UCSB Falters Vs. Vandals in Nailbiting Road Defeat

BY MATT HEITHEIMER

Jenkins buried a six-foot jumper with four seconds remaining in the contest that proved to be the game-winner. Redshirt freshman guard Nick Jones’ desperate three-pointer at the buzzer was blocked and Santa Barbara continued its slide.

The lead changed hands five times in the first five minutes, as UCSC struggled to find its shooting touch in the frigid Idaho weather. With the score tied at eight, Idaho’s Matt Gescheider started to heat up in the first half, nailing three three-point bombs in a stretch of two minutes, to give Idaho a 20-16 lead. This was a sign of things to come, as the Vandals (4-12, 1-4) relied on the long stretch of two minutes, to first half, nailing three three-point bombs in a stretch of two minutes, to give Idaho a 20-16 lead. This was a sign of things to come, as the Vandals (4-12, 1-4) relied on the long

The Gauchos then got back to back buckets from junior forward Mike Vukovich to reclaim the lead, 43-40.

The two teams then exchanged baskets for the next six minutes, with neither team able to gain a treasurable advantage. Hall, Santa Barbara’s leading scorer, continued his trend of sub-par second halves, scoring only four points in the period after going scoreless in the second half against the 49ers by missing all three of his field goals, and not being a factor in the outcome of the loss.

"Mark was more aggressive in the second half tonight, but he just couldn’t get a call,” Williams said.

Without Hall’s hot hand, the rest of the Vandals struggled to find the bottom of the nets. Ward and freshman point guard Brandon Fullow picked up the scoring slack in

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Santa Barbara Smacks Slugs in Sweep

BY BRITTANY LANGAN

While some teams are trying to rid themselves of déjà vu like losses, the #3 UCSB men’s volleyball team is embracing its recent pattern of success.

The undefeated Gauchos (3-0 overall, 1-0 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) have gone from an unranked squad to a successful program that is cracking a lot of heads, and Saturday's match against UC Santa Cruz (1-4) was no exception.

Santa Barbara started its home schedule with a bang, squashing the Banana Slugs in a 30-15, 30-25, 30-25 victory at the Thunderdome.

"There wasn’t even a point in the game where I was nervous," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "Everybody worked really hard and it was nice to be able to give every guy who was eligible some playing time.

Santa Barbara came out fired up and took an early lead. The Division III Banana Slugs tried to temper the Gauchos, but UCSB kept them at bay, storming away with a 30-24 victory.

The story of game two was much like the first game. UCSB came out strong, posting an early 6-2 lead. However, the Slugs crept back to bring it within one, 6-5. Behind the momentum of sophomore middle blocker Justin Adams’ serve, the Gauchos reasserted themselves by gaining a five-point lead. Within minutes the Banana Slugs saw all their hopes of winning game two diminish while the Gauchos increased their command over their opponents with a 22-11 lead. UCSB finished UCSC off for a 30-15 victory.

"We beat them pretty convincingly," senior middle blocker Wes Badorek said. "Overall everybody played pretty well. The guys that came out in the third game had a nice comeback. They were down the whole time, but they stuck it out and pulled ahead to beat them."

Santa Cruz was one step ahead of UCSB for the first part of game three. However, the Gauchos put on the pressure and sophomore setter Dylas Ferri’s serve tied the game at 7. It was back and forth until freshman outside hitter Matt Laranza and sophomore middle blocker Dan Hughes stepped up, each tallying three kills to give UCSB a 27-24 edge. The Banana Slugs made one more outburst for a shot at winning the match, but the Gauchos crushed it with a 30-25 victory.

Junior opposite hitter Ben Koski led the squad with seven kills, followed by junior outside hitter Andy River’s six kills. Sophomore outside hitter Brian Nordberg chipped in five kills and four digs while Lamon held his own with five kills. The team out-blocked the Banana Slugs 8.5 to 4 while posting 49 kills, opposed to Santa Cruz’s 37.

The Gauchos were successful in

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subduing the Slugs’ key player, senior opposite hitter Daniel Von Wetter, who led his team with 22 kills in its victory over D’Youville College. The Gauchos contained senior to nine kills.

"[UCSB] blocked really well," Von Wetter said. "All around they looked pretty good. We made a lot of mistakes tonight and they capitalized on them.

The Gauchos will be back in action Wednesday when they compete against Cal Baptist at Rob Gym at 7:05 p.m.

"Wednesday will be a good test for us," Badorek said. "They beat us last year, so this is a grudge match."

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Hull’s absence. Fullove, who finished with seven points and seven boards, made up for a scoreless first half by burying a trey and a jumper to put UCSB up 48-43. Santa Barbara then looked to Ward midway through the period, and Ward responded by repeatedly getting to the charity stripe, where he finished 7-8.

Idaho couldn’t take advantage of UCSB’s lack of scoring punch, and when Jones converted on a three-point play to put Santa Barbara up 61-57, the Gauchos appeared to have the game in the bag.

The Vandals once again responded, tying the game at 65 on a clutch fast break three-pointer by point guard Adam Miller, who finished with 15 points. Idaho forward Chris Monroe then added a free throw to put the Vandals up by one before the final sequence of the game doomed Santa Barbara.

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