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# Miracles Finally Run Out

#### Hartford Too Fast; Women Defeated 4-0

By Brian Banks Staff Writer

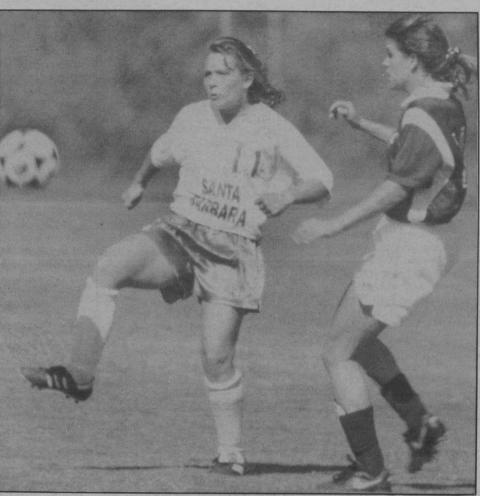
It was a case of matter over mind, of strength over

The persistent legs that carried the UCSB women's soccer team through a turbulent season and into the NCAA playoffs could not match the speed of their opponent's of-fense nor get the ball past its goalkeeper. Ultimately, the story was a familiar one for the Gauchos, who fell to the University of Hartford in the postsea-son's first round, 4-0.

The Saturday afternoon match was a showcase for the Hawks' Kim LeMere, who scored three goals, and Rose Daley, who assisted on two of them. The forwards combined during the regular season to form one of the most effective pairs in the nation, and their quickness gave them an edge against Santa Barbara.

Their effectiveness was not a surprise.

"We talked about (them) during the week," UCSB Head Coach Tad Bobak said. "I told them



JUST FOR KICKS — Lisa Ferragamo and the rest of the UCSB women's soccer team saw their season come to an end in a 4-0 loss to the Univ. of Hartford on Saturday.

that this team has two for-wards that are blazing, and are potent, and are their goal-scorers, and we have to stop them. I kept reminding them that these

two players have to be marked out of the game."

"That's been one of our

problems this season," Bo-bak continued. "We've been coming across teams that have very dangerous forwards and they seem to just skim right through our defense and score goals, despite the fact that the

girls battle it out and work

Another of the Gauchos' problems this season has been a periodic inability to convert on their scoring opportuni-ties. This, also, was seen

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# Spikers Gain Split Against UOP, FSU

By Jonathan Okanes Staff Writer

A star was born last weekend in the UCSB women's volleyball team.
Outside hitter Julie Pi-

tois, who at one time this season had lost her starting job and was virtually out of the Gaucho picture, set a school record with 36 kills against third-ranked University of the Pacific Friday night at the Events Center. But the Tigers still edged Santa Barbara in one of the



Julie Pitois outside hitter

greatest matches in recent memory, 16-14, 10-15, 15-8, 8-15, 16-14 in front of a Homecoming crowd of 1,363 fans.

Pitois didn't let up Saturday night, as the junior had a match-high 25 kills at a .365 percentage and #12 UCSB rebounded for a 9-15, 15-9, 15-13, 15-11 victory over 18th-ranked Fresno State at Robertson Gymnasium. With the win over the Bulldogs, the Gauchos (16-8, 11-5) solidified their spot in fourth place in the Big West standings and in the Northwest Region, and thus now have the upper hand in receiving a bid to host a first-round NCAA playoff

"We've never had anyone play against us as well as Julie Pitois just did," said UOP Head Coach John Dunning, who has coached the Tigers to two national championships.

"She's far and away the player of the match."

Despite the loss to UOP, Pitois was the story for Santa Barbara throughout the weekend. The 36 kills on Friday surpassed the old record of 35 set by Yami Menendez in 1987. To make things more impressive, Pitois hit for a .375 clip in that match.

"I was down for a long time, but I just had to keep in there and not give up," Pitois said. "Nobody gave up on me, and I almost gave up on myself. But I realized that I can't give up—I just had to turn it around and convince myself that I can play this game of volleyball. Once I did that, I just told myself that I can be a limited of hell that I was a limited of self that now I'm going to play the kind of ball that I can

Pitois wasn't the only Gaucho that UCSB got produc-

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#### HOMECOMING BLOWOUT

# Gauchos Air It Out in Last Game Over Some Pomona Club

#### Record-Breaking Day for UCSB in 55-6 Annihilation

Josh Elliott Staff Writer

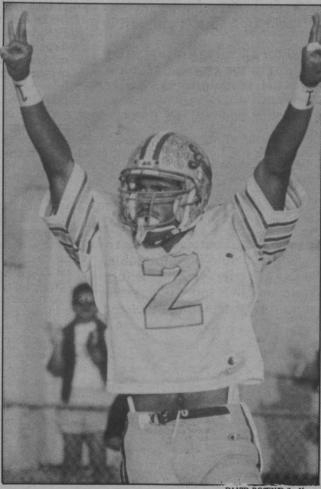
How to sum up the UCSB football team's 55-6 rout of Cal Poly Pomona on Saturday at Harder Stadium, a game that masqueraded as an evenly matched contest until at least the opening kickoff?

Try Amahl Thomas, the star wide receiver who also holds for field goals and extra points, instead switching places with placekicker Ryan Hayes and attempting the last PAT of the day.

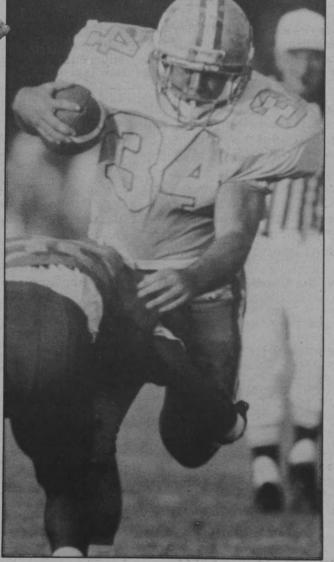
Try quarterback John Barnes, who had already passed for 217 yards and five touchdowns, catching his first pass of the year on a four-yard halfback option pass from running back Ross Bauer and scoring.

Try Barnes again, who, after the Gauchos scored their last touchdown on a spectacular juggling catch by a kneeling Thomas, decided to get a taste of the ac-tion on the other side of the ball, playing on the kickoff

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Seniors Amahl Thomas (above) and Ross Bauer (right) had big days in their final games as Gauchos. Thomas tied a school record with 13 receptions for 173 yards and 3 TDs, while Bauer had a career-best 116 yards rushing on 19 carries in UCSB's 55-6 trouncing of Cal Poly Pomona on Saturday at Harder Stadium.



#### ROSS FRENCH Fans Pile in, File Out, As Broncos Watch Gridders Run up the Score

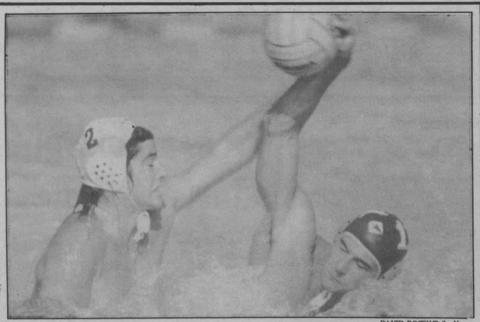
The football game at Harder Stadium on Satur-

day was not your usual UCSB pigskin battle.

To start with, the Gauchos played what could be their last football game ever against a club team. Although Cal Poly Pomona was 18-1 over the last two years and was made out to be a solid team, one look at their mismatched uniforms made one think that perhaps the Pomona High School JV team had gotten on the wrong bus. Cal Poly's imminent destruction seemed inevitable.

But the weird thing was that there was actually a crowd sitting in the stands. Although it was Homecoming, it was still really strange walking into the stadium and actually seeing people there, especially with an \$8 admission price for alumni. Fortunately, we were armed with the carte blanche for

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DAVID ROSEN/Daily Next

The UCSB water polo team defeated Air Force, 8-3, and Loyola Marymount, 20-6, but dropped a close contest to Long Beach State, 8-6, this weekend.

## Poloists Enjoy Weekend Success

By Bryan Sullivan Staff Writer

It was a very successful weekend for the UCSB water polo team, as the Gauchos showed signs of past glory on Sunday, defeating Air Force, 8-3, and Loyola Marymount, 20-6, after losing a close one on Saturday to the sixthranked 49ers of Long Beach State, 8-6. Although Santa Barbara fell to 1-7 in Big West Conference play, the Gauchos raised their overall mark to 11-17.

In Sunday afternoon's affair, the

Gauchos were looking to avenge a loss to Air Force three weeks ago at the Long Beach Tournament — a loss that marked Santa Barbara's only defeat to a non-

California school in team history.
"We were definitely motivated for this game," UCSB Head Coach Pete Snyder said. "We were not too happy with the way the last game went against Air Force."

I think we had something to prove."
What the Gauchos proved is that they are rapidly becoming a respectable water polo team once again. Santa Barbara used tough, aggressive defense throughout the match, holding the Falcons to only three goals and shutting Air Force out in two of the quarters. "We are getting much better defen-sively," Snyder said. "We are beginning to take pride in our defensive play and that makes a big difference."

Sophomore driver Nik Ivanovic led the Gaucho offensive attack, compiling four goals, while junior goalie Scott Tay-lor had a great day in front of the net. Santa Barbara had its biggest offensive

game of the year against hapless Loyola, as Tony Litwak, Sam Allevato and Gunnar Gustafson each recorded hat tricks. Santa Barbara's win was costly, however, as two-meter man James Dent was elbowed in the face by a Lion defender and suffered a broken nose.

Santa Barbara played a very tough game against Long Beach St. on Satur-day, but the size of the 49ers proved to be too much for the Gauchos in the final minutes. Although the Gauchos seemed to be scrambling around and confused on defense at times, UCSB managed to end

the first half tied, 4-4.

The Gauchos fell behind by a goal late in the third period, but Greg Luttrell made a great transition pass to Litwak, who scored to tie the game once again, 5-5. But in the final period, the Gauchos could not get the ball inside the perimeter to their two-meter men, and found themselves taking ill-advised shots.

# Sloppy Debut for Hoopsters

Davis' 23 Points, Muse's 9 Boards Highlight Game

By Josh Elliott Staff Writer

For those who witnessed the annual Blue-Gold men's basketball intrasquad game Friday night at the Thunder-dome, one thing was clear - the Gauchos are not yet ready for Richmond.

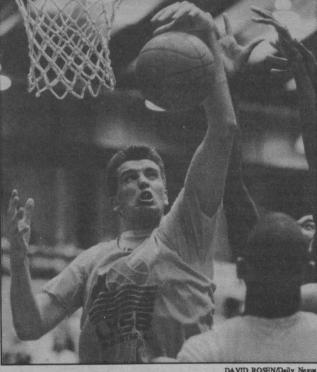
In a turnover and foulmarred game, the Blues rebounded from an early deficit to defeat the Golds, 46-36, led by senior Lucius Davis' 23 points. In a game where individual efforts far outshone the rather sloppy team play, the coaching staff

put the game in perspective.

"I'm generally happy with
the way things went, but
there are definitely a lot of things we can improve on," said Assistant Coach Ben Howland, who coached the Golds along with Assistant Coach Jamie Dixon.

In a game that featured a running clock in the second half, the teams seemed out of sync from the opening tip, as the Blues' 20 turnov-ers and a combined team total of 36 would suggest. The Golds jumped out to an early 10-3 lead on the strength of six points from guard Ray Stewart, but then the pace slowed considerably as the defensive pressure increased.

The Golds scored only seven more points the rest of the half as the Blues took a 23-17 lead into halftime. Junior small forward Mike Meyer was pleased with the team's early showing, and saw it as a learning



Gaucho forward Sam Robson finished the Blue-Gold game with six points on 3-of-8 shooting, on a night when the two squads shot 34 and 37 percent from the field respectively.

experience.
"I'm happy with (the game). I think everyone had a pretty good time," said Meyer, who finished with seven points on 3-of-12 shooting. "None of us are really happy with our offen-sive execution though, especially on the screens. But I think we showed that once we get the five starters out on the court, we're going to be a good team."

Davis overcame a slow start of his own to hit six of 14 shots and 11 of 13 free throws for his 23-point total. And it wasn't just Davis getting fouled Friday, either. The teams combined for a hefty total of 41 fouls, 27 of which were called on the Golds.

The teams looked better on the defensive side of the ball, if only because there were many rebounds to be had. Neither team shot particularly well, as the Blues hit 34 percent of their shots and the Golds hit 37 percent. Freshman Doug Muse took only four shots (hitting two), but made his presence felt with a game-high nine rebounds and four steals.

Stewart, a senior, was the top performer for the Gold squad, scoring 14 points on 4-of-8 shooting from the field and 4-of-6 from the line. His baskets included two great moves down the lane for layups and the only two three-pointers of the

# Swimmers, Divers Fall to Top-10 Competition

By Chris Ballard Reporter

The UCSB men's and women's swimming and diving teams found out this weekend that when it rains, it defi-

Facing two top-10 schools over the weekend in preseason matches, the Gaucho squads were handed emphatic losses in dual meets at Stanford on Friday and at Cal-Berkeley Saturday morning.

The UCSB squads, which have now swam three consecutive meets against top-10 teams, are learning the ropes fast, but even so had some impressive individual performances over the weekend.

"What we experienced this weekend will make us better teams and help us prepare for our conference match with UNLV in January," UCSB men's and women's swimming Head Coach Gregg Wilson said. "We caught the #1 and #8 teams in the country rested, it's tough not

The men's team came out sluggishly against Stanford, losing 155.5-81.5, with Gaucho senior Victor Wales tak-

ing the only first place, in the 100 breast (58.54).

"We didn't do as well as we could have," junior swimmer Glenn Peoples said of the meet. "We were a few strokes off the whole meet and it was a bad time for that to happen."

The men swam better against Berkeley, but were still beaten 182-95. Wales placed second in the 100 breast with a time of 58.23, actually better than his first-place time the day before at Stanford. Peoples also swam well, placing first in the 400 IM (3:58.91).

The women also had a rough weekend, losing to Stanford, 162-88, and to Berkeley, 81-32. Team captain Tabitha Bonney placed first in the 1,000 free Friday and first in the 500 free (5:02.37) Saturday to provide a bright spot for what Wilson termed a "tired" team.

Although the diving teams were outmatched, Pat Kaufmann placed first in the one-meter diving event in the men's meet against Cal and Erin Evans picked up a third place in each of the women's meets over the weekend in the three-meter and one-meter diving

### NCAAs: 1st-Round Loss Ends Turbulent Season

Continued from p.1A against Hartford, as UCSB (12-7-0) dominated the first 30 minutes of game but came away with just a lead in the shots-on-goal

category.
Santa Barbara also had five corner kicks in the first half, compared to just one for Hartford (14-6-0). But the Gauchos could not convert, and they finally saw their advantage diminish in the latter part of the first

"When we finally clicked (this season), we played our game very well, but we have a really hard time finding the back of the net," Bobak explained. "Had we scored

on those chances that we had at the beginning, they would have been in the hole, not us."

The hole began in the 27th minute, when LeMere took a pass from Daley and punched it in from the baseline. Two minutes later, Le-Mere stole a UCSB back pass and scored from 15 vards out. The 2-0 lead gave the Hawks momentum going into halftime, with UCSB trying to regroup in the locker room.

But Hartford probably sealed the victory in the opening seconds in the second half, when LeMere completed the hat trick with a shot from the top of the

box that went into the right side of the net.

"It seemed like when we went out for the second half, we were ready," UCSB de-fender Julie Harris said. "We were really pumped up and ready to come back and then (they scored). It was a scary thing to see them score that quickly."
With the Sa

attack slowing down, the Hawks continued to apply pressure. In the 55th minute, midfielder Tammy Thompson scored the game's final goal after punching the ball in on a scramble in front of the net.

"They kept pressuring us the and we just couldn't pull it do.

together," UCSB midfielder Laurie Hill said. "It's 3-0 and then they score another one, so it's 4-0. We never gave up, but at that point, things weren't going well."

"We had our moments where we would put some really good stuff together," Harris said. "In the second half, they were scoring and they were just really up. If you score three goals, your team is just going to be so pumped, and they were. They were coming at us full force.'

And there was little the Gauchos' legs, catalysts of a few minor miracles during the regular season, could

#### SPLIT: Ladies Take #3 Pacific to Limit in Defeat

Continued from p.1A tion from on Friday. Junior Kristie Ryan had 21 kills (.291) and 16 digs, while middle blocker Ana Elisa Franca had 19 kills (.295) and seven blocks. Junior outside hitter Vicki Simonis had a career-high 25 kills for Pacific while senior middle blocker Sharon Kasser, the daughter of John Kasser, the UCSB athletic director, had a career-high 12 blocks. The match took three hours to complete.

"Julie had all those kills over one of the best blocking teams in the nation," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "I knew all

along that she had it in her. The effort was unbelievable. It was the most unbelievable match I've ever seen — the way the pendulum swung back and forth."

UCSB and UOP were tied at 14 in game one when the Tigers benefited from a controversial net call against the Gauchos, opening the door for Pacific's first-game victory. Santa Barbara trailed 14-10 in game five before coming back to tie the score at 14, behind solid serving by freshman Nina Withrington. However, the Tigers then scored the final two points to close out the

The Gauchos had less than 24 hours to put the Pacific loss behind them and take on Fresno St., and it showed in game one on Saout extremely flat, and the Bulldogs took full advantage for an easy first-game win. However, UCSB was able to turn things around after that, as Pitois and Franca led a solid Gaucho attack. Franca added 14 kills at a .321 percentage.

"This is an important win because we don't want to have to go up to Fresno to play in the playoffs," Gre-

gory said. "Right now we have a pretty good chance to finish ahead of them. We know that we might have to play them in the playoffs. It's very hard for a team to turday. Santa Barbara came come back after playing maybe one of your best performances ever and play another team that is ready to play. So I think it showed that what we have is really good chemistry and good competitiveness."

> Fresno freshman Paola Paz-Soldan, who entered the match second in the nation in kill average (5.84 kpg), was held to 20 kills at a .218 percentage.

#### POMONA

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Or try Thomas, standing on the field before the game while three skydivers descended upon the field as part of the Homecoming Day festivities, shedding a tear as his, and possibly the program's, career wound to a close.

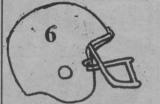
It was a banner occasion Saturday for most Gauchos, as the team had a field day before the 4,820 fans who saw the final game in this most memorable season of UCSB football, something that might not last the winter unless students pass a lock-in referendum that will give the team the funding necessary to move to the Division I level.

Thomas chose quite a day to have perhaps the greatest game of his career, catching a school record-tying 13 passes for 173 yards and three TDs. After a season that saw him set a school record for catches-in-aseason with 68, after a career in which he could never seem to escape the shadow of a Johnny Ace or a Brian Fleming, it finally hit Thomas that his time is done.

"This game was a special one — especially for Ross (Bauer) and Brian (Fleming) and I," said Thomas, who indicated that he is dedicating this season to his uncle J.W. "We've all been there from the beginning, together — it was really emotional, especially during the parachutes before the game. There were tears

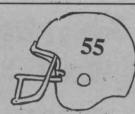
coming to my eyes."

Head Coach Rick Candaele had plenty of reasons



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UCSB—Burke 19 run (Hayes kick)	Net Yd. Pa	ssing	293	110	Bauer	2		9	
UCSB-Fleming 31 pass from Barnes	Total Yards		480	211	Barnes	1		4	1
(Hayes kick)	Punts-Avera	ge	1-41.0	7-33.1	Burke	1		1	
	Fumbles-Lo	st	2-1	1-1					
SECOND QUARTER	Penalties-Yo	is.	7-83	7-60	Broncos	N	0.	Yds	. TD
					Perez	2		49	
UCSB—Thomas 14 pass from Barnes					Kusleika	2		6	
(Hayes kick)	INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS			Newville	1		21		
UCSB—Burke 1 pass from Barnes (Hayes	Rushing				Ray	1		18	
kick)	Gauchos	No.	Yds.		Grove	1		11	
	Bauer	19	116		Anderson	1		5	
	Burke	8	50						
THIRD QUARTER	Shaheen	1	13						
UCSB—Thomas 9 pass from Barnes	Dunagan	1	3						
(Hayes kick)	Franco	2	3		Passing				
UCSB—Barnes 4 pass from Bauer (Hayes	Spinello	1	2		Gauchos	PA	PC	PI	Yds TD
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to cry himself Saturday, and not just over the loss of Thomas. Also playing for the last time as a Gaucho was slotback Fleming, who caught seven passes for 99 yards and two TDs. He, too, finished the year with 68 catches, tying him with Thomas and breaking his own record of 62 receptions, set last year. There is no better way to have the two stars' careers end, according to Thomas.

CPP—Harpin 2 run (pass failed) UCSB—Thomas 24 pass from McNeil (kick blocked)

"It's just the way it should turn out," Thomas said of the friendly rivalry he shares with Fleming. "It shouldn't be any other way." Ironically, it was Fleming's single-game record that Thomas tied with his 13

Bauer also enjoyed the finest day of his UCSB career, rushing for 116 yards on 19 carries to go with his TD pass. It was the first time the senior had eclipsed the century mark, but the fate of the program was more on his mind after the Bronco

"After this season and our record (6-3), it should tell the students that we can be good," he said. "The situa-

tion is just so unfortunate. especially since this is the greatest place to play football. As for my career, I feel good about it. Personally, I feel very fortunate and thankful."

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"Those guys (Fleming, Thomas, and Bauer) have all been phenomenal," said a worn, but happy, Can-daele after the game. "Seeing Brian and Amahl compete this year has been tremendous. I've liked them, I've liked this team — for me, I can't think of a better way to end the year."

#### FRENCH

Continued from p.1A Gaucho athletic events, our reg cards.

We took our seats near the 15-yard line just at the opening kickoff. They were great seats except for the fact that the ball never came to our end. The Gauchos kept the ball on the other end for most of the quarter, leaping to a 21-0 lead.

Due to the supreme lack of action at our end, the crowd got restless. A few of them looked around pensively, then stood up and quickly sat back down. It was coming. It was unavoidable. It was the Wave.

Now, when the Wave originated back in the early '80s, it was pretty cool to watch. But watching it struggle to get past the 50-yard line was far from drill. impressive. It was embarrassing.

After several fizzled attempts and two or three promises from the instigators that "this is really the last time," the Wave mercifully went away. Attention returned to the game.

With the first quarter over, the Gauchos had moved to our side of the field and began flying to the end zone. Hook pattern to Thomas. Hook pattern to Fleming. Quick pass to Bauer. More often than not, the Pomona secondary was left grasping at the vapor trails left by the Gaucho re-ceivers. 35-0 at the half.

During the intermission, the UCSB ultimate Frisbee teams, The Burning Skirts and Black Tide, put on an exhibition. The only problem was that the majority of the people in the stands

hadn't the foggiest idea of what was going on. I'm sure many a fan went home that day thinking "They play frisbee during halftime! Isn't that cute.'

But by then the crowd had substantially dwindled. It was getting cold and dark, the alcohol consumed during the pre-game festivities had begun to wear off, and the USC and Notre Dame games were still on. They had had enough.

But the Gaucho coaching staff had not had enough. Fearing a comeback from the viciously potent Pomona offense, Head Coach Rick Candale went to a University of Houston "Pad the Stats and Rewrite the Re-cordbook" style offense. Rather than running down the clock, they ran up the score, throwing the ball like they were in a two-minute

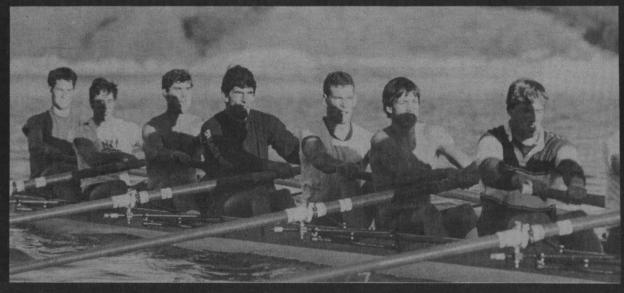
But the real indignity came late in the third quarter, when Ross Bauer threw a halfback option pass for a touchdown. The decision did pay off later, however, as Pomona did manage to score a touchdown midway through the fourth quarter to bring them back within

When the final gun sounded, the crowd made their way out of the stadium, past the scoreboard showing the 55-6 tally. As we left the stadium and I reviewed the game in my mind, I was struck by something that a woman had said during the ultimate exhibition.

"It's interesting," she had said. "But it's the most pointless game I've ever

The same can be said for the football game.

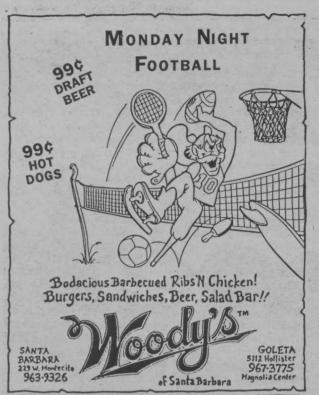
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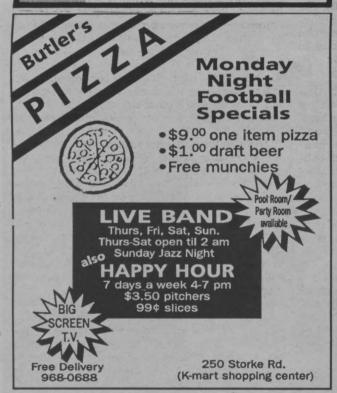


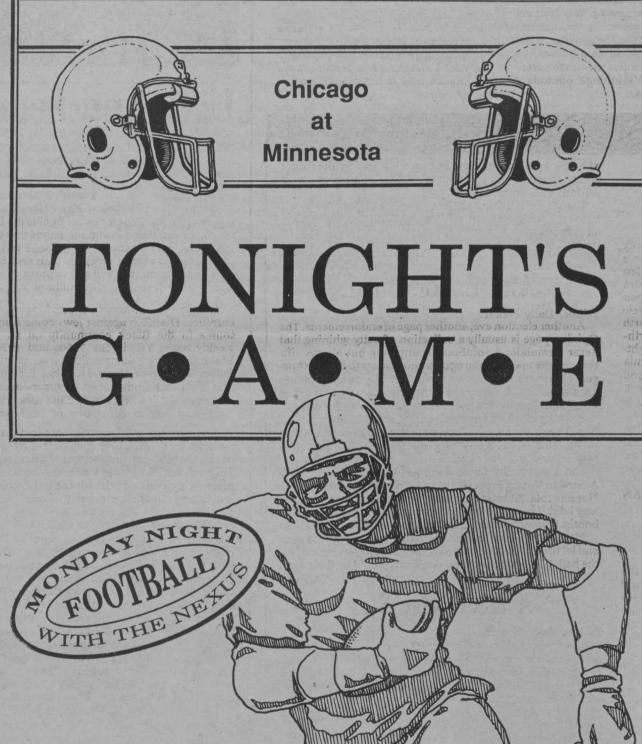




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