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Gauchos Sweep Long Beach, Set to Face UCLA Thursday

■ Squad Advances to Second Round of MPSF Playoffs

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

The Long Beach State men's volleyball team learned an important lesson Saturday in the first round of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation playoffs: Confidence can only get you so far.

The #6 Gauchos swept the 49ers at the Pyramid, 15-8, 15-5, 15-11, amid numerous boastings from LBSU players throughout the match and a lofty prediction from the team's head coach prior to the match.

"They were pumped up from the start," said UCSB junior outside hitter Mitch McCoy. "They were saying some stuff that really shouldn't be put in the

newspaper. Some of them were getting personal."

The 49ers Head Coach Ray Ratelle made a statement to one newspaper that his team would win because it was playing bet-



Mitch McCoy

ter and because it had better players at every position.

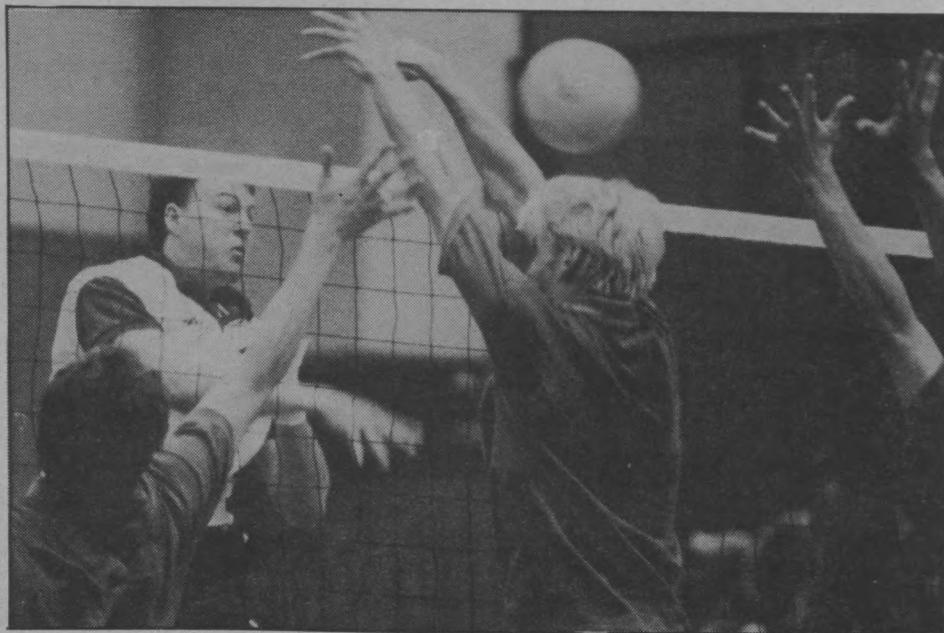
"That comment kind of made me mad," McCoy said. "They don't have better players playing at every position."

That was made obvious Saturday night when Santa Barbara controlled the entire match, save a brief stretch in game three when UCSB found itself down 10-7.

"We called a timeout and all got together and we said that we had to turn this up," McCoy said. "We couldn't give them the game because that would put them back in the match."

Santa Barbara won that game 15-11 to clinch the sweep, which was particularly satisfying for the Gauchos, who were still carrying memories of their three-game loss to the 49ers in mid-March.

That win may have given LBSU a false confidence heading into Saturday's match.



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KILL TIME: Junior Bob Hefty and the rest of the UCSB men's volleyball team needed only three games to defeat Long Beach State Saturday night.

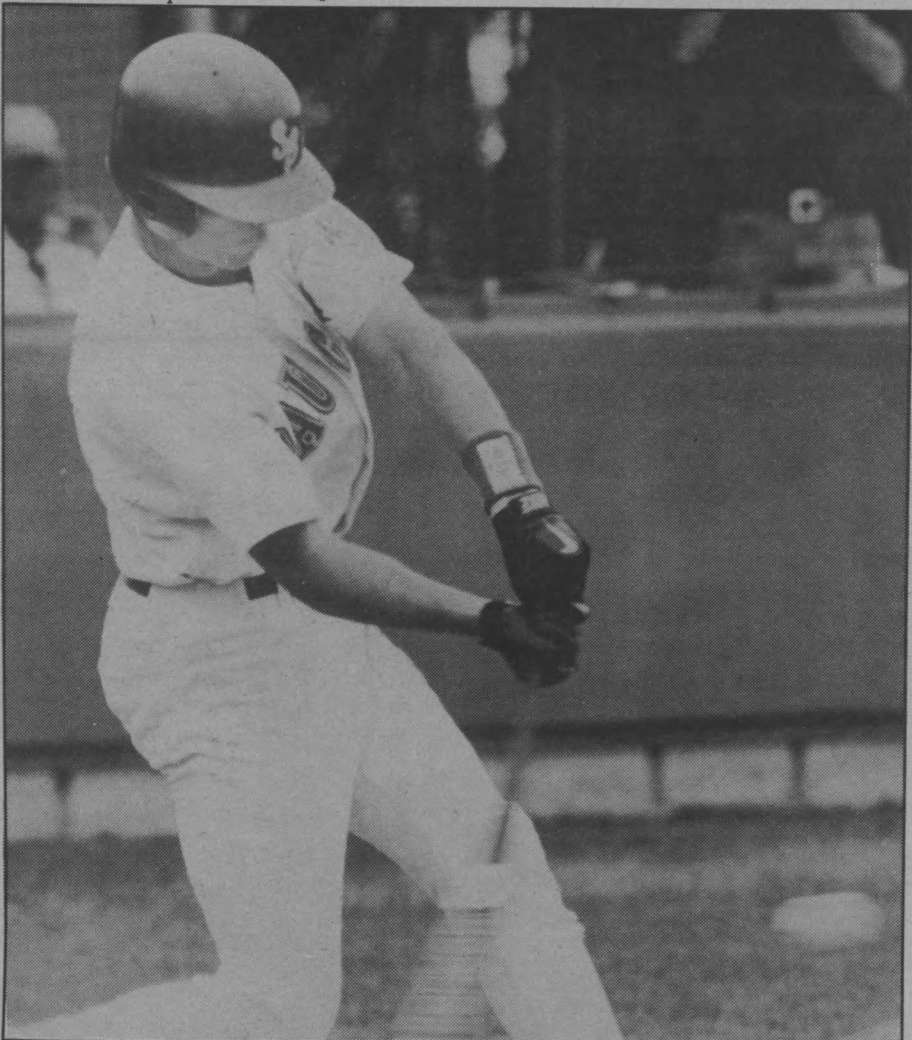
"You never know," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "That can happen when you crush a team in the regular season. You think that it's possible to do it again. But I don't

see how they could have done that if they had seen the way we've been playing lately."

Whatever Ratelle's beliefs were before the match, they were significant

humbled afterward. "If you're not playing well, you're in trouble," he said. "Bottom line, they took it to us."

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POWER STROKE: Junior shortstop Michael Young kept up his torrid hitting pace last weekend against Sacramento State, belting three home runs in the series.

Baseball Gets Three-Game Sweep, Pounds Out 39 Runs vs. Hornets

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

The UCSB baseball team accomplished what it could not do for the last three weeks — sweep a three-game series.

The Gauchos (21-22 overall, 11-10 in the Big West) beat the Sacramento State Hornets 15-6 Sunday. UCSB also took the first two games of the series, 15-5 and 9-7, respectively.

"We finally got [a sweep]," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Bob Brontsema. "We've been getting better and better. Getting the sweep is the final piece of the puzzle."

In the squad's last three series, UCSB was able to win the first two games but failed to get the sweep. But this week — on Senior Day, the team made sure it wasn't going to happen again.

"It was an emotional day," Brontsema said. "Not everyone had an allergy today, there were some tears out there."

The Gaucho offense certainly wasn't going to be sick Sunday. Led by junior shortstop Michael Young, UCSB jumped ahead early against the Hornets (13-31, 5-16), scoring nine runs in the third inning. The lead was 11-1 by the end of the offensive explosion, and Santa Barbara cruised the rest of the way. All seniors got to play a role in the game.

"We definitely wanted to make a good one for the seniors," said Young, who went 3-5 with five RBIs. "It's a great win

for us."

Young has been on fire as of late, hitting a home run in each of the three games this weekend. He now leads the Gauchos with 11.

"Nothing has really changed for me," Young said. "Even when I was slumping, I knew I could do it. You just have to keep swinging the bat. It's just the right time of the season for me to step up a notch."

Young is now hitting at a .374 clip overall with 43 RBIs. He also leads the squad with a .465 on-base percentage.

Senior first baseman David Willis, sophomore catcher Justin Lehr and sophomore third baseman Justin Gemoll each contributed two hits Sunday.

Junior right-hander Seth Bean gutted out six innings to earn his first victory since Feb. 4.

"I felt like I had my stuff and it was working," Bean said. "It's been frustrating in the middle of the year for me, but our pitching staff has played really well."

Bean struck out 11 batters while giving up 12 hits and one walk. He pitched a total of six innings before giving way to senior Jorvic Salazar.

Salazar tossed three strong innings of scoreless ball to earn his first save of the year.

The good overall pitching performance Sunday follows two other superb outings by Gaucho pitchers this weekend.

Friday, senior Bryan Noyes pitched a

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Santa Barbara Softball Has Busy Weekend, Wins Two of Six

By Scott Hennessee
Staff Writer

When a team has to play six games in three days late in the season, fatigue is bound to come into play.

The UCSB softball team was faced with the challenge of playing three doubleheaders last weekend, coming away with two wins and four losses.

"Our team is tired right now," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Liz Kelly after her team was swept by San Diego State on Sunday. "It's a

long season and we've played a lot of games. But it's long for everybody."

The Gauchos (23-28, 7-17 in the Big West) opened the weekend homestand by splitting a pair of games with the University of the Pacific (28-19, 12-12 in the Big West) on Friday afternoon.

UCSB was able to rally from a two-run deficit in game one to pull out a 3-2 victory. Freshman first baseman Sara Mertel hit a two-run double in the fourth to tie the game 2-2, and sophomore second baseman Dayna McCall got the game-winning RBI with a single in the bottom of

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Sporting Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No Events Scheduled	No Events Scheduled	Softball vs. Long Beach State 2 p.m.	MPSF Men's Volleyball Semifinals: UCSB @ UCLA 7:30 p.m. Men's Tennis @ Ojai Invitational Championship All Day	Softball @ Utah State 2 p.m. Baseball @ UOP 7 p.m. Women's Water Polo @ Western Qualifications All Day Men's Tennis @ Ojai Invitational Championship	Baseball @ UOP 1 p.m. MPSF Men's Volleyball Finals TBA Women's Water Polo @ Western Qualifications All Day Men's Gymnastics @ Stanford TBA	Baseball @ UOP 1 p.m. Women's Water Polo @ Western Qualifications Men's Gymnastics @ Stanford TBA

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"They did a good job taking advantage of every little maneuver of the game. Unfortunately we couldn't do anything about it. It's very, very frustrating."

As a team the Gauchos hit at a .369 hitting percentage, far better than the 49ers' .184 clip.

Senior outside hitter Donny Harris continued to lead UCSB Saturday, finishing with 21 kills at a .325 hitting percentage. McCoy had 14 kills at a .414 clip while senior outside hitter Jason Crone hit .417 with 12 put-aways.

For Long Beach, Geoff Cryst finished with 26 kills at a .233 clip while Gaby Amar had 13 kills at a .250 hitting percentage. No other 49er had double digits in kills.

The win advances Santa Barbara into semifinal action in the MPSF playoffs, where it will take on #1 UCLA in Pauly Pavilion on Thursday. The Bruins and the Gauchos split their matches in the regular season this year, with each team winning on the road in five games.

UCLA is coming off of a first-round 15-8, 15-7, 15-10 sweep of Pacific. The winner of Thursday's match will take on the winner of the Stanford vs. Brigham Young University match in the MPSF finals this coming Saturday.

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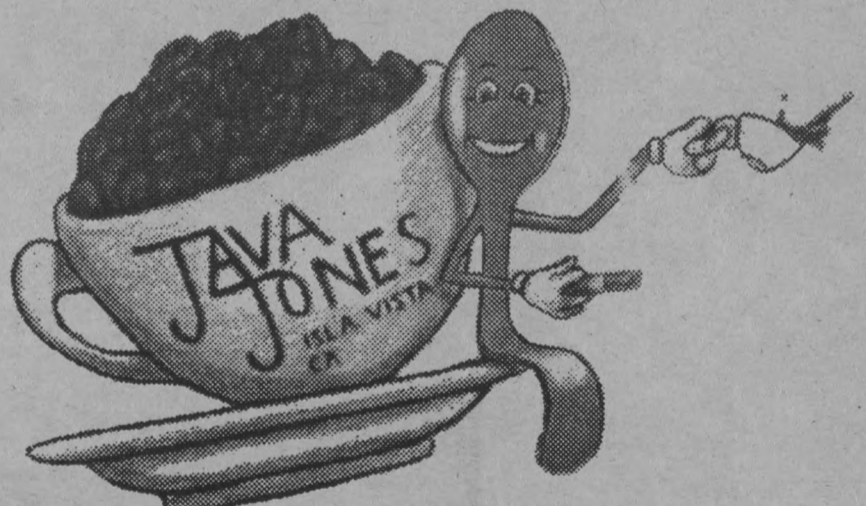
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the sixth. Freshman Jennifer Tolton went the distance for her 13th win of the year.

In game two UOP scored early and often, putting up seven runs in the first three innings. The Gauchos could not come back — and the Tigers came out on top, 8-2.

Saturday's opening contest was a classic pitchers' duel between Sacramento State's Susie Bugliarello and the combination of Tolton and senior Megan O'Brien. The game was scoreless for seven innings until the bottom of the eighth when Gaucho freshman catcher Sarah Davies blasted a solo home run to end it.

"It was a 3-2 pitch," Davies said. "My idea was to get a base hit. It was really high and I didn't think it was going to go

over."

The Hornets (25-19-1, 10-10) bounced back from the tough loss in the opener to take game two, 3-0. Amy Barker threw a five-hit shutout to lead her team to a 3-0 victory.

SDSU (27-19) came to town Sunday for a nonconference doubleheader. In the opener the SDSU offense took control of the game in the fifth, scoring six runs en route to a 9-2 victory.

Mertel paced the Gauchos at the plate, going 2-3 with a home run.

Game two was another pitching duel that took an extra frame to decide. The Aztecs scored three in the bottom of the eighth and UCSB was unable to respond, falling 3-0.

"I'm very disappointed to lose," Kelly said. "We just had too many mental errors."

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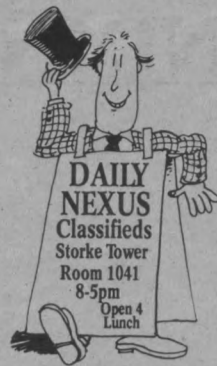
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complete game to earn his fifth straight win.

"It's not just the three [starters who are

pitching well]," Brontsema said. "All of a sudden, the whole staff has been better."

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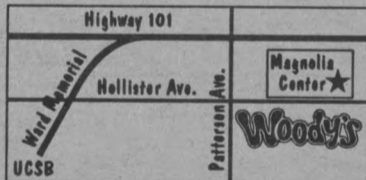
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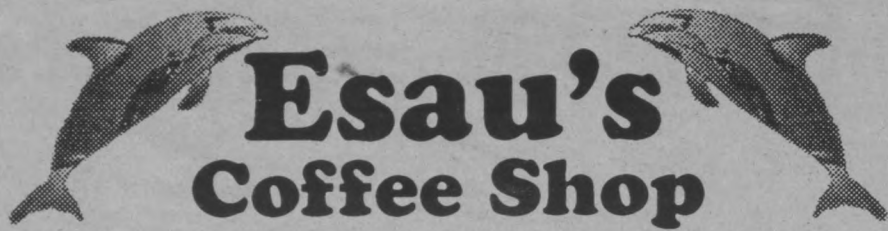
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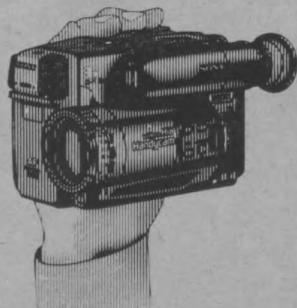
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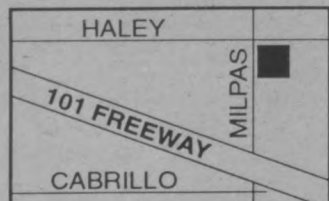
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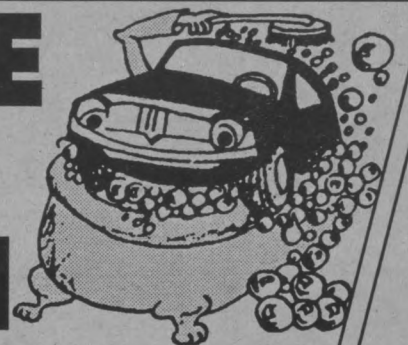
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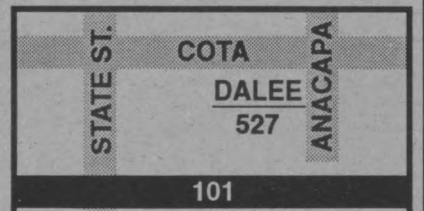


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