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#11 UCSB Wins Two Games in a Row to Clinch Second

■ Volleyball Closes Its Regular Season on a Positive Note

By Jenny Kok
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The #11 UCSB women's volleyball team ended league play on a good note Saturday night as it swept the New Mexico State Roadrunners in Las Cruces, N.M., 15-11, 15-8, 15-7.

The win over NMSU (12-16 overall, 7-11 in the Big West) clinched a second-place finish in conference play for the Gauchos (22-8 overall, 15-3 in the Big West). UCSB Head Coach Kathy

Gregory couldn't be happier about where her team finished.

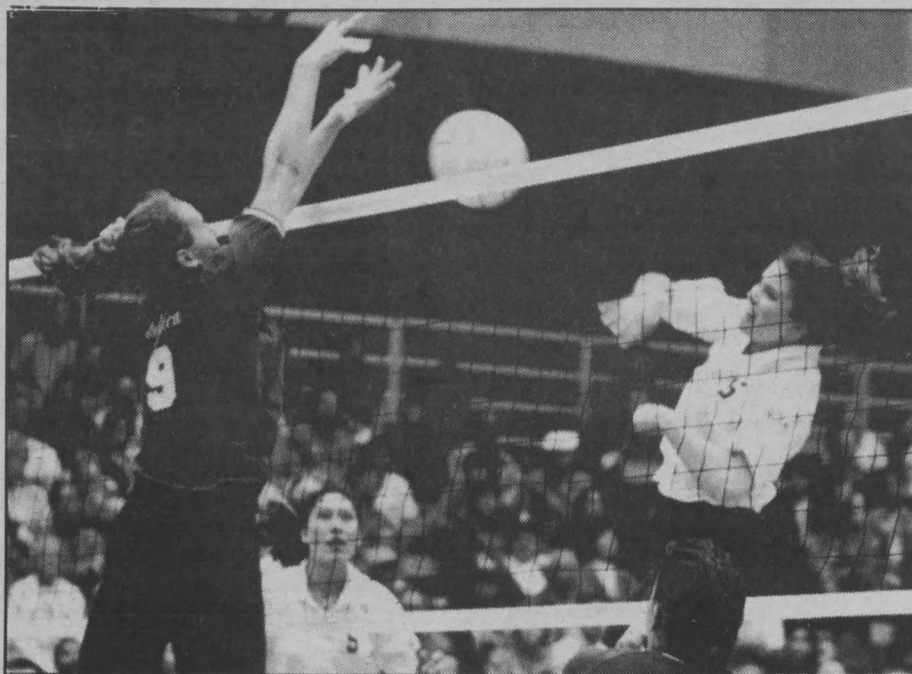
"I am very pleased with our performance this year," Gregory said. "Everyone knew Hawai'i would be on top of the conference because most of their starters came back. But on paper, no one would have expected us to finish in front of UOP and Long Beach, especially with so many freshmen."

"Our match with New Mexico was a good way to end the season. We played fairly well," she added. "Hilary [Gunsaulus] had

her best match and Katie [Crawford] blocked well. Kim [Keys] gave her all this whole week. Shannan Meixsell and Tania Yamashita came in and gave us incredible consistency in the backcourt."

The only real fight New Mexico gave UCSB came in the first game. The Gauchos jumped out to a big lead, but the Roadrunners came back and tied the score 11-11. The turnaround occurred when Yamashita entered the game and served for four

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SIDE OUT: Winning its two final regular season games on the road, the #11 Gauchos were able to finish in second place in the Big West behind Hawai'i.

Run-and-Gun Gauchos Prepare to Host ZTE Goldsun Squad Tonight

By Michael Cadilli
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's basketball team takes on the University of Colorado Friday to open the 1995-96 campaign, but first must do battle with the ZTE Goldsun squad tonight at 7:30 in the Thunderdome in its final exhibition action of the fall.

Although sounding like a pushover, Goldsun (2-2 on its United States tour) is a well-respected Hungarian club that features several national and junior national team members. Plus, ZTE has a bona fide scoring threat in point guard Branislav Dzunic, who poured in 33 points in a losing cause (88-71) against UCLA last Thursday.

"He's been scoring quite heavily against everyone," said UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm of Dzunic, who had 45 points on 31 shots against Idaho State earlier this month. "They've got some good players. They have two kids [who stand] 6'11".

"But we need to concentrate on us and what we want to do," Pimm added. "The bottom line is we'll play our game and hopefully keep [Dzunic] under 45 points. We have to continue to work on individual and team defense. It takes team defense to guard an individual."

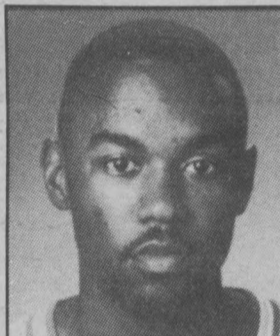
Starting at point guard for Santa Barbara will be senior co-captain Phillip Turner, who led the squad with eight assists against the Son Blue Angels on Nov. 3. Turner appears to be running the offense with precision and is a team leader on the court, after not having started a game last season.

Playing in the two-spot is senior Lelan McDougal, touted as the Big West's most underrated player this year by *The Sporting News College Basketball Preview Magazine*. He put on a show against the Angels, scoring 27 points — hitting 11 of 12 from the field and two of four from behind the arc.

"I think it will be a tougher game than the previous one. They're a good European team," McDougal said. "Hope-

fully, we'll go out tonight and get the job done. We're in good spirits and looking forward to getting the season started."

The UCSB frontcourt looks to be a strong offensive force, as it poured in 49 of Santa Barbara's 102



Phillip Turner

points against the Son Blue Angels. However, the Gauchos give up the size advantage at the forward and center positions, which prompted Pimm to switch to the run-and-gun system that seems to work for this club.

"I think we are capable of scoring, but it depends on the pace of the game," Pimm said. "This team has a good feeling for the of-

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DIPPING: Men's basketball competes in its final exhibition game tonight.

Water Polo Ends Regular Season in Disappointing Loss to #4 Irvine

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's water polo squad ended its regular season Saturday in a match it would probably like to forget. The #9 Gauchos were handled by #4 UC Irvine, 15-6, at Heritage Park in Irvine.

Santa Barbara finishes the regular season with an overall record of 7-16 and a 1-7 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation mark.

However, the season is not officially over for UCSB. Next weekend the squad will once again take to the pool for the MPSF conference tournament, and will need to win the league title if it wants to advance to the

national finals.

In the match, Santa Barbara was able to stay close with the Anteaters (15-6 overall, 6-2 in the MPSF) through the opening period, and trailed by only one after the first seven minutes. After two quarters, UCSB managed to tie the score at five behind goals by freshman driver Brad Pence, junior driver Tyler Rameson, sophomore two-meter man Eric Scholten and two by senior driver Adam Estabrook.

However, the second half proved disastrous for the Gauchos as Irvine outscored Santa Barbara 10-1. The Anteaters opened the third period with a flurry of scoring that left UCSB stunned.

Driver Omar Amr, two-meter man Ryan Bailey and driver Craig Watson all scored at the start of the third period to give UCI enough insurance for the rest of the game.

"We broke down as a team in the second half," co-captain Estabrook said. "They stepped it up another level and we didn't step up ourselves. We were not converting and they took advantage of it."

The lone Gaucho goal of the second half came in the third period as Pence broke away for his second score of the match. "I was able to get down the pool and out-swim [6'5", 235-pound] Bailey, because he is a lot

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Diving Update

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's and women's diving teams held the first-ever UCSB Diving Invitational Saturday in the RecCen.

Only one team came to compete — Cal State Bakersfield.

"That was very much expected," senior diver Jonathan Kelling said. "Very expected."

The Gaucho men finished first while the women came in second. Santa Barbara had expected a low turnout, and actually wanted one.

"It's just a fun kind of invitational," said UCSB Diving Coach Jeff Stable on Thursday. "I just thought it would be something fun to do different. A way to help people experiment with things that they might otherwise not try. I

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CANNONBALL: The men's and women's diving team hosted the first ever UCSB Diving Invitational.

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Continued from p.1A bigger than me," he said. "I faked the goalie and then lobbed it over his head."

Leading 10-6 after the third quarter, Irvine tallied another five points in the final period, including a two-point shot by driver Kevin Kerber, to seal the game. Defensively, Antea-ter goaltender Tom Davis finished the match with nine saves and was able to shut down the Santa Barbara offense, which en-

tered the game averaging more than nine goals a contest. The six-point out-put by UCSB, however, was the squad's lowest since its five-point Oct. 1 match with UC Davis.

Bailey's two-meter play led the Irvine attack as he found the back of the Gauchos' cage four times. Sophomore Robert Allaire added three goals while Amr, Kerber and Watson tallied two apiece, and former UCSB player Ofer Horn, Jean Michel and Matt Maunz rounded out the scoring with one goal each.

"Their whole offense is centered around the two-meter man," Scholten said. "When we crashed well, we did fine, but when we didn't, it gave them easy shots."

Although the team finished with a losing record, Estabrook believes the squad will be prepared for the conference tournament, which will be co-hosted by UCI and Long Beach State. "We are looking forward to the tournament," he said. "We just hope that we can play well and possibly upset some teams."

DIVING

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In fact, the Gauchos didn't even ask teams to RSVP for the invitational, hoping that that might advertise the fact this meet was to be strictly for fun.

Dubbed "Fun in the Sun, '95," it apparently worked.

"I looked at this tournament as more of a fun thing," junior UCSB diver Tannon Brown said. "And I actually learned something that's important. I do better when I'm relaxed."

But apparently Brown wasn't relaxed throughout the entire invitational.

"I'm really not happy

with the way I dived [overall]," he said. "I didn't dive very well. Either you're on or you're off, and it was one of my off days."

This weekend's tournament could have been considered two separate meets. While UCSB and Bakersfield did compete in the collegiate events, other events were also held for other aquatics teams that showed up. Included in the invitational were syn-chronized diving and a two-person team competition.

"Those competitions gave people the opportunity to throw dives they wouldn't normally," Kelling said. "To do that in a meet situation was much more difficult than to just

do it in practice."

This weekend's meet served one primary purpose — to help the squads prepare for the upcoming season.

"I looked at this as a preparation for the USC meet [Jan. 12], as a way to look forward," Kelling said. "And that meet will be a good indication for where I'm at for the nationals."

"We accomplished what we wanted to accomplish," he added.

Although Santa Barbara achieved what it wanted to in this tournament, what it hopes to do in the future will be a little more difficult.

"I think we'll take the conference," Brown said.

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fense and what they can do with this offense."

At forward, senior co-captain Mark Flick leads the way for UCSB. He can put up the three or pull down some boards, as he led the team in both categories last season.

Junior three-man Bakir Allen and sophomore for-

ward Kealon Wallace will start in the other two spots for the Gauchos. Wallace, at 6'6", isn't that big, but with tremendous quickness, jumping ability and newfound court presence, he should help UCSB stop Goldsun.

"That's a good starting lineup right now, but the other six guys will get some playing time," said Pimm.

Coming off the bench will be sharpshooting se-

nior Danee Prince, who's battling a back ailment, and 6'8" junior forward Niall Dalton-Brown, who picked up 10 rebounds to lead Santa Barbara against the Angels.

Filling in the backcourt are junior transfer stand-out Ben Jefferson (12 points) and freshman point guard Wesley Miller (six assists), each of whom contributed against Son Blue.

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straight points.

Keys, a senior outside hitter, led Santa Barbara with 13 kills at a .276 hitting percentage, nine digs and six blocks, including two solos. Meixsell, a senior, added nine digs as a defensive specialist.

The biggest surprises for the Gauchos were Gunsaulus and Crawford. As a left-side hitter, Gunsaulus, a freshman, pounded out nine kills at a .467 percentage, while making three digs and three blocks. Crawford, a freshman

middle blocker, came off the bench in place of senior middle blocker Jennifer Kaylor, who was suffering from a knee injury. Crawford put up six blocks, including two solos.

For NMSU, however, senior outside hitter Patty Zubiante headed the offense with 10 kills at .033. Senior outside hitter Lisa Gillespie, who pounded out nine kills at .353, led at the net with three blocks. Karen Andrews, a junior outside hitter, paced the defense with 12 digs.

"This match wasn't as intense as other matches we've played, but we went in there and got the job

done," Gregory said. "Now we've got to fight for a good seat in playoffs. We've got a big tournament at Long Beach over the break which could determine whether or not we get home court advantage.

"I hope we have enough energy to play well at the tournament," she added. "We are going to feel a lot of pressure from [Brigham Young University]. BYU has a lot to prove. They are ranked below us, so if they beat us, they are giving themselves a chance to get a good bid in the NCAA's.

"We are going to have to be ready for a big fight."

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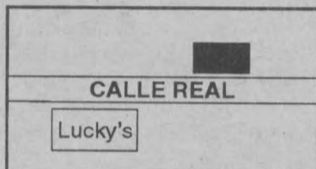
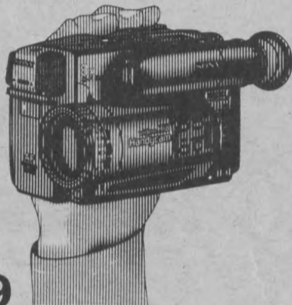
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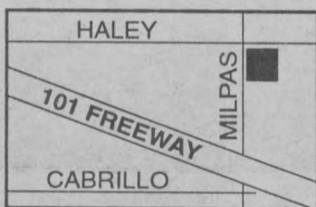
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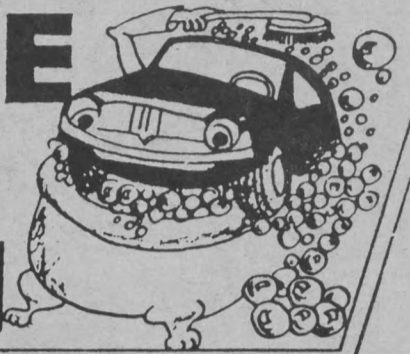
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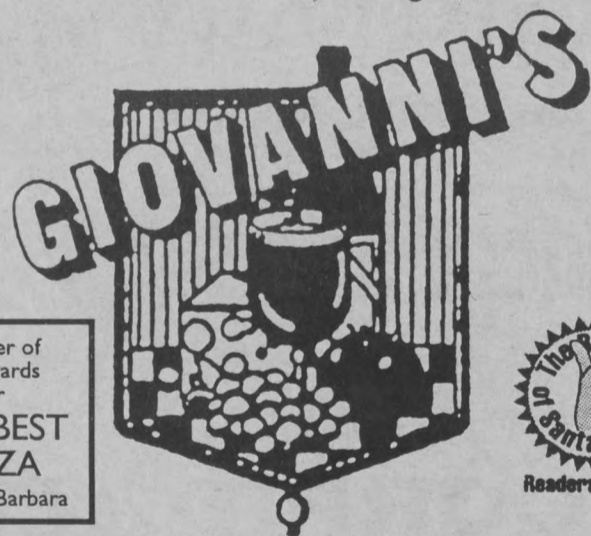


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