

SPORTS MONDAY

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The Latest Line...

A weekly look at the sports world!

• Kudos to the UCSB women's cross country squad, as the Gauchos high-stepped their way to making mashed potatoes of conference favorite Boise State en route to another Big West title.

• Forget about the MTV Dennis Rodman ... the new Chairman of the Boards in the NBA could be Sir Charles Barkley, who ripped down 33 rebounds on Saturday night. Boy, do the Rockets look tough this year.

• Thanks for nothing to the Boston College football team, who, amid rumors of gambling surrounding the program, were not only upset by Pittsburgh 20-13 on Saturday but also failed to cover the 11-point spread.

• With the season halfway over, 49ers safety Merton Hanks and Raiders running back Harvey Williams find themselves in a heated battle for the lead in one NFL statistical category: longest neck.

• The *L.A. Times* has a list of past California Angels managers with their respective career highlights. You know your team is in trouble when, under current interim Manager Joe Maddon, it says, "Works well with Pat Summerall."

• In a land where men play "football" without pads, there seemed to be only one good thing for the Irish fans to cheer about as overrated Notre Dame blew out Navy in a boring match in Dublin, Ireland — the abundant and cheap Guinness before, during and after the game.

• It's funny how the NBA selected 24-year-old Shaquille O'Neal, who will one day be a great, as one of the 50 greatest to ever play the game even though he has no championships, has never won the MVP award and has only been in the league for five years.

• Quote of the Week: "Tonight I'm gonna have 16 cheeseburgers and some sushi for dessert." — George Foreman, after his victory in Japan over Crawford Grimsley.

• Crawford who?

—By Alex Nugent

UCSB Earns Disheartening Split

■ Gauchos Can't Hang Onto Two-Game Lead as They Lose to #3 LBSU After Beating #16 UOP

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

Two points. That was the difference between a good weekend and a great one for the #18 UCSB women's volleyball team, as it missed a golden opportunity to earn national respect and gain team confidence for the rest of the season.

Leading two games to one and 13-10 in the third game of the match against #3 Long Beach State on Saturday, the Gauchos (17-7 overall, 9-3 in the Big West) were unable to hang on as the unbeaten 49ers (25-0, 12-0) stormed back in front of 1,708 stunned fans at the Thunderdome.

This was the first loss at Santa Barbara for the squad this year after winning 12 straight home games to open the season.

The five-game thriller (15-11, 15-11, 13-15, 8-15, 8-15) effectively stalled any momentum the Gauchos had carried into the game from the night before, when they beat #16 University of the Pacific in another five-game nail-biter 15-11, 15-6, 10-15, 13-15, 15-12.

"This was very disappointing," said UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory. "You get your chances, and you have to put it away. We didn't do that, our fundamentals just broke down."

The Gauchos' chance for an upset against the 49ers looked promising before the first point was even played.

It was learned before the match that Long Beach star setter Misty May was unable to play due to a sprained left knee — May had been the focus of much of the Gauchos' practices this week.

Without any experienced setters active, Long Beach Head Coach Brian Gimmillaro resorted to starting junior defensive specialist Shawnee Hayes, who had never started a match as a setter at any level.

Santa Barbara jumped on the opportunity and took an early 8-0



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TWISTER: Sophomore middle blocker Katie Crawford dives over defensive specialist Tania Yamashita in a dig attempt as freshman Roberta Gehlke looks on.

lead in the first game. The 49ers offense look confused as UCSB effectively used big blocks to win the first two games by the identical score of 15-11.



Erin McCown

The Gauchos were able to keep up their energy to edge out Long Beach for much of the third game.

Then came the 13-10 lead. With a boisterous crowd supporting them, the youthful Gauchos became visibly tight on the court as they sensed an upset.

"It's the same old [thing]," said an obviously frustrated sophomore team captain Erin McCown. "We were being tentative again. Towards the end of big games, we always get tentative."

Long Beach came back for five consecutive points to win the third game. The Gauchos never recovered.

"I told my players that if we can win the fourth game and get to the fifth game, emotions are going to swing around," Gimmillaro said. "They had to be determined. It was a great win."

UCSB went away quietly in both the fourth and fifth game as they held the lead only twice in both games. The 49ers, on the other hand, found their groove and played exceptional defense and offense. They hit a blistering .526 in the fifth game.

"There's a reason why Long Beach is unbeaten," Gregory said. "They outplayed us, out-dug us, and out-served us. Shawnee was tough and their hitters supported her. The rest of the team picked it

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Growing Pains

By Brian Berger

They were so close.

After defeating University of the Pacific in a five-game thriller on Friday, the UCSB women's volleyball team found itself just two points away from executing what many would consider the perfect weekend Saturday night.

In front of 1,700-plus fans that included basketball legend Wilt Chamberlain, the youthful Gauchos did what every coach fears — they became tight.

Leading 13-10 in game three against #3 Long Beach State, it seemed that the UCSB squad that had been so successful early in the match just disappeared. In its place was a group that resembled

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Santa Barbara Bowlers Ready to Shine as New Season Begins

By Ben Alkaly
Reporter

Despite being one of the more successful teams on campus, the UCSB men's bowling team is searching for respect — or at least recognition — as it rolls into the 1996-97 season.

"I think that because bowling facilities are removed from campus, it's tough to generate student support," explained senior Paul Hingst. "It also hurts because all but one of our

tournaments are out-of-town."

Many of the Gauchos' opponents have bowling alleys on campus, therefore allowing them the luxury of hosting competitions.

Another handicap is the squad's status as a club sport. "At state schools, bowling is adequately funded," said senior team captain Rob Henderson. "It's officially an intercollegiate sport. For the most part, we have to raise our

own funds."

However, these hindrances did not prevent Santa Barbara from asserting its presence at last year's largest and most prestigious competition — the Las Vegas Invitational. Out of 162 doubles teams entered, Gaucho bowlers finished sixth, seventh and ninth.

That momentum carried over to the first tournament of this year in Visalia on Oct. 26th. UCSB crushed rival UC Berkeley

en route to a second-place finish. Senior Brian Hsieh and junior Noah Berger led the way, with a better than 226 average. Hingst had the highest individual game score with 259.

Neither result comes as a surprise to Head Coach Jim Lockhart.

"We have a cohesive core of returning players who are very strong physically and work well with one another," he said. "Our incoming freshmen and sophomores bowl

with great desire and determination. They have the potential to retain the skill level of the core group."


Veterans such as Berger and Hsieh will be expected to bowl high scores consistently if Santa Barbara is to stay afloat in the highly competitive California Intercollegiate Bowling Conference. Last season, four CIBC teams broke into the national top 10.

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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	Men's Soccer vs. Sacramento State 7 p.m. Men's Basketball Blue-Gold Game 7:30 p.m. Women's Volleyball @ UC Irvine 7:30 p.m.	Women's Volleyball @ Cal State Fullerton 7 p.m. Water Polo @ Pacific Noon	No Events Scheduled

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - The challenge today is to get everybody to play nicely together. If that's not possible, lend your influence to the one who's telling the truth. Sports activities should be excellent tonight. Expect really tough competition, and a few tricks.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - One side wants to take a risk; the other wants to play it safe. You may feel strongly about it both ways. Request more information. In romance, don't be put off by a headstrong type. Your patience and understanding might be required to get the prize.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 4 - To get what you want, you're going to have to be very sure of what that is. Then, expect trouble and be ready for it. Tonight should be good for romance, but don't discuss a situation that's brewing at work. You may not know everything yet.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - If you're cooking up something that's nobody else's business, keep it under lock and key. This evening a secret could be revealed, so make sure it's not yours. Be careful if you go shopping, too. You'll want to buy expensive things that are not on sale.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - Although you're strong today, you still need to keep a close eye on the other guy. If you have stiff competition, be patient. The one who stays calm longest will probably win. A change of scene will ease the pressure and may provide the answer you're seeking tonight.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - If a powerful pair you know gets into an argument today, don't bother offering your opinion. Keep quiet and listen. You might learn more than you wanted to know. Later, you might be able to stretch your budget a little. Get something nice for your sweetie.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 4 - If you're trying to reach a compromise, be careful. It's possible that neither side is telling the whole story. Ask for more data and see what you can learn from a confidential source. Romance looks OK late tonight, but don't provoke jealousies.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You are mega-powerful today. Be careful not to hurt anybody accidentally. A secret admirer could bring you good luck. Listen to one who counsels moderation. And don't try anything even slightly illegal. Somebody's watching your every move.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - If you're running into problems, slow down a little. The game board could change by tonight. A social event could be more fun than you expected. In partnership with somebody you love and respect, you can overcome any difficulty.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - There could be a major problem with leadership today. Two of them are arguing, and a third doesn't want to choose. If you can see what needs to be done, do it. Even in romance you can expect controversy. That's OK. With your best friend, debate can be stimulating.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 4 - Look out for hidden problems that could pop up. Take extra time to avoid making a big mistake. Your sweetheart has the best advice for whatever's troubling you. A breakdown could mess up your plans for tonight. Call and talk to a friend instead.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You can learn a lot from other people's mistakes today. Don't be too quick to choose sides, however; let them both try to convince you. Without making too much of a fuss, you should be able to get the money you need. Relax and let it happen.

Today's Birthday (Nov. 4) - You may draw lots of attention this year because you're so powerful. A financial risk should work out in December. Use your experience plus a new idea to clean up a big mess in January. A co-worker you don't like can help you achieve a career goal in March. Study for an on-the-job exam that's coming in August. Celebrate with friends in September. Expect a problem with bureaucratic paperwork next October.


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BERGER

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 four freshmen and two sophomores — and then I recalled that is what was on the floor.

Although the team was disappointed after letting the 49ers back into the match, we as fans have to sit back and realize what we have actually seen this year.

Beginning in the second game of the season when junior outside hitter Jennifer Stroffe tore her anterior cruciate ligament, the Gauchos have been forced to use a young and unproven lineup against some of the nation's toughest teams.

Those of us in the crowd have become so accustomed to watching this exciting group pull off win after win — 12 to be exact — in the Thunderdome, that we were shocked to see the result Saturday

night. However, not many people stopped to realize that this Long Beach State team is undefeated for a reason.

Even without setter Misty May in the lineup, you can argue that LBSU was stronger at nearly ev-

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ery other position, and that's not including the deep bench that Head Coach Brian Gimmillaro had to work with.

While the loss to the Niners can be excused, you have to hope that the team will not make a regular habit out of squandering two-game leads. Already this year, they have

let opponents get back into a 2-0 match three times.

This group of talented young players has two ways to go from here: 1. They can put this loss behind them and move on the season, or 2. They can keep reminding themselves that they blew two 2-0 leads on back-to-back nights and became hesitant in every match.

Hopefully, for San Barbara fans the latter will not come to pass, because if it does, the next three years could be extremely painful.

There is a high probability that Long Beach and UCSB will meet one more time in postseason play. Whether that match is in the Thunderdome during the Big West Tournament or at the Pyramid in Long Beach during the NCAA playoffs, the Gauchos found out this weekend that they can play with the best.

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V-BALL

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up for them while we were inconsistent." Leading the way for Long Beach was senior outside hitter Jenn Snyder, who single-handedly became a giant sucho roadblock.

She finished the match with a team-leading 20 kills and season-high 23 digs. Snyder had set a career record of 22 kills against Santa Barbara in the teams' other meeting earlier this year. She also dominated the Gauchos last season in the second round of the NCAA playoffs when she was at Arizona State.

"We knew where Snyder was most of the night," said sophomore middle blocker Katie Crawford, who set a new career high with 11 blocks for the Gauchos. "But we just didn't move the blockers with her."

Freshman outside hitter Roberta Gehlke added 20 kills for the Gauchos and freshman Kathrine Maaseide chipped in 17 for the match.

"I thought we were over the hump after last night," Gregory said. "But this was sad. You've got to know how to win these big games."

You would think the Gauchos had learned their lesson the night before against Pacific, when they squandered another two-games-to-none lead only to come back and win in five games.

According to Gregory, the game against the Tigers turned out differently than the one against the 49ers because Santa Barbara was able to outplay UOP in key areas.

"The difference between Pacific and Long Beach is that Erin McCown had a

great game against UOP," she said. "We served much better and UOP weren't passing. They got nervous at the end. Long Beach played much better defense and we couldn't get past it. UOP took a lot out of us."

McCown had a career-high 17 kills against the Tigers at .519 percent while only mustering eight kills and a .091 hitting percentage against the 49ers.

"I think there were more sets to the outside against Pacific," McCown said. "We weren't connecting well against Long Beach, they had more blocks set up. It was pretty disappointing. There's no way you can settle for one game this weekend. We wanted to win both."

Against the Tigers, Santa Barbara once again dominated the first two games, winning 15-11 and 15-6.

The squad jumped out to a 10-5 lead in the third game before once again, tightening up.

"We still have a good team," Maaseide said. "But in the third game, we start to get hesitant. I don't get it. We know we need to put it away. It's something we need to figure out. It's very frustrating."

Fortunately for the Gauchos, they recovered in time to win the fifth game 15-12 to earn the split for the weekend.

Besides McCown, junior setter Maile Mortensen and freshman middle blocker Heather Bown also had great games against UOP.

Mortensen dished out a career-high 68 assists while Bown valiantly contributed 10 kills and eight blocks, despite a sore ankle.

Freshman Jennica Smith led the Tigers with 25 kills at .373 efficiency.

"I was happy with a split this weekend," Gregory said. "Except we really should've won both games."

BOWL

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Both players appear up to the challenge, as Berger holds a Santa Barbara County record for scoring 1093 in a four-game series, while Hsieh bowled a perfect 300 game as a junior.

Besides challenging tough conference oppo-

nents like San Jose State and Sacramento State, the Gauchos will work this season on making money and recruiting new bowlers.

Although it receives some financial support from the Club Sports Dept., the squad must hold an annual fundraiser to cover travel and uniform costs and pay for lane

time. This year it will screen Pulp Fiction in I.V. Theater on Nov. 14th.

Also, with a number of team members leaving after this season, it is imperative that the proud UCSB bowling tradition be kept alive.

"The bowling team is always looking for new members," said Hingst.

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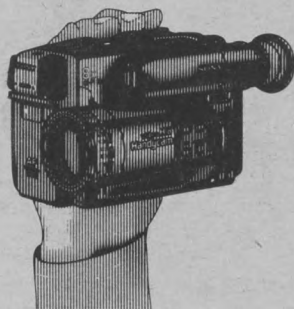
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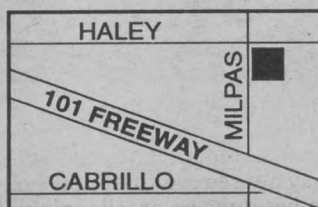
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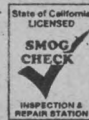
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