doubleheader vs. Sacramento St.



ANDREY KUZYK/Daily Nexus

STOP! THIEF! Matt Bazzani eyes the play as he attempts to steal third.

By Rob Carpio Staff Writer

After being rained out of three games last weekend, the UCSB baseball team will look to play two this morning and afternoon against the Sacramento State Hornets at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. The first game is scheduled to begin at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Pitching for the Gauchos in today's doubleheader will be sophomore righthander Steve Lane (1-2) in the first game, and senior right-hander Armando Delsi (0-1) in the second.

According to UCSB Head Coach Al Ferrer, about 10 of his 32 athletes - some of whom are in the starting lineup - will not be able to make it to the start of the first game because of academic responsibilities. Among the absentees will be senior pitchers Pat Bennett, Travis Rodgers and Delsi, as well as freshman third base-man Zach Elliott and junior reserve catcher Mark Umemoto.

UCSB (3-6) is currently riding a twogame winning streak in nonconference games and has won three of its last four contests, while the Hornets are 5-2

In an attempt to honor a commitment to a three-game series with Sacramento State, Ferrer also said that there was the possibility of playing a third game on Tuesday, depending on whether the Hor-

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UCSB Netters Iced at Iowa Tournament, Lose Two of Three

By Brian Pillsbury Staff Writer

The Drake University men's tennis program was kind enough to foot the \$5,000 bill to have UCSB fly out to Des Moines, Iowa, for the weekend and play some tennis. But the generosity ended there, as Drake smashed the Gauchos Friday evening 7-0 in the first of three matches for UCSB.

Absent from the weekend competition was #1-player and team captain Laszlo Markovits, who was unable to make the trip to Iowa because of illness. Senior John Fox stepped into his place, but lost a tough three-set match to Drake's Martin Dionne, 6-7, 6-0, 6-3. The only other singles match that UCSB came close to winning was at the #3 spot, where UCSB's John Bowerbank lost a three-set affair 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 to Atle Williams of Drake.

In doubles, the Gauchos only managed to get an 8-6 victory out of the #1 team of Fox and Ilkyung Choi.

Up next on Saturday for the Gauchos

was Southwest Missouri State, which handed the Gauchos a 4-3 defeat. In singles play, it was the bottom half of the lineup that came through with the victories for UCSB. At the #4 spot, Gil Monteaux defeated SMSU's David Gonzales 1-6, 6-1, 7-6, while freshman Ryan Radtke straight-setted SMSU's Simon Hand 6-2, 6-4 at the #5 spot and UCSB's Jamie Price won in straight sets against SMSU's Rocky Bowlin, 7-5, 6-4 at #6 singles.

The doubles competition also got away from the Gauchos, with SMSU taking two of the three doubles sets up for grabs. The lone win for UCSB came from Radtke and Monteaux who, defeated SMSU's Bowlin and Hand by a score of

Redemption for the UCSB came on Sunday as the Gauchos ended their frustration with a 6-1 victory over Southern Illinois University. In addition to winning the doubles, the Gauchos took five of the six singles sets on their way to

Fox scored a straight-set win over SIU's Tim Darien 6-2, 6-3 at #1 singles



DOUBLE TROUBLE: UCSB's Ilkyung Choi (above) and John Fox teamed up to score the Gauchos' only victory in doubles play over Drake Friday, winning 8-6. and three other Gauchos - Joe Barbarie, toughness by each winning their matches Choi and Radtke — showed some mental in third-set tie breakers to seal the win

Continued from p.1A approximately five minutes. After an examination on the team bench and a visit to the hospital, Zevely's nose was diagnosed as broken.

Because of an earlier substitution technicality, backup setter Todd Rodgers could not sub in for Zevely, so Preston looked to his bench and outside hitter Stace Lougeay. The senior fared well, setting up several balls for Gaucho kills, but the Waves took the game and the match off a block from setter Chip McCaw and

Greg Shapkle.

"I thought the heart was there, but we weren't sure of ourselves on a couple of plays," Preston said.
"We're playing good.
We're playing at the top
level. We just have to
steady things out."
Sorenson led the Waves

with 44 kills (.366), 10 digs and seven blocks. Dain Blanton added 19 kills (.417) and 13 digs and Duane Cameron had 13 digs and nine blocks. As a team, the Waves out-blocked the Gauchos 19-11.

For the Gauchos, Velasco added to his nationleading kills total with 33 (.323), while chipping in

15 digs. Todd Ahmadi and Hector Lopez added 17 and 15 kills respectively, and as a team, UCSB was outhit .291-.270.

Next up for the Gauchos is a pair of matches tonight and tomorrow evening against #4-ranked Hawaii. The Rainbow Warriors have already beat UCSB once this season, and this time around, Hawaii will have the homecourt edge.

"Last time we faced them, we were playing on emotions," Gandara said. "Our mental intensity is not consistent. We can't play on emotions because that is typical of an up and down team."

RINGMASTER: Freshman Andre Zimmerman concentrates during his performance in Friday's gymnastics meet between UCSB, Illinois and Michigan.

Gymnasts Finally Clear 260 Mark During Loss to Illinois, Michigan

By Michael Kohn Staff Writer

It was an up and down weekend for the

UCSB men's gymnastics squad.

The Gauchos leaped over a personal hurdle Friday night in Rob Gym, as they finally cleared the 260 scoring mark. However, the 260.95 total was far short of the 274.20 standard set by the University of Illinois, which won the meet. Michigan's score of 269.30 was good for second place in the tri-team competition.

The loss dropped UCSB's season record to 2-4.

It took the squad longer than expected to eclipse the elusive 260 mark, a number with which it had been flirting with - but failed to surpass — during successive meets. Team members acknowledged that this feat is a moral booster which they will capitalize on in the future.

'Going over 260 gives us more confidence," said UCSB's Reed Lovan, who scored a 9.05 on vault. "Now we will be more consistent and able to score

Illinois — ranked seventh in the nation was led by Ricardo Cheriel, who is expected to return to the NCAA championships this season. Cheriel's total score of 55.2 was tops among competitors Friday, while Santa Barbara's Jeb Brandon finished a surprising second with a score of 54.1 — a new high for the Gauchos this season. Brandon's set featured a 9.3 on vault, 9.1 on rings and 9.15 on high bar.

Reid Holbrook, who was plagued by

lent effort as well for UCSB. His 51.25 allaround score was highlighted by a 9.25 on floor exercise and a 9.15 on the parallel

"It was our best performance of the year," said senior Andy Gotelli. "But we still have another 10 points to go."

Gotelli indicated that the 10 points will

come when the squad improves on its three "weak" events: the high bar, parallel bars and pommel horse. Gotelli explained that when the freshmen get more accustomed to these events, the squad has a legitimate shot at 270.

One Gaucho who is needed to perform well if the team is to hit 270 is team captain Chris Bosso. Friday's meet was the first this season that the senior has gone all-around, as Bosso is recovering from a preseason knee surgery. While he continues to experience lower than usual scores, he received a 9.1 for his performance on rings Friday.

Bosso, though down on his performance, was pleased with the Gaucho effort. "Every time we perform better, even the crowd sees it," Bosso said. "The guys are really getting fired up and want to win; we know we can score more. I think we can hit 267 by the next meet."

The squad will have plenty of time to get ready for its next competition. The UCSB 7th Annual Invitational will be held Friday, March 5 in Rob Gym. Gotelli indicated that the team has already begun to prepare for the match.

"[UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badules-cu] is really pushing us," Gotelli said. "He wants us all to peak for the invitational."

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With the win, the Gauchos became the first team in Big West history to defeat Long Beach State five consecutive times, dating back to last season's two regular season wins and a victory in the conference's postseason tournament.

Aftertaking a 44-32 lead into halftime, UCSB couldn't extend its lead past 12 points until the 14:48 mark, when freshman Lauren Goldstine nailed two jumpers in a row to make the score 58-43. Close continued her hot shooting, nailing a three-point basket after LBSU's Marsheela Harriston scored on a reverse lay-in. Close finished 11-14 from the field, hitting two of four from behind the three-point stripe.

Both of the 49ers' main offensive weapons, Harriston and Neisha Williams, were held in check for most of the game. Harriston finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds, while Williams scored only two points on 1-11 shooting and did not attempt a trey, her favorite

shot.

Long Beach closed to within 12 points of the Gauchos with 8:49 to go, but Close hit a driving layup and then followed with a three-point play, igniting the Lady Gauchos on a 17-6 run to close out the

The Gauchos moved to within two games of second place in the Big West, by virtue of Pacific's 83-78 victory over UNLV Saturday night. Hawaii moved into first place with a 15-1 record, and the Lady Rebels dropped to second with a 13-1 mark.

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concerned, rain is expected again today. Despite the time off, the Gauchos are anxious about finally getting the chance to play.

"I don't think [the time off] will affect us too much because we had a pretty

Radio-KCSB-FM, 91.9

As far as the weather is productive practice [on Sunday]," said freshman outfielder Wynter Phoenix, who will also miss the beginning of today's first game because of a midterm exam. "I think everyone's ready to play. Everyone feels good and everyone's got that hunger in their

sickness earlier this year, put in an excel-Recycle The Nexus Game Time-9:00 TV-ESPN

VEGAS: Gauchos Look to Avenge 82-69 Defeat

Continued from p.1A of conference contenders that it might have been predicted to be before the season. Nevertheless, student enthusiasm is expected to be at its usual fever pitch.

"Everyone is really excited about the game," said Jon Feldman, co-chairman of the Gaucho Student Ticket Committee. "Even though the [Gauchos'] record is down this year, the students are still really enthusiastic about the UNLV game."

Besides the game itself
— which will be televised
nationwide by ESPN — a number of activities are planned today to generate enthusiasm for the conference clash. A rally organized by the ticket commit-tee is scheduled to begin at noon in Storke Plaza that will feature four contests — including a Jerry Pimm look-a-like contest, judged by the Gaucho coach himself — which will award tickets to tonight's game to the winners.

Eventually the fun and games will move to the Thunderdome court, where the Gauchos will look to avenge a 82-69 drubbing given them by the Rebels at Las Vegas

Gaucho Rally Falls Short in 66-64 Loss at Fullerton

FULLERTON -The UCSB men's basketball team staged a late rally to come within a point of Cal State Fullerton with 17 seconds to play Saturday night, but CSUF was able to force a Gaucho turnover with the fi-nal seconds ticking off the clock and Fullerton held on for a 66-64 Big West victory at Titan Gym.

The Gauchos were down 65-57 with 1:19 left on the clock, but missed free throws by CSUF let UCSB close to 65-64 a minute later when Idris Jones connected on a 22-foot three-point shot. The Gauchos got the ball back with :07 remaining and a chance to tie, but Paul Johnson's pass to Ray Kelly at midcourt was intercepted by Titan guard Aaron Sunderland.

Sunderland led all scorers on the night with 25 points, while Fullerton forward Kim Kemp grabbed a career-high 18 rebounds. Kelly led the Gauchos with

"We broke down a couple of times tonight," UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said. "We can't afford to do

that in close games."

The lead changed sides 12 times during the game, and the Gauchos tied the game at 51-51 with 7:44 to play. For the night, UCSB shot 37% from the floor, compared to 46% for CSUF.

-Scott McPherson

earlier this month. After controlling the tempo of that game in the first half and building a four-point lead, UCSB went into a total collapse and never emerged.

"We made some obvious mistakes that we need to correct, and hopefully by correcting those we can

redeem ourselves," Gaucho center Doug Muse said Sunday. "We watched the film today, and we pointed out what we were doing right. We didn't really slow it up, we just took good shots and controlled the tempo and we were smart with the

As for UNLV, the #15 Rebels are coming off a 97-81 thumping of second place New Mexico State on Saturday. First-year Head Coach Rollie Massimino indicated Sunday that while the Rebels will look to run on the Gauchos again tonight, he didn't expect the matchup at the Thunderdome to be a replay of the game at Las Vegas.

"It will be a different game, I'm sure," Massimino said after the team's Sunday practice session. "We're here [at the Thunderdome] — it's a tough place to play from what I understand, although I've never coached a team that played here before."

While a victory over UNLV will not catapult UCSB to the top of the conference standings, Muse added that a win tonight would give the Gauchos a lot of satisfaction.

"It won't make the season, but it will be a nice addition," Muse said. "We're still going to have a successful season, and a win against UNLV will be just one more successful part of the season."

ATTENTION GAUCHO

Student tickets will be distributed today starting at 7:15 a.m. at a site that will be announced on 97.5 FM at 7:00 a.m. this morning. The ticket distribution will be ongoing until all 2,300 student tickets are given out. If you don't know where the site is, call the Gaucho Ticket Office (893-3292) to find out.Remember, you must have a UCSB reg card to get tickets.

Men's Basketball Results:

CSUF 66, Gauchos 64

Halfime—Fullerton 32, Gauchos 31 Three-point goals—UCSB 4-11 (Jones 3-8, Meyer 1-2, Ford 0-1), CSUF 6-9 (Sunderland 3-3, Leary 3-4, Bowen 0-1, Vernon 0-1), Blocked shots—UCSB 2 (Carter, Milling), CSUF

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CS Fullerton 66, UCSB 64 UNLV 97, New Mexico St. 81 Long Beach St. 88, UC Irvine 74 Utah St. 92, San Jose St. 79

Monday's Games: UCSB vs. UNLV. 9:00 ESPN

#### MONDAY Men's Basketball vs. UNLV, at

the Thunderdome, 9:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. Sacramento St.

at Ceasar Uyesaka Stadium,

Men's Volleyball vs. Hawaii, at Honolulu, 10:00 p.m.

11:30 a.m.

#### TUESDAY

#### Men's Volleyball vs. Hawaii, at Honolulu, 10:00 p.m.

(no games scheduled)

WEDNESDAY

#### **THURSDAY**

Swimming and Diving Big West Championships, at Long Beach, All Day Baseball at Sacramento State Tournament, All Day

Softball vs. Long Beach State, at Long Beach, 4:00

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