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The Latest Line...

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That was the best \$49.95 we've ever spent in our lives. You kind of get the feeling that the heavyweight title fight Saturday night was not only about Tyson vs. Holyfield but also Allah against Jesus Christ.

Question of the Week: Before senior Kristian Berre picked up a hat trick Friday night against Sacramento State, who was the last Gaucho soccer player to score three goals in a game?

As bad as the Lakers are looking right now, they are tied for first place in the Pacific Division with Seattle and are second overall in the West.

UCLA cannot expect its fans to believe that the reason the University fired Head Coach Jim Harrick, who won the national championship only two years ago, was for getting two players a free meal.

Female boxer Christy Martin is one substitute teacher you would have to think twice about messin' with.

If we put 100 bucks down on a 6-1 underdog, we'd be chanting "HOLY-FIELD!" too.

WANTED: Ex-UCLA head coach with experience winning a national championship and three Pac-10 titles to manage and coach a Brian Shawless Gaucho basketball team back to respectability.

After suffering two concussions in the last three weeks, 49ers quarterback Steve Young, age 35, should consult with former Rams quarterback Chris Miller on whether Florida or Arizona would be a good place to retire.

Insult to injury: Not only did the first-place Washington Redskins give up 522 yards passing—the third highest in NFL history—they gave it up to the 3-7 Arizona Cardinals and Boomer Esiason.

Answer: Former UCSB forward Matt Arya picked up a hat trick in 1994.

—Alex Nugent and Brian Berger

Soccer Finishes Home Games With Big Win Over Hornets

■ Berre Scores Hat Trick in Final Game at Harder

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

Finding the high points in the 4-11-2 UCSB men's soccer season has not been easy this year. Other than a win against top-10 Southern Methodist University at midseason, the Gauchos have not had much to brag about.

That all changed Friday night at Harder Stadium when Santa Barbara cruised to a 4-1 Senior's Day victory against Sacramento State behind the performance of senior midfielder Kristian Berre.

Not only were the four goals UCSB's highest scoring output this season, the win was only the team's second since Sept. 27.

"Everyone was just having fun out there," said junior forward Danny Swaim. "At halftime everyone was really upbeat. We realized that we are a good team."

Swaim was responsible for the Gauchos' first goal, but it was Berre, playing in his last game at Harder Stadium, who added the three other Santa Barbara

scores.

"I took my shots a little earlier than I usually do, and that helped," Berre said. "I was lucky too."

"Kristian just played unbelievable," said sophomore forward Aron Wellman. "He was set up awesome a couple of times, and he put on the finishing touches with some great



Kristian Berre

goals."

Credited with three assists, senior Ryan Schomberg played a crucial part in the squad's passing game. After the match, his teammates noted that he was a big part of UCSB's success against Sacramento State.

"Ryan Schomberg created a lot of the goals," Swaim said. "If it wasn't

for some of Ryan's unbelievable [passes], we wouldn't have scored as many goals."

Friday's match started off in an ominous fashion when the Hornets scored a goal on a breakaway just 1:43 into the game. But UCSB Head Coach Mark Arya made some adjustments by switching the Gauchos' fastest man, senior Brian Mackerer, to sweeper to control a quick Sacramento State team.

One of Santa Barbara's problems this season has been its inability to maintain possession of the ball for long enough to set up shots on goal. That was not a problem Friday night, as Santa Barbara outshot its opponent 15-5.

"Not only was Friday night huge for the seniors, but we really had to learn how to win going into next season," Wellman said. "We made it a goal to keep working hard until the end of the season. Hopefully we can end the season with two wins."

The Gauchos will travel north on Friday to face Cal-Poly San Luis Obispo for its last game of the season.

SB Unveils New-Look Squad in Scrimmage

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

More than 500 students, parents and fans showed up at the Thunderdome on Friday for the annual Blue-Gold game when the UCSB men's basketball program tipped off its preseason with an intrasquad scrimmage.

The team played two halves of 20 and 15 minutes with three players from each side switching squads at halftime. For most of the players, it was their first opportunity to wear a Gaucho uniform in front of the public.

This year's Santa Barbara squad will feature three redshirt transfers, three junior college transfers and three high school walk-ons to begin the year—none of whom have ever played at UCSB.

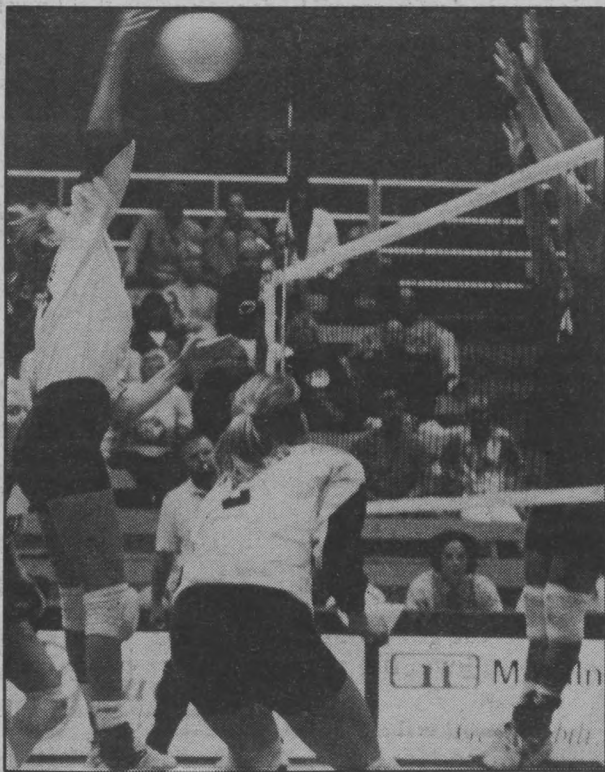
"Everybody was a little nervous and anxious out there," said junior redshirt transfer Raymond Tutt, who led all scorers with 28 points and grabbed eight rebounds. "This game really helped us see where we're at and what we need to work on. My job is to do whatever it takes for the team to win. I can score with the best of them, and that's what I'm going to do."

With the first-game jitters out of the way, the coaching staff will now concentrate on the deficiencies they saw in the game.

"Our execution is poor right now," said UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm, who watched the game from press row. "We had good energy and good enthusiasm, but everything else needs to get better. We were playing better in practices. That's what these [exhibition] games are for."

There were some positive signs for the Gauchos. Three players scored in double digits—besides Tutt, junior center Matt Pinkney had 13 points and eight rebounds, all of his points coming in the second half. Pinkney, who transferred from Salt Lake Com-

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IN FORM: Sophomore Katie Crawford was ready to smash the ball over the net. The Gauchos beat UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton over the weekend.

Other UCSB Weekend Results

Swimming (See story Tuesday)

UCLA d. UCSB 201-94

Nevada d. UCSB 162-129

Water Polo (See story p. 2A)

UOP d. UCSB 13-5

Gauchos Victorious on the Road; Attitude Changes Between Games

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

The #16 UCSB women's volleyball team put on two different masks this weekend when it beat UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton.

On Friday, the Gauchos (19-7 overall, 11-3 in the Big West) played a terrible game but were able to squeak past the lowly Anteaters (6-20, 3-10) 15-8, 11-15, 15-7, 15-13. On Saturday, Santa Barbara came back and regained standard form as it routed the Titans (16-11, 6-8) in a sweep 15-2, 15-2, 15-12.

"The game against Irvine was the most disappointing match of the year," said UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory. "Our fundamentals broke down. But we were able to come back against Fullerton. We played one of the better matches for the year."

Gregory had stated before the trip that UCSB was going to play more people this weekend to in-

crease overall team depth. She accomplished that by using all 12 members of the team over the course of the two games.

However, it was the familiar faces who came to the rescue when the Gauchos were down against Irvine.

Freshman outside hitter Roberta Gehlke led the way with a team-high 17 kills and 13 digs. Sophomore Katie Crawford added 11 kills, and freshman Heather Bown tied a career high with nine blocks.

"We played terrible against Irvine," said freshman setter Vicki Viso. "We weren't communicating. We took it for granted that we were going to win—we were lazy."

Irvine was repeatedly allowed to hang around in four games that Santa Barbara just could not put away. The Anteaters' lone victory came in the second game when they outplayed UCSB to a 15-11 score.

"The Irvine match helped us in that we now know what matters is what

we do on the court, not in practice," Gregory said. "We had good practices all week, but it didn't show in the game."

Luckily for the Gauchos, Irvine was not playing much better. The Anteaters only managed to hit .179 for the match. They were led by sophomore outside hitter Sarah Libecap, who finished with a team-leading 18 kills and 12 digs.

Santa Barbara played much better as a team against Fullerton, when they were able to easily dispose of the Titans in straight games.

Freshman Kathrine Maaseide bounced back from a subpar game against Irvine to register a team-high 11 kills and 17 digs. Crawford hammered out seven kills and nine blocks, and sophomore defensive specialist Michelle Pavicich added eight digs.

However, the most significant outcome of the game against Fullerton

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Sporting Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No Events Scheduled	No Events Scheduled	Women's B-ball vs. Danish National Team 6 p.m. Men's Basketball vs. Son's Blue Angels 8 p.m. Water Polo @ Pepperdine TBA	No Events Scheduled	Men's Soccer @ Cal-Poly SLO 7 p.m.	Men's Basketball vs. German Nationals 7:30 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Cal-Poly SLO 7:30 p.m.	No Events Scheduled

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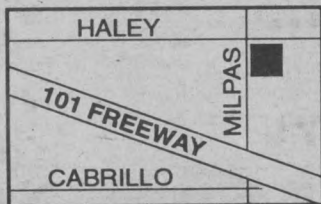
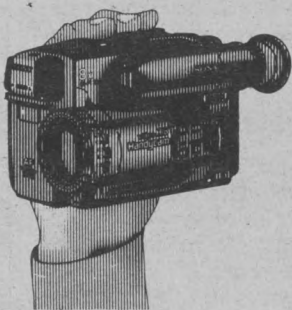


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Losses Continue to Mount for the Santa Barbara Water Polo Team

By Brian Arbour
Staff Writer

The recurring theme of the 1996 UCSB men's water polo season has been the story of the young squad gaining the experience vital to succeed.

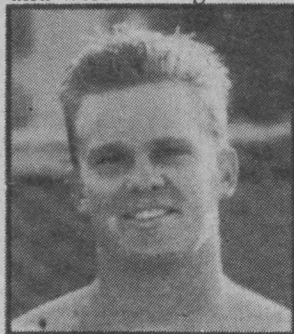
Saturday afternoon, the #14 Gauchos (2-16 overall, 1-6 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) had another opportunity to play the role of spoiler as they faced #6 University of the Pacific in Stockton. The veteran Tigers (10-10, 3-4), however, proved too strong and handed Santa Barbara a convincing 13-5 defeat.

"The biggest thing was probably experience," said UCSB Head Coach Joe O'Brien. "[Pacific] adjusted to situations really quickly. They were really cohesive. They've been playing water polo, whether it be in official games or playground games, together for about four years, and they played like it."

Coming out sluggish and allowing Pacific to take an early 4-0 first-quarter lead also factored

into the Gauchos' defeat. After trailing 7-2 at the end of the second quarter, UCSB was not able to trim the lead in the second half.

Although they held Pacific to just two points in the third period, the Gauchos were not able to find the back of the net and were seven goals be-



Matt Nutcher

hind going into the final period. It was in these final minutes that Santa Barbara came to life, scoring three goals.

"We just came out really slow," said senior driver Brian Roth. "We were just having trouble setting up a good offense first quarter. Nothing was really materializing for us."

When UCSB finally did get its offense moving, it was freshmen Matt

Nutcher and Mark Kramer who led the way with two goals apiece.

The Gaucho defense was not exempt from its own problems as the team's high-pressure style of play didn't affect the Pacific attack. Seniors Ryan Price and Anthony Cullwick each scored two goals to lead the Tigers.

"Our defense is based on working very hard and giving the offense very little time," O'Brien said. "We weren't forcing them to make bad passes and forcing quick shots like when we're at our best. We want to play a defense which forces teams into making rushed decisions and we weren't doing that at times."

O'Brien believes that his youthful squad needs to be better prepared for road games.

"If we're at home, we are all excited to play," he said. "On the road, we're still figuring out how to be emotionally prepared."

Santa Barbara will next be in action on Wednesday, playing an unusual midweek game against Pepperdine University in Malibu.

V-BALL

Continued from p.1A was the emergence of Viso as the starting setter. With Gregory unhappy with junior setter Maile Mortensen, she started Viso

and got a gutsy performance.

"Vicki is now the starter," Gregory said. "She has earned the spot and she'll hold on to that. Maile will come off the bench."

Viso is suffering from a

dislocated rib that causes her breathing problems on the court, but she says she's ready for the challenge of leading UCSB to the postseason.

"I'm not nervous," she

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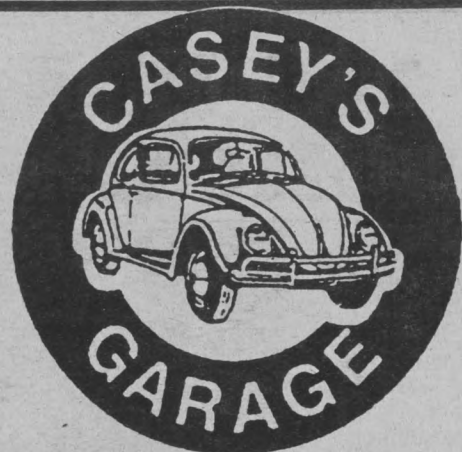
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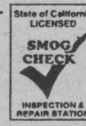
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B-BALL

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munity College in Utah, will be counted on to add much-needed size inside the paint for a Santa Barbara squad that finished dead last in rebounding last year in the Big West Conference.

Redshirt transfer Josh Merrill also added 15 points and 10 rebounds.

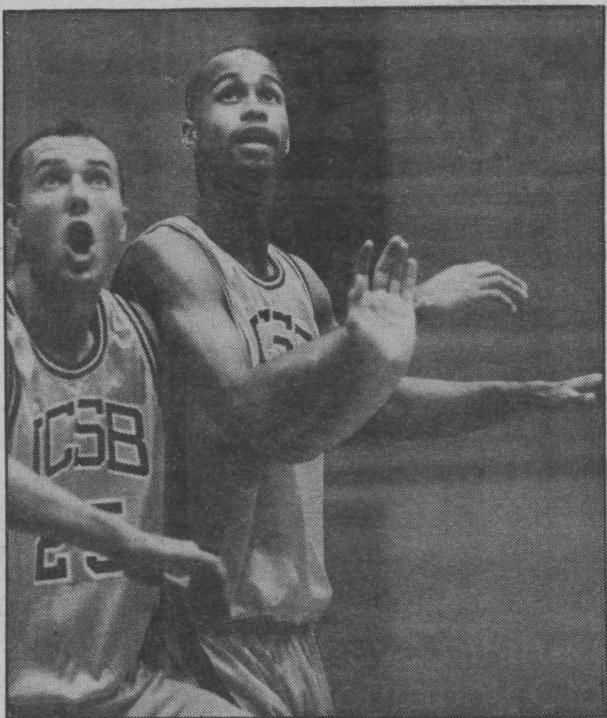
"Tonight, our defense was a little ahead of our offense in terms of aggressiveness," said new Assistant Coach Jon Wheeler. "We can improve in all areas. The biggest thing is to get to know each other more."

UCSB committed a total of 21 turnovers for the game.

"Early in the season, the games are famous for being sloppy," said freshman walk-on guard Josh Skarsgard. "It's because we're working out our new offense and defense."

Skarsgard had an impressive debut, sinking two three-pointers in the first half and finishing with eight points before sitting out the rest of the game.

"My role on this team is to shoot," he said. "The coaches have a great confidence in me to do that."



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OVER HERE: Freshman John Skarsgard (left) and junior Dwayne Williams (right) battle for position. UCSB played its Blue-Gold game on Friday.

The Gauchos played without star forward Kealon Wallace, who is still nursing a broken bone in his left hand. He is expected to be out another three to five weeks.

"When you're short on players, it's hard to play each other," Pimm said. "We had only 12 guys playing for a while."

Men's basketball will face its first opponent this Wednesday when it hosts an exhibition game against the Son's Blue Angels as part of a doubleheader with the women's basketball team. The women will tip off at 6 p.m. against the Danish National Team, while the men will get under way at 8 p.m.

V-BALL

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said. "I know the team believes in me, and I know I can do it. It's kind of exciting right now."

With all the lineup shuffles in recent games, the Gaucho players are getting the message that Gregory

will not be afraid to cut into her starters' playing time.

"By playing everyone, I think it helps us in two ways," said sophomore team captain Erin McCown. "If someone has a tough time, we know we have capable replacements. But also, I think it puts fear in the players

when there's competition. It makes you work harder."

Santa Barbara will close out its road trip tonight when it visits the New Mexico State Roadrunners (6-22, 2-10). It will be the last road game for UCSB until a possible NCAA Tournament trip.

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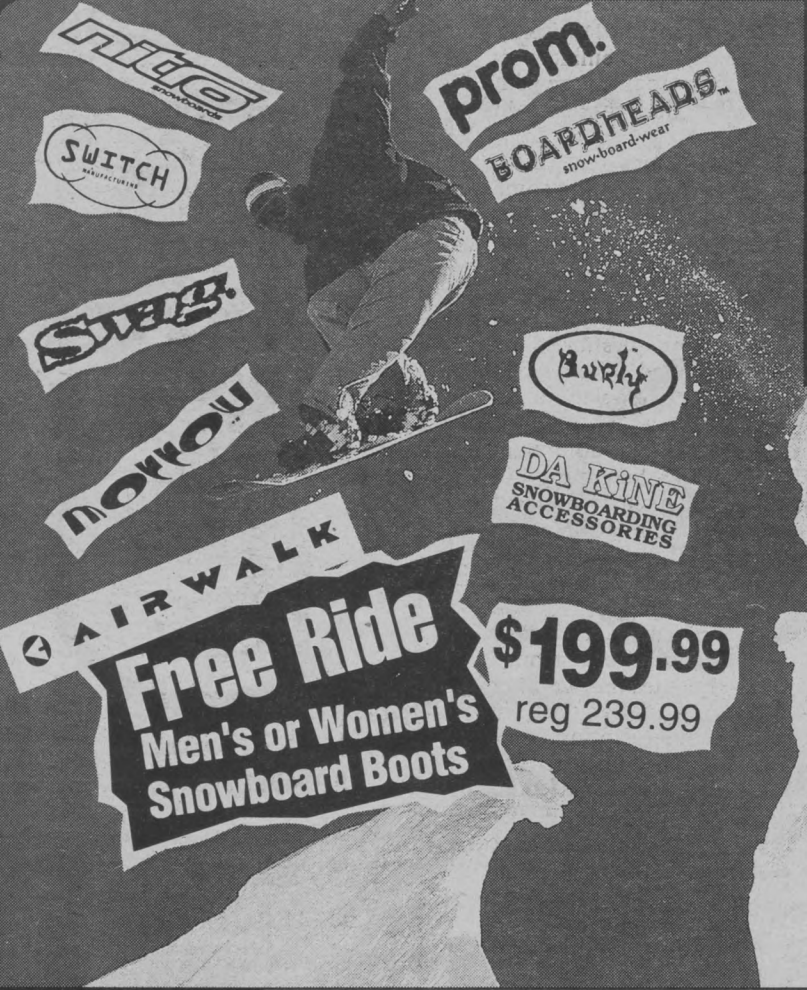
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