## SPORTS MONDAY

### **UOP Puts SB One Game Back of Pack**





Above photos taken by Rachel Weill (top) and Gerry Melendez (bottom).

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By Jenny Kok Staff Writer

In a weekend of big conference matchups, the #10 UCSB women's volleyball team couldn't quite beat the odds on Saturday as the #7 University of the Pacific Tigers (19-3 overall, 12-2 in the Big West) took a crucial four-gamer, knocking the Gauchos out of a four-way tie for first in the Big West (15-12, 4-15, 15-10, 15-9). The Tigers remain in a three-way tie with U. of Hawaii and Long Beach State Long Beach State.

After the San Jose State Spartans (11-10, 7-7) put up a fight against Santa Barbara (22-5, 11-3) on Friday night, losing 15-10, 15-8, 10-15, 15-9, the Gauchos headed into their big game with Pacific ready for anything ... well, anything but Charlotte Johansson, Robyn Schmitt, Dominique Benton-Bozman and their offensive slide. "We didn't adjust at all to the slide. I think that was the biggest area that we lacked, that made us lose," Gaucho

outside hitter Kim Keys explained. "We out-hit them, out-dug them, out-set them and out-blocked them. It wasn't by a big margin, but at clutch situations we couldn't quite do what we needed to do. With the slide, they sidedout fairly easily and we couldn't adjust to it.
That was our problem."

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Bespite an incredible effort by the Gauchos who held Benton-Bozman, one of the country's most renowned hitters, to 16 kills at a unusually low .184 hitting percentage, UCSB couldn't find a way to contain Johansson and Schmitt, who tallied 21 kills at .386 and 17 kills at .400, respectively. To make these statistics a little clearer, the Gauchos didn't block Schmitt once in the match.

"I thought the big difference was that we had chances in the first and third games, 12-10 or 10-12," UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory said. "We're just not physical enough at the end of the game to make the play happen where [the Tigers] are. They can come up with the block or a tough serve. Playing a team like Pacific, you have got

to make something happen."

Santa Barbara kept game one close with some virtually flawless playing, but UOP's physical nature enabled them to come out on top. In game two, though, UCSB adjusted to the heavy-hitting Tigers. The Gauchos started serving short, which threw off UOP's passing game, thus limiting their abilities in the attack.

"[UOP] couldn't run their attack off the pass short,"
Gregory commented. "We followed it the third game, but

then we started to miss a little and with that, our serving took us out of the third game."

Service errors could possibly be the sole reason for the Gauchos' loss in the third game. Back-to-back service errors from Shirley Aboyme and Keys put the Gauchos

### SDSU Ends SB's Season With Shutout



As UCSB's leading scorer, junior forward Renee France gives it that little extra kick in her efforts to get past her opponent.

By Curtis Kaiser Staff Writer

In their attempt to finish off their difficult 1994 season with a victory, the UCSB women's soccer team fell short in this year's final game, a 3-0 loss to the San Diego State Az-

tecs last Friday afternoon.
Coming off a 2-1 win
against the University of Hawaii Rainbows, the Gauchos (6-9-3) were hoping to string back-to-back wins together for the first time this season. However, the Aztecs (10-7) were able to stymie the Santa Barbara attack and come away with the victory on their home

"It was a wild and wacky one," UCSB Assistant Coach Aaron Heifetz said. "Very little went right. It wasn't really a good effort on our part."
Aztec midfielder Shawn

Viloria scored the first goal of the game for San Diego when she beat UCSB goalkeeper Christina Day for the score.

The game took an ominous turn for the Gauchos late in the first half when an Aztec attacker took a one-on-one opportunity towards the Santa Barbara net. Day came out of the net to make an incredible save, but was kicked in the face by the San Diego player. Because her face was bleeding, Day was forced to leave the game. She was replaced by sophomore goalkeeper

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### Gauchos Take a Cardinal Beating in 3-0 Shutout

By Deborah Rafii Staff Writer

The UCSB men's soccer team hasn't had a shining moment since their mid-October victory against the UNLV Rebels. After losing three matches and tying one 0-0 in overtime, the last thing the Gauchos needed was to be devastated by a shutout.

Sunday's rainy afternoon game at Stanford University's Maloney Field has left the team (9-8-1 overall, 4-2-1 MPSF) with a 2-8-1 record on the road, proof that Harder Stadium's field, though in poor condition, is a possible source of luck.

The Stanford Cardinal defeated Santa Barbara 4-0 in Stanford's final match of the season, finishing with a 5-12-2 record overall, a tremendous relief after losing to Berkeley 3-1 last weekend.

The Gauchos had hoped to re-enact last season's match against Stanford, as it was their biggest win of the year. Midfielder Lance Nakimitsu scored three of the five Gaucho goals last season. But none of the Gauchos were able to emulate Nakimitsu's scoring success this

season. Stanford junior Chet Zimmer opened the scoring with a goal almost 10 minutes into the game



The Gauchos haven't won a game since they faced UNLV in October.

with the assist by sophomore Brad Davies. In the 37th minute, senior Ryan Estevez scored his first of two goals in the match. closing the half with a 2-0 lead over Santa Barbara.

Two minutes after the start of the second half, Estevez finished off a

shot taken by John Manchester. The Gauchos were unable to score on any of their 16 shots.

In the 75th minute, Zimmer was awarded a goal when the UCSB goalkeeper inadvertently scored an "own goal." Much of Stanford's

defense can be credited to goalkeeper Jim Masetti who accumulated three saves while Ryan Craig and UCSB's Monte Skarsgard each ended the game with one save apiece.

#### USC Brings an End to SB's Momentum, Putting Cap on Six-Game Winning Streak

By Chris Ganci Staff Writer

There is an overused cliché in sports that says "You have to play all four quarters." On Friday, that overused yet accurate phrase hit UCSB's water polo team square between

of a six-game winning streak, #7 UCSB traveled to Los Angeles for a showdown with #2 USC and lost 12-7, after a strong first half.

Tied at five after one half of play, USC (14-5) used five unanswered goals to create distance between themselves and the Gauchos (12-10). Unfortunately for Santa Barbara, the team had to deal with the Trojans and some questionable officiating during that fateful third quarter.

An example of the problems UCSB encountered occurred when USC was in the middle of their run, leading 8-5. At that time, a Trojan ejection gave UCSB a one-man advantage. A shot by UCSB's Nikola Ivanovic then clearly went off both hands of a USC defender. The official nearest to the play gave the ball to the Gauchos, but was overruled by the far referee. Instead of regaining possession of the ball or, at

the very least, a face-off, the Gauchos lost their advantage altogether as USC converted on the questionable call to score, increasing their advantage to

"They pressed us in the third, and we didn't adjust quickly enough," said Gaucho Coach Joe O'Brien. "There were a string of four or five calls that went against us, but in the end, we didn't create enough opportunities."

"Everyone's steam went out in the third," said UCSB goalie Ryan McMillen. "In the fourth we tried to come back, but you can't play three good quarters of water polo. You have to play four."

"We play three great quarters, and in the other we stink it up," said junior Adam Estabrook. "We couldn't overcome all the mistakes."

Junior driver Kevin Eggert scored three goals for a Gaucho team that is still looking for a victory over USC since its 11-8 triumph in 1990. Their next opportunity may come soon, however, as UCSB pre-pares for the MPSF tournament that starts in Long Beach on Friday.

"We played them really tough [Friday]," said Estabrook. "It's just a question of putting it all together and not making the same mistakes."

#### **FINALE**

Continued from p.1B deep in a hole that they just couldn't climb out of.

Game four was a different story for the Gauchos as they quickly found themselves down 9-2. The Tigers were on fire at the serve, blocking and hitting while the Gauchos seemed to have lost their spark.

"We didn't go out there hard enough [in game four]," Keys explained. "Before we knew it, it was 9-2 and we didn't have enough time to get back."

"We had our chances," Gregory said. "I thought we played better than we did at UOP earlier this season. The chemistry was there and there were times when we played very well. That's a good sign. UOP is just a very good team. They've got a few more weapons than we do. "Overall, I thought we

did some good things. Heather [Collins'] competitive spirit and leadership was there. We were just a little weak in the one other middle position. Shirley gives us some all-around, but really no hitting. [Jen] Kaylor maybe could, but she wasn't that strong tonight. Jennifer Stroffe had a really good night all ar-ound. Shannan Meixsell helped us a little tonight, but really no passing because of her foot. Jenny Boehle had a couple of digs, but really what it is is that we don't have enough help. We need a few more specialists. It would be good if we had an offensive specialist."

Keys led the Gaucho attack with 21 kills at a .289 hitting percentage, while also adding three blocks and 14 digs. Tammy Stiner added 12 kills at .296 and a match high of six blocks. Collins tallied 13 kills, 15 digs and five blocks, including three solo blocks.

The all-around player of the game honors went to Stroffe. She hammered out 14 kills at .385, led the defense with 21 digs after making 22 the previous evening, and had three blocks.

Not willing to let the loss bring them down, the Gauchos are looking ahead to what could be their biggest competition of the year.

"I think we played better as a team in these last two games than we have this whole season," Keys said. "We've been working on little things like cover-ing our hitters. It is getting better, but we aren't doing it well enough yet. Right now, we are trying to put this behind and we're looking forward to Ha-waii. We're going to work on doing things that we didn't do well enough at practice so we can be ready to play tough at

Continued from p.2B Kathy Skoglund, playing in her second game of the season.

"Kathy did well for not having played all year," Heifetz said. "To step in like she did was really good."

Two minutes later, after receiving treatment on the sidelines, Day returned to the game. The Aztecs were then able to score another goal when the ball bounced over Day's head for an easy tap in by San Diego State. The Aztec score came with just over

ten seconds remaining in the half.

It was later determined that Day had suffered a concussion on the play, and Skoglund returned to finish the match.

Heifetz felt that the play of freshman midfielder Sarah Louie was one of the bright spots in the game for the Gauchos.

"Sarah has played very well during the second half of the season, especially since we're without [Amy] Gutowski and [Julie] Harris," Heifetz said. With ten minutes re-

maining in the second half, another unfortunate event took place for the

fender Brianne O'Brien had been fouled by an Aztec player, she intentionally kicked her opponent. O'Brien was given a red card and ejected from the game. This forced Santa Barbara to play the re-mainder of the contest

with ten players.
UCSB had three excellent scoring chances during the second half, with a corner kick and two free kicks, but the Gauchos were unable to convert any of their opportunities.

"[The Aztecs] were a horrible team," Heifetz said. "You can battle your heart out, but if you can't score, the little things you Gauchos. After UCSB de- do wrong will hurt you."



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