SOOFES MONDAY

Gaucho Baseball: By the Numbers

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Games won by the Gauchos, games won by pitcher Bing Cain and the margin of victory of each game this past weekend

5, 3

Series RBI total of Chad Peshke and number of RBI he had on game-winning hit

4-2

Gauchos' record vs. Cal Poly for the year

31, 27

Number of series hits by the Gauchos and the Mustangs

6

Gauchos' run total in every game of threegame series

Graduating seniors who played their final game in a Gaucho uniform

Gauchos Take a Pair From Poly to Close Out Year

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS Staff Writer

The UCSB baseball team played its final games of the season against the Cal Poly Mustangs this past weekend at San Luis Obispo Stadium. However, the three-game affair turned out to be a series of twos.

The Gauchos (27-26 overall, 14-16 in the Big West) took two out of the three games, with sophomore Bing Cain notching both wins on the mound for UCSB. Santa Barbara took game one, winning by two runs. The Mustangs (21-31, 9-21) came out victorious in game two, also by two runs. The last game of the series came down to the last two innings before Santa Barbara could finally overtake Cal Poly by another two runs for a thrilling final victory.

"It was just phenomenal," senior team captain Brad Wright said. "To come out here and take two games, and to come back and win this [last] game, it was phenomenal. This was so important to all of us to end on a good note because it leads us into the off-season. This will be good for a lot of the younger guys who are coming back next year."

In Friday's affair, both ball clubs came out to a quick start, scoring two runs apiece in each half of the first inning. But it would be the Gauchos that came out on top with a 6-4 victory.

Mustang senior Mike



Chad Peshke

Zirelli, who pitched a complete game victory against the Gauchos earlier in the year, started on the mound for the Mustangs. Zirelli did not fair as well in this game, however, and was touched for eight hits and surrendered four runs in seven innings of work.

For the Gauchos, junior Troy Kinto took the mound and continued his impressive pitching, giving up two earned runs on four hits and striking out six in 6.1 innings of work. Cain relieved Kinto and worked for 2.2 innings, giving up only one earned run on three hits.

Santa Barbara was behind 3-2 heading into the seventh inning when junior catcher Bill Duplissea led the inning off with a solo home run to left field, tying the score at three apiece. Cal Poly was unable to break the tie in its half of the seventh.

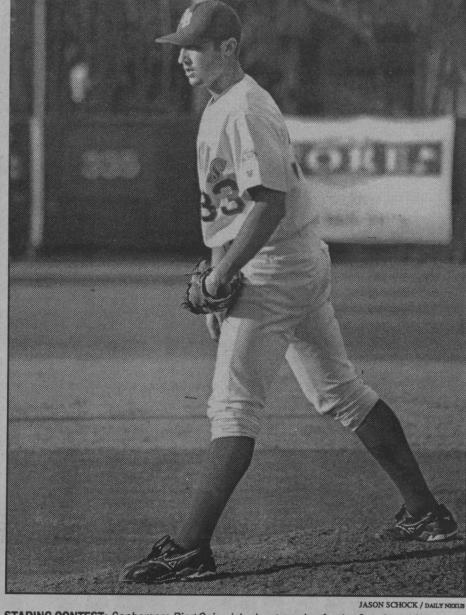
In the eighth inning of action, the Gauchos moved ahead when senior left fielder Ryan Baderian knocked in a run on a single to left. Duplissea brought home another run on a single, and freshman first baseman Tyler Von Schell drove in the Gauchos' last run of the game on a sacrifice fly. The Mustangs mustered only one run in the ninth frame for the final tally.

Senior David Uris started for Santa Barbara in Saturday's 8-6 defeat by the Mustangs. Uris was roughed up by Cal Poly after three innings. The righty gave up seven earned runs on nine hits before giving way to ju-nior Matt Dailey. Dailey gave up one earned run on three hits but left the game due to a groin injury after he put in three innings of work. Sophomore Bryan Bear finished out the game for the Gauchos, surrendering no runs on no hits in two

Despite Bear's efforts, Gaucho batters were unable to make up ground on the Mustang lead. Sophomore left fielder Chris Crawley went 2-3 with one RBI for Santa Barbara. Wright knocked in four of the Gauchos' six runs, finishing 2-3 from the plate.

UCSB closed out its season in thrilling fashion in Sunday's rubbermatch. The Gauchos were behind 4-1 after seven and came back to score five runs in the final two innings for a sensational 6-4 victory.

Sophomore Chad Peshke was clutch for the Gauchos, finishing 3-5 with five ribbies. The second baseman got things going for the Gauchos in the eighth as he doubled down the right-field line and knocked in a



STARING CONTEST: Sophomore Bing Cain picked up two wins for the Gauchos this past weekend in Cal Poly, enabling UCSB to finish 27-26 overall.

run in the process. Peshke would score a run himself on a wild pitch from Cal Poly junior pitcher Jeremy Cunningham, bringing the Gauchos within one, 4-3.

Things looked bleak for UCSB in the Mustangs' half of the eighth. With no outs and runners on the corners, Cain was in quite a jam. However, Duplissea gunned down senior pinch runner Matt Elam at first on a pickoff play for the first out. Cain then got Mustang junior center fielder Tanner Trosper to foul out to sophomore third baseman Dave Molidor. UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema signaled Cain to walk Cal Poly's next batter, freshman left-handed second baseman Chris Martinez, to face a right-handed right fielder in senior Matt Brady. Brady had already homered in the seventh inning against UCSB's junior starter Gabe Neboyia.

"Bing has got a good

breaking ball," Brontsema said. "I thought it was better to use that against a right hander."

Brontsema's strategy worked to perfection, as Cain got Brady to foul out to Molidor, and prevented Cal Poly from increasing its lead. It was now up to the Gaucho bats in the ninth.

Gaucho bats in the ninth.

With the bases loaded, two out, and with both dugouts on their feet, Peshke stepped up to the plate. On a 1-1 count, Peshke swung and sent the ball deep to center field. Trosper seemed to be in position for a routine fly out, but the ball sailed over his reach and allowed for a bases-clearing triple for Peshke, moving the Gauchos ahead 6-4.

"I guess I had a good day," a modest Peshke said. "We all played good. This was just a great win for us. We also had great pitching that helped us out a lot."

Cal Poly still had a chance in the final frame, but Cain proved to be too much on the mound, getting three consecutive outs against the Mustangs in the ninth, two of them on strikeouts.

"This was a great way to end things," Cain said. "I was in a jam in the eighth, but things went our way. I'm just happy that the team did what they had to do."

Cain finished off the final two innings for Santa Barbara with two strikeouts and no runs on one hit for his fifth victory of the year.

"Those last two innings are innings I'm going to remember for a long time," Brontsema said. "We came up and said, 'There is only two innings left, how do we want to put a stamp on this season? Do we want to roll over, or do we want to get after it?' They obviously got after it. I am so proud of those guys' effort. It was awesome."

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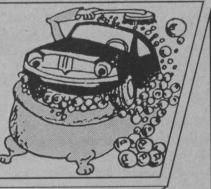
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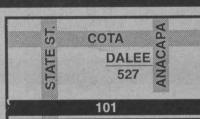
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The UCSB men's volleyball team has signed a local star to come play for it starting next year.

Jeff Mine, a product of Santa Barbara High School, signed a National Letter of Intent to play for the Gauchos, coming off a 9-15

season (5-14 in the Moun-

tain Pacific Sports

Federation).

Mine, a 6'3" setter, earned All-CIF and All-Channel League honors as a junior, and this past year he led the Dons to a #8 ranking in CIF

outside hitter and blocker.

"Jeff is an extremely hard worker with very good, quick hands," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "His placement is excellent and he 'delivers the mail,' so to speak. I'm very excited that he chose UCSB to continue his career. It is so nice to see great local talent want to stay in Santa Barbara and compete for their hometown

university." The Gauchos also will be joined by former All-American Todd Rogers for

Division I. Mine also plays next season. Rogers, who was a two-time All-American at UCSB, will be an assistant coach, replacing current Assistant Coach Lee Nelson. Nelson has accepted an assistant coaching position with the women's volleyball program at the University of Nevada.

"We are excited to have Todd Rogers back in the Gaucho program," Preston said. "He was an outstanding player for us, and I expect he will experience the same success as a coach."

- Matt Hurst

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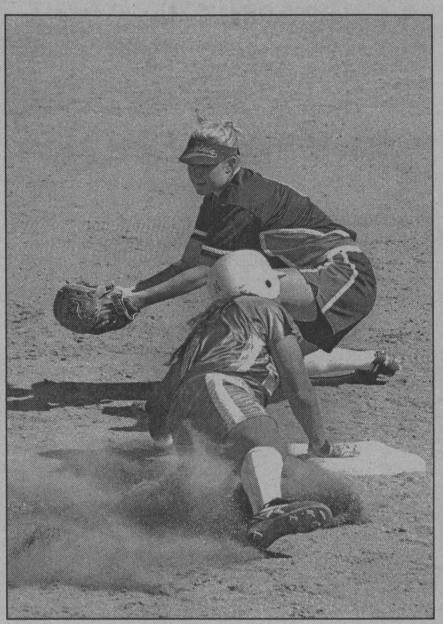


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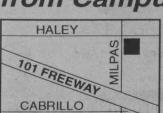
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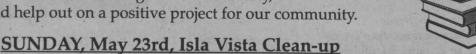
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