

Sports MONDAY

The Latest Line

By Matt Hurst

Now that John Elway's retirement is official, three of the greatest players to play their respective sports have retired. Starting with Michael Jordan in January and Wayne Gretzky's finish last month, it seems the only sport lacking a retiring representative is baseball. But don't be surprised if Cal Ripken Jr. calls it quits after the playoffs. It would be a classy move and 1999 would be remembered as the year that four of the best ended their careers.

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Long-time Yankee catcher Yogi Berra was inducted into the Brooklyn Dodgers Hall of Fame. Not for what he did for the Dodgers, but what he did against them. Berra played in six World Series vs. the Bums, and in the 1956 Series, he hit three homers, including a grand slam to go along with a .360 batting average.

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Tony Gwynn, who is closing in on 3,000 hits, is the only everyday player that is batting over .400. Not since Ted Williams hit .406 in 1941 has a major leaguer hit over the sacred mark.

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The Dodgers and Angels are both impressed by their young third basemen this season. Adrian Beltre and Troy Glaus have been tearing up their respective league's pitching and after this past weekend, they were both hovering around a .350 batting average — second on the team.

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John Smoltz, who pitched his first career one-hitter Friday night has won his past eight decisions and is 16-1 since last year's All-Star Break. He also hasn't given up a run in 16 innings at Turner Field this year.

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Confused with all of the NCAA football postseason bowls? Well, over the weekend three new bowls received initial certification from the NCAA. One of the bowls includes the Silicon Valley Bowl that will be played at San Jose State's Spartan Stadium.

Tigers Scratch and Claw Two Games From Gauchos

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS
Staff Writer

When it faced a team with an ERA of 4.35 this past weekend, the UCSB baseball team needed to fight fire with fire to come out on top against the tough-pitching Pacific Tigers. However, despite the Gauchos having some strong pitching performances of their own, the Tigers were able to extinguish any Gaucho heat and took two games out of the three-game series.

The Tigers, who in third place were three games ahead of UCSB prior to this weekend, made the climb up the Big West ladder that much harder for Santa Barbara as the Gauchos' season slowly comes to a close.

Friday's game with Pacific (30-20 overall, 14-10 in the Big West) was an extra-inning affair, with the Tigers outlasting the Gauchos 2-1 after 11. Junior Gabe Neboyia pitched another solid game for Santa Barbara (23-23, 10-14) going for 9.1 innings and giving up only one run on six hits. However, Neboyia did not have enough gas in his tank, giving way to sophomore Russell Wirth. Wirth gave up

one run on one hit in one inning to take the loss and fall to 1-1.

The one hit Wirth surrendered in the 11th came off of center fielder Nick Guichard's bat and scored Willie Ciarmitaro from third on a triple, ending the game for the Gauchos.

Pacific's Darin Moore kept the Gaucho bats in check, giving up only one run on one hit in 7.2 innings of work. Moore's reliever, Mark Short, continued to control UCSB from the mound, surrendering no runs on two hits in 3.1 innings.

"We didn't swing the bats very well today," UCSB Assistant Coach Tom Myers said. "We had several chances to score more runs, with two on in the fourth and bases loaded in the eighth."

The Tigers displayed strong pitching once again in Saturday's game. Senior Travis Fleming pitched his first complete game of the year, giving up two earned runs on seven hits for a 6-3 Pacific victory.

Senior David Uris started on the mound for the Gauchos and was shelled for 11 hits in five innings, giving up five runs. Sophomore



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GOING DEEP: Sophomore shortstop Jeff Bannon provided a little power for the Gauchos this weekend, hitting his 12th round-tripper of the year.

Bing Cain put in two innings of work and gave up one run on one hit, and Wirth pitched the final inning, giving up zero runs on zero hits.

The Tigers got things going in the second inning when shortstop Robbie Wood doubled to center field, scoring a run from third. Third baseman Ryan

Stowasser singled and knocked in another run. Second baseman David Ferrer scored the Tigers' third

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DOESN'T LOOK GOOD: Freshman Kim Sawyer takes a pitch during the UCSB-CSUF game Sunday. The Gauchos lost the game, a fan, and a head coach during the contest.

UCSB Can't Get Breaks as Titans Take a Pair

BY ZACK O'NEILL
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What a strange day to say goodbye.

Sunday was Senior Day at Campus Diamond, where tribute was paid to the UCSB softball team's three seniors — Kiki McAulay, Dayna McCall and Katie Ziegler — before the Gauchos' final game of the weekend vs. Cal State Northridge. After a few bumps, bruises, arguments and ejections, the day ended with a Northridge victory of 7-2 over the Gauchos, and an interesting, if not controversial, farewell tribute to the three Santa Barbara seniors.

The loss completed a weekendlong series with the Matadors, who split a doubleheader with the Gauchos on Saturday, winning 3-0 and losing 4-3.

The two contests Saturday were completed with much less turbulence than the one Sunday, though it took Santa Barbara's offense a few hours to heat up.

Gaucho bats simmered through all of game one, producing only three hits — all singles — over seven innings. UCSB's pitching, however, was good enough to keep the Gauchos in the game. Junior Melanie Richardson and sophomore Nicole Greathouse combined to shut the Matadors out for six innings, keeping the game a scoreless tie until the seventh.

With one out and the bases loaded in Northridge's half of the seventh, Matador catcher Jamie Moore doubled off of Richardson, scoring two Northridge runners.

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Sporting Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No events scheduled	No events scheduled	No events scheduled	No events scheduled	Baseball vs. Nevada 2 p.m. Golf @ Stanford for U.S. Intercollegiate through Sunday Women's water polo @ Berkeley for U.S. Water Polo Collegiate Nationals through Sunday	Baseball vs. Nevada 1 p.m.	Baseball vs. Nevada 1 p.m. Softball @ Utah State 1 p.m.

TITANS

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Northridge added one more run in the inning, and Tara Glaister went the distance for the Matadors, striking out six and earning her 16th win of the year with a score of 3-0.

In the back end of the Saturday doubleheader, the Gaucho offense was on the money from the very first pitch. Following McAulay's leadoff single and back-to-back doubles by juniors Mandy Edwards and Kendra Wood, UCSB got out to a quick 2-0 lead that it would not relinquish.

Sophomore Abigail Murphy went the distance for Santa Barbara, putting the lid on a stubborn Matador offense to eke out her 13th victory of the season.

In the seventh and final inning, it was Moore again trying to propel the Matadors to victory, blasting a two-run home run to right field to pull Northridge within one run of the Gauchos. But Murphy refused to wilt, and three batters later a 4-3 victory was in hand for UCSB.

"The second game was awesome," McAulay said. "I think we could have scored even more. It was our goal to win one game this weekend, and we did."

On Sunday, it was clear even in the first inning that it would be a rough Senior Day for the Gauchos. With a runner on second and two out, Ziegler fouled a pitch

off of her right shoulder, which deflected the ball into her right eye.

"I honestly don't know what happened," said Ziegler, who looked more like a boxer than a second baseman after the game. "It was a hit and run, so I was swinging. It was high and inside, and I don't remember what happened after that."

Ziegler left the game, to be hit for by junior Sarah Powell. The good news was the Gauchos had a 1-0 lead after the inning and Ziegler would return in the fourth inning to hit an RBI double. The bad news was everything that happened in between.

In the top of the third inning, Northridge staged a huge rally that chased Greathouse — the starter — out of the game. She was replaced by Richardson, who was taken out in the same inning in favor of Murphy.

With two out, Matador outfielder Jill Passafiume popped out to second, ending the inning. Or so the Gauchos thought. Umpire John Bennett ruled that Murphy had balked on her last pitch, scoring a Matador runner from third and continuing the inning. By the time the dust had settled the score was 7-1 in favor of Northridge.

"I could hear the Northridge coach [JoAnn Fernieri] talking to the umpire, and she was getting in his head," McAulay said. "She was saying Abby was pitching illeg-



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NOT SO GREATHOUSE: Freshman Nicole Greathouse dropped two games this weekend to Cal State Fullerton. Greathouse pitched 5.1 innings and gave up three runs Saturday. On Sunday she went 2.2 innings and allowed five runs.

ally by taking a little hop-step before her delivery. But it's only a balk if the pitcher has an advantage by doing it, and Abby doesn't. She's been pitching the same way all year."

"It was totally bogus," Ziegler said of the call that led to several ejections, including UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly and a Gaucho fan. "It was a free run for them. The whole thing was kind of a downer, but they deserved to win that game. I think the

outcome would have been the same even if it wasn't for that call."

Ziegler's fourth-inning double was the only other run of the game, ending the game 7-2 and putting a bit of a damper on Senior Day.

"It made it a little tough," McCall said when asked if the balk controversy tainted the day for her. "But in that respect it was just another game, and things happen, so it didn't ruin my Senior Day at all."

UCSB, who is still alive in the Big West playoff picture, travels to Utah State — Kelly's alma mater — next weekend, for a three-game series with the Aggies. The Gauchos know they need all three games to stay alive for the playoffs, but insist they are up to the challenge.

"This has to be the best season [for me]," McCall said. "In the past four years we've struggled, but this team always comes through. I definitely think we can do it."

Next up for the softball team is Utah State at Utah on May 9 & 10.

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JUST TROY AND HIT IT: Junior Troy Kinto salvaged the three-game series for UCSB on Sunday by pitching a complete game, upping his record to 3-3.

TIGERS

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run on a sacrifice fly to center field. Pacific then led UCSB 3-0 after two.

With the Tigers leading 6-1 after six, Santa Barbara tried to answer in the seventh inning. Sophomore third baseman Dave Molitor led off with a double to left center. Junior catcher Bill Duplissea followed with another double, scoring Molitor. Sophomore left fielder Chris Crawley grounded out, but was able to knock in Duplissea for the final score of the game.

Duplissea finished 2-3 with an RBI and a double. Freshman first baseman

Tyler Von Schell also went 2-3 with two doubles.

The Gauchos put together an impressive game on Sunday, beating Pacific 7-1 with both strong pitching and hitting. Junior Troy Kinto was nearly untouchable for the Gauchos. The southpaw pitched his first complete game of the season, giving up only one earned run on two hits, and striking out five Tiger batters.

Pacific scored its first and only run in the bottom of the first after an RBI single from designated hitter Kenny Garcia. Thanks to Kinto, no Tiger would score again.

Santa Barbara showed its strength from the plate in

the fifth inning. Sophomore shortstop Jeff Bannon belted a two-run dinger to left center, good for his 12th homer of the year. Sophomore second baseman Chad Peshke also went yard in the fifth, increasing the Gaucho lead to 5-1.

Bannon finished the day 1-4 with 3 RBIs, and Peshke went 3-5 with two ribbies. Also contributing to Santa Barbara's 11-hit day was senior right fielder Brad Wright, who was 2-4 from the dish, and Molitor, who went 2-4.

Santa Barbara will host second-place Nevada in another three-game series this weekend at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium.



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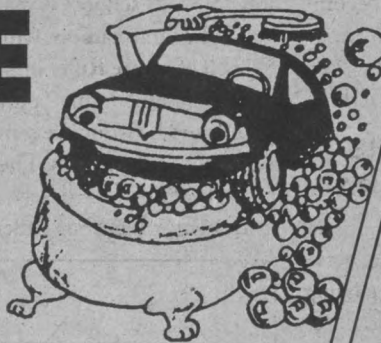


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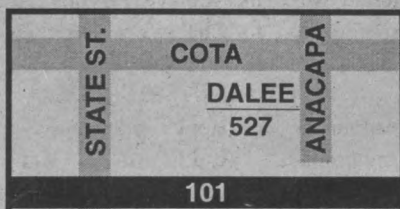


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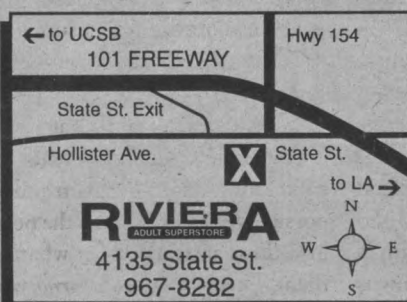
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