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THE 'HILL' OF VICTORY — Senior midfielder Laurie Hill (rt.) helped the women's soccer team salvage its season and stay in the playoff hunt Sunday, scoring once in the Gauchos' 2-0 win over the Golden Bears

Gauchos Turn the Lights Out on Cal

Harder Stadium Blackout Postpones UCSB's 2-0 Victory Over #11 Bears

By Brian Banks
Staff Writer

As the Harder Stadium lights slowly flickered to black just minutes into the UCSB's women's soccer match against UC Berkeley Saturday night, Gaucho Head Coach Tad Bobak silently wondered what else his team would have to go through this season.

The inevitable postponement of the match until Sunday morning quickly gave him an answer. After a week of preparation — both mentally and physically — for the team's biggest match of the season so far, the Gauchos

would have to wait another 12 hours.

The Sunday daylight provided more than enough illumination, and it was easy to see that the Gauchos did not lose any of their concentration from the previous night. Santa Barbara shut down #11 Berkeley, 2-0, and now has people wondering what else the team can do this season.

"We were focused to exercise our (game plan), and we did for the 12 minutes that we played, and then all of a sudden everything shut off," said Bobak, whose team meeting after the postponement helped keep the Gauchos (11-5-0) thinking about the Bears. "We had to face adverse conditions again, we had to refocus, regroup ourselves, and not lose sight of what we were working on. It was tougher (Sunday) because of all the

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Streak Snapped

Gaels Blow UCSB Away in 41-3 Loss

By Josh Elliott
Staff Writer

If it's true what they say about soulmates, about those who share common feelings without ever meeting one another, then the UCSB football team probably has a pretty good idea how the Atlanta Braves are feeling right now.

Just like the Braves, Santa Barbara had battled some mighty tough odds this year, even to have a football team at all. And just like the Braves, the Gauchos had performed above their heads in getting to where they were Saturday, poised for a dramatic win in a season full of such wins.

But, just like the Braves, it was the Gauchos who were devastated Saturday, as they went north to face a superior St. Mary's team and were then promptly manhandled by the Gaels, 41-3, on a blustery, rainy day at St. Mary's Stadium in Moraga.

UCSB thus had its season-high three-game winning streak halted, and in the process, had its high-powered offense thoroughly shut down by St. Mary's. The Gauchos were held to a paltry 88 yards passing Saturday, falling far short of the 340-yard average it had posted through the first six weeks of the season.

Gaucho starting quarterback Jon Barnes had a very forgettable day, hitting only seven-of-26 passes for just 61 yards with one interception. Backup QB Dave Franco didn't fare much better, completing just four-of-14 passes for 27 yards and an interception.

In direct contrast to the struggles of the Santa Barbara duo, Gael QB Scott Wood had a day he will most likely never forget, as he broke school season records for passing yards (2,065), completions (145), and total offense (1,987) in hitting for 379 yards and three touchdowns on 28-of-47 passing. His cause was helped considerably by the futility of the Gauchos to mount an effective pass rush, which allowed Wood to hit UCSB with numerous long pass plays. It was the big play, according to UCSB junior inside linebacker Eric Marshall, that was the death knell for Santa Barbara Saturday.

"Their big plays were really what killed us," said a bruised Marshall. "(They) just totally took the steam out everybody. When it's third-and-18, and the defense is thinking, 'Yeah, we're going to get off the field,' and then they get a 22-yard pass play or something, it's hard to keep coming back again and again."

The defense was kept on the field for long periods against

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St. Mary's held the UCSB football team to 88 yards passing. See Gaucho Gridsheet, p. 3A

LBSU Too Strong for New-Look SB Spikers

By Jonathan Okanes
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH — UCSB women's volleyball Head Coach Kathy Gregory liked her lineup against Long Beach State Friday night at University Gym. It was the 49ers' group of players that she wasn't too thrilled about.

The Gauchos, looking to add some more offensive punch to their arsenal, employed a new and improved lineup on Friday but it wasn't nearly enough to overcome second-ranked CSULB's spectacular firepower, as the 49ers pounded #9 Santa Barbara, 15-6, 15-8, 15-7 in front of 874 fans.

Saturday night, Gaucho middle blocker Tina Van Loon became UCSB's all-time block leader as Santa Barbara bounced back to defeat UC Irvine, 15-5, 15-1, 15-8 at Crawford Hall. Van Loon, only a junior, had one block left to pass Kathie Luedeke (1982-1985) and now has 384 total blocks in her Gaucho career.

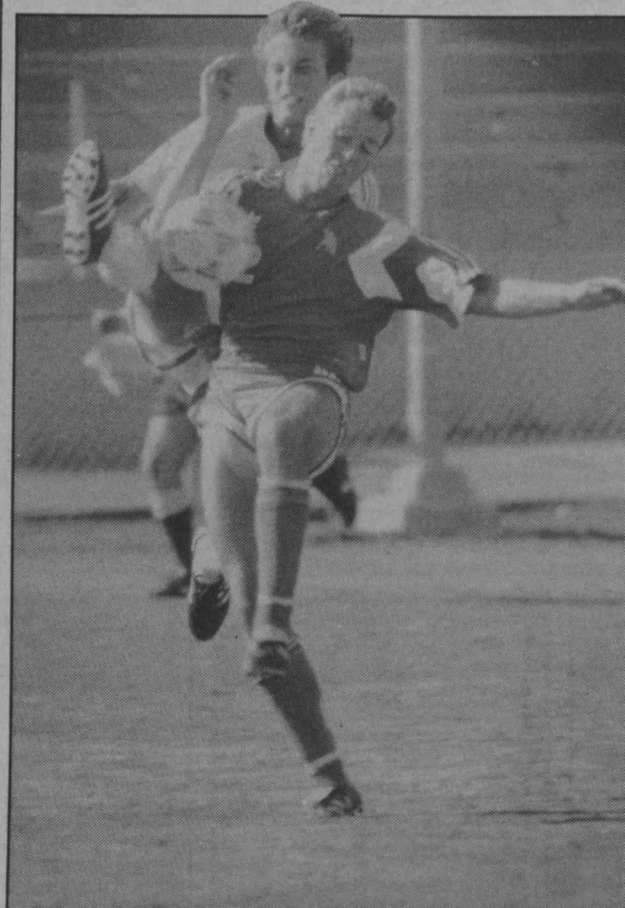
UCSB is 9-4 in Big West Conference play and has an overall record of 14-7. CSULB is 10-1 and 22-1, while the Anteaters are 7-12, 2-9 in the league.

Santa Barbara's new look, which moves Ana Elisa Franca from the outside to the middle and puts Julie Pitois back into the lineup as a right side hitter, showed signs of effectiveness against Long Beach St. However, the 49ers complemented their lethal offense with sensational defensive play to make quick work of the Gauchos.

"I really think our defense is better than our offense — we just don't get many chances to test it," said Long Beach St. Head Coach Brian Gimmillaro, whose team entered the UCSB match leading the nation with a .351 hitting percentage. "We spend 70 to 80 percent of our practices playing defense. My goal is to (have us) be good volleyball players

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MEN'S SOCCER



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The men's soccer team lost another conference match Sunday, falling to Cal St. Fullerton, 2-0, after losing 2-0 to UNLV Friday at Harder Stadium.

Men's Soccer Endures Consecutive Shutouts

By Scott McPherson
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's soccer team faced a pair of Big West opponents at Harder Stadium this weekend, and were shut out in both games by identical scores of 2-0.

Sunday afternoon the Gauchos hosted the Titans of Cal State Fullerton. From the start of the match, most of the game's action was in Santa Barbara's defensive end of the field. A number of Titan scoring opportunities produced by precision passes culminated in the game's first goal, about 20 minutes into the first half.

The anemic Gaucho offense suddenly erupted for a series of close shots on the Fullerton net with less than two minutes remaining in the first half. However, the Titan defense held and the Fullerton goalkeeper made an outstanding save, sending the teams into the half with the Titans still leading by a goal.

As the second half began, it was UCSB that pressured first with a quick scoring chance. However, as in the first half, dominating pressure from the Fullerton squad shut down the Santa Barbara offensive attack. The Gauchos employed a more aggressive style, attempting to force an opportunity to get the game-tying goal. But the strategy backfired midway through the second half when a trio of Fullerton attackers broke through the UCSB defense, resulting in another Titan score.

The Gauchos had their chances late in the game on a pair of corner kicks, but were denied both times, and for the second game in a row the Santa Barbara squad went

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Water Polo Splits Four in Long Beach

#10 Poloists Win 2, Lose 2 at the 49er Invitational

By Bryan Sullivan
Staff Writer

It was another up-and-down performance for the UCSB water polo team at the 49er Invitational in Long Beach last weekend, as the Gauchos split four games and settled for a 10th-place finish.

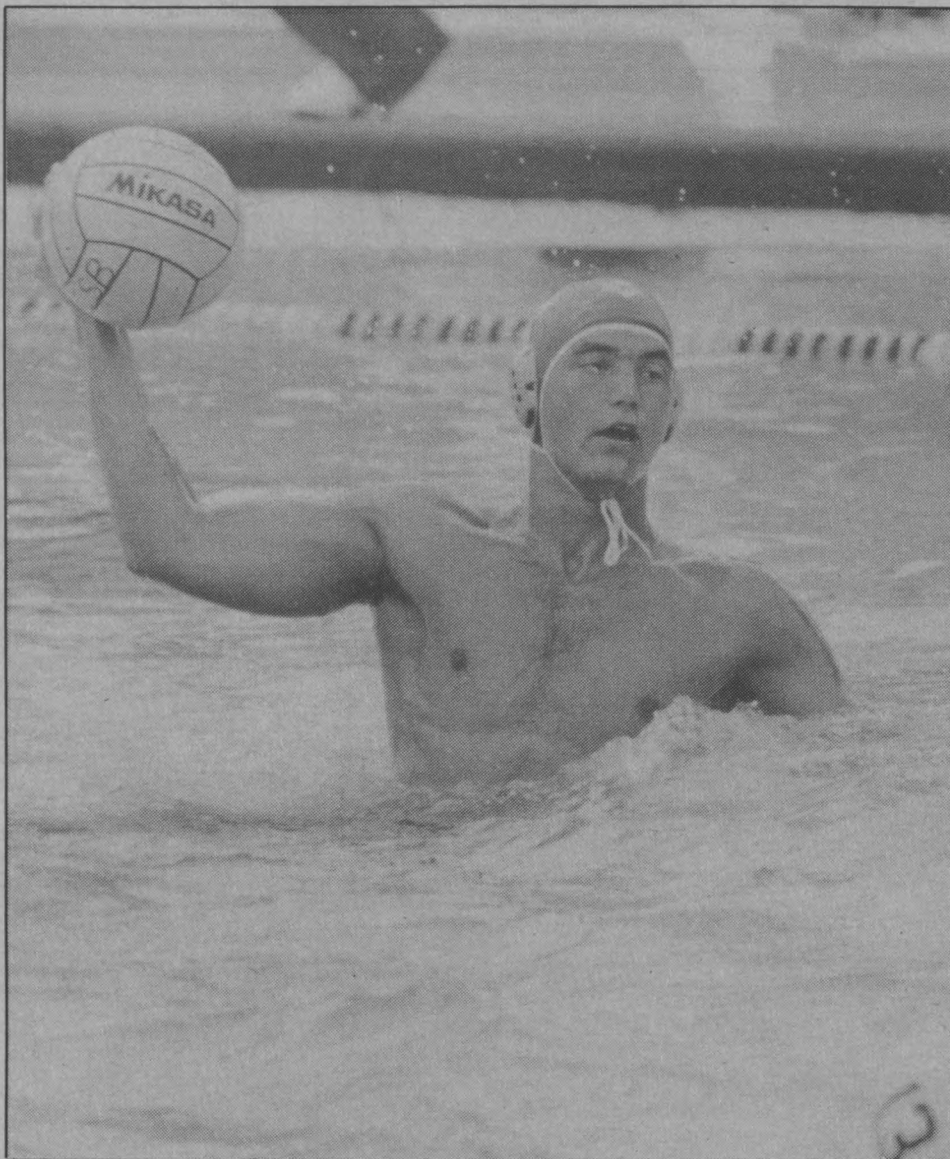
In Santa Barbara's final game Sunday, the 10th-ranked Gauchos suffered another seemingly self-inflicted defeat, losing to #12 Air Force, 8-5. Once again, the Gauchos struggled enormously on their six-on-five powerplay opportunities, scoring only once in nine chances.

"We were absolutely terrible on our six-on-fives," Head Coach Pete Snyder explained. "We didn't capitalize on our passing and shooting opportunities and we lacked the teamwork that's necessary to be successful on six-on-fives. That definitely cost us the game."

The Gauchos played well in their third-round match Sunday morning, as they defeated #15 Bucknell, 10-6. Sophomore driver Nik Ivanovic had a great game offensively for the Gauchos, scoring on four occasions. UCSB played very tough through the first three periods of play, holding Bucknell to only four goals. But Santa Barbara struggled in the final period, allowing two goals while scoring no goals of its own.

"It was a good all-around effort and we played with a lot of enthusiasm," Snyder said.

Loyola Marymount was Santa Barbara's victim in Saturday's second-round match, as the Gauchos prevailed, 16-10. Junior



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Brian Ballard and his Gaucho teammates split four games at the 49er Invitational in Long Beach last weekend, defeating LMU and Bucknell and losing to UCSD and Air Force.

two-meter men James Dent and Matt Teeple provided the offensive fireworks for the Gauchos, scoring four and three goals, respectively.

Although Loyola Marymount was a much weaker team, the Lions gave the Gauchos some trouble in the second and fourth periods of the match, scoring eight goals.

"Our counterattack worked very well and we were able to get on top early, which helped us," Snyder explained. "But we

played bad defensively in the second and fourth periods, and that worries me."

Santa Barbara lost a close one to #11 UC San Diego in the tournament opener Saturday morning, 11-7. The Gauchos were only trailing the Toreros by two goals, 9-7, with 6:30 remaining in the game. But Santa Barbara was unable to mount any serious threats, and allowed San Diego two more goals before the game was over.

The Gauchos got them-

selves into trouble early on the defensive side of the ball, losing players on 12 kickouts throughout the game. James Dent had another good game offensively, scoring three goals for Santa Barbara.

With the split last weekend, Santa Barbara's record is now 8-15, and still winless in the conference at 0-5. The Gauchos take on Fresno State and the University of the Pacific this weekend at Campus Pool to begin the second half of league play.

SOCCER: Lose 2, 2-0

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down to a 2-0 defeat.

On Friday, UCSB hosted the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Unable to muster a serious offensive game in the Gauchos' 2-0 loss to the Rebels, Santa Barbara managed only four shots during the entire game. While the team came back two days later to outshoot Fullerton (11-10), the woeful offensive performances during the two losses were clearly the cause for the disappointing weekend.

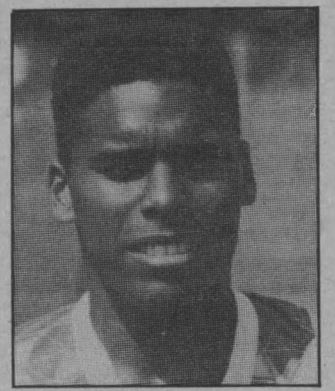
The Gaucho forward line was operating without leading scorer Sean Redmond, who has been out of the lineup since being injured on Oct. 11 in a game against UC Irvine. Redmond, who had scored seven goals before his injury, has been the top Gaucho playmaker all season. Although the severity of his injury isn't known, with only one weekend left in the season, Redmond may be gone for the year.

"I hope he's back next week," Gaucho Head Coach Cliff Draeger said of the junior offensive sparkplug. "He's been out for the past four games. It's hurt us."

Draeger said that without Redmond's quickness up front, UCSB just could not keep up with the two Big West opponents it faced this weekend.

"If you don't have quickness, the other teams are going to pressure you," Draeger said. "That kills you."

The losses drop the Gauchos' overall record on



Curtis Jimerson
sweeper

the year to 3-12-1, with a conference mark of 2-6. For the team that posted a 7-3 Big West record a year ago and finished only one game behind conference-champ Fresno State, this season has been a nightmare. It began with a six-game losing streak, and although the team bounced back from a 1-9 record to go undefeated in a four-game homestand, a loss a week ago to last year's conference doormats — the Anteaters of UC Irvine — and this weekend's two defeats, have left UCSB fighting to stay out of the Big West cellar.

"I've never been on a team that lost like this," said team co-captain Curtis Jimerson, echoing the frustration felt by many members of the team.

While the abundance of youth on the squad forecasts a bright future, the present the UCSB soccer team finds itself mired in the woes of a "rebuilding season."

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SHUTOUT: Playoff Hopes Renewed

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buildup we had yesterday, but we stayed in our game plan."

Though 13 minutes and eight seconds had run off the clock when the lights went out, the match was resumed Sunday with a full 45 minutes left in the first half. Both squads had difficulties creating scoring opportunities early, and the teams combined for only 21 shots in the match.

Berkeley (9-6-0) had an excellent chance to get on the board first, when Devon Fitzpatrick got past the Gaucho defense and faced UCSB goalkeeper Jan Urich one-on-one at the left post. Instead of playing Fitzpatrick's shot, Urich ran out to meet the dribble, and punched away the ball before the Bear midfielder could shoot. Urich pounced on the loose ball to keep the game scoreless.

"I was thinking that (Fitzpatrick) was going to cut to my right," Urich said. "She did, and I just went with her and I happened to get a hand on it."

The play was the first sign that things were finally go-

ing well for Santa Barbara. Lisa Ferragamo further bolstered Gaucho hopes in the 39th minute, when she scored the game's first goal after a Julie Bushman corner kick stayed around the box and Ferragamo was able to get a leg on it. Her shot from the middle went into the right corner of the net, establishing a 1-0 lead.

The Bears were not as fortunate against Urich. They were able to get close a few times, but mis-hits and an aggressive Gaucho defense kept them scoreless. The shutout extended Urich's school record to 35 career blankings.

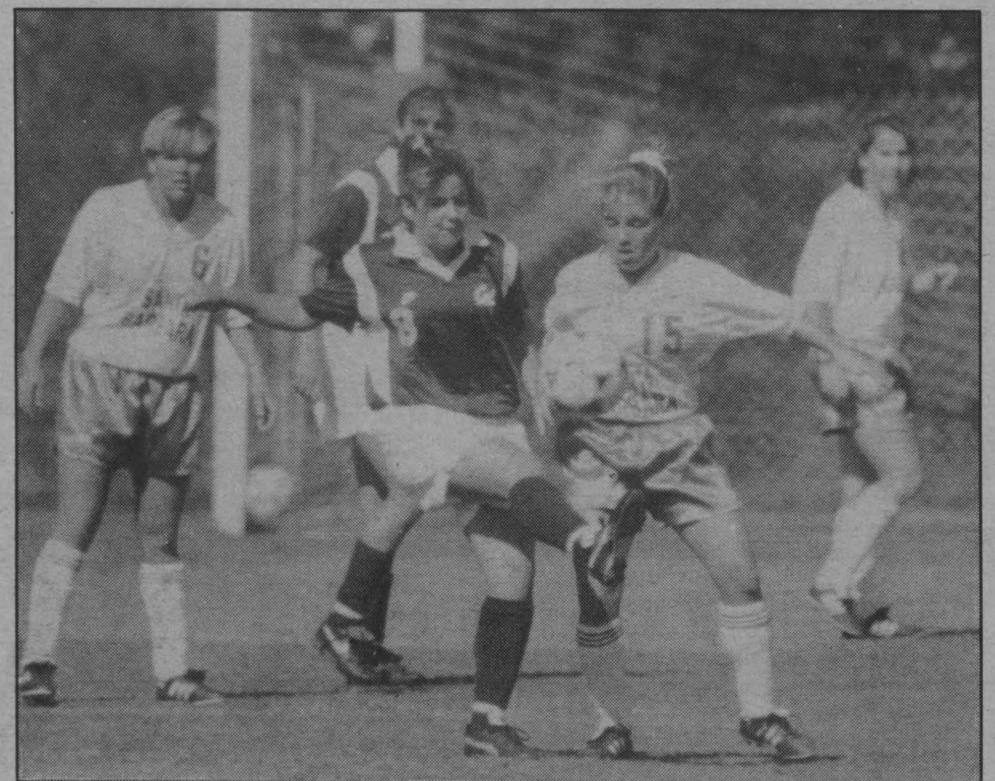
UCSB looked every bit like a team that has gotten tired of being pushed around, as it played the role of aggressor and denied Cal the opportunity to initiate its trademark physical play. Hard tackles and caution penalties have become the norm in this rivalry, but the match was played without a penalty and the play was less aggressive than in recent years.

"We got in there first and we stuck in and tackled harder, which made their

tackles not look as hard or made them back off a little," UCSB midfielder Karen Eustaquio said. "So us taking the initiative made them slack off a bit. I was surprised that they didn't hit as hard as they did (last year)."

Berkeley may have been equally as surprised at the strength of the Gaucho attack. UCSB midfielder Laurie Hill scored the team's other goal in the 57th minute, converting on a 20-yard free kick. The kick came after forward Phronsie Franco was taken down as she tried to get a shot off. The Bears tried to rally late in the game, but Alexis Thompson's uncontested shot from the left side in the final minute bounced off the top post.

"We've gone through very agonizing and painful moments this season," said Bobak, beginning a list of 1991's events which definitely will not make the team highlight film. "From injuries, these lights going out and lightning striking the field (in Florida) where we had to stop, to getting



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The women's soccer team kept its slim playoff hopes alive with Sunday's 2-0 win over Cal-Berkeley, after the game was delayed due to a light failure Saturday night.

bashed by teams on the East Coast and then facing the (U.S. National Team), the best team in the world. But we've been able to never lose sight, and believe in ourselves and keep working hard to not let anything dis-

tract us."

Santa Barbara now finds itself actually alive in the playoff picture. With victories next weekend against #2 Connecticut and #7 Wisconsin in the Santa Barbara

Invitational, Bobak believes the squad can make a good claim for one of the NCAA playoff wild card spots. Excitement is back in the air of UCSB women's soccer, and the Gauchos can finally see the light.

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the Gaels, who effectively shut down from the start the Gaucho offensive attack, which depends primarily on the pass. Unfavorable stormy conditions were something the Gauchos had yet to see this year and, coming in its toughest game of the year, UCSB was left to try to slow St. Mary's run-way freight train.

"You hate to say it, but we might've let the (weather) conditions sneak into the back of our minds," said Gaucho receiver Brian Fleming, who, too, had a sub-par afternoon, catching five balls for just 29 yards. "St. Mary's is a solid defensive team, and we had some drops that should've been completions, but the field was so bad and the wind was pretty strong. Of course, their quarterback (Wood) had a great day, so I guess you could call it our worst game of the year."

The Gaels scored quickly to open the game, as they took a 7-0 lead on a four-play, 49-yard drive which ended with a 13-yard run by fullback Ken Grant at the 7:49 mark of the first quarter.

St. Mary's then moved out to a 14-0 lead on the first of Wood's TD passes, this one a 13-yarder to wideout Abdul Lewis. To that point, Wood had already put together a good day for most QBs, having hit 11 of his first 13 passes for 146 yards.

UCSB responded with its only points of the day midway through the second quarter, as placekicker Ryan Hayes drilled a

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FIRST QUARTER		TEAM STATISTICS		Receiving	
SMC—Grant 13-yard run (Estrella kick)		UCSB	SMC	Gauchos	No. Yds. TD
		15	26	Fleming	5 29 0
		33-122	39-178	Thomas	2 22 0
		88	385	Wallace	1 14 0
		40-11-2	48-29-2	Loew	1 11 0
		8-36.5	3-41.3	Dade	1 6 0
		2-0	2-0	Stewart	1 6 0
		4-40	9-77		
SECOND QUARTER		INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		Gael	
SMC—Lewis 13-yard pass from Wood (Estrella kick)		Rushing	No. Yds. TD	Jackson	No. Yds. TD
UCSB—Hayes 27-yard field goal		Gauchos		Hamm	5 80 0
SMC—Harris 3-yard pass from Wood (Estrella kick)		Bauer	18 73 0	Harris	5 72 1
		Burke	7 57 0	Caniglia	2 46 0
		Franco	3 0 0	Busby	3 22 0
		Barnes	5 (-5) 0	Lewis	1 13 1
				Jones	1 12 0
				Bireb	1 6 0
				Goudeau	1 6 0
THIRD QUARTER		Passing		Gael	
SMC—Busby 5-yard run (Estrella kick)		Gauchos	PA PC PI Yds TD	Wood	PA PC PI Yds TD
		Barnes	26 7 1 61 0	Wood	47 28 2 379 3
		Scott	10 4 1 27 0	Riley	1 1 0 6 0
		Jones	2 45 1		
		Grant	8 32 1		
		Wood	4 2 0		
		Riley	1 (-2) 0		
FOURTH QUARTER					
SMC—Jackson 17-yard pass from Wood (kick failed)					
SMC—Jones 39-yard run (Estrella kick)					

27-yard field goal to cut the lead to 14-3.

Offensively, though, it was all the Gauchos could muster on a day where UCSB could do no right. Its opportunities were few, and Santa Barbara could not take advantage of those they did have. The field goal came after the Gauchos were able to drive to the Gael four-yard line, seemingly on the verge of cutting the lead in half. But the blitzing defense of the Gaels, which hounded Barnes and Franco the entire af-

temoon, got to Barnes for a six-yard sack and forced him to rush his next two throws, both of which fell incomplete and forced Santa Barbara to settle for three.

More surprisingly was the fact that, on a day when the UCSB passing game could never seem to get in gear, the Gauchos did not turn to its vastly improved running game when close to a touchdown. The running of Ross Bauer and Peter Burke was the lone bright spot for a disappointing Gaucho offense,

as the two combined for 130 yards on 25 carries.

Wood then drove the final nail into the UCSB coffin with just five seconds remaining in the first half, hitting Rich Harris for three-yard score and a 21-3 halftime lead. The Gaels then outscored Santa Barbara 20-0 in the second half, getting TD runs of 39 yards from Seamus Busby and five yards from Mike Jones, plus Wood's final scoring strike of the day, 16 yards to Mike Jackson.

SPLIT: Sweep Irvine

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and to be good volleyball players you've got to play good defense."

UCSB actually held the 49ers to a .303 hitting clip and outblocked them as well, 10-8, but it was CSULB's defense that was the story. The Gauchos hit just .070 and Long Beach had 42 digs to Santa Barbara's 16.

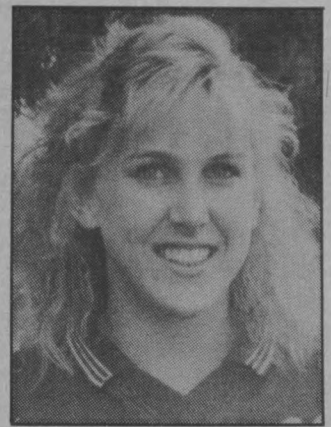
All-American outside hitter Antoinette White led the 49ers with 17 kills at a .444 percentage while sophomore sensation Danielle Scott had 11 kills at a .500 clip. Pitois had 10 kills (.318) and six blocks for the Gauchos.

"I thought (Long Beach) played one of its better matches," Gregory said. "We served aggressively and they passed on position; we hit some great shots and they dug them up. We actually didn't play that badly. To be quite honest, we played pretty well. That just shows you how much better they are."

UCSB's offense clicked against UCI as the Gauchos hit for a .283 percentage. Franca had 11 kills at a .611 clip while Pitois added 11 kills as well.

Van Loon, who wasn't supposed to play at all this weekend in order to rest her injured back, had five kills as well on Saturday.

"We needed Tina because of her ball control and passing," Gregory said. "Tina played very well — she's a good passer and that gives everyone else more confidence."



Julie Pitois
outside hitter

Senior middle blocker Dana Chalais led the Anteaters with eight kills but was held to just a .115 attack percentage. As a team, Irvine hit just .067.

After being competitive solely during the early moments of the first game of the CSULB match, the Gauchos appeared to have bounced back from the first game defeat when they erased a 6-3 Long Beach lead in game two to go out in front 7-6. But after Santa Barbara led 8-7, the 49ers scored nine consecutive points to finish the game. Long Beach jumped out to a 7-1 lead in the third game and then stopped a late Gaucho rally to close out the match.

UCSB now has a full week off before resuming action once again against Cal State Fullerton Saturday at the Events Center. The Gauchos play their next three matches at home.

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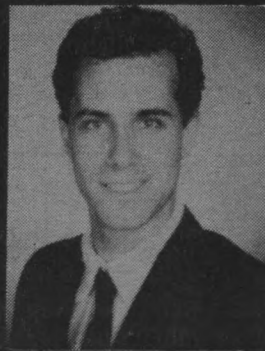
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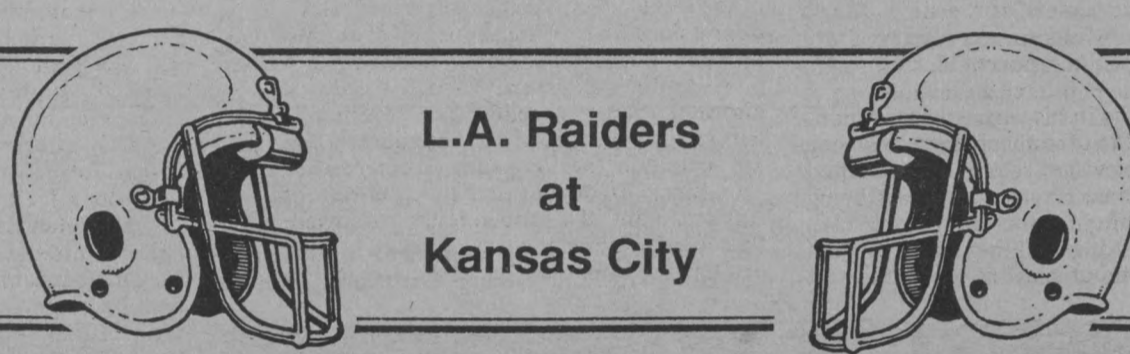
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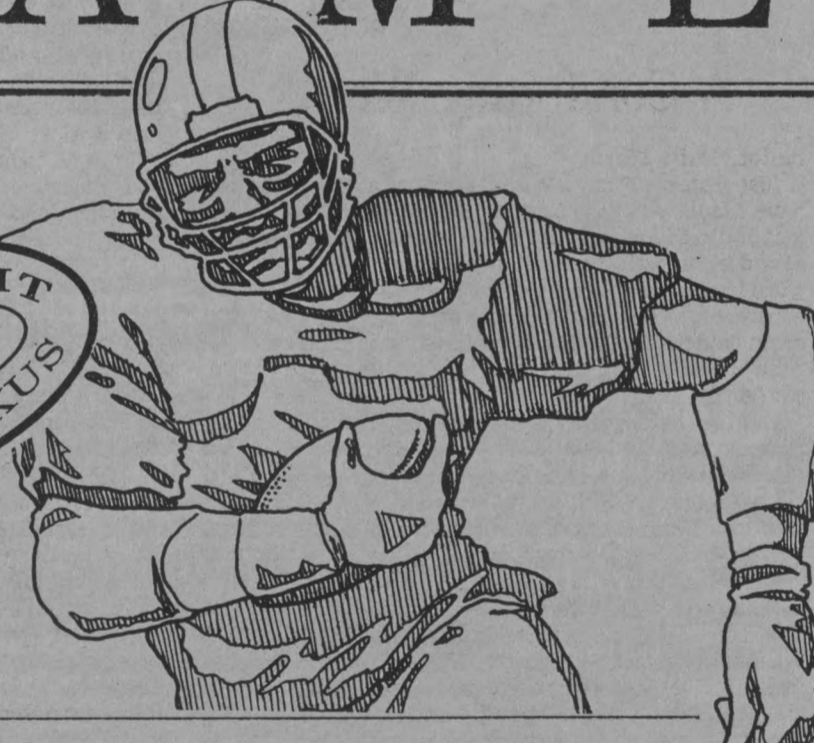
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