Winning Weekend for Women's Volleyball

UCSB Digs Playing at Long Beach and Irvine By Jenny Kok as it could have — we should've

By Jenny Kok Staff Writer

As if coming back from a weekend on the road with two wins isn't something to be proud of, the #15 UCSB women's volleyball team has one big bragging right — they finally beat Long Beach State on the road.

It took five games, but the Gauchos (12-4 overall, 5-0 in the Big West) defeated the #6 49ers (9-2 overall, 4-1) at LBSU Saturday night for the first time since 1990 (15-10, 7-15, 15-9, 10-15,

"It was such a good win for us," said UCSB senior middle blocker Jennifer Kaylor. "They didn't have their starting setter, but their backup set really well. I was pretty fired up for the game and we were all ready to play. We really picked it up.

The Gauchos played very strongly for most of the match, but during the second and fourth games, they ran into some scoring trouble. UCSB was siding out, but it couldn't score any

"I feel good about the match,

won the games we lost," senior won the games we lost," senior middle blocker Tammy Stiner said. "We were up in both the games we lost. There were a lot of mental errors, but overall, a win is a win and I couldn't be happier about that."

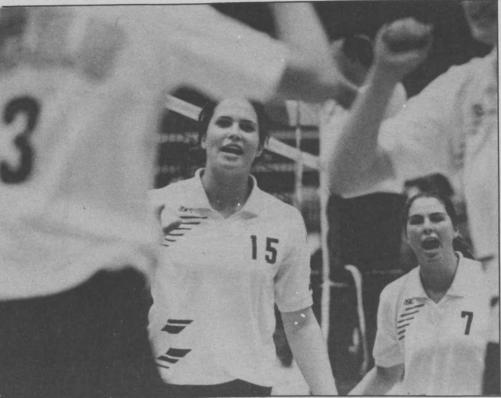
"We served them tough and hung in there the whole way through," said senior outside hitter Kim Keys. "Our ball control was pretty good and our

trol was pretty good and our middle did really well. It's an ex-citing win because of the huge ri-

valry we have with Long Beach." With 15 kills at a .333 hitting percentage, Kaylor led the offense for Santa Barbara. Along with the offense, she led the team at the net with six total

Freshman outside hitter Erin McCown came out strong for UCSB, pounding out 13 kills at .300 and led the defense with 13 digs. Stiner and Keys each added 11 kills, while Keys also tallied

For Long Beach, outside hitter Brita Schwerm kept the offense and defense rolling as she hammered 19 kills at .368 and amassed 24 digs. Middle blocker Nique Crump led the block with



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ROAD VICTORY: UCSB finally defeated Long Beach State for the first time since 1990.

two solos and six assists and added 11 kills to the team effort.

On Friday night, the Gauchos quickly rolled past UC Irvine, sweeping the Anteaters (15-12,

"We started off slow, but as

the game went on we prog-ressed," Stiner said. "Irvine hung in there and fought pretty hard. They were blocking a lot of balls and had good hitting

coverage."
UCSB sophomore outside

hitter Jennifer Stroffe led the offense with 13 kills at .455 and added nine digs and three blocks. Kaylor added 12 kills at

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Gauchos Handle Huskies but Falter to Portland

■ Santa Barbara Wins at Husky Classic Sunday

By Brett Lindstrom Staff Writer

After having its unbeaten streak end at eight games with a 2-0 loss to 15th-ranked Univer-sity of Portland on Friday, the UCSB men's soccer team re-bounded back two days later with an impressive 3-1 victory over the University of Washing-ton earning a second-place finton, earning a second-place fin-ish at the Washington Husky

"We knew that the Portland matchup was definitely a big



game for us," UCSB Head Coach Mark Arya said. "I think we kind of spooked ourselves a

The Gauchos were unable to capitalize on any of their scoring opportunities, while both of Portland's goals were notched early in the second half. Al-



HEAD'S UP: Junior defender Brian Mackerer fights for the 50/50 ball against Berkeley last

though it was a tough loss, Arya and his team remained positive about their performance.

"Portland just caught us a bit flat," Arya said. "If we happen to meet them again, we know we'll be able to compete."

On Sunday, the Gauchos came out strong against the University of Washington, scoring only 33 seconds into the match. After a string of short passes off the opening kickoff, senior mid-

fielder Ralph Robertson sent a ball across the middle, where sophomore forward Danny Mann made a beautiful chest trap and sent a blistering shot past the Husky keeper and into the back of the net.

UW evened the match 10 minutes later, catching the unsuspecting Santa Barbara defense off-guard, with a score off a crossed ball. The teams went into halftime tied at one.

Once again the Gauchos proved to be a second-half team, scoring two more goals to put the match away in strong fash-ion. After a first-half assist, Robertson came back to add a goal of his own, bending a free kick around the wall and into

Minutes later, UCSB senior forward Jeff Johnson tallied his

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Women Take **Hard Losses** to Road Foes

By Alex Nugent Staff Writer

With a two-game winning streak on the line, the UCSB women's soccer team headed into this past weekend with hopes of continuing its success over Sacramento State and the University of Pacific on Saturday and Sunday nights.

After losing a heartbreaker to Sacramento (1-8 overall), 2-1, on Saturday night, Santa Barbara (2-9 overall) tried to get back on the winning track against Pacific but fell short,

2-0.

"We went out against a strong team and battled with them until the last couple minutes of the first half," said UCSB Head Coach John Cossaboon after the game against UOP. "Tonight I saw us in a transition. It's really too quick to bounce back from last night."

The Gauchos played excellent defense for most of the first half until Pacific forward Megan Koren scored the game's first goal with less than two minutes to play.

"Today we came out a lot stronger and a lot more consistent than yesterday," said senior goalkeeper Dana Visse. "I think everyone was more ready to play today."

The Tigers scored the game's final goal early in the second half at the 36-minute mark, on their way to handing Santa Barbara its ninth loss of the season.

Against Sacramento, UCSB's mistakes cost the team as it fell behind early in the first

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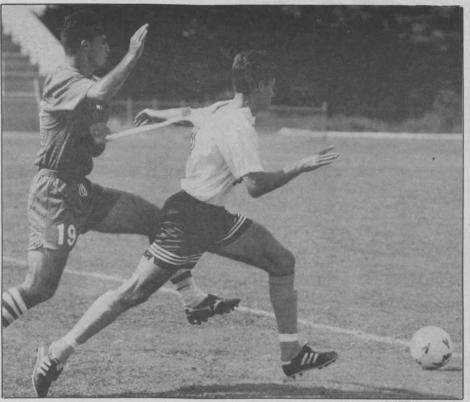
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FOUL!: Although UCSB freshman forward Reza Zamani doesn't always play by the rules, he has been one of the players the Gauchos will look to in the future.

SPLIT

Continued from p.1A first goal of the season with an assist from senior midfielder Greg Depaco. Through a series of quick lateral passes, the Gauchos were able to beat the Husky pressure and set up Johnson with a one-on-

one with the goalie. Johnson would not be denied.
Freshman goalkeeper
Stewart Sanders had yet
another excellent performance in the net for the
Gauchos. His presence is
no doubt a reason for
Santa Barbara's continued
success. Junior, defender success. Junior defender Brian Mackerer was another asset for UCSB in the weekend's games. Although difficult to measure with statistics, Mackerer's hard work in the backfield raised the level of the entire team's play, according to Arya.

A final highlight for the Gauchos was that sweeper Patrick Griffin was named Defensive Player of the

Defensive Player of the tournament. Defender Danny Sparks also re-ceived votes for this

award.
The Gauchos carry their The Gauchos carry their 8-1-1 record, not to mention a great deal of momentum, into next weekend's matchup against Cal State Fullerton.

"The pressure of an un-

"The pressure of an undefeated season is off us now," said Arya. "We showed the composure to get right back on track

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Gaucho Men's and Women's Cross Country Weekend



UCSB Men Take Seventh, While Women Settle for 13th Place at Big Stanford Invitational Meet

By Michael Cadilli Staff Writer

Despite placing some decent scores at the prestigious Stanford Invitational on Saturday, both the UCSB men's and women's cross country squads were left with thoughts of what could have been.

Men

The Gaucho men finished a strong seventh place (229)

behind #29 Fresno State (187), but fell short of their goal of running past Pac-10 power UCLA (163), who finished

"We missed an opportunity because third was within our reach," UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan said. "We have great expectations. Seventh was a fine finish, but the team knows we could have beaten UCLA.

Stanford (57) won the eight-kilometer race, topping Northern Arizona University (61) on a rather hilly and

Santa Barbara's top two finishers were once again se-

nior Brad Glosser (20th place, 25:29) and junior Ben Flamm (23rd, 25:33) — leading the Gauchos past rival and Big West Champion Utah State (ninth-place, 273) for the second time this season.

"We came through with a good performance," said Flamm, who recorded a personal best at the event. "I was happy to beat Utah, but the team still has much to show. We have more potential."

"To beat Utah knowing we didn't run our best was a real confidence booster," Dolan added.

Rounding out the top seven finishers for UCSB were senior Dave Cullum (42nd, 25:55), sophomore Liam Jones (73rd, 26:22), junior Nate Jobe (80th, 26:29), senior Nate Weber (86th, 26:33) and senior Dave Guenther (87th, 26:34)

A scary moment occurred after the race as Jobe started

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The Gaucho women (337) took 13th place, which in itself isn't that bad, except that Big West rival UC Irvine (173) took fourth.

'This was a major disappointment. It was the worst finish in the last

three years," Dolan said.
"We matched up with
UCI, but they still beat us
by over 100 points."
According to Dolan, the
team held a meeting in order to try and fix what is
going amiss during the going amiss during the meets. "They were very up-set. They sat down and said, We are going to do said, we are going to do correct what's wrong in order to win a championship.'

"They took the defeat and turned it into desire," he added. "Now is the time of the don't turn it are

time. If we don't turn it around, we can't win a

championship."
Junior Heather Bray
(43rd place, 18:34) led the
way for Santa Barbara in
the five-kilometer race. UCSB senior Mary Crane (58th, 18:43) and junior Eliza Alexander (70th, 18:51) finished close behind, but then the times start to drop off.

start to drop off.
Sophomore Julie Marshall (92nd, 19:21), Eva
Mattson (95th, 19:24), junior Laurie Murphy
(111th, 19:43) and sophomore Gabriela Rodriguez
(125th, 20:06) rounded
out the top seven for the
Gauchos.

WINS

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For the Anteaters (2-9 overall, 0-5 in the Big

West), Popi Edwards led their offense with 13 kills at .200 and the block with one solo and four assists. Tandie Wade made 11 digs to lead the UCI defense. "It was a good game,"

Kaylor said. "We went in knowing that [Irvine] is a good team. They prepared us for Long Beach. Our transition picked up and then our whole game picked up."



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