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Baseball Loses to Cal Poly, Eliminated From Postseason

■ Gauchos Blow Six-Run Lead in Fourth to Mustangs

By Yier Shi
Staff Writer

LONG BEACH, Calif. — UCSB baseball team ended its season much like the rest of the year — with inconsistent play.

The Gauchos (26-30) lost a golden opportunity to advance past the second round of the Big West Tournament on Friday when they surrendered a 6-0 lead against Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (37-20) to suffer a heartbreaking 11-10 loss.

"It was a lot like most of our season," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Bob Brontsema. "Things just blew up on us."

UCSB took an early 6-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning by recording eight hits, but the Mustangs came right back to score eight runs of their own in the bottom of the inning. In all, the fourth frame took over an hour to complete.

"It was 6-0 with your best man on the hill," Brontsema said. "I think [senior starter Bryan Noyes] took too long of a rest. He got pitches up in the zone."

Before the roof caved in the fourth, Noyes had been sailing along, allow-

ing only one hit and no runs for the first three innings.

"I have a tendency to relax after we get a lead," Noyes said. "I'd rather have the score be 0-0. I like the competitiveness. I don't like to relax."

In the top of the fourth, senior David Willis led off with a solo home run to deep left field. Seven more hits and two sacrifices — one a bunt, the other a sac fly to score a run — followed the blast as the Gauchos executed their offense to perfection.

But Cal Poly never gave up. Senior third baseman Steve Rohlmeier, one of eight upperclassmen in the lineup, came off the field and ordered the team not to let down.

"It's one of the best innings I've ever been associated with," said Mustangs' Head Coach Ritch Price. "Nothing is easy in the league. We kept swinging the bats all inning. You don't panic when you have eight seniors on the team. It says a lot about the character of this team."

The big blow for the Gauchos in the bottom half of the fourth came when Cal Poly senior Ryan Brennan belted a monster three-run dinger over the right field scoreboard. The

blast tied the score at 6-6, and UCSB would never lead again.

In all, Noyes gave up eight runs on seven hits and a walk in the inning. Freshman Barry Zito would follow in relief, pitching 3½ innings of solid ball.

The Gauchos had a few more opportunities to catch up, with their best chance coming in the ninth.

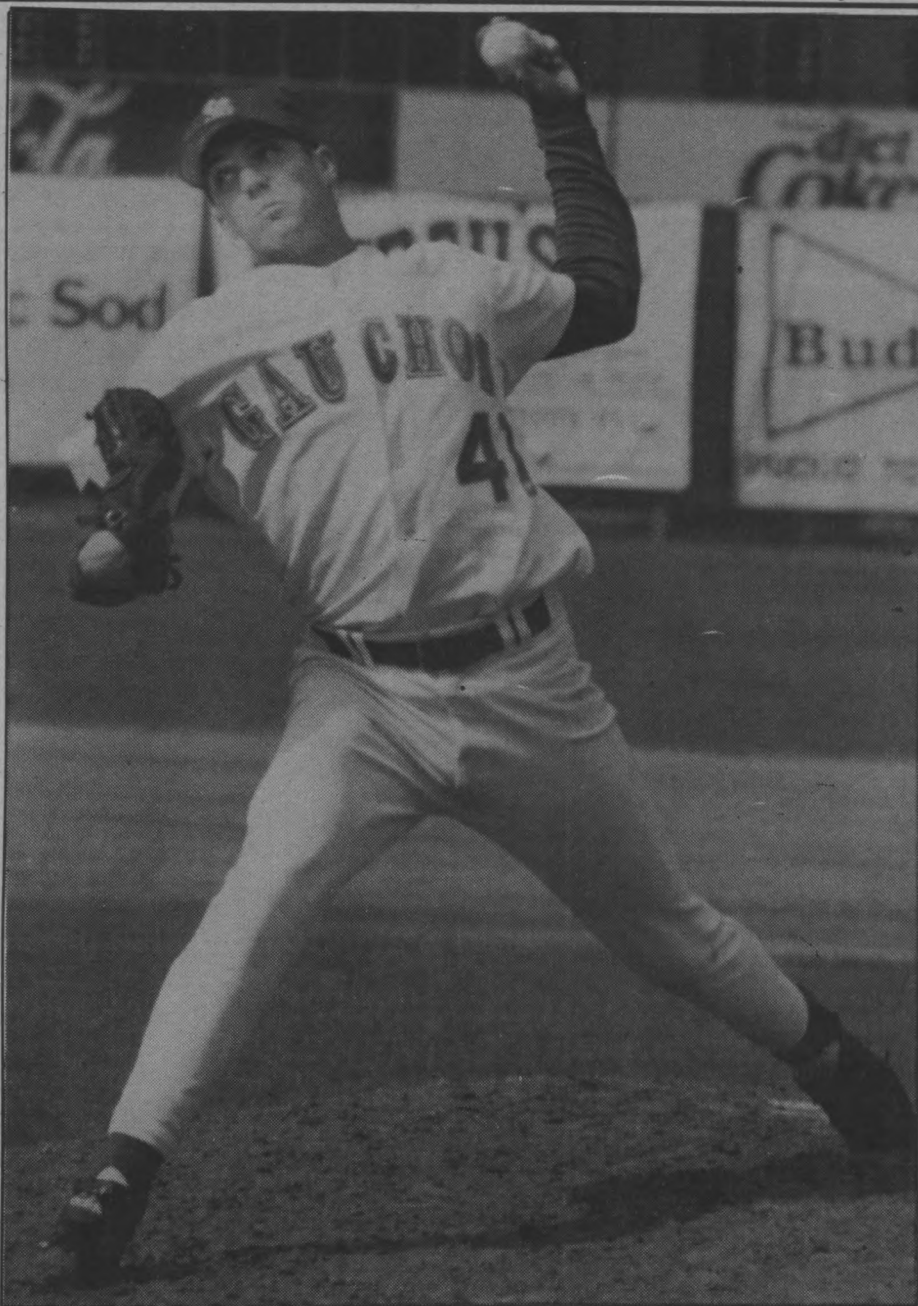
With the score 11-7, UCSB scored three runs in an attempt to erase the deficit. But the comeback fell short when junior shortstop Michael Young ended the game by grounding out to short.

"I'm very proud of our effort," Brontsema said. "We didn't quit in the ninth and we haven't quit all year."

Willis finished the game 4-5 with three RBIs. Senior designated hitter Justin Balsler added three hits, and four other Gauchos pounded out two.

Cal Poly was led by catcher Matt Pries and Rohlmeier, each picking up three hits.

Senior pitcher Dave Snowden pitched 5½ innings of solid relief to earn the victory for the Mustangs.



YOU'RE OUT!: Freshman Barry Zito pitched solidly in relief, but could not stop his team from losing to Cal Poly, 11-10.

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TOO MUCH: Freshman Jong Min Lee's strong showing was not enough for UCSB to overcome Ole Miss.

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UCSB Men's Tennis Falls to Ole Miss in Opening Round of National Tourney

By Ben Alkaly
Staff Writer

At first glance, the UCSB men's tennis team's 4-0 loss to the University of Mississippi in the first round of the NCAA Championships on Saturday would appear to be a blowout.

However, when taking into consideration the fact that a number of Gauchos were winning their matches when the best-of-seven contest was abruptly stopped, the results cannot be seen as one-sided.

Freshman Jong-Min Lee was one player in command

of his match before the untimely finish. Competing in the number #1 singles position, Lee took the first set 7-6 from the Rebels' Johan Hede, a two-time All-American ranked ninth nationally, but did not have the opportunity to play for a win.

"I was very happy with the way I played," Lee said. "I felt I was on top of him when the match was stopped. It's disappointing to finish the season this way."

Also leading in his match was senior Darren Potkey, who led Ole Miss freshman Robert Abendroth 7-5, 0-1 before the Rebels clinched the victory.

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Women's Water Polo Ends Successful Year

Year in Review

By Morgan G. Williams
Reporter

It has been said that numbers speak for themselves. The numbers that the UCSB women's water polo team put up this season — a 20-15 record and a #5 ranking in the nation — speak loud and clear.

Perhaps the most telling example of how the squad made tremendous strides this season is the comparison of past performances to more recent ones.

"In the first game of the season against USC we were down 3-1 at halftime before coming back to beat them 5-4," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Joe O'Brien. "And then at nationals we beat them handily, 6-2."

Last year Santa Barbara was 1-5 against UC Davis and never came within 10 goals of San Diego State University. This year the Gauchos were 2-2 against UCD, losing the two games by a combined total of only four goals. The SDSU matchup, although resulting in a loss, was not decided until the final minutes of play.

But numbers are not the only thing that will be remembered about the season. What will also remain in the memories of the fans, players and coaches alike is how individuals chose to make changes for the betterment of the team.

"We rely on people doing exceptional things. We had four who were doing exceptional things this year. That is the tradition that needs to be passed on," O'Brien said.

Whether it was changing roles or style of play, the Gauchos looked to the senior veterans like Keri Santos, Suzanne Eskilson, Deborah McClendon and Gillian Sharp to lead by example.

"They asked themselves, 'Do I want to invest a significant part of my life in it?'" O'Brien said. "They all invested. They were willing to do it, to make changes in themselves to make us better."

Several players accumulated individual honors during the season. At the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Tournament, freshman Kara Watkins was named to the First Team All-Tournament squad while sophomore goalie Angie Seto, who recorded 206 saves on the season, and Santos were named to the

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Second Team. Watkins also earned First Team All-Qualification Tournament honors. The Gauchos had strong individual showings in the National Championships as well, with Santos — the team scoring leader — being named to the Second Team, and Eskilson, who finished third in scoring with 28, earning Honorable Mention honors. The players were not the only ones who earned awards, as O'Brien was named MPSF Coach of the Year.

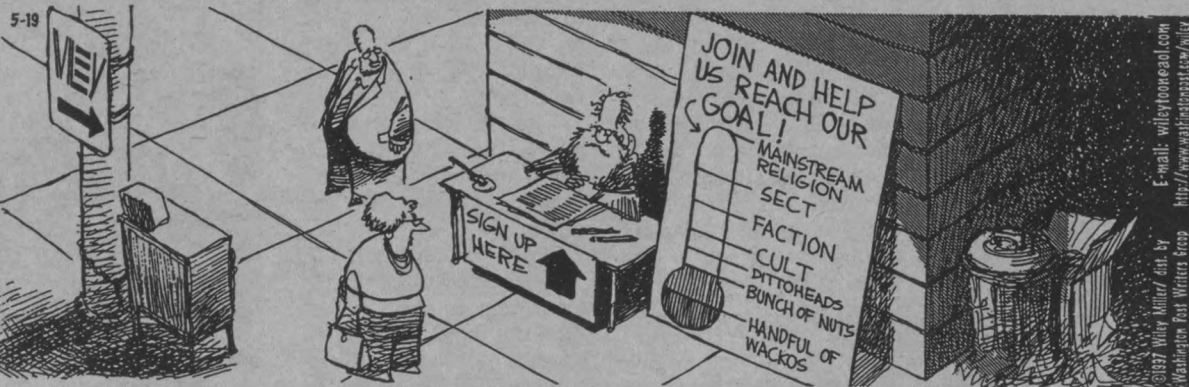
With the talent that is returning next year, keeping the ball rolling should not be a problem. The Gauchos return junior team captain Carly Jones along with fellow class-

mates Dianne Vicheinrut and Kristen Slater. Also returning are sophomores Wendy Jensen, Juli Monahan, Seto and Monica Gregory, who will all play key roles. Freshmen Holly Rodrigues, Danelle Little, Lynn Nisbet and Watkins round out the returners.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - The moon's in Libra, the pacifist. Aries can be a little hot-headed. So if you find somebody particularly annoying today, stop and ask yourself if this person is telling you something that will help you become more effective. If not, blast 'em!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Libra and Taurus are like siblings. Libra is the intellectual and you're the practical one. You have many secret advantages, and also a lot more money in the bank. Imitate the Libras; today and your work will be more fun. Let your imagination run wild.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - This is a great day for you. You'll notice that the words come easily. Finish up whatever writing project you've been working on. You're starting to get new ideas already. Later in the week you'll be bubbling over with them. Tonight, be discreet.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Has your sweetheart been nagging you about something having to do with the house, its furnishings or real estate? Better figure out what you do and definitely do not want. If you don't offer an opinion, you know what will happen. The other person will decide.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - If there's any information you need to gather, do it now. That goes for people you need to interview or books you need to read. It'll be easier today than tonight. Then we're going through a couple of days when it'll be practically impossible.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You've been lucky for the last several weeks, actually. Today, these benefits will show up in the area of your personal finances. You could get a check from Ed McMahon in the mail, but it's more likely you'll find a bargain if you go shopping.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is an 8 - The moon's in your sign today, which is always marvelous. The sun's almost in Gemini, but not quite. So it's almost a good day to travel, but not quite. Instead, figure out where you're going to get the funding for your trip around the world.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - This morning could be mildly miserable, but this evening should be pretty nice. That's because the moon will be in your sign by then. The sun is still in Taurus, however. Taurus prompts you to be at your best. If you're not, you'll find out about it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - This morning is a good time for a meeting, although you may not get much accomplished. Nobody feels like making a decision. That's OK, go ahead and gather data instead. You'll be more than ready to make a decision later tonight or tomorrow. In fact, you'll have to.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - A person in a position of authority is interested in what's going on with you. This could lead to the opportunity you've been seeking. Luckily, you're in a good mood. Unluckily, you don't feel much like working. Might as well throw a party tonight; you may not have time later.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - This is almost a marvelous day for you. The moon's in Libra, and that's very nice. It helps you expand your thinking. Some of your friends may feel you're already stretched past your natural limits, but you know there's further you could go.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - If money's an issue with you, maybe education's the key. The more you know, the more you're worth. Start by asking questions. What do other people seem to need? You'd be good at a health care profession. Pisces is the sign of the nurse.

Today's Birthday (May 19) - Your work will be easier this year if you relax. Heed your sweetheart's advice in June. Do what you have to do in September to make your future more secure, whether or not your mate understands. The work in October is challenging. Stay loose and you'll do better. Make a change in partnerships in December and travel in January. Your career takes a strange turn in February, but it's for the best. Learn through experience in April.

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However, what will go down in the record books are the three decisive losses suffered by Santa Barbara that sealed the team's fate. Sophomore Cory Guy was defeated by eighth-ranked Johan Landsberg 6-2, 6-1 at the #3 position, while senior Eddie Weiss and freshman Simon Shen were upended by their opponents 6-2, 6-1 and 6-3, 6-2 in the #4 and #5 spots, respectively.

Despite the convincing defeats, UCSB Head Coach Don Lowry was impressed by his squad's effort against the second-best team in the country.

"I'm really proud of the guys," he said. "A lot has come

together for us this year. [Making the NCAAs] was obviously the highlight of my career."

Lowry cannot be as pleased with the outcome of the doubles contest that opened the match. The team of Guy and Shen, playing at #2, was winning its match, and Potkey and senior Simon Kurth, playing at #3, were tied before a series of rain delays totaling over an hour brought play to a halt. The Rebels clearly benefited from the break, taking the #3 match 8-4. The #1 doubles team of Lee and junior Ross Duncan was also retired after the courts dried, 8-5. Guy and Shen were up 8-7 when Ole Miss took the doubles crown.

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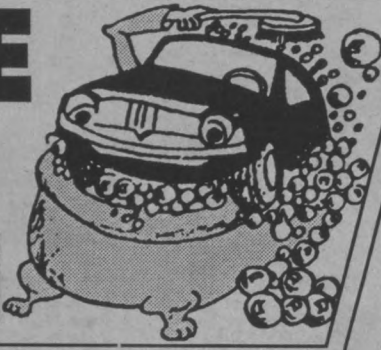
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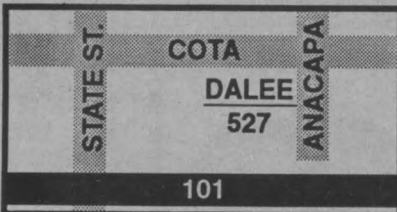
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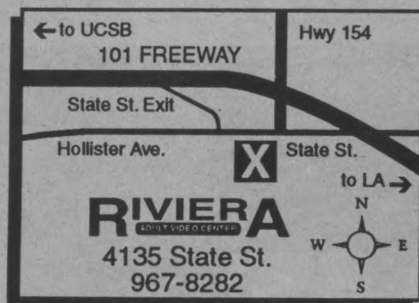
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