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## Gauchos Hustle Lafayette in Hard-Fought 81-78 Victory

Gauchos Show Promise but 'Still Have a Lot of Work to Do'

By Brian Pillsbury  
Staff Writer

The Gauchos' 81-78 victory over the Lafayette Hustlers Saturday night seemed to be a general indication of a couple of things about UCSB.

First, as a team, there's still quite a few things that could stand to be improved upon. And secondly — but more importantly — they're on track to do just that.

The three-point win sure wasn't pretty, but the Gauchos showed good resolve after having trailed throughout most of the game against the more experienced Hustlers — a team comprised of ex-college players.

"We still need a lot of work on a lot of phases of the game," Head Coach Jerry Pimm said. "The good news is that this team is willing to work. I think that they're going to be a good team, they're going to be an exciting team to watch."

Lafayette's Tim McRoberts converted on a pair of free throws to put the Hustlers up by a point at 69-68 with 3:20 remaining in the game. But after a sub-par shooting performance in the first half, UCSB guard Chris Ford came alive. He hit a three-pointer from the corner to put the Gauchos ahead by one, and after a steal by point guard Phillip Turner, Ford put on the exclamation point with a slam dunk to push the UCSB lead to four.

A flurry of three-pointers by Lafayette kept it close in the waning moments, but clutch free-throw shooting by the Gauchos — and a fantastic shot by Turner with two seconds left on the shot clock — preserved the win.

Clinging to a three-point lead with just under thirty seconds remaining, Turner

shook loose of his defender as the shot clock ran down, pulled up from eight feet and buried the lean-in jumper.

"He made a nice read where he went up and faked under and made a nice, soft little jump shot," Pimm said. "Our point guards late in the possession have to look to score. I went with Phillip a little more in the second half and towards the end because I thought he was doing a good job of handling the club. His experience showed, I thought, tonight."

"We had a little incentive since they beat us last year," said Turner, who finished with 10 points and seven assists. "We came together at the end and it's good to come out with a win."

Lafayette's Ricky Hall hit a three with :22 remaining to bring the Hustlers back within two points, but after a Lafayette foul, UCSB forward Wayne Butts sunk their hopes as he made one of two free throws. The Hustlers' put up desperation shots at the end, but the Gauchos were able to secure the victory. Hall led all scorers with 17 points.

Butts led UCSB in scoring, as he went 7-8 from the floor to finish with 15 points while pulling down five rebounds. Butts, along with Mark Flick, combined for 26 points at the small forward spot. Flick finished with 11 points, all coming in the first half. Kyle Milling's 11 points on the night all came from the free-throw line and he finished with eight rebounds.

Center Doug Muse helped bring the crowd to life with a couple of dunks as he chipped in with nine points and five rebounds in 18 minutes of play. Duane Carter added six points and had five boards.

Redshirt freshman Rob Ramaker played impressively as he finished with eight points and grabbed a team-high 10



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Rob Ramaker (foreground) and Kyle Milling watch as a Lafayette shot finds the net. Ramaker and Milling combined for 18 rebounds in the 81-78 win.

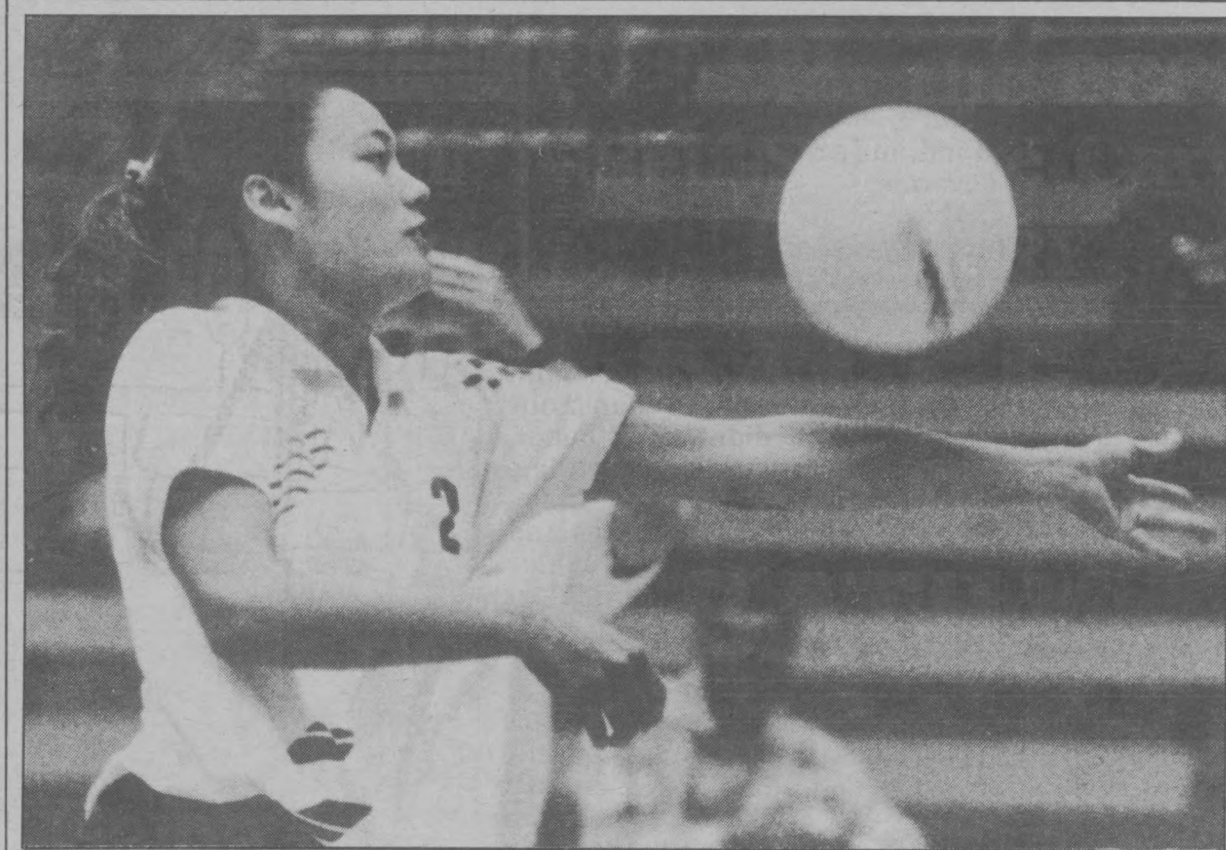
rebounds. The 6-9 Ramaker and the Gauchos have significantly bulked up from last year, and it was evident Saturday as UCSB controlled the glass, outrebounding Lafayette 53-36.

"That was one of my goals coming into the season," Ramaker said. "I figured last year we kind of let down on the boards a little bit. It's just a real important thing for me, to come in and rebound well."

"Rob was strong tonight," Pimm said. "Rob played big and was strong on the boards. I finished the game with he and Kyle because they were both doing a good job and they were holding onto the ball."

The Gauchos turned the ball over 13 times in the first half, but took better care of it in the second half as they finished

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Senior Beth Kohs finished out her collegiate career in style in Saturday's routine win over CS Fullerton.

## SB Spikers Net Co-Conference Crown

By Jenny Kok  
Staff Writer

A few short months ago, the UCSB women's volleyball team was picked to finish fourth in the Big West behind Long Beach State, the University of the Pacific, and Hawaii. The poll was wrong.

With a 15-3, 15-3, 15-2 sweep over Cal State Fullerton on Saturday night, the #4-ranked Gauchos (26-3, 17-1 Big West) captured their first ever Big West title. UCSB and Long Beach finished in a tie for first and are thus the conference co-champions.

Not only did this game capture a conference title for the Gauchos, but it also ended the collegiate careers of senior outside hitters Ana Elisa Franca and Beth Kohs. Opening ceremonies honored the two women who have each played an important role in the success of the women's volleyball program this season.

Not only did the two seniors lead the team throughout the season, but they led the team during their final regular season match of 1993.

It did not take long for the Gauchos to take a 7-0

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## Poloists Cap Off Year With Upset Win Over #4 UCI

By Daniel Solomon  
Staff Writer

The #7-ranked UCSB men's water polo team accomplished what it set out to do on Saturday afternoon as the Gauchos clinched the best record in the MPSF Pacific Division with a 10-7 win over #4-ranked UC Irvine.

With the win coming in its final game of the 1993 season, Santa Barbara upped its overall record to 19-12, 6-4 in MPSF. UCSB also evened the season series against the Anteaters to 2-2 with the win in Irvine (17-9 overall, 6-4 in MPSF).

"I think we went into the game without a lot of stress," senior Marty Asp-lund said. "We were pretty laid back, and I think we went straight into our gameplan and played an all-around solid match."

UCSB opened the contest with a modest offensive surge, grabbing a 3-2 first-quarter lead. Irvine, however, reversed that figure in the second quarter as the two teams entered the half tied up at 5-5.

Despite a go-ahead goal from the Anteaters in the

opening minutes of the second half, UCSB junior Co-captain Doug Wierenga retied the game with 5:14 remaining in the third. Sophomore Jeff Geary added a two-point goal 1:05 later as the Gauchos entered the fourth quarter with a 8-6 lead.

Junior Nikola Ivanovic's goal with 5:31 remaining in the contest padded the Gaucho lead as the defense allowed only one Anteater goal in the fourth quarter.

"We could afford to press out more than we were used to, so they weren't able to get off many good shots," explained sophomore Adam Estabrook, who scored one of the first-quarter goals. "And the shots they did take from the outside, Matt [Flanders] was able to get to."

"We quickly became aware of their hole-setting, and since our defense against that wasn't working that well, we began to press them further and further outside and force more outside shots," Asp-lund added.

Wierenga paced the

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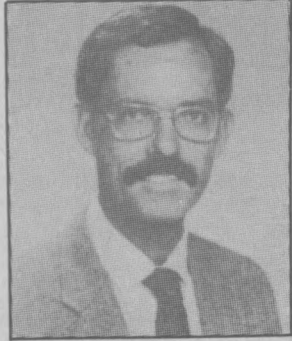
# Lady Gaucho Squad Shows Their Talent at Scrimmage

By Jason Masini  
Staff Writer

UCSB women's basketball Head Coach Mark French found out that he has a dilemma on his hands after Saturday's Blue-Gold scrimmage.

But it's a dilemma he'll take any day — having to try and find enough playing time for everybody.

The Gauchos showcased their talent publicly for the first time Saturday, and if that performance proves anything, UCSB's



**Mark French**

Opponents are going to be in for a long night at game night.

The setup consisted of a 20 minute first half and a 15 minute second half, with several players changing sides to give different looks, and the Gold team won both halves, 53-26 in the first and 35-27 in the second.

"I was really pleased

with our intensity," French said. "We're going to keep the tempo real high this season and use our depth. We've got a lot more talent than we've ever had before, and a certain amount of it tonight was sort of a misdirected hustle kind of thing, and we weren't really focused on our execution. But it's really early, and if we play that hard with as much talent as we have then we're going to have a very good year."

The leading scorer in the game was transfer Kellie Cook, who lit it up from all areas on the floor. Cook tallied 17 points, including 3-5 shooting from beyond the three-point arc. As a transfer, Cook will have to sit out this season as a redshirt.

Seven other players logged double figures in scoring, including 15 from Lauren Goldstine and 12 each from Anna McConnell, Sasha Scardino and Amy Hughlett, who also led the team with 11 rebounds. The offense as a whole looks as solid as it ever has, with the newcomers looking as comfortable in the system as the veterans.

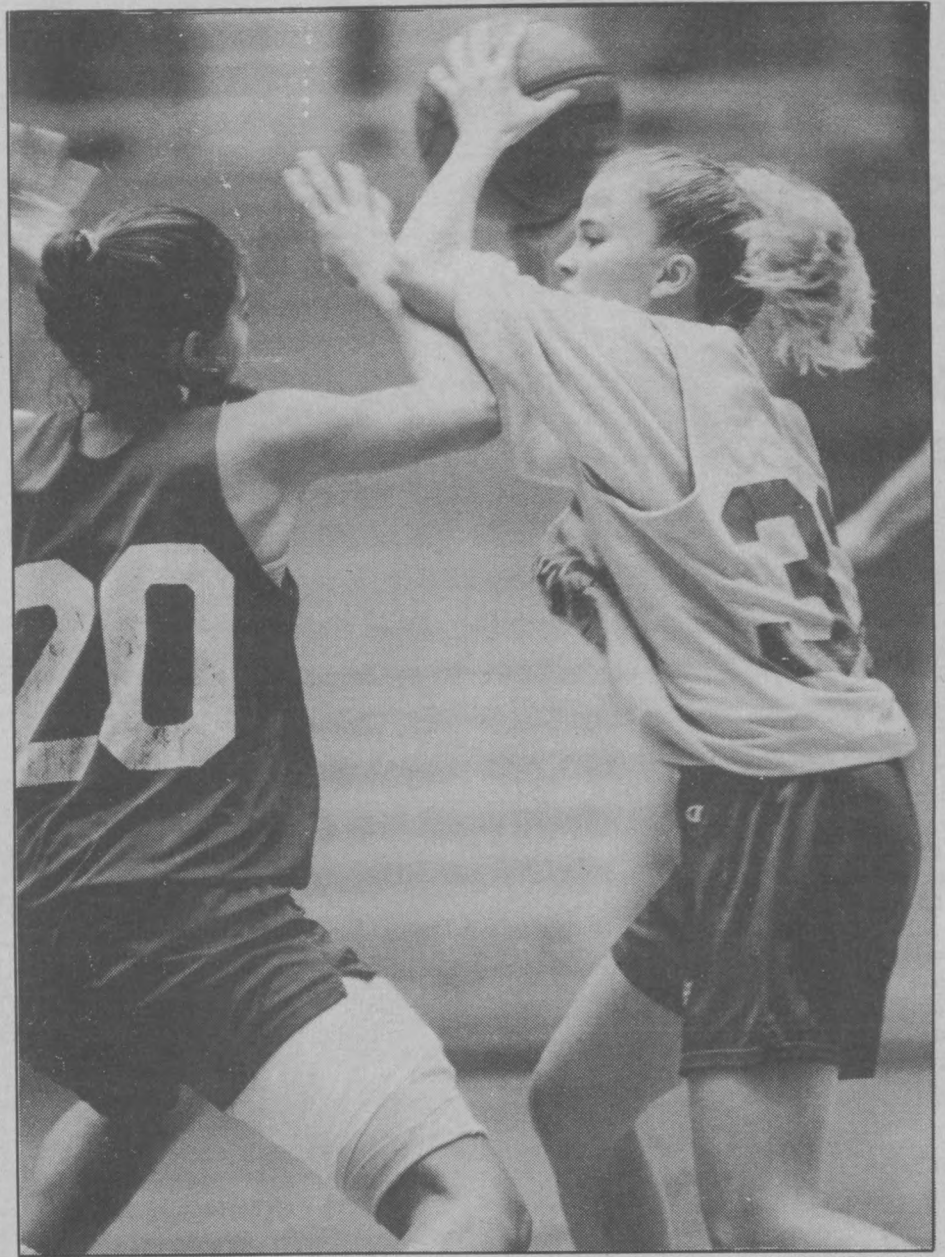
"It's totally different from high school — the defense and everything, so it's a lot to adjust to," said freshman Amy Smith, who scored 14 points and

pulled down five rebounds. "But everybody's been real encouraging with that and that's helped me a lot. I'm still thinking a lot on the court and that's making me a little slower, but it's coming along well."

UCSB will be looking to push the ball up the floor with more vigor than ever this season, and with its incredible depth, fatigue will not be a factor. In the half-court set, Santa Barbara showed very good ball movement, utilizing the post players inside and pushing the ball back out for open jumpers when the inside was closed off. Back-up point guard Dio Aguinaldo and freshman Erin Alexander led the team with eight assists apiece.

With the new players, the Gauchos have added a legitimate three-point attack, an area in which they were ranked last in the Big West last year. Redshirt freshman Raquel Alotis demonstrated her outside touch, nailing both her trey attempts and finishing with 10 points. Alexander and freshman Kim Schielke also have the outside range to make the three.

"I am concerned a little that we don't say to ourselves, 'Man, we're so



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Sophomore Sasha Scardino (left) and junior Anna McConnell go head-to-head in Saturday's Blue-Gold intrasquad game at the Events Center.

talented this year offensively that we don't have to be a great defensive team," French said. "In the past, we've kind of had

that desperate mode on defense where we knew we weren't that talented on offense and had to kick butt on defense. We need

to keep that same mentality, then let it go offensively, and then we have a chance to take it to the next level."

## GAUCHO SPORTS: THE WEEK AHEAD NOV. 22 - NOV. 26

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
(no games scheduled)	Women's Basketball vs. Finland National Team at the Events Center, 7:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. Spartak (Russian Select Team), 7:30 p.m., at the Thunderdome	(no games scheduled)	Women's Volleyball vs. Arizona at Long Beach Tournament, 5:30 p.m.

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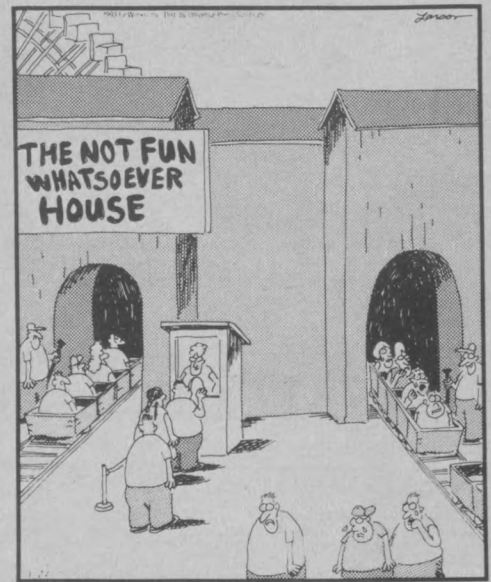
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UCSB freshman guard Bakir Allen tries to get a handle on a loose ball in Saturday night's action.

## GAUCHOS

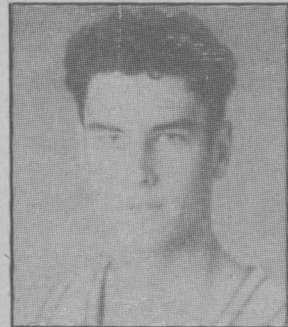
Continued from p.1A with 19 turnovers for the game.

During the first half, the Gauchos got off to a poor start shooting the ball. At the 2 spot, UCSB shot 0-11 and 13-34 as a team.

"I think everybody was a little bit anxious," Pimm said. "The first-half shooting was indicative of that. But we'll be a better shooting team than 40%, in my opinion. I think this will be a good outside-shooting team."

The hot hand belonged to Flick, who hit three three-pointers during the game's first eight minutes and added a 17-footer to key a UCSB run late in the

half. Lafayette scored nine straight points during one stretch, and after a Hustler basket, they stole the sloppy UCSB inbounds pass and converted the



Rob Ramaker

steal into an easy layup.

When the Gauchos did execute on offense, they were also burned several times on defense immedi-

ately afterwards because UCSB was not getting back quick enough. The Gauchos took their first lead of the game with 5:28 remaining in the first half as Turner hit both ends of a one-and-one. Ex-Purdue star Woody Austin bombed a three with :01 to give Lafayette a 36-33 half-time lead.

In the second half, the Gauchos settled down somewhat and were helped out by Butts' outside shooting. His 10-footer from the baseline gave UCSB a four-point lead at the 11:27 mark, and he added a turnaround jumper soon after. Ramaker and Milling began to take over on the boards and hold on to win.

UCSB 81, Lafayette 78												
LAFAYETTE												
	min	fg	at	ft	fta	r	a	tp				
Johnson	18	1	5	0	0	1	2	2				
Keys	18	1	5	1	2	1	1	3				
McRoberts	31	3	10	4	4	5	2	12				
Teague	10	1	1	0	0	0	2	2				
Hall	28	6	14	2	3	3	1	17				
Primm	27	7	8	0	0	5	1	14				
Lewis	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0				
Bradley	13	1	4	0	0	5	1	2				
Austin	20	5	14	0	0	5	1	11				
Hasley	19	3	5	2	3	4	1	9				
Caldwell	13	3	4	0	0	1	1	6				
Totals	200	31	70	9	14	36	13	78				

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	min	fg	at	ft	fta	r	a	tp				
Butts	20	7	8	1	2	5	3	15				
Milling	22	0	1	11	14	2	0	11				
Maddon	16	1	5	0	0	2	4	2				
Allen	15	0	7	0	0	3	1	0				
Turner	26	3	4	4	4	4	7	10				
Ford	24	3	12	1	2	1	1	7				
Carter	16	3	10	0	4	5	0	6				
Muse	18	4	5	1	2	5	0	9				
Flick	19	4	11	0	0	4	2	11				
Ramaker	23	3	8	2	5	10	2	8				
Baker	1	1	1	0	1	0	2					
Totals	200	29	72	18	31	53	20	81				

Half-time—Lafayette 36, UCSB 33.  
Three-point goals—Lafayette 7-22 (Hasley 1-1, McRoberts 2-5, Keys 0-1, Austin 1-4, Hall 3-10), UCSB 4-14 (Ford 1-2, Allen 0-4, Turner 0-1, Ramaker 0-1, Flick 3-6).  
Blocked shots—Lafayette 4 (Caldwell 2, McRoberts, Teague), UCSB 5 (Ramaker, Carter, Ford, Milling, Flick).  
Steals—Lafayette 13 (Keys 1, McRoberts 3, Hasley, Teague 2, Hall 6), UCSB 9 (Turner 3, Maddon 2, Ford 2, Ramaker).  
Total fouls—Lafayette 25, UCSB 17. Fouled out—Bradley, Hasley. Technical fouls—None. Turnovers—Lafayette 18, UCSB 19. Team rebounds—Lafayette 5, UCSB 5.  
Attendance—3,478.

## CHAMPS

Continued from p.1A lead in Game One with Heather Collins serving each of the points. The UCSB offense was too much for the Titans, who started the game off with a serve into the net and a shank off of a kill from Franca. Within a few rotations, Kohs finished off the match with a shot off of the tape.

Game Two started out much the same way. With the score 7-1, Franca served for four points — two of which were aces. Again, the Titans were no match for the Gauchos,

who quickly found themselves at a 2-0 match lead.

To top off the match, Game Three started and ended with Kohs serving. Fullerton never had much of a chance as Kohs served an ace for Santa Barbara's first point and helped end it with a tough serve that led to a kill by Jill Haas.

"The opposition did not give us as much competition as we would have liked, but I still feel like the team spirit was there and everybody wanted to play," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory explained. "We didn't let the game go to our heads. The team kept on digging and fighting, and our seniors are

perfect examples of that."

Although it was not a tough match for the Gauchos, it will be a memorable one for Franca and Kohs. Kohs had a phenomenal performance, leading the team with 16 digs and posting 7 kills at a .267 hitting percentage.

"It was really great to come out and play well for my last conference game," Kohs said. "I'm just glad that it isn't over yet. From now through the playoffs, I just hope that we can continue to improve as a team."

Franca keyed the Gaucho offense, hammering out 13 kills at a .476 hitting percentage and

grabbing 10 digs. To top off her game-high statistics, Franca also served two aces and had one solo block.

"It was really great playing today because everyone was happy and having fun," Franca said. "It made it really easy to play well. I am very proud that we have finished the season as

Big West co-champions."

As the Gauchos eagerly await the announcement of the pairings for NCAA regionals, the team will travel to Long Beach State to face some of the teams they could meet in the national tournament.

"This tournament will be very good for us because without it, we

wouldn't be playing for two weeks," Gregory said.

The Gauchos received a first round bye in the NCAA regionals and will play their first game at home. There is still the chance that UCSB will host regionals, but that will not be known until Nov. 28, after the Long Beach Invitational.

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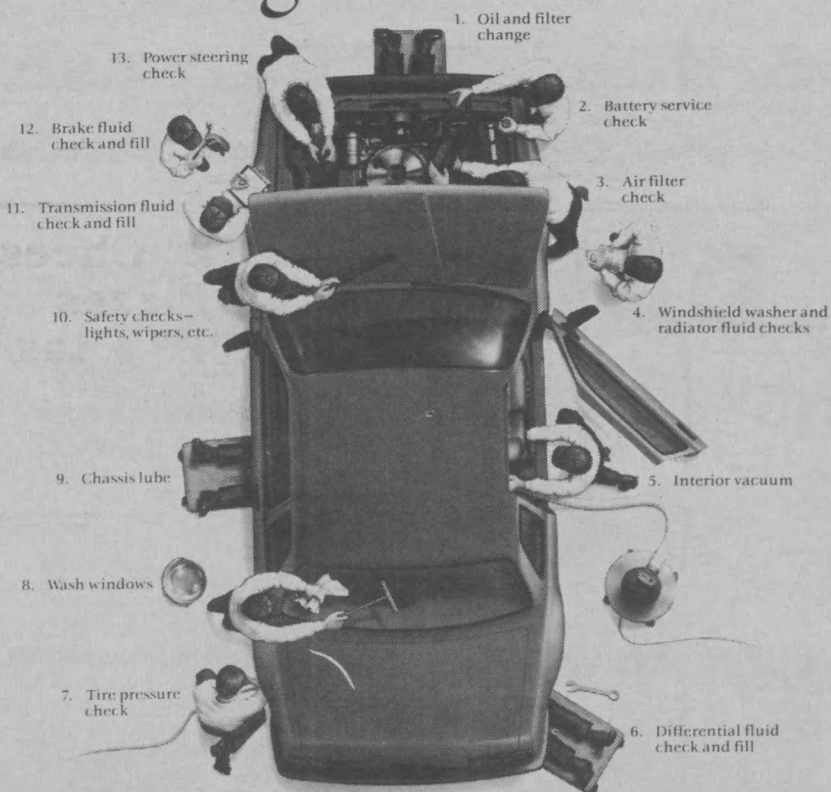
Continued from p.1 Gauchos with three goals while Ivanovic, Geary and freshman Baran Dilaver

added two apiece. Flanders recorded six saves in the goal in the final game of his collegiate career. The contest was also the last collegiate game for Asplund and senior Steve

Kunst.

"After it was settled in that we weren't going to the NAAs, we just set out to win as many games as we could," Estabrook commented.

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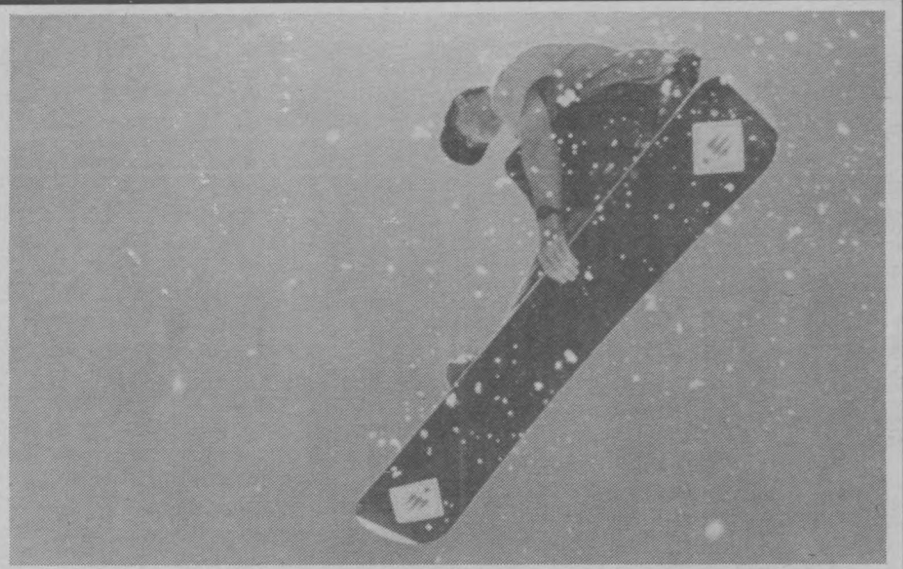
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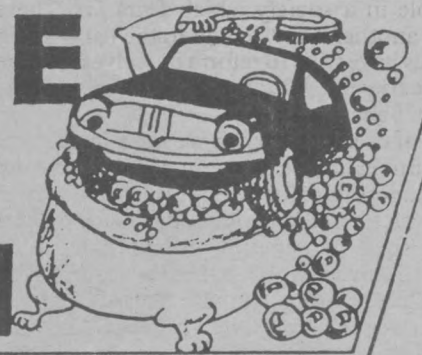
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