

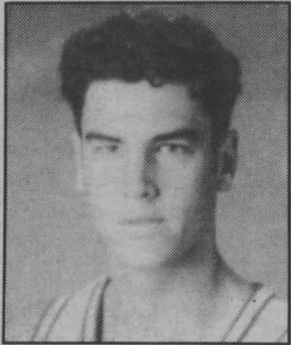
Ramaker Quits Men's Basketball Team; Pimm Allows Him Time to Reconsider

By Daniel Solomon
Staff Writer

According to a report printed in Saturday's edition of the *Santa Barbara News-Press*, sophomore forward Rob Ramaker has decided to leave the UCSB men's basketball program. He reportedly told Head Coach Jerry Pimm of his decision last Wednesday, but Pimm was quoted as saying that he would give the former San Marcos star until this week to change that decision.

"He hasn't really decided yet. We've given him a few days off to try and decide what he wants to do and give us a chance to decide what we'd like to do," Pimm was quoted as saying in the article.

"We're going to talk



Rob Ramaker

with him Sunday night or Monday, and we'll see where he is with his thinking," Pimm added.

In addition, the article reported that Ramaker had missed his second straight practice on Friday. There is also some speculation that Ramaker might have the desire to play volleyball, the other sport in which he was a standout

while at San Marcos High School.

Despite redshirting his first season at UCSB with an ankle injury, the 6-foot-10 Ramaker did start 22 games in the 1993-94 campaign. He averaged 7.7 points per game and 7.5 rebounds per game en route to being an All-Big West Freshman Team selection. However, Ramaker's season ended one game early when he injured his knee in the squad's upset loss to UC Irvine in the first round of the Big West Tournament.

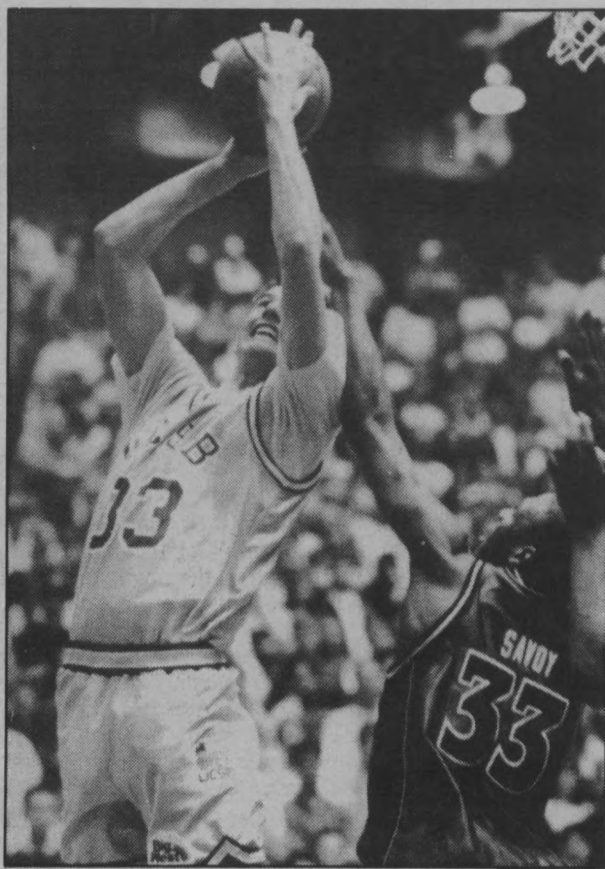
Should Ramaker's decision to leave the team stand, he will become the fifth scholarship player in three years to exit Pimm's program prematurely.

Forward Kyle Milling, who was the 1993 Big West Freshman of the

Year, left at the end of last season, a few months after guard Chris Ford announced that he was quitting the team.

Ford's decision came after the squad's 93-94 conference opener, which ultimately left the program with a void to fill at the guard spot because of J.J. Polk's decision to leave at the conclusion of the 92-93 season. Additionally, forward Darryl Parker made the decision to leave Pimm's program after the 91-92 campaign.

Ramaker's departure could leave the Gauchos thin at the post positions with seniors Doug Muse and Duane Carter as the only returning post players with considerable playing experience.



Forward Rob Ramaker's departure from the men's basketball program will be a shock to Gaucho fans.

Swimmers Leave SLO All Wet At First Div. I Meet of 94-95 Season

By Michael Kohn
Staff Writer

The UCSB swim team gave Cal Poly SLO something to remember in their first meet of Division I competition. Santa Barbara won all but one race in the double-distance meet, sending the Mustangs home to contemplate what it means to compete in the big leagues.

"We were clearly dominating the other team," UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson said. "What we had to look for was competition amongst ourselves."

The Gauchos had many star performers as well as some pleasant surprises during the meet. Junior Sarah Wilson turned in a good showing, winning both the 200-yard freestyle (1:58.52) and the 400-yard freestyle (4:06.43).

On the men's side, Bob Noe took two events as well. A 4:40.09 in the 400 breaststroke and a 4:16.34 in the individual medley

both netted the junior first place.

"My races went well and I had some good times," Noe said. "They were a good indicator for how I will do at the Speedo Cup."

UCSB did not fail to spread the wealth. Stacy St. Martin got in on the fun, winning the 2000 freestyle in 21:44.64. Meredith McLain chipped in with a victory in the 100 freestyle, posting a time of 53.35.

Joel Gustafson aided the men with a win in the 400 freestyle (3:47.18), while Brandon Traudt easily won the 2000 freestyle, his time of 20:45.72 being 48 seconds better than his closest competitor.

Traudt's race was 1000 yards longer than normal due to the coaches' decision to make all races double distance. The longer length was used to help endurance training.

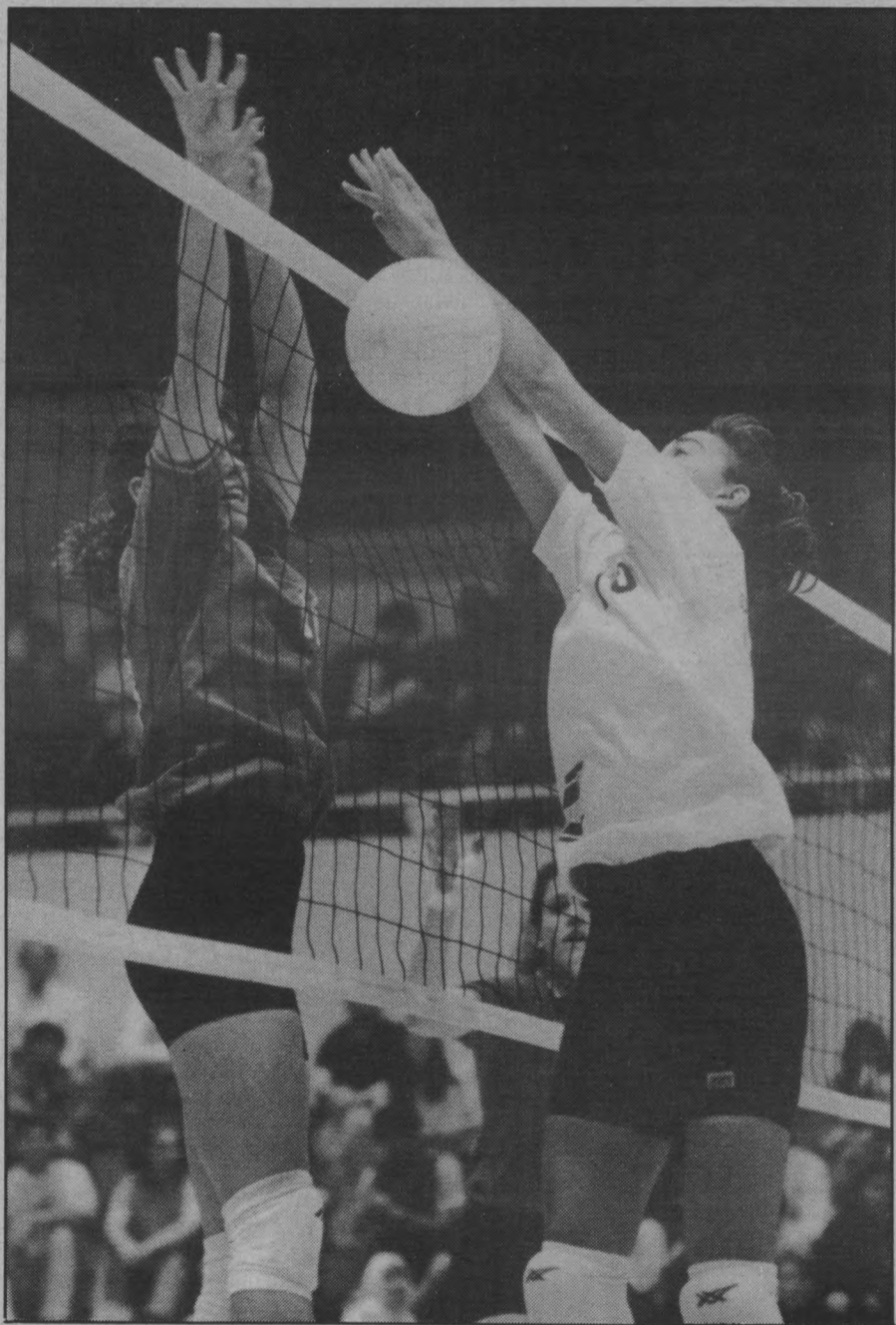
"The double distance was good for us," Traudt indicated. "When we come back, the race will

seem shorter — it makes it easy and more comfortable to race later."

The meet was also significant in that it was the first collegiate test for the Gaucho freshmen. On the women's side Sharon Noe turned some heads by winning the 400 breaststroke with a time of 5:15.88. Christine Dipaltrio was impressive as well, finishing with a time of 22:21.55 in the 2000 freestyle event.

For the men, freshman Nate Resch put in a tremendous effort to win the 400 backstroke with a time of 4:04.84. Jason Lezak was also able to nab first place in his event, the 100 freestyle, his time being 47.77.

"[The freshmen] responded really well to the pressure, a lot of them even surprised themselves by getting their best times ever," senior Stephanie Raymond explained. "We put them in some events where they might have had some pressure, but they performed well."



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NMU's Tania Gooley pushes one past UCSB setter Chrissy Boehle on Friday.

Spikers Quest to Face #1 Stanford Stopped Short by #17 UNM Lobos

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

It was supposed to be the matchup of the season. It was supposed to be a chance for the #7-ranked UCSB women's volleyball team to prove themselves against the #1 Stanford Cardinal. But it seems everyone forgot about one

small obstacle — the #17 University of New Mexico Lobos.

For the first time this season, the Gauchos (19-2 overall, 8-1 in the Big West) were swept (16-14, 15-11, 15-12) in what was the most heart-breaking match UCSB has played since their five-game loss to the Minnesota Golden Gophers in the second

round of the NCAA tournament last season. Not only did the loss add another unwanted "L" to the team's record, it also killed their dream of possibly upsetting the undefeated Cardinal.

"It was a very tough night," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory explained. "New Mexico

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Weekend Play Starts Off Strong, Ends With Lashing From Lobos

By Deborah Rafii
Staff Writer

For the UCSB men's soccer team, it was a bitersweet weekend.

Going into the weekend, the squad (9-6 overall, 4-2 MPSF) was only one step behind UCLA in the Pacific Division of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Conference. After the disheartening loss to the Bruins last weekend, the Gauchos claimed victory over UC Irvine and came back home to beat UNLV for the last home match of the season.

But the state of euphoria diminished with a shutout by the University of New Mexico Sunday.

Friday night at Harder Stadium, the Gauchos celebrated the final home match of the season for the graduating seniors with a 2-0 victory over the UNLV Rebels, who defeated Santa Barbara last year 7-2 away from home.

Opening the game with a goal off a penalty kick at 13:03 was senior midfielder Matt Arya. Arya's successful shot resulted in his 13th goal of the season.

For the entire first half, the Rebels were unable to get anything by senior goa-

lie Travis Harding, who played one of the best games of his collegiate career.

The second half started slowly as neither team was able to move the ball more than five yards without a call by one of the linesmen. The Rebels received two yellow cards in a matter of twenty minutes and midfielder Brian Mackerer received one as well for UCSB.

But just before a hostile crowd could reach its boiling point, junior midfielder Greg DePaco scored the second and final goal

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Senior defender Kristen Borland attempts to keep the ball away from her defender. Tying three of their past four games, the Gauchos are struggling for a win.

Tie With Anteaters Leaves UCSB Wondering Where to Find Victory

By Curtis Kaiser
Staff Writer

With three ties in their last four games, the UCSB women's soccer team continues to search for the missing ingredient to turn their tight games into Gaucho victories.

After battling the UC Irvine Anteaters (7-7-3) to a 2-2 tie at Harder Stadium on Sunday afternoon, Santa Barbara (4-7-3) continues to play well, yet the team is still having difficulties in converting their strong play into wins.

"The team was mentally strong and physically tough, and they deserve a lot of credit," UCSB Head Coach Tad Bobak said. "Irvine tied the game up and put themselves in a winning position twice, but we kept on fighting."

Senior defender Kristen Borland struck first for the Gauchos at the 35-minute mark when her shot from the left side deflected off

an Anteater defender and careened into the net. Freshman midfielder Sarah Louie earned an assist on the play.

UCI evened the match 18 minutes into the second half when Irvine defender Claudia Ruggiero took a corner kick from defender Nicole Kelly and headed it past UCSB goalkeeper Christina Day.

"We have a lot of character. This team never quits," UC Irvine Head Coach Marine Cano said. "Santa Barbara is a good team. We knew coming in that it is always hard to play here."

The Gauchos took the lead 2-1 when Amy Hunter scored on a free kick from 20 yards out, but the Anteaters came back to tie again, this time on a header by forward Tracie Manz.

"I think our defense did well today," senior defender Kris Bassler said. "We played hard and stayed organized. We just need to

finish up-top."

Both teams had many scoring opportunities throughout both overtime periods, but neither team was able to convert them. Day and Irvine goalkeeper Stephanie Boes each made some crucial saves.

"I thought that they dominated the first half big time, but the second half was even," Cano said. "The first part of overtime I thought was ours, and the second part was split again. I think that we frustrated them because they couldn't put us away."

The game was marred by an unbelievable amount of penalties — 31 for UCI and 24 for UCSB. Five yellow cards were issued, four to the Anteaters and one to the Gauchos. Santa Barbara midfielder Julie Harris was a victim of the game's physical nature, as she was forced to leave the game after being taken down

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UPSET

Continued from p.1A played extremely well and we had an off night. Those two factors together spell a loss.

"I don't want to sound like I'm making excuses, but Chrissy [Boehle] playing at 70 percent isn't good enough to beat a good team. She couldn't jump set and that was the main problem. Most of the sets were pushed outside and there weren't any back sets. Our offense was stagnant."

Senior setter Boehle was suffering from an injured Achilles tendon, which greatly limited her playing level and leadership abilities, according to Gregory. Unfortunately for the Gauchos, no other team members were able to step up and take on a major leadership role.

"Chrissy couldn't talk and we really needed Heather [Collins] to pick it up and Shirley [Aboyme] had a poor game so there was no talking. Kim [Keys] was so-so, so when they aren't playing good, they really didn't have the type of good leadership we needed."

To give credit where credit is due, the Lobos had one of their strongest matches this season. They took full advantage of a struggling Santa Barbara offense, and were able to walk away with a huge win.

In game one was a neck-and-neck battle all the way through, with neither team ever holding more than a two-point lead over the other. New Mexico was able to stick it out in the end, capitalizing on a late-game Gaucho service error and a hitting error.

The tide seemed to be

turning in favor of UCSB in the beginning of game two. The Lobos found themselves up 2-0 after the first two serves because of two straight Gaucho errors. But after a kill from Keys, Collins served six straight points, which included an amazing three service aces.

After pulling to a 9-5 lead, the game started rolling downhill for Santa Barbara. The Lobos' attack began making an impact and the Gauchos started having some serving trouble. Before they knew it, the Gauchos found themselves at a 10-14 deficit and could only manage to stick it out for three sideouts before falling to a two-games-to-none deficit.

The third game was for the most part a repeat of the first game. The biggest lead UCSB had was at 9-6, which quickly turned into a 9-10 lead for New Mexico. After a brilliant show of offensive skill, the Gauchos pulled into the lead at 12-10, but that would be the last time they would score for the rest of the evening.

"I don't really know what happened at all," UCSB outside hitter Jennifer Stroffe commented. "I think maybe Chrissy being hurt had a lot to do with it. She is usually one of the quickest people on the team, and she was really physically limited [Friday]. I think physically that may have hindered the rest of the team. Mentally, we weren't there. I can't fault anyone's effort, but physically, we weren't executing."

"I don't think that we actually overlooked New Mexico, but I don't think we prepared for them in particular. We knew of a couple of people who would probably hit well,

but we really didn't have a scouting report. We didn't watch them play, we didn't watch them practice. We mentally may have been looking past them because we were so excited to play Stanford."

It was a tough night for the Gauchos all around. They were out-hit 49-74 by the Lobos, outblocked 11-15, and outdug 79-94. But on a positive note, freshman Stroffe had her best all-around night this season.

Stroffe hammered 13 kills at a .282 hitting percentage, led the team defensively with 20 digs, and had two blocks.

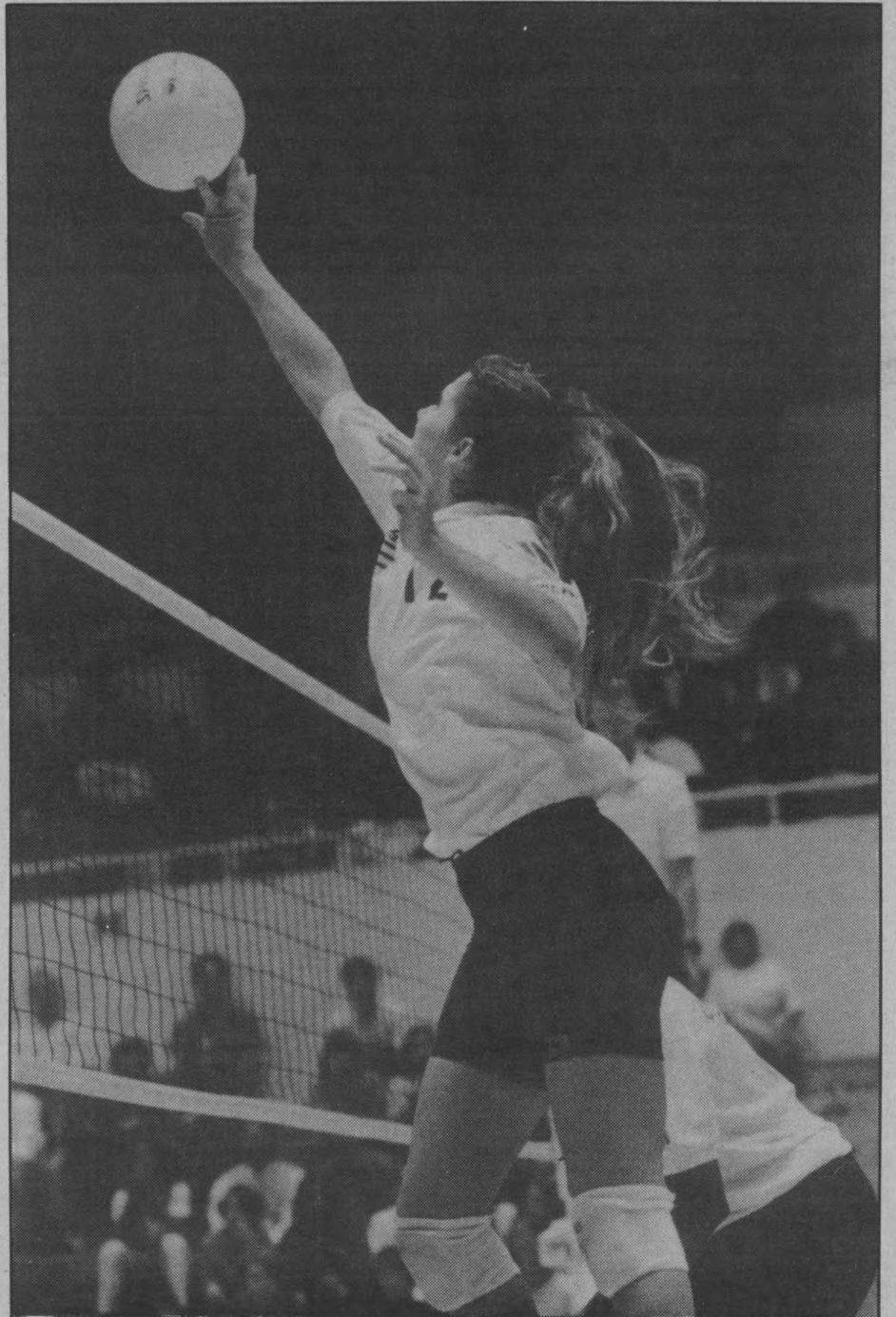
"I am finally finding my groove," Stroffe explained. "I am sick of being mediocre and I think I just need to step up my play to help the team. Hopefully I can come around and contribute a lot more."

"Stroffe had her best tournament of the year and that is really encouraging because you don't usually see a freshman come in and play that well when most of the team is down," Gregory said.

Also contributing to the UCSB stats were Collins with 11 kills and 12 digs and Keys with 14 kills and 10 digs. Keys along with Jennifer Kaylor, led the team at the net with five blocks apiece.

UNM's Mindy Hale and Tania Gooley were on fire against the Gauchos. They tallied 21 (.421) and 22 (.321) kills respectively, and combined for 31 digs. Gooley, along with teammate Sally Downs, lead blocking with two solos and four assists each. Defensively, setter Alicia Bergmann led the team with 18 digs, and offensively amassed 61 assists.

On Saturday, the Gauchos made a come-



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Outside hitter Jennifer Stroffe tips the ball over the net. Stroffe had her most impressive performance of the season at the Stanford Invitational last weekend.

back as they faced Villanova in the consolation game, winning in three straight games, 15-4, 15-2, 15-8. In order to give Boehle a chance to rest her injured Achilles, freshman

Sarah Schroeder stepped in as setter.

"Sarah Schroeder did a great job with setting," Gregory said. "The tempo was good. Although Chrissy wanted to set, we

just didn't want to jeopardize her. We still have to face UCLA and Long Beach this week, and most of all we need her to be ready for Long Beach."

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
(no games scheduled)	Women's Volleyball vs. UCLA, at UCLA, 7:00 p.m.	Women's Soccer vs. Loyola Marymont, at Harder Stadium, 2:30 p.m.	(no games scheduled)	Men's Soccer vs CS Northridge, at CSUN, 7:00 p.m. Women's Volleyball vs. Long Beach State, at LBSU, 7:30 p.m.

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Continued from p.1A of the game for the Gauchos with 5:08 remaining on the clock, assisted by both freshman Danny Mann and Arya.

"We played a good game but have to concentrate on New Mexico," Head Coach Mark Arya said. "[New Mexico] will be the most difficult game for us, especially because we're not taking a full roster due to financial constraints."

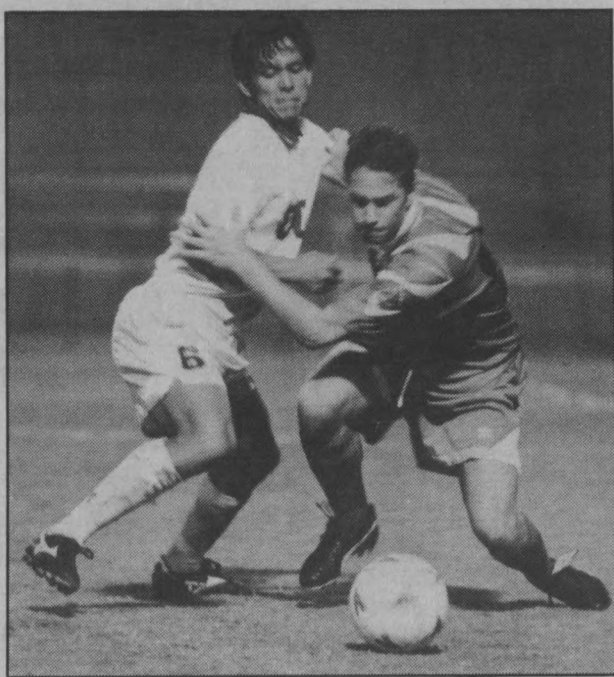
"I never had a problem thinking we could beat anybody," junior forward George Savage said. "Out of all the teams, New Mexico's scares me the most and it just depends on how bad we want it."

"I think we're playing well and we're creating winners," Mark Arya added. "Our players know they can win and I feel there's no reason we shouldn't go to the playoffs."

But at Sunday's match, the conditions were gray and gloomy, both in the high clouds above the field and the soccer being played on the field.

The Lobos (11-5, 4-2) also completed their home season with dominance, defeating the Gauchos 3-0 and tying for second place in conference with UCSB and UC Irvine and having only one match left on the conference schedule.

University of New Mexico goalkeeper Trevor Shannon recorded his



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Matt Arya struggles successfully with a UNLV player in the Gaucho's 2-0 win on Friday.

sixth shutout of the season, and the Lobos accumulated nine shots on goal compared to the Gauchos' single shot by DePaco.

UNM forward Billie Thiebaut scored the first goal of the game off a pass from midfielder Troy Burnett in the first half.

"New Mexico played very well and took advantage of all our shortcomings," Mark Arya said. "They capitalized on our faults and had two really good goals as well as one average one."

In the 49th minute, Lobo midfielder Steve Kramer took a failed clearing attempt by Santa Barbara and scored a second

goal unassisted past Harding.

"This was the worst outing of the year," Mark Arya added. "They definitely deserved to win and we were sickly. With only four games left, we want to finish on a positive note and now, we'll really see what we're made of."

The final goal came on a header by Lobo midfielder Jonas Nilsson in the 83rd minute.

The Gauchos will play their final match in conference against Cal State Northridge Friday before going on the play Fresno State, the #1 team in the Mountain Division of the MPSF conference.



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TIE

Continued from p.2A from behind in the 25th minute of play. Irvine's Kelly was ejected in the first overtime period when she received her second yellow card.

"We knew it was a physical and intense team that borderlines on doing things that are unnecessary," Bobak said. This game marked the debut of a new formation

for UCSB, as Harris and sophomore defender Adrian Alshin were moved up to the forward line.

"I was pleased with the way it was going, but Julie Harris got taken out, and she was a part of the change," Bobak said. "The defense stayed very organized and tough and moved the ball with confidence. Adrian did inject productivity into the forward line."

Each team had 16 shots on goal, but UCSB seemed to have slightly

more chances in UCI territory.

"I thought we played well and did well with the new lineup," Bassler said. "I think Tad's trying to look for people where we need them. We battled back and forth and fought hard. We'll stay strong and come out for our next game."

The Gauchos' next match will take place this Wednesday at Harder Stadium at 2:30 p.m., when they battle the Loyola Marymount Lions.

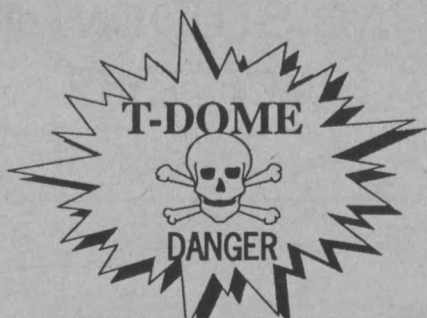
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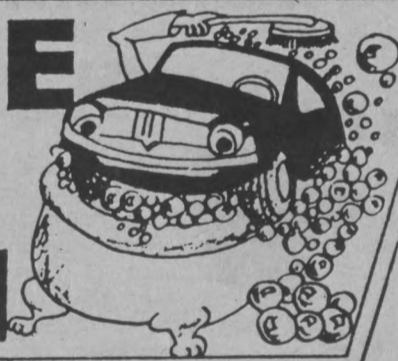


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