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UCSB Weekend Update

• The men's and women's swimming teams both defeated UC Irvine on Saturday. The men's squad won 192-89, while the women's team pulled out an impressive 173-79 victory over the Anteaters.

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• The men's tennis team lost 4-3 to Tulsa University on Saturday to finish sixth in the Great Northwest Shootout in Seattle, Wash. The Gauchos won two out of three doubles matches, but they were only able to pull out two of the six singles games.

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• The women's tennis squad lost to the University of Oregon 7-2 on Sunday in Eugene, Ore. UCSB lost all of its singles matches before winning two out of three in doubles.

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• The men's gymnastic team tied the UCLA Bruins over the weekend. Score not available at print time.

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• The women's gymnastics team finished fourth out of four teams at the Boise State Invitational at Boise, Idaho. The squad placed last behind BSU, Southern Utah and Ball State University. Three Gauchos, however, did finish among the top 10 in individual all-around competition.

UCSB Claws Back Against #1 Bruins

■ Squad Staves Off Six Match Points

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's volleyball team got what it wanted this weekend — revenge against the #1 UCLA Bruins. The Gauchos came from behind to defeat the back-to-back National Champion UCLA Bruins at the John Wooden Center on Friday night.

The Gauchos also went on to beat UC Irvine on Saturday in four games. But there were no doubts in the players' minds that the focus of the weekend was in Westwood, where the sweetness of Santa Barbara's win was enhanced by memories of the Bruins' victory in last season's Mountain Pacific Sports Federation championship match.

"There was definitely some bitterness left over from that match," UCSB senior outside hitter Jason Crone said. "Because we had controlled [Paul] Nihipali the whole season and he pretty much had the match of his life in the championship."

Nihipali led the Bruins this time around with 29 kills, but they were not enough to overcome a Gaucho attack led by senior middle blocker Robert Treahy, whose

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Gauchos Have Easy Time Against Nevada in 97-68 Victory at Home

By Brian Berger
Staff Writer

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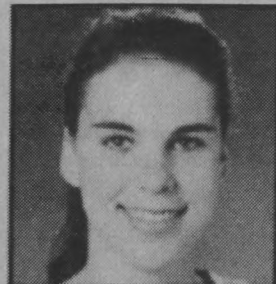
The UCSB women's basketball team neared the halfway point of its Big West season on Friday night and had no problems mowing down the University of Nevada, 97-68.

The victory improved the Gauchos' record to 13-5 overall and 6-1 in the Big West. It also kept the team two games ahead of its nearest rival in league standings.

Santa Barbara's lone breakdown occurred in the first two minutes of the game, when it allowed Nevada (7-10, 3-3) to take the lead, 4-3. From that point on, how-

ever, UCSB was never challenged by the Wolf Pack, and the Gauchos used a variety of weapons to wear down the opposition.

Thirteen Gauchos



Rachel Mahar

scored in the game, including rarely used freshman Jennifer Gardner, who scored her first career points with 1:03 left in the contest.

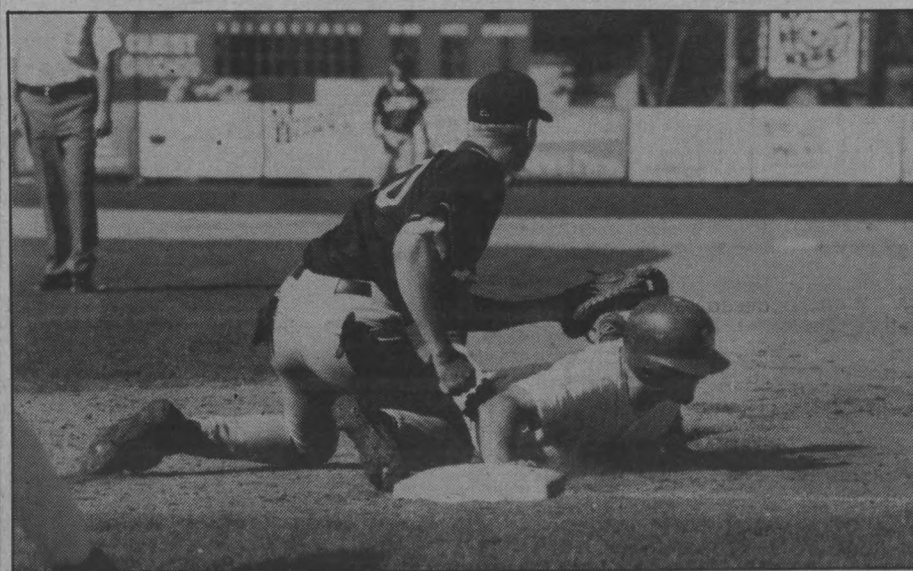
While the offensive team was firing on all cylinders, it was the Santa

Barbara defense that caused the most problems for Nevada. UCSB forced the 'Pack into 25 turnovers and held the team to just .385 from the field.

"We played well defensively," said UCSB Head Coach Mark French. "We were really swarming. I think that this has been the best stretch of defense we have played in the last two to three seasons."

The turning point of the game occurred in the opening minutes, when Nevada's senior forward KaTrina Crenshaw picked up a personal and a technical foul. After the call senior guard Erin Alexander coolly sank four consecutive free

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FULL SLIDE: LMU first baseman Jason Beattie tries to tag a Gaucho runner. UCSB won two games over the weekend against the Lions.

Baseball Wins Two of Three in Home Debut

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

The key to winning in college baseball is to win every series that you play — at least that is the motto for the UCSB baseball team.

This weekend at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium, the Gauchos accomplished exactly what they set out to do by taking two games out of three from Loyola Marymount University.

Santa Barbara (3-3) was able to salvage the series win with a 14-10 victory over the Lions (1-3) on Sunday afternoon. The two squads had split the previous two games, with UCSB winning 8-3 on Friday and LMU capturing the victory on Saturday with a score of 10-9.

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Santa Barbara Loses Despite 31 Points By Tutt

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link — that is exactly the opposite of this year's UCSB men's basketball team.

Instead, for the Gauchos, (7-11 overall, 2-6 in the Big West), one player on the squad has had to step up to carry the bulk of scoring on a consistent basis.

The efforts of junior guard Raymond Tutt, however, once again fell short Saturday, when the Gauchos lost a fourth consecutive game, 71-63, to the Utah State Aggies at Logan, Utah.

"I think the team does rely on Ray, but not solely," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Jerry Pimm. "It's still a team game. We just haven't had five guys have good nights for a complete game."

Tutt, who has led the Gauchos in scoring every game except the first one, scored 31 total points during the night. He poured out 28 of those in the second half, shooting 7-10 from behind the three-point line. Tutt again rewrote the UCSB record book, as 28 points in the second half is the most scored by a Santa Barbara player in one half.

"In the second half, I felt like we needed buckets," Tutt said of his monster performance. "I always do what the coach tells me to do. But after I got a few baskets in

the half, I thought, I'll be able to bring the team back."

Tutt's performance was capped by his scoring 12 points in the last 63 seconds of the game.

No other Santa Barbara player scored in double figures for the game. Junior forward Kealon Wallace added nine points while junior guard Matt Stock and junior forward Matt Pinkey each contributed eight points.

"I don't feel the team is one-dimensional," Tutt said. "But in order for us to win, more people need to contribute in all areas. It takes a team effort."

Utah State (15-5, 8-1) had the lead for most of the game, including a 27-23 edge at halftime despite shooting 34.6 percent from the field. The 23 points scored by the Gauchos marks the second-lowest total for a half this year.

That's when Tutt decided to take over the game. Tutt, who had only made 1-7 shots in the first half, hit three treys in the first five minutes after the break.

The Aggies were led by junior guard Duane Rogers and senior forward Maurice Spillers, who both had 21 points in the game for Utah State.

The loss drops UCSB to 0-9 on the year away from the Thunderdome. The team has lost 11 straight road games dating back to last season — the second longest streak in school history.

"On the road, it's an us-against-the-world mentality," Tutt said. "The crowd is more into it. It's the same for us at home. We're definitely more relaxed at home."

Pitching is Key in Softball Openers Against St. Mary's

By Scott Hennessee
Staff Writer

Good pitching, solid defense and timely hitting are three of the more important factors involved in winning a softball game. The UCSB squad was able to produce all of them this weekend, when it won three out of the four scheduled games.

The Gauchos opened their season with a doubleheader sweep of St. Mary's University, winning 3-2 and 1-0. Sunday, the squad traveled to Loyola Marymount University, where it split two games with the Lions — winning the first 2-1 and dropping the second 6-4.

The pitching staff was

led by the right arm of freshman Jennifer Tolton. She struck out 11 in the first contest against the Gaels and allowed no earned runs to get her first collegiate victory.

Against the Lions she gave up one run and struck out five over the course of seven innings.

"My pitches were working pretty good," she said. "I only threw a couple of change-ups. I was able to get them out with my other pitches."

Megan O'Brien also put forth a fine pitching performance vs. St. Mary's. She gave up five hits and struck out six for a complete-game shutout. It wasn't all smooth sailing

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Sporting Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No Events Scheduled	Baseball @ Northridge 1 p.m. Men's Tennis vs. BYU 11 a.m.	Men's Volleyball @ Hawai'i 7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Idaho 7:30 p.m. Baseball vs. Westmont 2 p.m.	Women's Basketball @ Idaho 7:30 p.m. Men's Volleyball @ Hawai'i 7 p.m. Women's Tennis @ SDSU 2 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Boise State 7:30 p.m. Softball @ SJSU 1 p.m. Men's Swimming @ Stanford noon Women's Water Polo @ USC noon	Women's Basketball @ Boise State TBA Softball @ Santa Clara noon

BASE

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"There is always the better option of sweeping," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Bob Brontsema. "But if you can win every series throughout the year, you are probably going to have a good year."

Pitching was again the story for the Gauchos. Junior Seth Bean, who allowed only one earned run in seven innings, picked up his first victory of the season during Friday's 8-3 Santa Barbara victory. The

performance by Bean lowered his ERA to a meager 2.25 in this young season. Opponents are only hitting .213 against the right-hander.

Sophomore David Uris shined on Sunday. Despite giving up four early runs, he settled down to pick up his second win of the season and now leads the squad.

Senior Jorvic Salazar was also dominant in his relief role, allowing only one double in five innings of work this year.

The Gaucho offense this weekend packed more

of a punch — at least one UCSB player belted a home run in each game in the series.

On Sunday, the squad was led by junior designated hitter Justin Balsler, who hit the first grand slam of his career in the third inning.

"It was a fastball in the inner half of the plate," Balsler said, describing the pitch. "We wanted to go up to the plate with a plan of what we wanted to do. My plan was to look for a fastball."

Balsler stepped up to the plate three times with the

bases loaded and ended the game 2-4 with five RBI.

"[Balsler] has been swinging the bat real well," Brontsema said. "We're definitely going to try to find more at-bats for him."

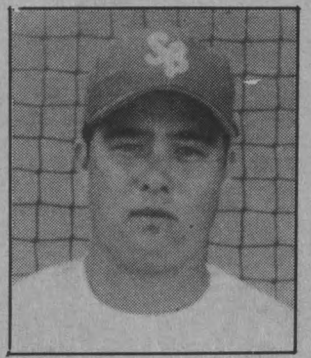
Regular starting catcher Justin Lehr hit his second home run of the year on Sunday.

On Saturday, senior David Willis roped one out of the yard to put a halt on his recent slump. Willis went 5-11 on the weekend with one home run and four RBIs.

Sophomore Brad Wright, senior Joe Kemper

and freshman Justin Gemoll each belted home runs for UCSB on Friday. Gemoll hit two for the game and is the only UCSB player to collect a hit in every game this season.

Defense remains to be a problem in this young season after Santa Barbara made 10 errors this weekend, including five during the loss on Saturday. The squad now has 20 miscues in six games. Leading the way is the left side of the infield — freshman third baseman Bryan LaCour has seven for the



Justin Balsler

year while junior shortstop Michael Young adds five errors.

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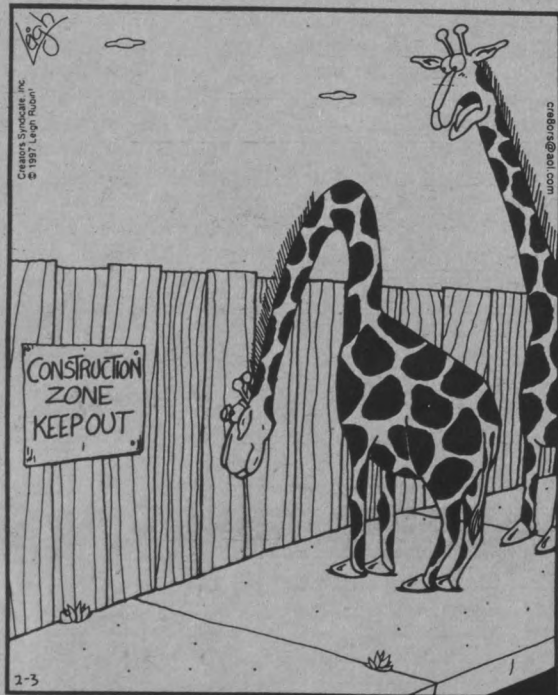


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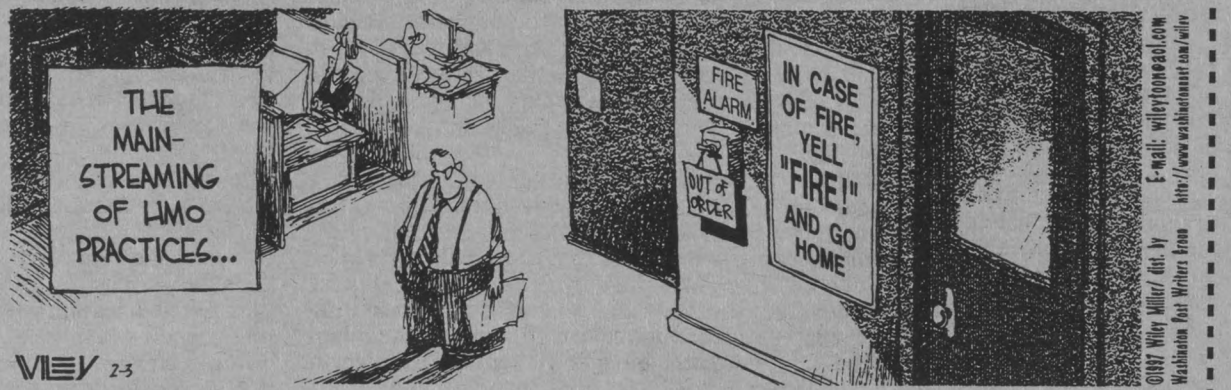
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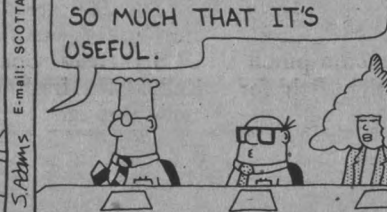


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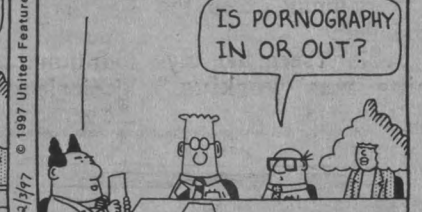
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throws to give the Gauchos a 7-4 lead.

A jumper by freshman forward Kristi Rohr and back-to-back three-pointers by freshman Stacy Clinesmith and Alexander broke the Wolf Pack's back and sent the team into a downward spiral.

Rohr, who was forced to play 14 minutes in the first half after senior forward Amy Smith picked up her second foul, scored 10 points in the opening period with 5-8 shooting.

Despite having to sit out

for 16 minutes in the first half, Smith bounced back in the second, when she scored all of her 12 points in the final 20 minutes. The senior drained all six of her field goal attempts and helped lead Santa Barbara to its .605 second half shooting percentage.

"I just tried not to think about [the long rest]," Smith said. "I was dumb and got into foul trouble but there is not much I can do about it. I just went out and tried to play hard."

Freshman Rachel Mahar also stepped into the spotlight during Smith's absence. The center tied her career-high 10 points in just 16 minutes of play.

"Everyone knew she was a very good shooter," French said. "It's a matter of whether she can play defensively. If you give her more minutes she could score 30 points a game."

Nevada attempted to counter the UCSB attack with its own force in the middle. Junior center Jelena Zrnica led all players with 19 points and 12 rebounds. The 6'6" post player dominated the paint due to a three-inch height advantage over her opposition.

Rohr led Santa Barbara with 16 points and 10 rebounds — giving her three double-doubles on the year.

UCLA

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career-high 37 kills led the Santa Barbara squad (2-2 overall, 2-1 in the MPSF). Senior outside hitter Donny Harris added 30 kills to the UCSB effort.

Friday's win over UCLA was executed in the finest dramatic fashion. The Bruins won two of the first three games, 15-11, 10-15, 15-6, before the Gauchos pulled out the final two games, 17-16 and 15-13.

"In those kind of matches where it's so close, it's up to whoever is making key plays and doing all the little things right," Crone said. "I don't want to say a lot of it is luck ... but some of it is."

With the score locked at 16 for nearly 10 minutes in the fourth game, the Gauchos overcame six match points to force the fifth game.

"For us to pull out the win in a situation

like that really brings the team together," Harris said. "It lets other players know that you can count on each other."

Harris went on to lead Santa Barbara over UC Irvine on Saturday, 15-6, 7-15, 15-7, 16-14. He was able to put together 24 kills while Treahy had 21 at a .643 hitting clip.

While the Gauchos knew that the winless UCI squad had a poorer record than their Bruin foes, they made sure not to play with less heart on Saturday.

"It's hard to play a team that you know isn't high quality because you start to feel like you don't have to put effort into the match," Crone said. "But when that happens, the other team can sense that and it builds their confidence."

UCSB will continue its road trip on Wednesday, when the team faces the University of Hawai'i. The Gauchos will again match up with the Rainbows on Friday.

LMU

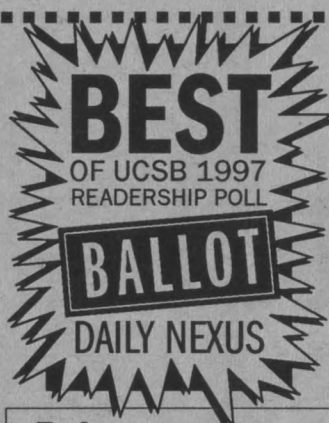
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for O'Brien, however, as there was a runner on base in every inning except the second and seventh.

"It didn't seem like anything was working," O'Brien said.

The offensive production in game one came from Tolton and freshman Sara Mertel. Tolton got the Santa Barbara scoring started with an RBI single up the middle. Mertel came off the bench in the fourth and lined a pinch-hit single to right field for the game winner.

The only scoring in game two came in the third inning when freshman Tonya Dias singled home freshman Korin Thorig.

"This is a great way to start our season," said UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly. "The freshmen just came through."



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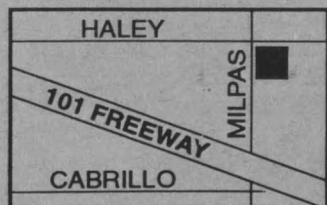
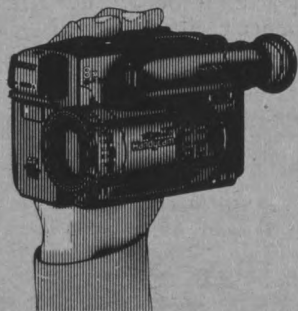


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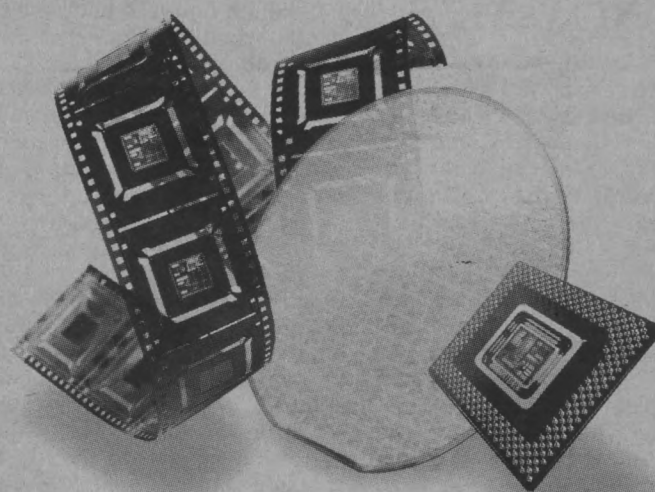


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