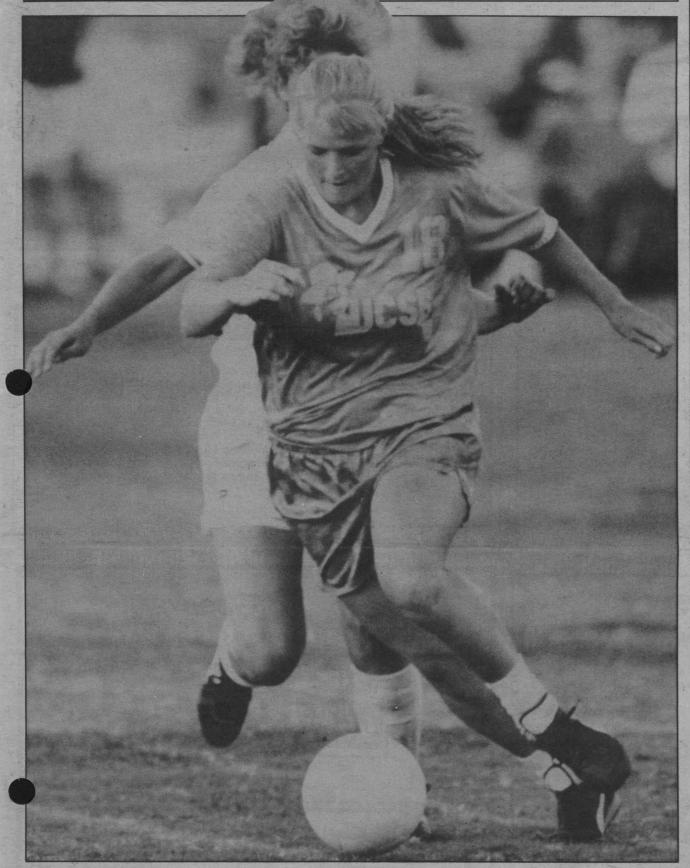
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A Study in Contrasts



The UCSB women's soccer team will be without senior captain Cari Goldy this year due to a season-ending knee injury suffered in a game against Stanford earlier this week.

Question Marks Abound in Quest for #1

By Brian Banks Staff Writer

Tad Bobak tries to relax in his office, but the anxieties and concerns that follow a team's first loss of the season are apparent. This is practically new territory for Bobak, who, in just his fifth season, has accomplished more than any other women's soccer head coach in UCSB history.

But this season is far diferent than any of Bobak's previous successes, including last year's 16-2-1 record and final #5 national ranking. Bobak has assembled a squad that is a study in contrast - four returning seniors from 1990, who are expected to guide the team, and four starting newcomers expected to need as little

affable Bobak a little

"Right now, it's life or death for us at this early stage in the season," he said two days after the Gauchos had dropped a 3-1 decision at Stanford. The Cardinal tally was the most goals given up by a UCSB squad since 1989. Compounding the loss was news that team captain Cari Goldy was lost for the season after suffering a knee injury against Stanford. Bobak waits to see

guidance as possible. It's how the team will respond. enough to make the always "It will make us tougher, knowing that we're facing an adverse situation, knowing that we have an obstacle," Bobak said. "We have to stay focused and not be distracted from our

objectives." The team's goal of reaching the nation's top-rank hinges on the play of its defense. Though seniors Jan Urich (goalkeeper) and Linda Dorn (sweeper) return from last year's squad, the Gauchos will start three freshmen at key defensive

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positions. Combine the pressure of Division I soccer with a prescason #8 national ranking and a #3 ranking on the West Coast, and Bobak is presented with a potentially combustible defense.

"During the recruiting process in my letters, I stress to them how intense the environment is going to be, so I've already prepared them for this kind of environment," Bobak explained.

Recruiting is always difficult for a team with limited scholarships, but UCSB had one of its best years with the signings of freshmen Kris Bassler, Kristen Borland, Julie Bushman, Julie Harris, sophomore Rachel Gagliano, and junior Lisa Ferragamo.

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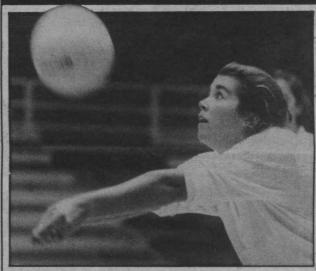
Head Coach: Rick Candaele, third year. 1990 Record: 6-4, Division III independent.
Top Returnees: On offense, the Gauchos return play-

ers at most skill positions and on the offensive line. The team is strongest at wide receiver, where it returns All-American senior Brian Fleming (6'2", 210 lbs.) and a very capable Amahl Thomas (5'11", 180), also a senior.

Fleming, UCSB's all-time leading receiver, caught a school-record 62 passes last year for 773 yards and two

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL



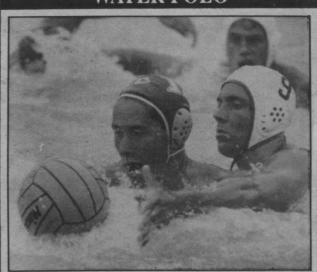
Head Coach: Kathy Gregory, 17th year. 1990 Record: 31-7 (15-3 Big West), advanced to Regional Semifinals of NCAA tournament.

Key Returnees: Question marks abound for the Lady Gauchos as they embarked on their 1991 season, and no question was more important for Head Coach Kathy Gregory than the status of All-Big West performer Kristie Ryan's right shoulder, which was operated on during the off-season.

Original indications were that the 5'11" Ryan would have to sit out the entire year as a medical redshirt vic-

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WATER POLO



Head Coach: Pete Snyder, 15th year.

1990 Record: 23-9, #3 national ranking Playoffs: After capturing the Big West title, the Gauchos were hoping to gain their first national championship since 1979. But instead, Santa Barbara suffered a devastating loss to #2 Stanford in the Final Four. The Gauchos ended the year by losing to UCLA in the consolation match, but were still ranked third in the final

Top Returnees: Snyder will depend on the Gauchos' only senior, Greg Luttrell, to provide some much-

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Continued from p.1C "The workouts that they did also prepared them, Bobak said. "The verbal picture that I present to them when they are here is a very concrete picture to them. The practices that we have are intense and make them concentrate, make them develop that high intensity,

the toughness of what they are going to be facing in the

But Bobak still has his veterans — perhaps the most powerful collection of returnees in the nation. Complementing Dorn and Urich on the offensive end are forwards Phronsie Franco and Trisha Kimble and midfielder Laurie Hill, who may finally be named to the All-American First Team after two seasons on the second team.

But even Bobak's discussion of the offense leads directly back to his first priority.

"Our offense is doing well, but bringing toughness into our defense is going to

make our offense even more potent," Bobak said. "When your defense is very strong, ignites your offense."

Dorn has been witness to the changes taking place on her side of the field. She feels the pressure put upon both her and Urich by an inexperienced defense, but explained that it's only a mat-ter of time before Bassler, Harris and Borland grow comfortable at their

"They've got to get used to playing at a higher level," Dorn said. "The pace and the pressure of the game take (their) toll. They are talented, but young.

Optimism aside, it's hard not to notice the difference already in the 1991 season. The Gauchos have given up five goals in their first four games after allowing only nine all of last year. Urich's .50 goals against average last season now stands at 1.33, and the Gauchos have struggled a bit in wins over

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the collegiate soccer scene.'

JULIE BUSHMAN • 7

Career Highlights: Has been involved with the Olympic Development Program... Is a member of the Under-19

Western Regional Team and of the U-19 Youth National

Team Pool... Member of the 1990 Club State Champion

Coach's Comment: Head Coach Tad Bobak: "Julie is a

powerfully talented soccer player who will explode on

versity of San Francisco.

It's also hard not to notice that the players and their coach want a first-ever Final Four berth this season more than in any other. And it's impossible not to notice that they have the personnel to get there, but face an uphill battle in a vastly im-Western proved Conference.

It is in this discussion that Bobak perks up. He knows that late-season matches against UC Berkeley and Santa Clara will decide his team's fate.

"That's what we work for," Bobak said with a smile, revealing the mo-ments he looks forward to most. "We love being in that kind of situation where things are on the line and with all the work and intensity that we put in to get into those kinds of confrontations." And when the subject turns to heated head-tohead matches with the nation's top ranking on the Sonoma State and the Uni- line, Bobak is relaxed.



Senior defender Linda Dorn (right) has scored two goals in the Gauchos' first five matches and is a key to the team's success in 1991.



Career Highlights: Enters the 1991 season as the Gauchos' fifth all-time leading scorer with 22 goals and 22 assists for 66 points... Is a two-time All-American and All-Big West selection... Is a two-time member of the NSCAA All-Far West first team...

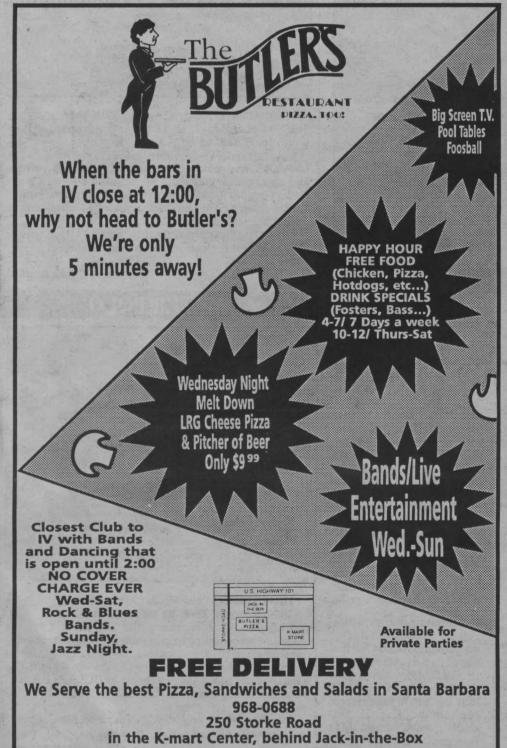
Coach's Comment: Head Coach Tad Bobak: "Laurie, under any circumstances, powerfully feels the game of soccer, enabling us to play a unique, artistic style of

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Senior



Ht. 5'5' Freshman





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student body voted to re-establish the program, and a

student lock-in vote brought the Gauchos back in 1986.

NCAA legislation that requires a move to the Division I level by 1993 and budget restraints that could never sup-

Five successful seasons later, the program, faced with

FOOTBALL: Receivers, Linebackers to Set Pace

touchdowns, while Thomas, who has emerged as UCSB's main deep threat this season, made 35 catches last year for 428 yards and three touchdowns.

At running back, senior Ross Bauer (5'9", 180) will look to improve upon his numbers of a year ago — 82 rushes for 275 yards and four TDs. The offensive line

is led by senior guard Matt Galeener (6'2", 280) and redshirts Dan Gibbons and Evan Gordon.

Defensively, an experienced linebacker corps will look to offset the inexperience of the defensive line and backfield. Junior outside linebackers Matt Brown (6'0", 185) and Dave Ellis (6'4", 215) return as "the cornerstones of the defense ... two guys who must

be ready to play every game," according to Candaele.

Also returning is senior inside linebacker Mike Spinello (6'0", 207), one of last year's leading tacklers with 58. Junior Steve Brooks will anchor a sparse defensive front, while Tim Stone (5'10", 170, Sr.) will lead an equally inexperienced backfield.

Top Recruits: Candaele

the success of the Gauchos' linebackers and wide receivers is crucial to the

"I have as much confidence in this group as one coach could have," Candaele says of his receivers. His linebackers, he says, are team, and the pressure on them to perform game after game is great. Their experience is vital, and with the addition of Marshall, I'm very pleased with their improving play."

Concerns: This is a relatively young team, so inex-perience is a factor. Another, and perhaps more important, factor is size, which could hurt the Gauchos against teams that have power running-oriented attacks. UCSB is small through the inside of its defense, a fact that it will be forced to counterbalance with "speed and desire," according to Candaele.

Other concerns include the loss of All-American flanker Johnny Ace (49 receptions, 892 yards, 12 TDs) and quarterback Mike Curtius (2,536 yards and 23 TDs); though, in Fleming and Thomas, Candaele has more than enough aerial weapons.

looks for redshirt junior inside linebacker Eric Marshall (6'0", 215), a transfer from Northern Arizona University, to start and make an impact defensively. Also expected to contribute are junior college transfers Tim Joiner (Laney JC) and Terrence Branley (Orange

Coast JC).

Strengths: By position, team's overall performance.

port such a move, may be playing out its final days on the Harder Stadium grass. After five years of successful competition at the moderate Division III level, Santa Barbara made the jump to Division II status, seemingly to increase the "the most solid unit on the level of competition for the team and to begin the gradual climb of the program to the Division I level. But, because of a newly enforced NCAA rule that requires all schools that participate at the Division I level in all sports except football to upgrade their football

programs to Division I, UCSB, with its present budget, may be left holding the short end of the financial stick. The football program now operates on a budget of "something around \$125,000, (meant to cover) nine coaches, equipment, facilities, travel, everything," Head Coach Rick Candaele said. "Even with the \$73,000 from

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ROSS BAUER • 34

catch, Brian'll get it - he's your guy."

BRIAN FLEVING • 1

Career Highlights: Fleming enters the 1991 season as

the Gauchos' all-time leading receiver... The only

Gaucho ever to catch 100 or more passes in his career, he

begins the year with 125 receptions for 1,654 yards and

nine touchdowns... Caught a school-record 62 passes in

10 games last year for 773 yards and seven TDs... Has

caught a pass in 21 straight games... Is a legitimate pro

Coach's Comment: Head Coach Rick Candaele: "Brian

is a great wide receiver in that he's very solid, very reli-

able. If you need a catch inside, over the middle, a clutch

Career Highlights: Bauer is the leading returning rusher for UCSB, after carrying 82 times for 275 yards and four TDs in 1990... Also led the Gauchos with 22 kickoff returns for 524 yards, with a long of 54 yards... Has career marks of 264 rushes and 895 yards, just 105 yards shy of breaking the 1,000-yard barrier...

Coach's Comment: Head Coach Rick Candaele: "Ross is the kind of back every team needs. He's a guy that can go at either tailback or fullback, can catch balls out of the backfield. His leadership is invaluable to this team."

Dave Franco, an optiontype quarterback, and Jon Barnes, more of a traditional drop-back passer, will split time trying to fill the void left by Curtius.

By Josh Elliott Staff Writer

Season So Far: For the second consecutive season, Sonoma State has ruined the beginning of the Gauchos' year. After falling 42-10 to the Cossacks at Harder Stadium a year ago, UCSB lost 33-7 this time at Sonoma's Rohnert Park.

The Gauchos defensive passing. backs had an afternoon to

forget as Sonoma quarterback John Spear threw for a school-record 357 yards, while his backup Donnie Walker threw for 113 more. The Cossacks set school records for total yards (654), most offensive plays (94) and first downs (29) in the

history of the program.

The lone bright spot was a 15-yard touchdown run by Barnes in the second quarter. Barnes also threw for 100 yards on 14-of-29

-Josh Elliott

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Head Coach: Pete Dolan, fifth year.

1990 record: 2nd in Conference, 7th in Region 8

Key Returners: All-Big West runners Tim Corbin, Bryan MacMillan and Sean Nyhan are nursing injuries, but are looking to return later in the season. The absence of these top three runners will need to be filled by returning seniors Don Patti, the top finisher in the first two meets this year, and Damian Capozzola, as well as junior returner Mike Brown. Junior Bill Aronson, the fifth man for the Gaucho team that finished third in the Big West in 1989, and sophomore Paul Goodrich are also expected to contribute.

Key Recruits: Newcomers Andy Allard, Matt Taylor and Chris Devine are looking to carry on the Gaucho tradition with their workhorse attitudes. They will play an important part in building the depth that the team needs, with so many injuries early in the season.

Concerns: Coach Dolan's major worry is keeping the team healthy. Four runners on his 14-man roster are hampered with injuries. His top gun, Corbin (2nd in BW), is recovering from surgery and will miss much of the season. Two other all-conference runners are out with knee tendinitis, and junior Brown is occasionally bothered by knee tendinitis as well.

Strengths: The Gaucho's are blessed with tremendous depth, as they are undefeated so far this season. They defeated their up-and-coming league rival Cal State Fullerton by taking first in an invitational between seven schools at the opening of the season. The team is running better than expected, and so far they seem to be doing well with the absence of their top three runners, as they defeated Westmont handily in their second meet of the season.

Coaches comment: "I know we'll be considered

underdogs with so many injuries," Dolan acknowledges, "but we shouldn't be counted out just yet. I'm hopeful that we'll give Irvine a run for their money this year, especially after they just edged us last year for the conference championship." Irvine is considered the conference powerhouse, winning seven championships in the last 10 years.

"I'm impressed with the times of the runners in the first two meets," Dolan continued. "They're improved a lot from last season. I'm confident that if this level is maintained, we'll be a tough team to beat, even with the injuries."

Outlook: The last conference championship won by the Gauchos was in 1978. But this 1991 Gaucho team, one that just missed finishing first in 1990, has 10 returning runners this season, six of them seniors. So the Gauchos have experience

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Senior

DAMIAN CAPOZZOLA

Career Highlights: Finished 21st at last year's Big West Championships, and has improved rapidly since... Has recorded a 3:51 in the 1,500 meters, at the Santa Monica Distance Classic... With the injury to teammate Tim Corbin, he will be expected to contribute immediately...

Player Comment: Capozzola on the team: "In all the years I've been here, this team is definitely the most unified, most directed and most focused team I've been a part of."

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Head Coach: Jim Triplett, ninth year.

1990: Finished fifth in the Big West.

Returnees: The Gauchos boast a young core of re-turning runners, as all four returnees are sophomores. Julie Thomas, Laura Honett, Kristin Von Tauber and Natalie Trussell are the anchor of what should be a solid squad.

Newcomers: All the newcomers are freshmen this season. Kara Bradbury, Kirsten Stocker, Eva Mattson and Becky Levy should all make an impact on the program.

"All of them have had real successful high school campaigns," Triplett said. "They've been the numberone and number-two runners from their respective high schools, so these are good, talented girls that are pretty competitors." seasoned

"These girls are some of the best recruits we've had at Santa Barbara in the distance events," Triplett added. "Their impact should be felt immediately."

Runners to watch: "Keep an eye on Julie Thomas and Kara Bradbury," Triplett said. "Those girls appear to be the leaders in the program right now. What I think is really going to be important is the other six girls forming the nucleus.'

Season So Far: The Gauchos finished third out of 18 in their season opener at the Cal State Fullerton Invitational September 7. Bradbury raced well in her Gaucho debut, running an 18:49 over a moderately difficult 5,000-meter course.

Last weekend, the Gauchos took on crosstown rival Westmont College. UCSB avenged its 1990 defeat, winning 26-29 over the veteran squad. Bradbury finished second

Key Factors for Success: According to Triplett, the first key was met when the girls opened training camp in shape following a sum-mer of individual training.

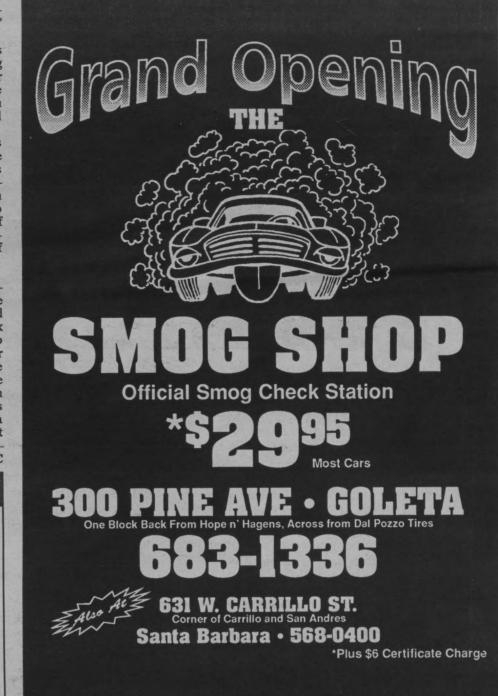
"The other thing is getting our race experience, which will begin this month," Triplett said. "We've done our training, and we are just getting our experience now," he said.

Big Meet: The Gauchos have only one remaining home meet. On September 28 they will host Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, Pomona Pitzer and

Mount St. Mary's.
Outlook: The Gauchos will have to overcome the loss of their two top runners from the '90 campaign — Cathy Norbutas and Karen Courter — and may have to overcome the problems of having a young team. How-ever, Triplett is confident of the team's chances.

"We're a little shy of experience, but I do feel there is talent here," he said. "And there is a real good work ethic. We're just going to learn things quicker. Our sophomores have to assume leadership role. We've been working really hard in practice, having discussions about these topics. This is a young team, but I don't

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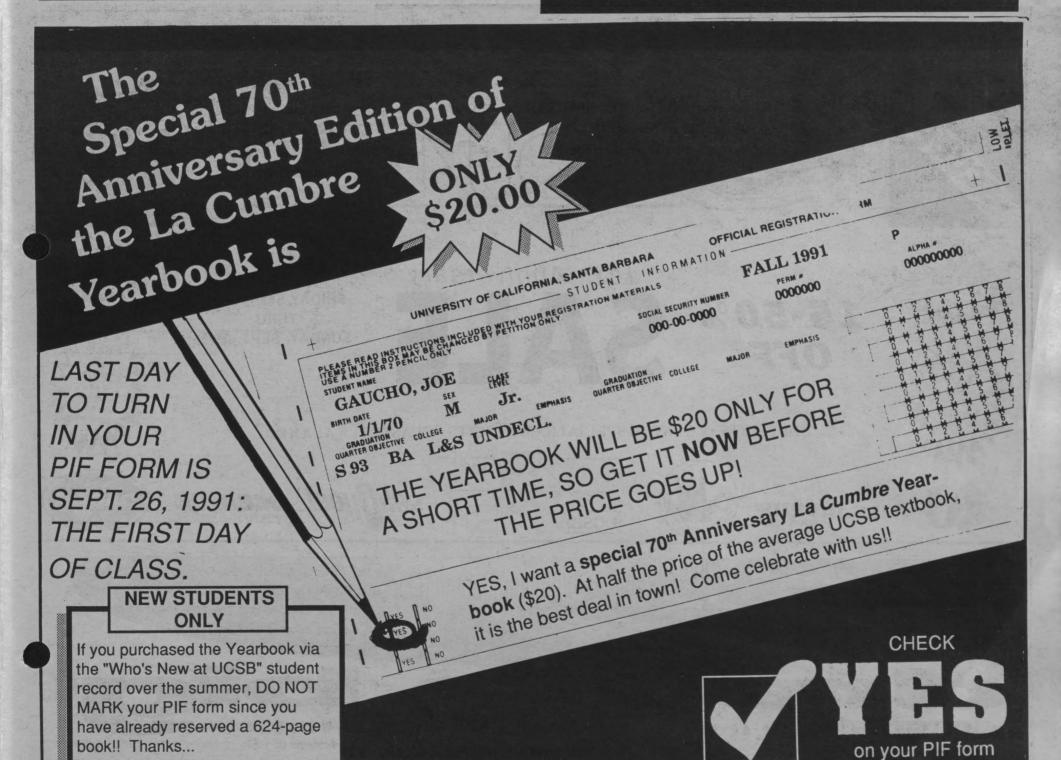


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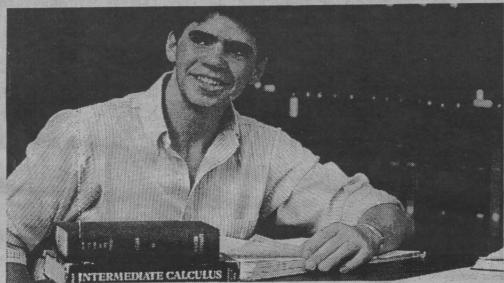
Career Highlights: Was the #3 runner on last year's squad... Considered the top returning athlete on team... Finished 29th in the 1,500-meters at last year's Big West Track and Field Championships... Prepped at Newport Harbor High School...

Coach's Comment: Head Coach Jim Triplett: "Her career is just starting — you'll see good things happen this year. Though only a sophomore, she's a leader in the program.'

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DIVISION I-AA

Continued from p.3C the students, it's still a barebones operation.'

A move to the Division I level would require a massive upgrade in equipment and travel budgets, as well as money for scholarships, a prerequisite for a Division I program. In short, a move to such a level for the Gauchos by 1993 would be a fiscal impossibility based on the team's present budget.

One alternative, one that, according to Athletic Director John Kasser, has been discussed since the end of the 1989 season, is a formation of a Division I-AA Big West football conference. In satisfying the NCAA rule, it would group UCSB with Santa Clara, St. Mary's, Cal. State Northridge, Sac-ramento State and the University of San Diego into a conference that would allow for 10 tuition-only scholarships, four full-time coaches and a consistent scheduling of games.

Kasser described the UCSB athletic department as "very much in support of" the proposed conference. "We think it's a good move forward for the program, and for all the programs in the Big West. The confer-

play for the I-AA national championship. It really makes sense if we're going to play football," he continued.

It also means that in the face of the new 40 percent tuition hike incurred by the student body this fall, the lock-in, scheduled to be placed on the February ballot, will involve a considerably larger sum than is already paid by the students.

The students pay \$4.50 yearly to fund the football team through the lock-in," Kasser explained. "Now, we are to go to the students in Winter Quarter with a realistic budget as to what we would have to tax each student in order to play this (Division I-AA) kind of football. We would probably ask for another \$20 to play at this level."

When asked how the

tuition/fee increase might affect the proposed lock-in increase, Kasser seemed guardedly optimistic. "I think, with this new scenario, football is very viable to the school's future," he said. "It really depends on how viable the students feel the new conference is, and how valuable they feel footence would allow a team to ball is to this institution."

WOMEN: Eye Title

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"They have the right attitude," he continued. "I'm really pleased with the program right now. It is ex-tremely coachable, and I think (the coaching staff will) counterbalance their lack of experience with

more talent."

As for the Gaucho's league performance, Triplett refuses to speculate.

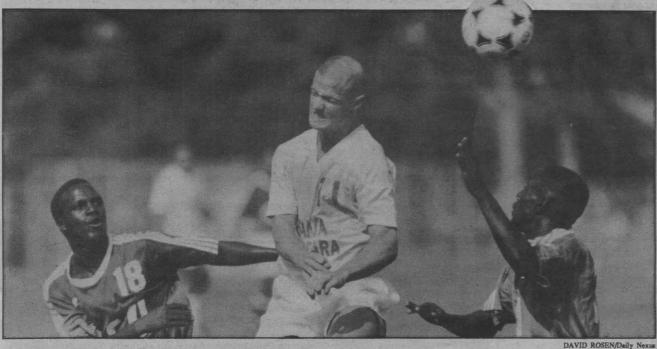
"I looked over the last nine years, and I say things and it never comes out," he said. "So I'll just say 'No comment."

-Ross French





MEN'S SOCCER



The men's soccer team will need some heads-up play to be successful this season.

Head Coach: Cliff Drae-

ger, second year. 1990: 11-7, 3rd in the Big

Key Returning Players: Senior goalkeeper Ryan Sparre and senior sweeper Curtis Jimerson anchor a strong defense, with junior forward Sean Redmond and senior fullback Brian McCririe also making big contributions. The three se-Sparre, Jimerson and ririe, will serve as tricaptains this year.

Sparre, a four-year starter, allowed just 12 goals, while compiling eight shutouts and 69 saves last season. Jimerson was named to

the All-Big West Second Team last year as a junior.

Despite being a defender, McCririe, who started every game last season, is very offense-minded, as he took six shots on goal last year, but did not score.

Top Newcomers: Big things are expected this season from transfer students Matt Brauch and Jason West. Brauch and West will be important cogs in the Gaucho offensive machine, according to Assistant Coach Steve Tipping.

Tipping also praised European import Stefan Gudmondssen as a "top playmaker" who should

help ignite what has so far been a stagnant offense.

Strengths: The Gaucho defense, led by Sparre, has played very well in this young season, allowing more than one goal in just two games and just seven goals overall in their first five games.

"We're a very solid team defensively," Tipping said. Concerns: The UCSB of-

fense has yet to live up to its potential, as the Gaucho squad didn't score its first goal of the season until the fourth game. The Gauchos overall lack of scoring (two goals in five games) is mostly to blame for their slow start.

"We have lots of skill," Tipping said of the strug-gling offense. "But, it hasn't quite gelled so far." Tipping added that the team is working on its combinations and attacking near the net.

This is also a young team, as Head Coach Draeger is carrying nine freshman on the squad. With a group of relatively inexperienced players, early-season trou-bles might be a cause for finger-pointing, but Tipping insists that this is not the

"This team has good character," the first-year assistant coach said, adding that the team has resisted the urge to "get frustrated in a frustrating situation."

Season so far: The Gaucho squad's 0-5 start has obviously been a big disappointment. However, with all five games decided by only one goal, the tough defense has provided a substantial silver lining.

"We've just got to take it in stride," Tipping said. "It's tough right now."

The most recent defeat came Tuesday evening at Stanford, 2-1, in two over-

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Ht. 6'3"

Senior

RYAN SPARRE • 1

Career Highlights: Returns as a four-year starter after being named All-Big West and All-Far West Region last year... Had a goals-against average of 0.75 last year, after allowing just 12 goals and recording eight shutouts and 69 saves... Played in 1990 Olympic Sports Festival...

Coach's Comment: Assistant Coach Steve Tipping: "Ryan's started for us for four years, so his experience that he'll bring to a young team will be invaluable."



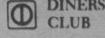


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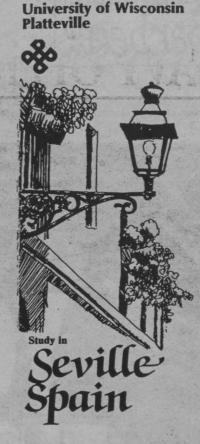


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SOCCER: Gauchos Lack Offense

Continued from p.7C times. Santa Barbara's offense continued to have problems putting the ball in the net, as it scored just its second goal of the season on a Ryan Fell shot midway through the second half. Tonight the Gauchos will play at Santa Clara in hopes of gaining their first win of the 91 campaign.

Prior to losing to the Car-

dinal, UCSB dropped 1-0 about equal," Tipping said. decisions to the University "We should be up there batof San Diego, Cal State Northridge and Westmont, plus a 2-1 loss to Grand Canyon University.

1991 Outlook: Although Fresno State and UNLV are the teams to beat in the Big West, the conference shapes up pretty evenly.
"The skill level should be

tling for the title in the Big

While they may have the talent to challenge for the top spot in the conference, until the Gaucho offense gets on track, UCSB is not looking past their next

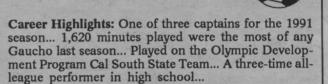
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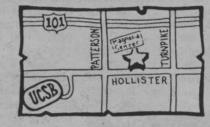


Coach's Comment: Assistant Coach Steve Tipping: "Brian will set the leadership example on the field, and the intensity and intelligence he brings will also help out in the big games."

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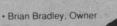
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V-BALL: Spikers Hope to Continue Success in '91

Junior

Continued from p.1C tim. But Ryan has responded more positively than expected, and the junior outside hitter is back in the starting lineup, anchoring a very young 1991

"Kristie has become the smartest hitter in the world," Gregory said of Ryan, whose lethal armswing allowed her to become the first player in school history to record 400 or more kills in her first two seasons. "She's only playing at about 70 percent right now, but that's better than most at 100 percent. She's the best passer we have and I'm glad she's out there."

The Gauchos' middle appears to be set with junior Tina Van Loon and senior co-captain Tori Allen at the middle blocker spots. Allen, who lost her starting spot to sophomore Holly Racine early last season, has regained that role and doesn't appear to be ready to relinquish it anytime soon.

Much of the Gauchos' success may hinge on the play of another pivotal returning player, senior setter Stephanie Cox.

"Steffie has become a general leader and she's setting be ball well," Gregory said of the 5'6" Cox, the other co-captain of the 1991 squad. "She's the best defensive player we have."

Key Recruits Gregory hopes that for the second straight season a foreign player can help bring new life into the Gaucho program. A year ago, it was Norwegian Merita Berntsen, and in 1991, it looks to be 5'10" outside hitter Ana Elisa de Oliveira Franca, who brings a much-needed explosive athleticism into the lineup.

Franca, a sophomore, hails from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She is one of two newcomers to the starting lineup, with freshman outside hitter Heather Collins joining her on the left side.

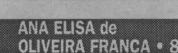
"I think Ana saved us

KRISTIE RYAN • 14



Career Highlights: Ryan is the first Gaucho in school history to tally 400 or more kills in each of her first two years... Has 962 kills to go with her 791 digs... A two-time All-Northwest Region selection... All-Big West a year ago... Was an All-American at the 1987 Junior Nationals...

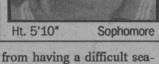
Coach's Comment: Head Coach Kathy Gregory: "Kristie's only playing at 70 percent right now, but that's better than most at 100 percent. She's the best passer we have — I'm glad she's out there."





Career Highlights: Comes to UCSB via Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she has competed in the Volleyball Federation of Rio de Janeiro since 1983... Was on teams that won eight state championships at four different levels in her seven years of play... Explosive leaper and powerful hitter...

Coach's Comment: Head Coach Kathy Gregory: "I think Ana saved us from having a difficult season. She really gives us a sideout punch we need."



Ht. 5'11"

from having a difficult season," Gregory said. "She really gives us a sideout punch that we need."

Strengths: The combination of Van Loon and Allen in the middle helps what Gregory originally felt would be one of the more suspect facets of the Gaucho game — passing — into an asset.

"I was very worried about our passing game," Gregory said. "But that was before I realized Kristie would be able to play. Tori and Tina have been passing steady as well, and Heather can pass, too. Passing has actually been one of the most consistent aspects of our game so far."

Concerns: UCSB is attempting to repeat a Cinderella 1990 season, the best ever under Gregory. However, the Gauchos have to make up for the loss of quite possibly the two

most important components of last year's 31-7 campaign — All-American Maria Reyes and Berntsen, the All-Northwest Region Setter. Plus, the Lady Gauchos are without Racine, the 1990 starting middle blocker, who will miss at least another two weeks because of shin splints.

"We'd obviously be better with Merita," Gregory said of Berntsen, who returned home to her native Naustdal, Norway, after just her sophomore season. "It would have made for an easier transition for (the changes this year)."

Season to date: The Gauchos are off to a good start in 1991, going 5-2 after competing in the Asics Tournament in San Diego and the JMN Premiere Tournament in Fullerton. Santa Barbara faced some

tough competition in those seven matches, including University of New Mexico, which dealt the Gauchos one of their two defeats.

Outlook: 1991 may not be another 1990 for UCSB, but one thing is for certain: the Lady Gauchos will once again be able to play well against a host of competitors.

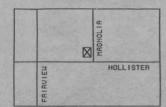
"I think our attitude may even be better than it was last year," Gregory said.
"I'm surprised how well we're playing as a team. I think the players understand that it might be unrealistic for us to repeat last year. We're not going to shoot for another 30-win season. Our goal is just to be in every match we play. I think realistically we will win 20 and go to the postseason."

-Jonathan Okanes

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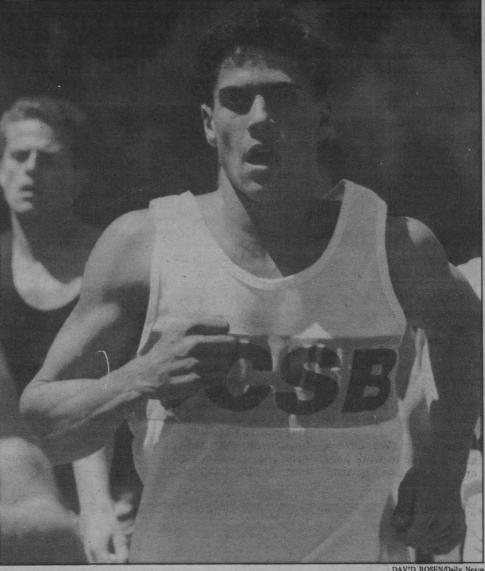
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Senior Damian Capozzola is one of many runners Coach Pete Dolan is hoping buoy an injury-filled lineup.

Continued from p.4C on their side, not to mention talent.

Top finisher Don Patti says the team's outlook is good this year. "We have all of the pieces — it's just a championship. "In all of the Conference. matter of putting them all years that I've been here,

shares his teammate's enthusiasm for the '91 season. A senior who has been run-

together at the right time." this team is definitely the Damian Capozzola most unified, most directed and most focused team that I've been part of," he said.

With the confidence of ning for the Gauchos for the coach and the attitudes four years, Capozzola feels of the team members, the the Gauchos are more ready Gauchos look to be the than ever to capture the team to beat in the Big West

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POLO: Rebuilt Team Turns to Youth

Continued from p.1C needed leadership. Along with Luttrell, Snyder will look for guidance from his other three veterans, junior Matt Teeple and sopho-mores Nikola Ivanovic and Gunnar Gustafson.

Ivanovic, who was fourth on the team in scoring last year with 39 goals and 18 assists, will be the primary point driver. He is expected to carry the team offensively until the younger players and their games mature.

At the two-meter position, Teeple and Gustafson are being counted on to provide much of the offense, but must improve on last year's combined total of 23

Key Recruits: Junior Tony Litwak, a redshirt transfer from Orange Coast College, is one of the top drivers on the team, as well as a good counterattacker. Junior college transfer Scott Taylor is also expected to contribute.

Strengths: "We have a strong desire to work hard and I hope it will persist,"

Snyder explained. "We need to keep our heads up and continue to improve in areas that need work. such as fundamentals. We are deep in talent. Experience will come as long as we have

Concerns: The 1991 Gauchos have a much different look than last year's powerhouse squad, due to the return of only one starter from last year's Big West championship team. As a result, the Gauchos' most prevalent weakness is in the area of experience.

"Experience is definitely something you don't have when only one senior returns," Snyder explained. 'But our team has a great attitude and is working very hard to overcome the inexperience factor."

Perhaps the Gauchos' biggest concern prior to their season opener was filling the void left in front of the net by the departure of four-year starter Mike Day. Snyder, however, is confident that redshirt sophomore goalie Matt Flanders

will provide solid defense. "Matt worked extremely

hard this summer to earn the starting goalie position," Snyder said. "I feel he has the skills and desire to become a great goalie."

Season So Far: After being destroyed by Stanford in front of their home fans at Campus Pool last Friday, 12-3. UCSB travelled to Irvine for a weekend tournament. The Gauchos defeated UC San Diego, 10-8, in overtime to start the weekend, but suffered four straight defeats at the hands of Stanford once again (10-4), Pepperdine (9-5), USC (10-5) and UC Irvine (13-3).

Coach's Comments: "We've got to establish a pattern of winning, because in our strong conference we'll get buried if we don't," Snyder said. "One thing last weekend taught us was an appreciation for how important the defensive aspect of the game is. Without defensive ball control, it's very hard for a team to win.

—Bryan Sullivan

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Ht. 5'11" Sophomore

Career Highlights: Ivanovic was a top freshman for the Gauchos last year, recording 39 goals and 18 assists... Was 4th on the team in scoring, and his assist total was second-best... Another Gaucho international import, hailing from Belgrade, Yugoslavia... Only returning starter for the team...

NIKOLA IVANOVICH • 5

Coach's Comment: Head Coach Pete Snyder: "Nik is one of our best drivers. He is a good ball-handler and very offensive-minded."



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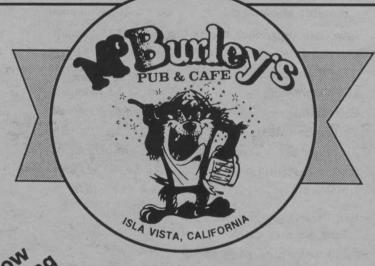
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