

SPORTS TUESDAY

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UCSB Loses in Final Minutes to Wolf Pack, 65-61, on Road

■ Flick Hits Three Treys in Last 6:40 in Conference Defeat

By Michael Cadilli
Staff Writer

Senior forward Mark Flick sank three three-point baskets in the last 6:40 against the University of Nevada, Reno, but it wasn't enough as the UCSB men's basketball squad fell 65-61 to the Wolf Pack Saturday on the road.

In the final 4:42, the Gauchos (11-12 overall, 8-7 in the Big West) made only one field goal as UNR (15-9, 8-6) went on a 9-0 run to go ahead 60-53 late in the game to seal the much-needed conference victory in front of 6,389 at the Lawlor Events Center.

"We made some mistakes, there's no question about it. When you make mistakes at that point of the game it's going to cost you," said UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm in a radio interview.

The game wasn't decided until the final minute, though, when Reno guard Brian Green missed a free throw with 10 seconds left but collected his own rebound to seal the contest and deny Santa Barbara a final chance to tie the match.

"To be totally frank, what happened was he choked the second free throw ... and he realized that and charged the center lane right away and got the rebound," said Gaucho Sports Information Director Bill Mahoney. "I'm not sure there was anything [the Gauchos] could do about that. That wasn't a matter of being out-rebounded, that was a matter of Green knowing that he missed the free throw so badly that he was able to jump into the lane and recover the ball quick enough."

The Gauchos have now dropped four of their last six games, but did have a chance to win down the stretch as senior guard Phillip Turner drained two free throws to make the score 63-61 in favor of the Pack. However, Santa Barbara didn't

take advantage of its chances in the last few minutes of the game.

"We had some things going our way and there's no question we had a chance to win the game if we would have executed. We did not execute down to the wire and a lot of the times I like to give the defense credit, but tonight I can't do that," Pimm added.

"There's no question that we had a couple of good looks, but some of those, Lelan [McDougal] looked like he was trying to get off too quickly. I think a couple of those threes we forced a little bit and Mark didn't get his feet set on a couple of his earlier ones," he said.

UCSB shot only .388 from the floor on the night and 7-21 from three-point land, while Nevada was a little more proficient with its .434 shooting on the night.

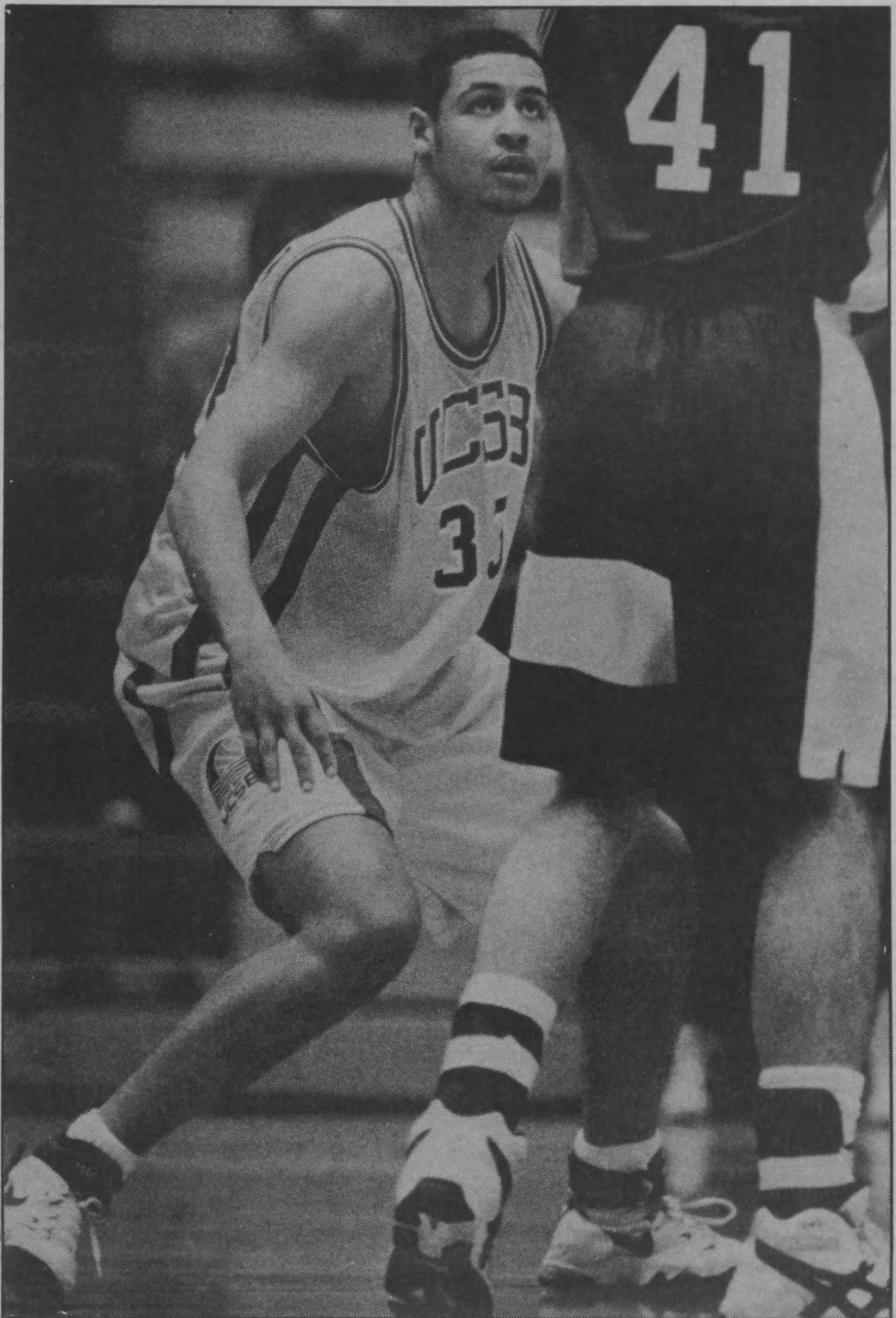
Gaucha sophomore forward Kealon Wallace led all scorers with 22 points, which augmented with his seven rebounds gave Wolf Pack interior players a hard time.

"We did put pressure on [Daniel] Watts and [Dallas] Spears inside, they did get in foul trouble, we did have the one-and-one situation in the last 11½ minutes of the game," Pimm explained. "We had a lot of things going our way because we did execute well, we did get the ball inside and we did cause them problems, but we didn't take advantage at the end of the game."

Senior guard McDougal threw in 15 points and five rebounds, while Flick had 13 points and seven rebounds of his own. And what's more, UCSB out-rebounded UNR 36-33 and sank 16 of 19 free throws in the game.

Another positive thing for the Gauchos is that they will play their final three games at home and need to win only one

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NEVADA 'D': UCSB lost 65-61 to the University of Nevada, Reno, on Saturday in the final few minutes, making only one field goal in the final 5:45 of play.

Women Take First Place Gaucho Hoopsters Win Two vs. SJSU, Hawai'i

By Deborah Raffi
Staff Writer

For the UCSB women's basketball team, Sunday afternoon's matchup with San Jose State gave way to two extreme emotions — tremendous joy on the one hand, and sadness on the other.

After obliterating the Spartans (7-15 overall, 2-11 in the Big West) 76-42 at the Thunderdome, the Gauchos (19-5, 14-1) rejoiced, knowing that they have finally secured the top spot in Big West conference standings using its eight-game winning streak.

After defeating the University of Hawai'i, 57-49, last Friday at home, UCSB was only half a game from becoming the conference's sole possessor of first place. But Hawai'i's bitter loss to Long Beach State Sunday afternoon placed the Gauchos in the lead.

But there was also a great deal of emotion at the ECen as the six seniors of the Big West's top squad gave their final farewell.

Seniors Dio Aguinado, Lauren Goldstine, Kristine Grazzini, Amy Hughlett and Kellie Cook bid the Thunderdome a last

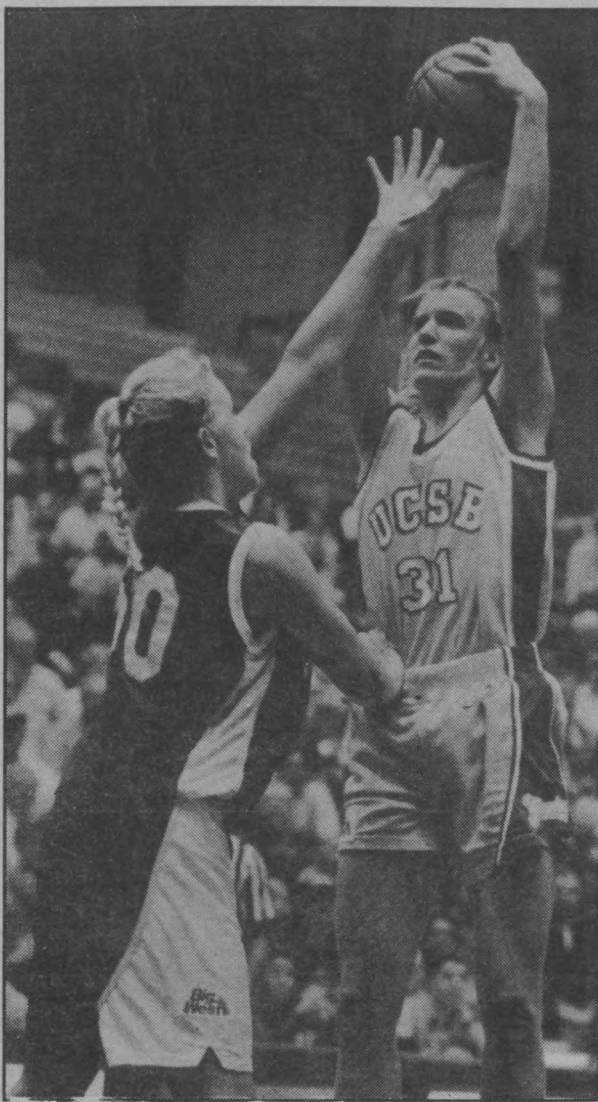
goodbye before taking to the road later this week for the last three conference matches and the tournament in March in Reno, Nev.

The Gaucho squad started off slow against the Spartans, who took a quick 6-0 lead before Goldstine put the team on the scoreboard with a jumper from the baseline. Seven minutes into the game, UCSB took its first lead when freshman Sheila Frial nailed a three-pointer to put Santa Barbara ahead 11-10. From then on, the Gauchos continued to increase the point margin for good.

Frial led the team with 11 points, ahead of both Scardino and freshman guard Michelle Duckworth, who each tallied 10 points. Frial, Duckworth and the other younger members of the squad played a significant amount time on the court and proved that next year's squad has much potential.

"Going into the game [on Sunday], we wanted to celebrate the seniors. But at halftime, we decided that the seniors played hard so that the freshman could get some time as well," Grazzini said.

Friday, Hawai'i (18-4,



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FIRST PLACE: The Gauchos beat first-place Hawai'i 57-49 to take the top spot in the Big West.

12-3) stepped into the Thunderdome in hopes of adding another loss to UCSB's conference record. The two teams

battled for domination, but stayed within a few points of one another

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SB Baseball Squad Takes 2 Against Broncos Up North With Help of Willis' Play

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

SANTA CLARA — Going into its weekend series at Santa Clara University, the UCSB baseball team had one goal: to win two of three games.

With an All-American effort from Gaucho junior catcher/designated hitter David Willis, who went 9-12 on the weekend, including a 5-5 performance with three doubles on Sunday, the Gauchos (9-2 overall) reached their goal by beating the Broncos (4-7 overall) 4-3 on Friday, losing Saturday, 6-2, and bouncing back in the series finale on Sunday to win, 9-6.

"I think the weekend went very well. We went in and played our game and got what we wanted — two of three," Willis commented. "I was feeling pretty good this weekend. The loss on Saturday was upsetting so I was really focused for Sunday's game. I was seeing the ball really well, which made hitting easy."

Santa Barbara Head Coach Bob Brontsema was especially appreciative of Willis' effort on Sunday.

"He had a great weekend, or a great day, or even a great year is basically what it was. That was great to see because we had more of our defensive lineup in and we were hoping someone would step up, and David did it."

The Gauchos came out tough in Friday's narrow 10th-inning victory. Santa Barbara slowly moved out to a 3-1 lead halfway through the ninth inning after a sacrifice fly from senior infielder Shad Knighton in the second and solo blasts from senior center fielder Wynter Phoenix in the fourth and Willis in the ninth.

It may have seemed like it would be smooth sailing from there, but the Broncos fought back in the second half of the ninth. After pitching strongly for 8½ innings, sophomore Seth Bean started slowing down, so the Gauchos then brought in junior left-hander Steve Cain, who allowed the tying run. Junior John Minton (2-0) then came in to clean up and got the Gauchos out of the inning to notch the win.

Santa Clara wasted no time in the 10th, earning a

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Gauchos Get Back in Winning Shape

By Michael Cadilli
Staff Writer

"It's good to get back on the winning track, that's the bottom line."

Senior setter Todd Rogers was referring to the #3 UCSB men's volleyball team's three-game sweep over San Diego State on Saturday that put the Gauchos (5-3 overall, 5-2 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) back in the win column after dropping two straight matches to #1 University of Hawai'i and #6 Cal State Northridge.

Santa Barbara came out smoking in game one with a somewhat different lineup to pound the Aztecs, 15-3, 15-9, 15-8, in front of 412 fans at Rob Gym.

"I think we proved we are a good team tonight. We've had two games in a row where we haven't shown that — tonight we did," said sophomore outside hitter Jeremy Darner. "This is what we should have been doing all season, it shouldn't have come as a surprise to anyone."

UCSB came out fast in game one by blocking several SDSU (3-6, 2-4) hitting attempts to get out to a quick 6-1 lead. Darner crushed a cross-court service ace and junior outside

hitter Amaury Velasco roofed San Diego State to end the first game in just 15 minutes — a time that set the tone of the rest of the match.

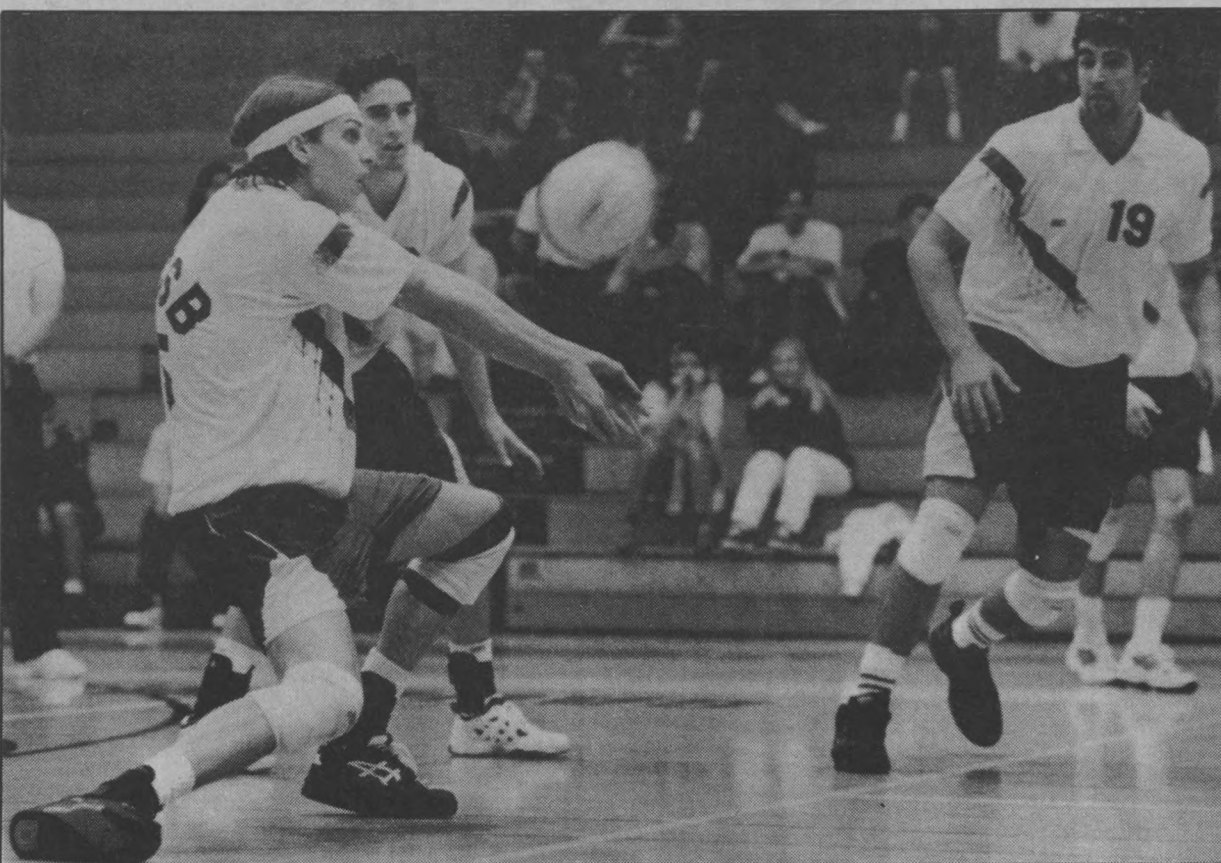
On one hand, the Gauchos owned the net, amassing 33 blocks and giving the Aztec hitters troubles — only hitting .101 with 28 errors.

On the other hand, Santa Barbara hit at .381 with only 12 errors on the night, while SDSU was no threat at the net with only two blocks.

"I thought we blocked a lot better, obviously. I don't know if it's the result of the people we had on the floor or it was the result of San Diego hitting," said UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston. "I think our ball control's pretty good with that team. I thought we passed real well tonight and that opens up a lot of options for us."

Preston decided to mix things up by giving junior outside hitters Donny Harris and Jason Crone as well as senior outside hitter Morgan Chapman the night off in lieu of senior outside hitters Doug Hughes and Brant Chillingworth, and Darner.

The strategy paid off as Hughes led the UCSB attack with 12 kills at a .625 clip, while Darner had 10 kills of his own. Chilling-



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AZTEC KILLER: Senior Doug Hughes (left) got the start against San Diego State on Saturday at Rob Gym and led the Gauchos with 12 kills at a .625 hitting percentage and seven blocks in their three-game victory.

worth was third on the team with his seven kills, but had only one error for a .667 hitting percentage.

"One of the aims was to see what other guys could do. We know what the guys that had been on the floor could do," Preston added. "We also knew how they've responded in the first game of a match. Somehow they weren't getting the job done in the first game of a match. I couldn't put a finger on it so I wanted to put some

new blood in the lineup."

Hughes seemed appreciative of getting the opportunity to show what he can do on the court.

"I just wanted to try and prove something out there because it's not that often that I'm getting the start with such a deep squad," he said. "The crowd was great, all my friends were out here cheering for me. I feel like I owe it to them and to our team [to play

well]."

"We practiced all week with this lineup and it was working good in practice. San Diego State's not necessarily one of the toughest teams, so we figured why not stick with it," he explained. "It was working good and everybody was having fun, which is something we were missing in the games against Hawai'i and Northridge."

The victory puts the

Gauchos back in the winning habit and should boost their confidence heading to Los Angeles tonight to take on a winless Loyola Marymount University squad in a 7:00 start.

"A win's always a good, positive move, but we'll see how we play against a very hungry Loyola team on the road," Preston said. "They're 0-7 and have lost four five-game matches — they're very hungry."



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OFFENSIVE: The Santa Barbara softball squad broke out with 20 hits in a doubleheader on the road to get past the Broncos twice, 4-2 and 5-3, as senior Stacy Atwood played well both on the mound and at the plate.

UCSB Softball Squad Sweeps Santa Clara in Road Trip on Sunday

By Alex Nugent
Staff Writer

Finally coming out of a recent offensive slump, the UCSB softball team was able to put some hits together and score some runs as they defeated Santa Clara University in a grueling 6½-hour doubleheader Sunday on the road.

The Gauchos (3-5 overall), behind solid pitching and a great weekend from senior Stacey Atwood at the plate and on the mound, were able to take both games from the Broncos (3-10) in extra innings, 5-3 and 4-2.

"We hit the ball very well. They're starting to get a little more confidence at the plate," said UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly. "I think our hitting is coming around and hopefully we can keep it up for Fullerton."

Although Santa Barbara committed four errors in game one, the Gauchos still came out victorious, scoring two runs in the top of the ninth inning to win, 5-3. UCSB had its highest run output of the season, putting five runs on the board off seven hits. Junior shortstop Alysia Hendricks hit her first home run of the season.

"We had more errors than we wanted to, so we have to cut down on that. We are not going to be able to make those mistakes in our upcoming games," Kelly added.

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8th Annual Santa Barbara Shootout Results

Final Standings From February 17-18

First Division

1. Pacific Sports (5-0)
2. UC Berkeley (4-1)
3. UCSB (2-2-1)
4. Stanford (2-3)
5. UC Davis (2-1-2)
6. Colorado (2-3)
7. Aggie Alumni (1-3-1)
8. Tri Check Uvas (0-5)

Second Division

1. UCLA (4-1)
2. SB Current (4-1)
3. UC San Diego (2-2-1)
4. Arizona (3-2)
5. Northwest (3-1-1)
6. Whittier (2-3)
7. St. Mary's (1-4)
8. Occidental (0-5)

Third Division

1. Westmont (5-0)
2. Claremont (4-1)
3. Pacific (3-2)
4. U. of San Diego (2-3)
5. Chico State (3-2)
6. Humboldt St. (1-4)
7. UC Santa Cruz (1-4)
8. Santa Clara (1-4)

Fourth Division

1. UCSB "B" (5-0)
2. Cal Poly SLO (3-2)
3. USC (3-2)
4. Loyola Marymount (2-3)
5. Arizona "B" (3-1-1)
6. UC Davis "B" (1-3-1)
7. UCLA "B" (1-4)
8. Pepperdine (1-4)

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of them to make the Big West Tournament in March.

"Playing in the Thunderdome is a positive thing for us because that's where we practice. You're still trying to execute whether you're here in Reno or back in Santa Barbara," Pimm said.

WILLIS

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quick two outs, but Santa Barbara wasn't out of the inning yet. After walking to first base, senior outfielder Ryan Kritscher stole second to put him in scoring position. In a clutch play, freshman right fielder Collin Weitzman roped the single to the outfield that scored the winning run for the Gauchos.

Saturday was a different story, however. After five scoreless innings, UCSB went up by one when Willis hit a single to right field that brought in junior infielder Brooks Morris, who had doubled earlier in the inning.

After the Broncos retired the side, they let loose as Brent Bianchini's pinch-hit double set the stage for a four-run scoring spree. The Gauchos attempted a comeback in the seventh when Kritscher doubled and scored off of a sacrifice fly from Morris.

It appeared that the gap had narrowed even more as junior outfielder Brett Hardy followed with an

Men's Conference Standings

1. Long Beach St.	10-5
2. UC Irvine	9-4
3. Nevada	8-6
4. UCSB	8-7
5. Utah St.	7-7
6. Pacific	7-7
7. San Jose St.	6-8

apparent double that sent Kritscher home, but it wasn't to be. Santa Clara successfully argued that Hardy had missed first base, and that instead retired the side.

SCU wrapped the game up with two runs the following inning, and Santa Barbara junior right-hander Jorvic Salazar (0-1) took the loss after striking out four and walking one in 5½ innings.

"I think we might have been a little overconfident going into the game," Willis said. "But Coach talked to us after the game and got us ready for Sunday."

Both teams came out hard on Sunday, and with UCSB up by three runs in the fifth inning, the Gauchos ran into some pitching trouble. Junior right-hander Bryan Noyes gave up three runs in the inning, allowing the Broncos to tie the score at 6-6. Santa Barbara brought in Clint Pearson, and the junior right-hander stepped onto the cold, rainy field and allowed only two hits and struck out three, while the Gaucho offense took control to earn Pearson

(1-0) the win.

Willis broke the tie in the seventh inning with an RBI double and later scored off a single by Phoenix. At the last half of the inning, Minton came in and struck out two to earn his second save of the season.

"I am very satisfied with the weekend. The pitching has been amazing all year and everyone continued to step up this weekend," Pearson explained. "I am happy with my performance. I've always had trouble pitching in the rain, but I just kept my focus and didn't think about the weather."

"It was really important that we won [on Sunday]," Pearson added. "It is really easy to let it go after a tough loss, but we really picked it up."

"You're not going to play 55 games all great," Brontsema explained. "The big key was how we were going to come out and play and perform [Sunday], and I thought we did a good job coming out ready to play. Now, we weren't perfect, but we did a lot of good things."

high seven strikeouts and gave up only three walks.

In the second half of the doubleheader, the Gauchos took it to the limit one more time — to the top of the 11th inning to win 4-2. UCSB tallied a season-high 13 hits as nine different players had at least one hit. Seniors Michelle Ray and Atwood and juniors Johnna Mike and Kacie Ontiveros all had two-hit performances in the game.

Junior Kacie Ontiveros pitched a strong 8½ innings, giving up only two earned runs before junior

hurler Megan O'Brien came in to pitch the final 2½ innings. O'Brien, who got the win to improve to 1-1, did not give up a hit and had five strikeouts.

Atwood finished her strong weekend performance at the plate by cranking out five hits — a double, a home run and three RBI — including the go-ahead run.

"[Atwood] got her first win of the season and hopefully she can go on from there," Kelly said.

and gave the Gauchos the lead for the last two minutes of the match.

"It was a great defensive battle," UCSB Assistant Coach Cori Close said. "We did not play an offensive game but didn't let the lack of offensive rhythm

take away from our intensity.

"We were confident going into the game. Now, we will have to have complete focus and intensity so that our team continues to gain edges over the others."

SWEEP

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"A couple of times in both games we were down a run or two and came back to win both games," Atwood said. "We may have had a few errors, but we never gave up and it showed."

Atwood, who improved her record to 1-2, had an impressive performance, going the distance on the mound in pitching nine innings and giving up only one earned run on five hits. She also had a game-

WINS

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But all hopes of a Wahine victory were shattered once a three-pointer by junior guard Erin Alexander broke a 49-49 tie

TEAM FINISHES

1. USC 566
2. Oklahoma St. 577
3. Oregon St. 586
4. Arkansas 590
5. Arizona St. 591
6. Arizona 592
7. UCSB 596
8. Nevada-Reno 597
9. UTEP 601
10. Pacific 602
11. USF 607
12. Oregon 616
13. UH-Hilo 628
14. Nagoya 631

INDIVIDUAL FINISHES

1. Brian Hull - USC 135
2. Roger Tambellini - USC 137
6. Dan Buchner - UCSB 141
25. Brook Bowman - UCSB 149
36. Tom Morton - UCSB 152
44. David Heinen - UCSB 154
49. Andy Simons - UCSB 156

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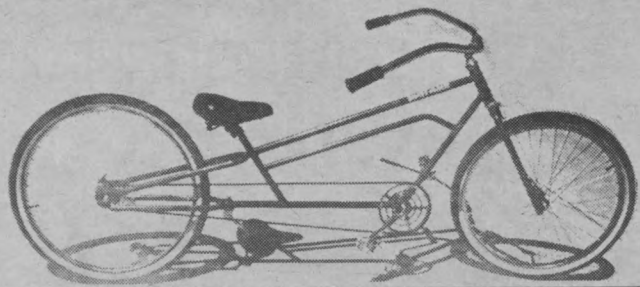
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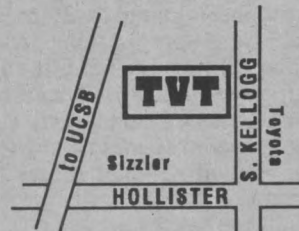
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