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'Chicks With Sticks' Repeat as Champs

Women Take Their Second Straight Western Lacrosse Title; Papenhausen, Jacinto Shine

By Daniel Solomon
Staff Writer

Back-to-back Champions — the title is only used in connection with the great teams: the Boston Celtics of the '60s, the Oakland A's of the '70s, the San Francisco 49ers of the '80s, the UCSB Gauchos of the '90s.

The UCSB women's lacrosse team won its second straight Western Women's Lacrosse League Championship at this weekend's Western Collegiate Shootout. Both the men's and women's final fours were held at Harder Stadium this weekend.

"It feels really good to repeat," said UCSB women's Head Coach Paul Ramsey. "We have a lot of players out there who have worked really hard to get better — to come together as a team."

Sunday's championship game featured the #1 South-seeded UCSB Gauchos vs. the #1 North-seeded UC Davis Aggies. Davis opened the scoring, but it proved to be the only lead the Aggies would hold.

Santa Barbara got on the board with three goals in the next four minutes. Davis answered with two goals, tying the score at 3-3. However, the Gauchos threw in three more goals, and closed out the first half with a 6-4 lead.

The second half opened with UCD scoring the first goal once again, but UCSB came back with three more goals, increasing its lead to 9-5. However, the Aggies did not give up, scoring two goals in the next 45 seconds to close the score to 9-7.

A fluke play made things tighter when,

with 11:25 remaining in the game, UCSB goalkeeper Jessica Jacinto accidentally pushed the ball into her own goal while trying to scoop the ball up from the ground.

"It happens to goalies all the time," Ramsey said. "If she doesn't try to make great plays, and she tries to play it safe, it doesn't happen. But if she goes for the interceptions, then that's what happens."

Jacinto agreed. "The way I play is like a field player. I like going for the interceptions. This time I lost control of the ball."

Rather than hurting the team, the miscue sparked the Gauchos in the remaining minutes, as they pulled together to score five more goals. Meanwhile, Jacinto and the defense shut down the Davis attack and UCSB finished the game with a 14-8 victory.

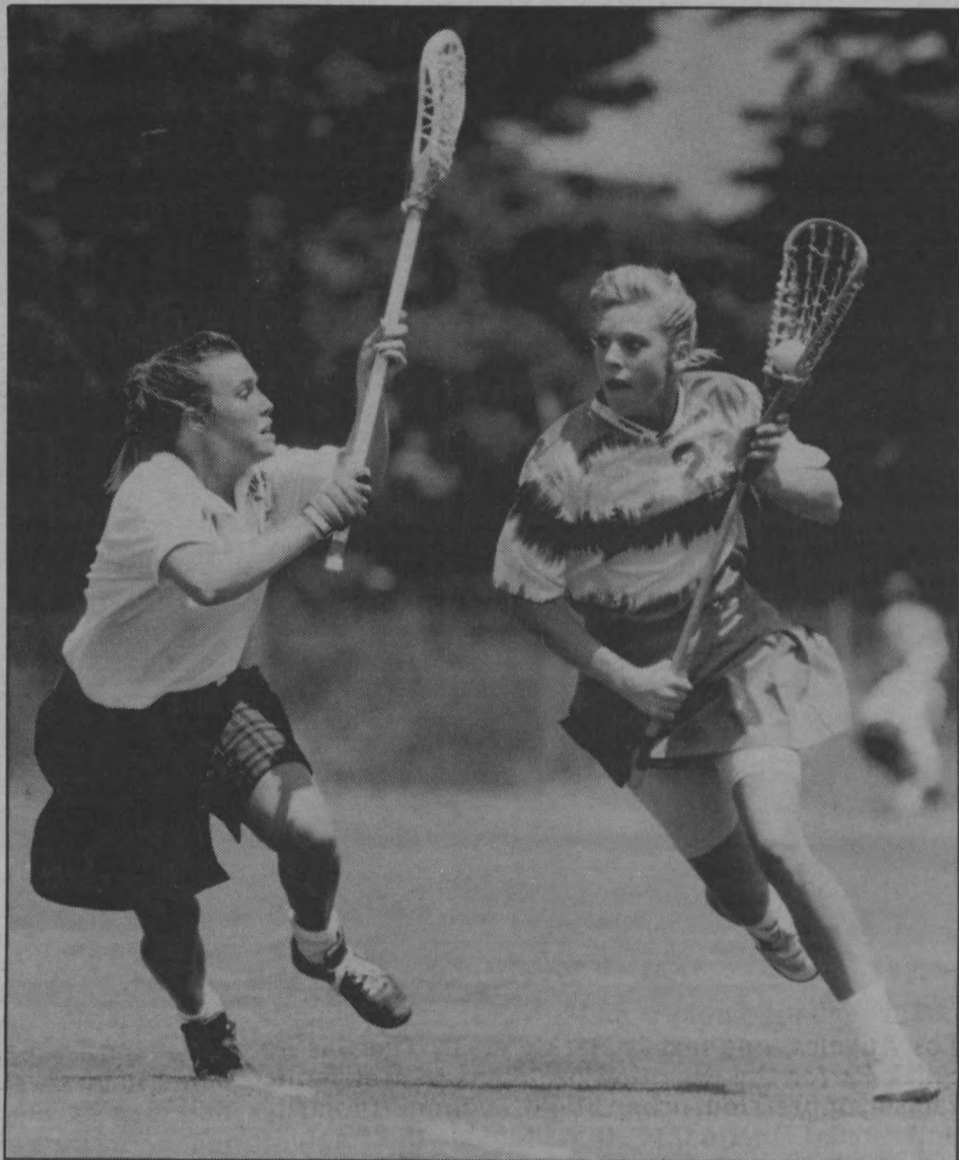
The game's leading scorer was freshman midfielder Maggie Papenhausen, with four goals. Adding three goals apiece were freshman attacker Lisa Zazzu and senior attacker Linda Baker. Senior attacker Gale Dahlager chipped in two goals, and senior midfielders Wendy Lyn and Chris Yerkovich each tallied one.

Following Sunday's championship game, Papenhausen was awarded the Offensive MVP as well as the Tournament MVP honors.

"It's real easy to play well when you have an awesome team backing you up," Papenhausen said. "It was really exciting to get those honors."

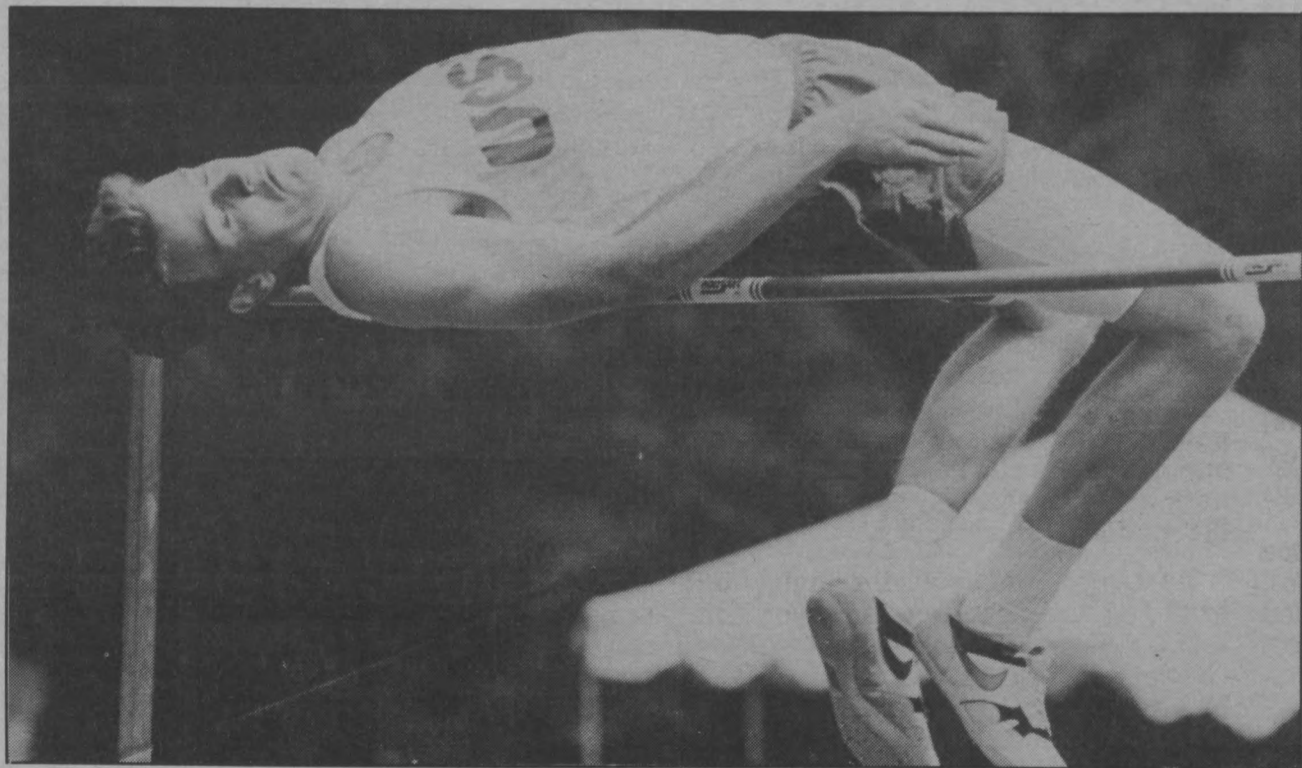
The Gauchos were awarded the Western Women's Lacrosse League Champ-

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Stephanie Hurst, right, rushes up field during Saturday's semifinal match against Stanford. The women took their second consecutive Western Lacrosse League Championship Saturday with a win over UC Davis.



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UCSB senior Colman Conroy cleared the 7'3" mark at Saturday's Nick Carter Invitational.

Conroy Finally Tops 7'3" at Carter Invitational

By Scott McPherson
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It has been a long season for Colman Conroy.

The UCSB All-American high jumper, after spending most of last year flying above the seven-foot mark and establishing a career-best leap of 7'4 1/2" in 1991, has struggled throughout 1992 to reach such lofty heights. However, that all changed Saturday at UCSB's Pauley Track during the Nick Carter Invitational track and field competition.

"A lot of the frustrations that I've had in the weeks earlier I just kind of put behind me," explained Conroy, who cleared the 7'3" mark on his first attempt Saturday. The

jump was a half-inch better than his previous best this year.

Conroy's improvement was one of the highlights of Saturday's annual event, although many of UCSB's top competitors were taking it easy on the eve of next weekend's Big West Conference finals. Along with the host squad were athletes from UCLA, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Westmont, as well as numerous independent competitors and a group of track and field athletes from Czechoslovakia training at UCSB this month.

Top finishes on the day for the Gaucho tracksters included the two top spots in the 800-meter event, with sophomore Rene Rigal taking a first with his time of 1:54.62, and senior Ryan Angle at his heels with a 1:55.18 finish. Ju-

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UCSB Tops Chapman Twice in Doubleheader

By Jonathan Okanes
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Maybe the UCSB baseball team should start scheduling games by picking dates and places out of a hat.

The Gauchos, who were scheduled to visit Long Beach State this past weekend for a three-game series but had the trip postponed because of the violence occurring in Southern California, agreed late Saturday night to play Chapman College in a Sunday doubleheader at Campus Diamond in place of a pair of make-up games scheduled for later in the season at Orange. Chapman probably wishes it had stuck with the later dates.

UCSB received two complete-game pitching performances from starting right-handers Armando Delsi and Steve Lane, and cruised to a sweep of the Panthers by scores of 7-3 and 3-0. Lane's shutout was just the third by a Santa Barbara pitcher this season.

"We're having some things go our way right now," said UCSB Head Coach Al Ferrer, whose team is now 28-18-1 overall and winner of seven of its last 10. "We put the ball in play when we had to. We're in a decent streak right now. That's what baseball is all about — stretches and streaks. They've been struggling in the last week or so, but they've beaten everybody this year."

Delsi (5-6) ended a personal six-game losing streak of his own after beginning the season 4-0. The junior scattered seven hits while striking out five and walking two.

"I didn't even know we were playing today — I called (teammate) John (Bretza) from L.A. and he told me we were playing. That actually might have helped. I didn't have that much time to think about it — I just went out there and pitched," Delsi said.

The Gauchos broke open a 2-2 tie in the first game with a four-run sixth inning, highlighted by run-scoring doubles by Matt Bazzani and Jeff Elder, and a triple by center fielder Elgin Lowe. Chris Johnson also belted his team-leading 11th home run of the season.

Lane, who said he didn't even know the team was playing until about 11 a.m. Sunday morning, rebounded nicely

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Golfers Have Long Road to Hoe at Big West Championships

By Chris Ballard
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Entering the Big West Championships today, the UCSB men's golf team knows that it must perform, or it will be shown the door.

The Santa Barbara duffers find themselves in the unfavorable position of needing a first-place finish in the tournament, which takes place today and tomorrow at Goleta's Sandpiper Golf Course, in order to receive an invitation to postseason play; a tough feat considering UNLV, ranked in the top-15 nationally, is also in the tournament.

The Gauchos just missed qualifying for the NCAA tournament during the regular season, finishing 13th in a district where the top 12 teams receive automatic bids. The only chance to prolong the season now is to obtain the automatic bid that goes to the winner of the Big West Championships.

"We came real close to making the NCAA's," UCSB Head Coach Topper Owen said. "Now we've got to hope

we can pull off a victory at home. I think we have a good shot at winning because even though the field will be tough, the team is sort of peaking as of late and we'll be playing on a course we know well."

Even with a home-course advantage, Santa Barbara — the sixth seed in the tournament — will be up against some stiff competition. The nine-team field includes traditionally strong teams such as UC Irvine (fourth seed), Fresno State (second seed) and top-seeded UNLV.

Senior All-American Derek Gilchrist indicated that he saw the Rebels as UCSB's biggest challenge, but not an insurmountable one.

"We have a pretty good chance of winning," Gilchrist said. "The home course helps a lot, but our main problem will be UNLV. I think we can beat everyone else, but they're very tough."

Sophomore David Bartman agreed that playing the tournament at Sandpiper would be a large advantage for his team.

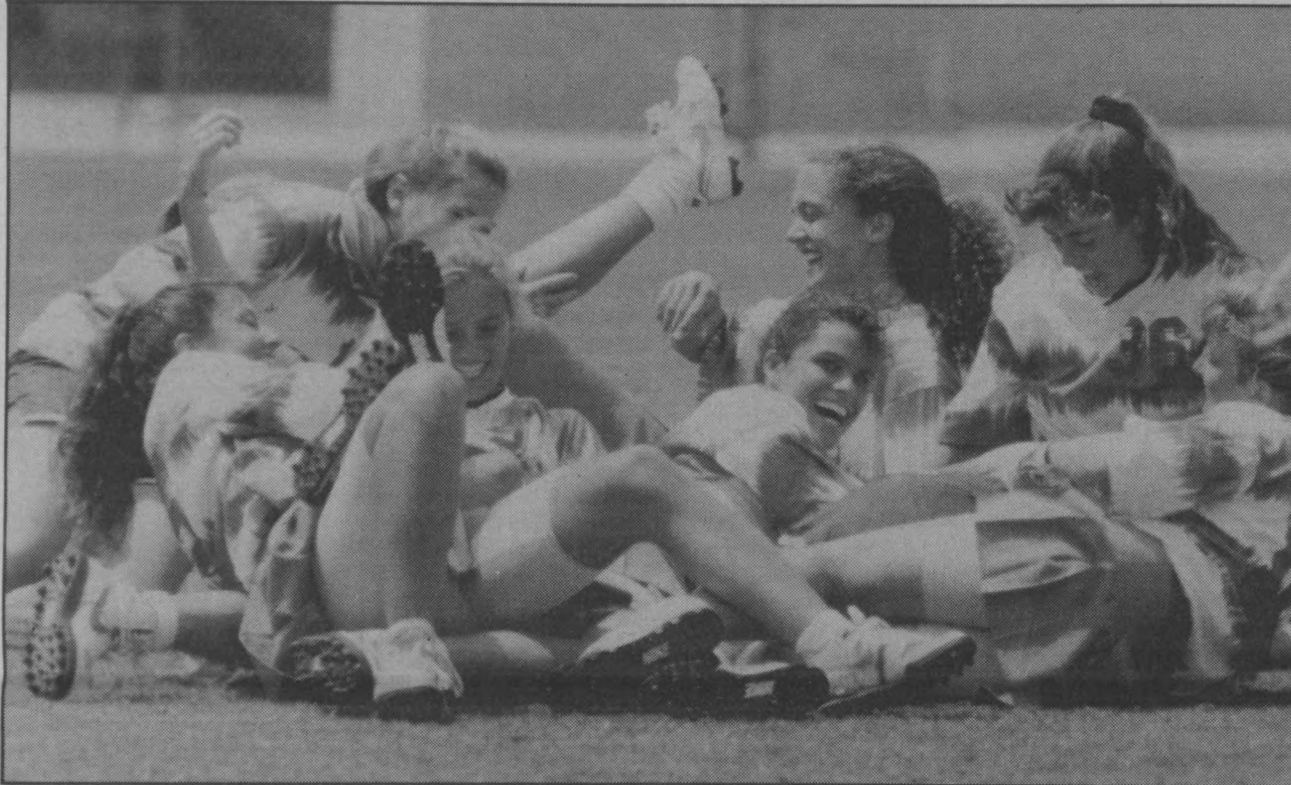
"I'm looking forward to the tournament and setting up the greens," Bartman said. "We'll be able to set it up just how we want it, something that will not only give us an

advantage, but it will be a disadvantage for the other teams."

Even so, Bartman saw UNLV as a major roadblock. "We've only played against them once and they beat us pretty bad," he said. "But if we play well, and with how we set up the greens, I think we have a definite shot at winning the thing."

Each team in the tournament will compete with five players, with the top four of those scores combining for the team total. The Gauchos will have Gilchrist at number one, Bartman at two, senior Jeff Knight at three, David Heinen at four and Bobby Hires at the five spot. Although his team will probably need to have its best rounds of the year to pull off a victory, Gilchrist insisted that anything was possible.

"We've played at Sandpiper so much, we know how to play the green," he said. As for his chance of winning the tournament with an individual score, Gilchrist was optimistic. "I just need to putt well," he said. "You just can't putt badly and expect to win. If I do that, and luck's on my side, anything could happen."



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Members of the UCSB women's lacrosse team celebrate their 14-8 victory over UC Davis in the finals of the Western Women's Lacrosse League Championships.

Ladies Top Tigers, Swept by Bulldogs

FSU's Carpenter Hurls Perfect Game

By Jason Masini
Staff Writer

If you are into offense, this wasn't the weekend for you. In Saturday's doubleheader, the UCSB softball team (19-25 overall, 11-19 in the Big West) was swept by #4 Fresno State, losing 4-0 in the first game and 2-0 in 11 innings in the second game. Friday, the Gauchos did the sweeping as they took the University of the Pacific 1-0 in the first game and 3-0 in the nightcap.

Saturday's first game was highlighted by a perfect game by senior pitcher Terry Carpenter. Not one of the 21 Gauchos she faced could reach first base.

FSU tallied three runs in the fourth inning off Gaucho starter Kelli Schott and got one more in the sixth, staking them to a 4-0 lead that was more than enough for Carpenter, who cruised to her 21st victory of the year.

The second game saw starting pitchers Marcie Green of FSU and Margo Melendrez of UCSB throw zeroes on the scoreboard for the first 10 innings.

In the 11th inning, a tired Melendrez gave up a leadoff triple to Kim Maher and teammate Michelle Bolt followed with a double to give Fresno a 1-0 lead. Bolt later came home on an error for the eventual 2-0 final score. Melendrez had gone the previous 17 innings without allowing a run.

"I was really tired there at the end," Melendrez admitted. "My curve was really working for me all day. I think 95 percent of my pitches were curves. They weren't hitting them, so I just kept throwing it. My pitches started to get up late in the game since I was getting tired, and I think if I had kept them down, they wouldn't have gotten those hits in the 11th."

Friday, UCSB took on UOP and starting pitchers Schott and Tiger Lea Lopez had a classic confrontation. Schott was on fire early, recording six strikeouts in the first 3 1/3 innings and Lopez put down the first eight Gauchos she faced.

In the fourth inning, UCSB went on top, 1-0, when senior Kellie Newcombe led off with a single, advanced to second on a throwing error, was sacrificed to third and scored when the Tigers mishandled senior Gina Oliver's ground ball.

Schott shut down UOP the rest of the way to earn her team-high 11th win of the season.

The second game was scoreless until the sixth inning when the Gauchos scored three runs, the first two coming when sophomore Krissy Kyriazis tripled to left, scoring Melendrez and Newcombe, who had walked and singled, respectively, to lead off the inning.

With a 3-0 lead, Melendrez got the last three Tigers to pop out and earned her fourth win of the year.

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ionship plaque, and Ramsey was awarded the traditional Gatorade water cooler shower, compliments of his players.

"Last year they did that and they picked the jug that was all ice," said Ramsey after his shower. "Today they picked one that was just water, and they almost got a real good dunk, but they didn't get it up high enough. I didn't think that they were going to do it again this year, but they did."

"It was all of our idea, a team effort," said Papenhausen.

Saturday semifinals matched UCSB against #2

North-seeded Stanford. The game was close in the first half with both teams displaying strong defense. However, the Gauchos broke open a 2-2 halftime score with eight goals in the second half. Stanford was only able to come up with three more, as Jacinto stopped 16 of 21 shots on the game. Papenhausen led the team with four goals, and Baker added two more. Lyn, Dahlager, Zazzu and senior midfielder Kristin Robertshaw each scored once.

The weekend also featured a North vs. South All-Star game, which followed the semifinals on Saturday.

The Gauchos, who represented almost half (11 of 24) of the South squad, helped the South defeat the North, 10-8. Papenhausen and Dahlager each scored one goal, and Robertshaw added one assist. Jacinto played the entire game, saving 9 of 17 shots on goal.

In addition to all of this, four Gauchos extended their seasons by qualifying for the U.S. Women's Lacrosse Association National Tournament. Jacinto, Lyn, Dahlager and Keely Chalmers will travel to University of Maryland on Memorial Day weekend for this tournament.

The men's Western Collegiate Lacrosse League Championship was played without host UCSB. Sunday's championship game featured Whittier College defeating U. of Arizona, 13-9. Chapman College beat Cal Poly SLO for the Division II Championship.

Although the men's team did not participate, four Gauchos were selected to play in Sunday's All-Star game. Defender Josh Biggs, midfielders Jack Griffith and Brian Cook, and goalkeeper Carlos Gutierrez helped the South All-Stars destroy the North All-Stars, 16-6.

We Wuz Robbed

GOLETA: Despite winning the annual "softball" game between KCSB and the Daily Nexus, KCSB "Music" Director Monty "Sparky" Luke was still bitter. Despite having to resort to some of the best Billy Martin-esque trickery, such as batting the same six players over and over, and keeping the majority of women players on the bench, Luke was disappointed when the winning run was knocked in by a female KCSB staffer in the bottom of the 12th.

It was later learned that in a pre-12th inning agreement, the game was declared a tie by respective leaders Jamin "Casey" O'Brien and "Bucky" Hornberger when the game's beverage container became prematurely dry. Fortunately, the Nexus staffers were graciously allowed a greater portion of the beverage by the fact that many of the KCSB staffers chose not to partake, despite the fact that they must have been thirsty from running up to the plate so many times.

In the end, Hornberger said that the staff really needed to get some new blood, and some people that could go to the opposite field with good power for next season's rematch. Despite that, the general Nexus consensus was that while we may not have won, we certainly had more fun than they did.



HILLARY KAPLOWITZ/Daily Nexus

Though Dave Waco was out on this double play against Chapman, the Gauchos doubled up on the Panthers Sunday, winning 7-3 and 3-0.

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from a poor performance last weekend against UNLV. In a scheduled seven-inning nightcap, the redshirt freshman allowed just two hits while striking out six and walking three. Shortstop Danny Lane hit his seventh home run of the year, a solo shot, while Johnson added an RBI-double.

"I got here and was told

that I was going to pitch one of the games," Lane said. "I asked for the second one and it worked out all right. I really needed that one because I've had some bad outings lately."

The Panthers threatened in the top of the sixth of the nightcap, putting runners on second and third with one out on a single and a pair of Gaucho errors. However, Lane struck out Christopher Briones and Larry Stahlhofer — the number three and four bat-

ters in the lineup — to shut down the rally.

"Those guys are both good hitters," Ferrer said. "Some teams' three and four guys may not be that good, but those are two tough hitters. We had our pitching planned out if Lane's elbow became tender, but I thought he was overpowering today."

Chapman, which has been ranked among the top-30 for most of the season but has now lost seven of its last nine, drops to

29-20 on the season. Both Panther starters threw complete games as well, with ace Pete Coleman picking up the loss in the opener (8-4) and James Thomas (6-5) losing the nightcap.

After the game Ferrer announced that Chapman and the Gauchos will not play a scheduled game Wednesday afternoon. Instead, UCSB will make up a game against UCLA Tuesday afternoon that was postponed earlier in the year because of rain.

CARTER

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nior Ernest Morrell was the top college competitor in the long jump, leaping 22' 9 1/4", while freshman Matthew Carrillo was close behind with a 22' 3 1/2" jump. UCSB also took the top spot in the mile relay, besting Westmont by 20 seconds while finishing in 3:22.44.

However, the story of the day was Conroy, who only last week failed in all three of his attempts at 7'0".

"I was starting to question myself a little bit because I wasn't really sure what was wrong," Conroy said. "My approach (Saturday) was finally right on, so as long as that's OK then I know I can jump pretty well."

Near the end of Saturday's competition a barbecue was held in the center of the field to honor the final coaching appearance of UCSB Head Coach Sam Adams at Pauley Track. Adams announced his retirement earlier this season after 26 years at the position. The celebration was arranged by team captains Conroy, Angle and Jay Christofferson.

"It ended up being really

nice," Conroy said of the festivities. "I think everyone enjoyed themselves, and that's what we were trying to do."

Aside from the college competitors, several world-class athletes posted top marks Saturday. Russian triple jumper Vladimir Melikhov followed up his 53'9 1/2" performance at last week's Gaucho Invitational with an amazing 55'5" leap. Former national champion pole vaulter Dean Starkey cleared a lofty 18'8 1/2" in that event, while Brian Crouser won the javelin competition with his 259'11" throw. UCSB alumnus Andy Sheaffer won the hammer throw Saturday, as the 1991 All-American reached 201 feet, 10 inches.

Next up for the UCSB track and field teams will be the Big West Championships, held this Saturday and Sunday at Fresno. With the conference meet upcoming and the national meet just around the corner, Conroy indicated that his return to form could not have come at a better time.

"It really gets me a little more motivated and gets my confidence back, which is what I really needed," he said. "I'm pretty sure I'm back in stride, and it's a perfect time to do it now."

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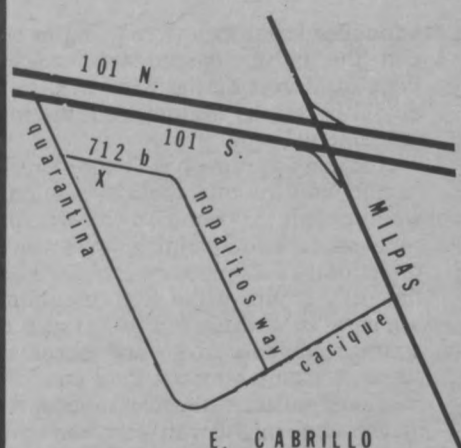
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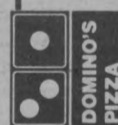
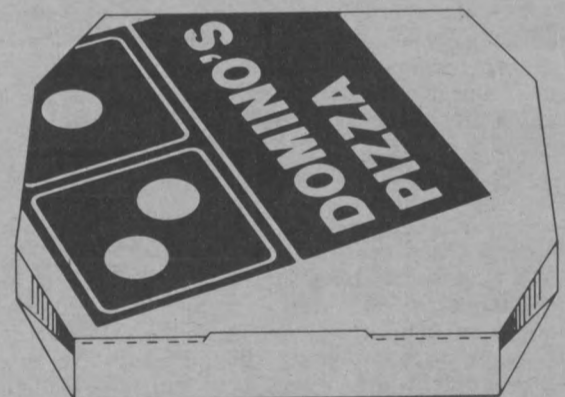


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