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Record, UCI Get Smashed

Kelly Gets Assist Mark in 85-67 Win

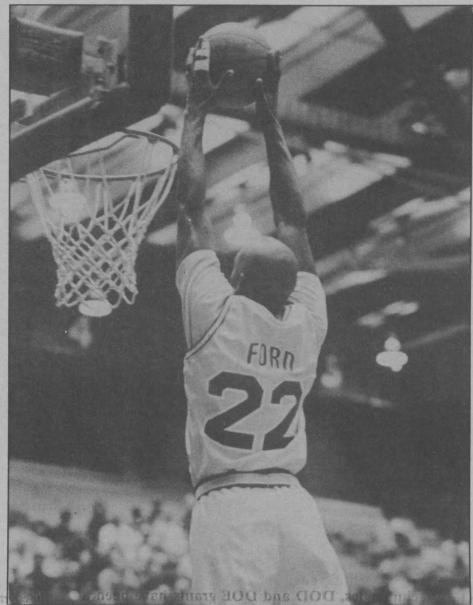
By Scott McPherson Staff Writer

Making his way out of the locker room after halftime during Monday night's game against UC Irvine, UCSB point guard Ray Kelly decided that he would try to finish off a good performance by making at pass at the record book.

Kelly entered the contest trailing the UCSB career assist mark by 15, but while the Gauchos were running out to a 45-30 first half lead, Kelly tallied nine first half dishes while leading a fast-break offensive

"I really wasn't record-conscious in the first half," Kelly said after UCSB thumped the Anteaters 85-67 at the Thunderdome. "But in the beginning of the second half, someone said to me, 'Ray, you have nine assists.' I needed six for the record, and I looked at the score and we had the game pretty much under control, and then that's all I could think about the

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FORD TOUGH: Gaucho guard Chris Ford slams down two of his eight points in UCSB's 85-67 win over UC Irvine Monday night.





Ray Kelly guard Height: 5-11 Weight: 155 lbs. 1992-93 Averages: 9.9 points, 6.0 assists Hobby: Basketball

Dedan Thomas guard Height: 6-0 Weight: 170 lbs. 1992-93 Averages: 8.1 points, 8.2 assists Hobby: Cooking



Top-Ten Reasons Rollie Massimino left Villanova: Heard there were good calzones at Circus Circus.
 Goodbye historical Philly; Hello desert wasteland!

8. Was "given an offer he couldn't refuse" by Richard "The Fixer" Perry.
7. Wanted to play San Jose St. twice a year.
6. Always wanted to see Sigfried and Roy.

5. Will take part in ritual ceremony where J.R. Rider reveals what his initials stand for. 4. Liked the nickname "Rollie the Shark".

3. Hookers, hookers, hookers.

No more worries about player graduation rates. 1. That seven-figure contract didn't hurt.

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WELCOME TO HYPE WEEK!

In the next four days, you will read everything you ever wanted to know about Monday's UCSB-UNLV men's basketball game. By Friday, you'll be wanting to give Rollie Massimino a deep back rub. Enjoy!

Lady Gauchos Win a Close Encounter, 67-61

By Jason Masini Staff Writer

Losing a lead is something that happens to all teams, and UCSB women's basketball Head Coach Mark French knows that. But in Reno Monday night, even French couldn't have imagined what almost occurred.

The Gauchos (12-9 overall, 10-3 in the Big West) built a 22-point lead and hung on to defeat the University of Nevada, 67-61.

Santa Barbara had their biggest lead with 12:10 re-

maining in the game before the Wolf Pack went on a 20-2 run, and cut the Gaucho lead to 54-50 with 5:22 to go. Senior Cori Close was the UCSB leader, tying a career-high with 24 points, and nailed four clutch free throws in the final 1:30 to secure the

"I was thinking on the bench, 'If we lose, lose a 22-point lead, they won't let me drive the bus home because I'd have been thinking of driving it off a cliff," French said. "It's not a real mature thing to think, but mature adults

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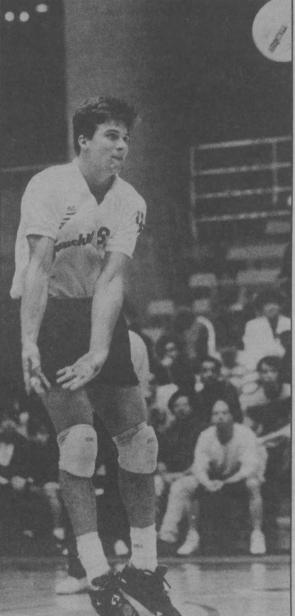
Anteaters Just a Tune-Up For Gaucho Swim & Dive

By Michelle Imperial Staff Writer

It was smooth sailing for the UCSB swimming and diving squads Saturday, as the Lady Gauchos destroyed the UC Irvine Anteaters 175-97, while the Santa Barbara men coasted to a 178-99 victory at Campus Pool.

The UCSB team members knew that their last dual meet of the season was going to be a walk in the park, and looked to the weekend's competition as an opportunity to get practice time in for the upcoming Big

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BUMPY ROAD: The unbeaten and top-ranked Bruins handed the Gauchos their first conference loss in a three-game sweep Friday.

Bruins Put Spikers on the Beaten Path

#5 UCSB Loses, 15-6, 15-5, 16-14

By Daniel Solomon Staff Writer

When the #5-ranked UCSB men's volleyball team took to the floor against top-ranked UCLA Friday evening, it was a battle of undefeated conference

But after a three game sweep of the Gauchos — 15-6, 15-5, 16-14 — the Bruins (7-0 overall, 4-0 in conference) remained unbeaten while Santa Barbara dropped to 8-4, 4-1 in the Mountain Pacific Sports

The first two games of the contest were dominated by UCLA, as the Bruins outhit the Gauchos .314-.040 and 438-.182, respectively.

"Our minds weren't in it for the first two games," senior Todd Ahmadi said. "We got caught up with their reputation and we should have realized that they are like any other team and they can be beaten.'

Game three was a different story, as Ahmadi stepped off the bench and led the Gauchos to an early 6-2 lead with three cross-court kills. However, UCLA - aided by a series of Gaucho service errors - came back and got the lead for the first time, 7-6.

The two teams went back and forth as UCSB kept UCLA in check with a passing and defensive game plan that improved from the first two games. But with the score 15-14 in favor of the Bruins, Erik Sullivan converted on the game-winning kill for UCLA. The Gauchos outhit UCLA .285-.212 in the game.

"Todd stabilized our offense and flowed well into the offense," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "I think everybody raised their level of play, and we just needed to be consistent and play like we did in the third game."

UCLA, which has swept all seven of its opponents this year, was led by sophomore Kevin Wong's 15 kills (.355) and 13 digs. Sophomore Jeff Nygaard added 12 kills (.429) and Tim Kelly had eight blocks.

UCSB's next match will be this evening against the Loyola Marymount Lions. Game time is scheduled for 7:30 and the match can be heard on 91.9 KCSB FM.

TENNIS ROUNDUP

Men Fail Test Against UOP

Tigers Take Two Doubles Sets and Cruise to 5-2 Win

Ladies Use Momentum Over UCI

and #3 slots. Santa Bar-

bara's #2 tandem of

Amelia White and Kelly Spencer defeated Rachel

Clark and Suzi Agassi 6-0, 6-3, while #3 Laura Rutledge and Lynn Coakley beat Becky

Markosian and Jeannette Fylpa 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.

"Getting two of three in doubles really gave us the confidence and

momentum going into the singles portion of the match," UCSB Head Coach Chris Russell

UCSB men's tennis Head Coach Don Lowry was looking to Sunday's match against Pacific as the first real test for his squad. But, the Gauchos failed to make the grade, losing 5-2 at the Campus

UCSB jumped out to a quick start in doubles, but was unable to keep the momentum, and went on to drop two of the three doubles sets. The lone doubles win came from the #1 team of Laszlo Markovits and Ilkyung Choi, who defeated UOP's Adi Kremer and Joe Gonzales, 9-7.

At the #2 spot, UCSB's John Fox and Joe Barbarie, playing their first match together, could not hold on after getting up two service breaks, and lost to Mauricio Sovero and Jorge Abreu 9-7. At #3, UCSB's John Bowerbank and Jamie Price lost for the first time this year, falling to Kevin Smith and Sean Martin by a played a lot better," Barbarie said.

Strong doubles perfor-

mances gave the UCSB's

women's tennis team the momentum it needed to topple UNLV 6-3 in Ir-

Usually in a college competition, doubles

matches are played after the singles perfor-

mances. However, court space was limited due to

the UOP-UCI matchup,

and doubles was played

The Lady Gauchos took two of three in dou-

bles, winning at the #2

vine Saturday.

first.

"Well, we had it on our rackets," Lowry said of the doubles play. "Had we won the doubles, it might've changed the chemistry of the match."

In singles, Markovits — UCSB's #1 player — came out gunning from the baseline and took out Kremer, 6-3, 6-4. At #2, Fox was defeated by Smith, 6-3, 6-4 and UOP's Joe Gonzales straight-setted UCSB's Gil Monteaux 6-1, 6-4 at the #3 spot. Sovero outlasted Choi at the #4 spot, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0. At #5, Bowerbank dropped a tough three-setter to Pacific's Abreu, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2. After a slow start this season, UCSB's Barbarie is proving he belongs on the singles squad, picking up a win at #6, 6-4, 6-3 over Sean

"I lost to him in three sets last time and I missed a lot of returns. I just shor-

-Brian Pillsbury

Santa Barbara went

Both Rutledge and

on to take four of the six

singles matches to close

Coakley won decisively in singles at the #1 and #2

slots, respectively, to put

the Gauchos ahead 4-1

-Michael Cadilli

out the Rebels.



THE UMPIRE STRIKES BACK: Gaucho catcher Matt Bazzani argues a call on a close play at the plate in Friday's late-inning win over Santa Clara. Bazzani lost the discussion, but UCSB took two of three from the Broncos.

Sluggers Twice Save Best for Last in SCU Weekend Series

By Rob Carpio Staff Writer

with four matches left to UNLV took two of the It was a weekend filled with drama for next four, winning at the #4 and #5 singles posithe UCSB baseball team, as the Gauchos won two out of three games in their last tions, but came up short

at-bat against the Santa Clara University Broncos at Campus Diamond. In a wild finish to Sunday's series finale, UCSB rallied for three runs in the bottom of the ninth to win in 11 innings, 7-6. Gaucho third baseman Doug Smaldino lined a shot to left to score reserve catcher Mark Umemoto for the gamewinner with one out in the bottom of the 11th to cap the UCSB comeback.

With Sunday's victory, UCSB won its first series of the year and improved its record to 3-6 overall, while SCU dropped to

With the game tied 2-2 in the ninth, Santa Clara's Nick Mirizzi gave his squad a 5-2 lead with a bases-clearing double off Gaucho relief pitcher Brian Stephenson. UCSB countered with three runs of its own in its half of the ninth, capped by a two run single by pinch-hitter Matt Bazzani.

"I knew I wasn't going to play because my arm's messed up, so I knew it would be a situation where I'd come in and get a chance to tie or win the game," Bazzani said. "I wanted the chance, [Head Coach Al Ferrer] gave it to me, and I took advantage of it.

ncos took the lead again, 6-5, in the 11th inning when designated hitter Randy Ortega doubled down the left field line off Gaucho reliever Jared Janke to drive in Tommy Thompson. UCSB senior right fielder Jeremy Sherman then led off the next half of the 11th with a single to left field off Bronco reliever Brooks Drysdale, and was driven home when Ume-

moto doubled to left center field.

"I just made sure to see the ball as best I could," Umemoto said. "I just wanted to hit it hard somewhere, and luckily I hit it

Umemoto advanced to third base on freshman Zach Elliott's ground out before Smaldino drove him home to give the Gauchos their second win over Santa

"I did think [the game] was over [in the ninth inning]," said Mirizzi, the Bronco shortstop. "Brooks usually comes in and shuts the door. [The Gauchos] played a great game. They battled with us."
Ferrer indicated that many players con-

tributed to Sunday's win, and that his squad has been steadily improving each

"We played good defense for the first time since the opener," Ferrer said. "We made one error the whole day, and I was really pleased with the things we did."

"If you've got outs left and you think it's over, you're stupid and you're not going to win," Gaucho Assistant Coach Bob Brontsema explained. "This was a big game for us. We needed the mental

In Friday's game, UCSB earned a 5-4 win after Elliott drove in Janke for the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning. Stephenson earned his first victory as a Gaucho after relieving starter Armando Delsi in the eighth. Janke also hit his team-leading fifth home run of the season.

On Saturday, Santa Clara benefited from five hitless innings from starter Ken Lorge and 3 2/3 innings of hitless relief by Miles Kelly and Jon Spaulding to key a 6-2 Bronco win. Santa Barbara starter Steve Lane dropped his record to 1-2 by surrendering five runs in six innings



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"I knew this meet wasn't going to be a problem and to be honest, we just dominated this meet," UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson said. "It was a real good meet for us because it was a super tuneup to go

into Big West."

Members of both of the Gaucho men and women squads finished the meet with career- and season-best times. UCSB junior John Cleary, who won't be competing in the Big West Championships, ended his season by posting his career-best in the 200-yard

butterfly with a time of 1:58.53.

"I was real excited to swim in this meet and getting a lifetime best is always exciting," Cleary said. "I was really happy with the season and I got a lot of support from the whole team." Santa Barbara freshman

Kevin Hoffman swam his season-best in both the 100- and 200-yard backstroke, while Sasha Saharov, who is coming off of an injury, had his career best time in both the 100-yard butterfly (52.7) and 200-yard individual medley (1:57.7).

The Lady Gauchos polished off the Anteaters with no trouble by domi- and three-meter.

nating eight of the 11 races. Santa Barbara's Stacy St. Martin placed first with her season best time in the 1,000-yard freestyle (10:22.7), while sophomore Meredith McLain finished on top with her career-best in the 50 freestyle (24.5). The Santa Barbara di-

vers also dominated the meet, securing the top three places. Gaucho sophomore Rick Alter had one of his best diving competitions of the season by winning the three-meter and placing third on the one-meter. Lady Gaucho Shannon Brown led the women with first place finishes on both the one-

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The assists kept coming for Kelly as the Gauchos (13-8 overall, 6-7 Big West) kept running on the Anteaters (5-14, 3-9) in the second half. With 3:40 to play, Kelly threw the ball under the hoop to center Kyle Milling, who tossed in an easy layup that gave Kelly 16 assists on the night and 445 for his career - both UCSB records.

"An assist record, that's a goal you set for yourself when you're a freshman," said Kelly, who broke

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don't get into coaching

anyway.
"What makes basketball

so fascinating is that

momentum can switch so

quickly, especially on the road. [Assistant] Scott Alexander made a nice call

to get us into our 15 of-fense and have Cori

handle the ball down the

Carlton Davenport's career mark of 444 in only three seasons. "You look at the record book and you say, 'When I leave here, I want my name in the record books.""

Fueled by 14 Irvine tur-novers in the first half, the UCSB fast break got things going in a hurry. Jeff Von Lutzow's layup two minutes into the game gave UCI a 6-5 lead, but it would prove to be the only lead that Irvine would hold. Doug Muse took a Kelly pass and converted it into a layup seven minutes later to push the score to 27-16, and the Gauchos cruised into halftime.

"Our intensity in the

that saved us down the stretch."

Nevada's Ann Barry who finished with 20 points and 20 rebounds was the main reason the Wolf Pack were able to get back into the game. She scored 16 points, and grabbed 14 rebounds in the second half.

In the first half, Nevada opened with an early 8-7 lead, but the Gaucho defense caught fire and allowed only one field goal

Men's Volleyball at

Loyola Marymount,

first half and our defensive positioning was pretty good," UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said. "I thought we played a good, solid first half defensively and off the backboards."

Meanwhile, the Anteaters were struggling. "Santa Barbara was really committed to going up and down the floor pretty well tonight," Irvine Head Coach Rod Baker said. "They had some things on their minds they needed to do, and they really were very aggressive about doing them."

Baker's team was able to give the Gauchos some pressure in the second half, coming back from a

over the next 4:29, and by that time Santa Barbara had a 26-12 lead. The Wolf Pack had 17 turnovers in the half and committed 35 in the game.

UCSB traveled to Stockton on Saturday night and lost a 88-79 decision to Pacific. The Gauchos had a tough time containing senior point guard Tine Freil, who dished out 17 assists and tallied 14 points.

23-point deficit to rally to within 14 with 10:30 remaining. But UCSB recovered, and Milling tallied 11 of his team-high 15 points in the second half to lead his team down the stretch.

It was the third consecutive big game for Mill-

ing, who was averaging only 2.7 points a game before scoring 10 against Nevada Thursday, and 12 in a 77-75 overtime loss to Utah State Saturday. The 6-foot-8 freshman also grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds against Utah

"I finally got my confidence back, and I've started playing more ag-gressive," Milling said after Monday's game. "That's all I needed, was to get my confidence. I didn't have my confidence this whole year, and I finally got it."

Gauchos 85, UCI 67

Halfime—Gauchos 45, UCI 30.
Three-point goals—UCI 4-13 (Stewart 2-4, Von utzow 2-4, Walker 0-3, Mumford 0-2), UCSB 3-10 Meyer 2-3, Jones 1-2, Ford 0-4, Polk 0-1).
Blocked shots—UCI 0, UCSB 6 (Muse 2, John-on, Kelly, Carter, Milling).
Steals—UCI 8 (Battle 2, Mumford 2, Williams 2, oyer, Johnson), UCSB 15 (Kelly 6, Ford 3, Muse, ones, Polk, Carter, Milling, Martineau).
Total fouls—UCI 24, UCSB 26, Fouled out—kluse (UCSB). Turnovers—UCI 23, UCSB 15. eam rebounds—UCI 5, UCSB 3.
Attendance—3,528.

Utah State 77, Gauchos 75 OT

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UCSB 5 (Milling 2, Johnson, Muse, Kelly).
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BIG WEST

Men's Basketball	onference record	overall record
New Mexico St.	10-2	18-5
UNLV	9-2	16-3
Long Beach St.	8-5	16-6
CS Fullerton	7-5	12-8
Pacific	7-5	11-9
Utah St.	6-7	9-12
UCSB	6-7	13-8
San Jose St.	3-8	6-13
UC Irvine	3-9	5-14
Nevada	2-11	7-14

Saturday's Results: Utah St. 77, UCSB 75 OT New Mexico St. 60, San Jose St. 55 UC Irvine 88, Cal St. Fullerton 86 Long Beach St. 91, Nevada 82

Monday's Results: UCSB 85, UC Irvine 67 Pacific at Nevada, night

stretch. Cori executed and GAUCHO

Center, 7:30

at Nevada, 5:00

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MONDAY

Men's Basketball vs.

UC Irvine, at Events

Women's Basketball

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Men's Golf at Hawaii Tournament, through Free V

THURSDAY

(no games scheduled)

FRIDAY

Women's Tennis at UCLA, 1:30 Men's Volleyball at Pepperdine, 7:00 Men's Tennis at Drake (Iowa), 6:30 Softball, at SDSU Men's Gymnastics, at Rob Gym, 7:30

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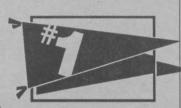


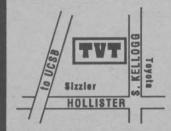
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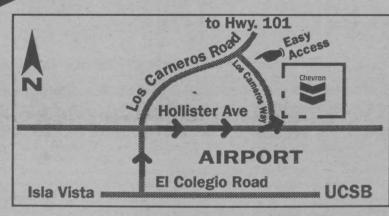


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