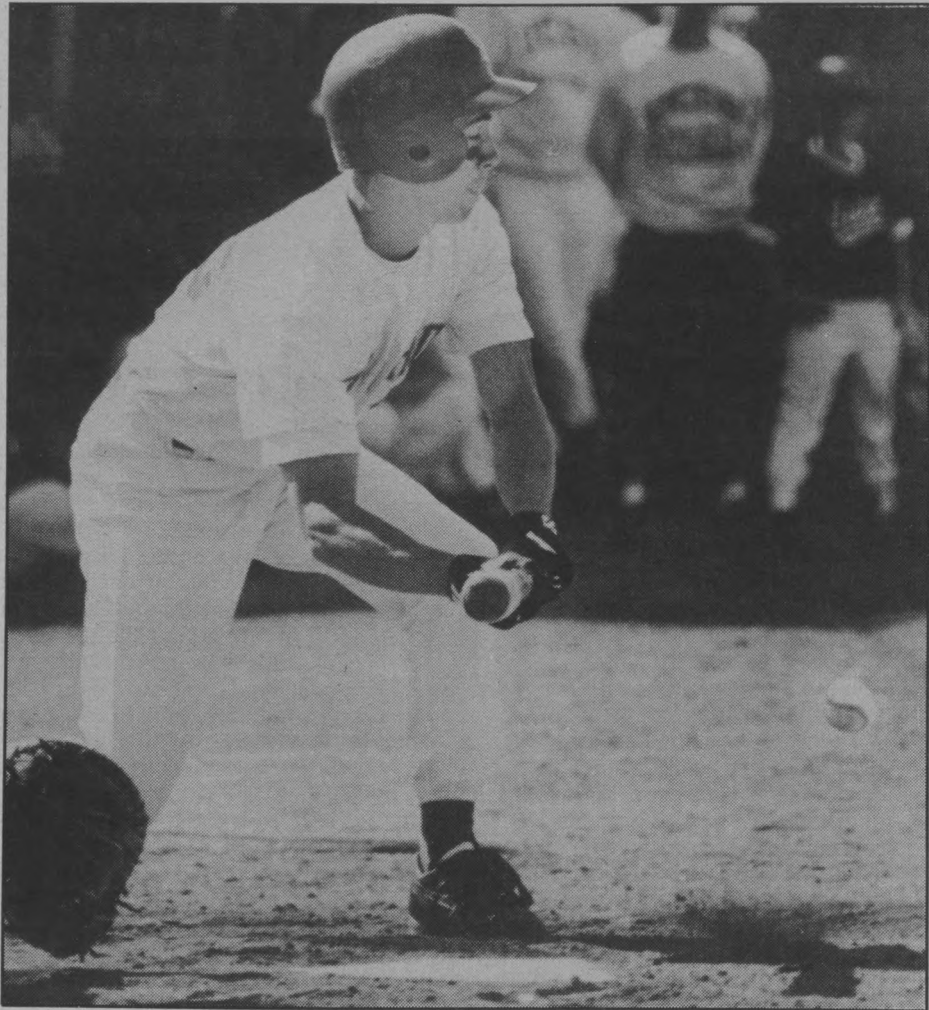


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The Gauchos keep the ball in play in game two, beating the Spartans, 6-4 at Home after losing, 3-1 in the opener.

UCSB Sluggers Get Impaled by Spartans, Losing 2 of 3

Gauchos Lose Homestand to San Jose St. in a Crucial Series

By Curtis Kaiser
Staff Writer

It was home sweet hell for the Gauchos sluggers this past weekend.

In a crucial matchup in the Big West conference, the UCSB baseball team (15-22 overall, 5-4 Big West) lost two out of three to the San Jose State Spartans (21-16, 2-4).

Friday's game was won by the Spartans, 3-1, in a well-played affair by both teams — characterized by excellent pitching on both sides. Actually, though, the Gauchos repeatedly had men on base throughout the game, only to see them stranded.

"To me that was the toughest game of the year," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "It was an important game, a conference game. We had a quality pitcher on the ropes

and we couldn't put them away."

The game began on a bad note for UCSB's starting pitcher Steve Lane (4-4), when Spartan leadoff man LaVerne Thomas hit what looked to be a routine fly ball to right field, but turned into a wind-aided home run. San Jose added another run in the second inning when Willie Moore hit another solo shot to right. After the second inning, Lane pitched very effectively, allowing only one more run and going the distance.

The Gauchos pounded out 11 hits against Spartan starter Dave Sick (6-0). However, he was able to bear down with men on base, allowing his only run of the game in the third inning when Wynter Phoenix's single knocked in Peter Muro.

"Sick is an outstanding pitcher," Brontsema said.

"I've got to give him credit. He had to be doing something different in the tough situations. We were getting him into some jams, but we just couldn't finish the job."

UCSB had a chance to tie or win the game in the ninth against San Jose's stopper Mike DesRoches. The Gauchos loaded the bases with two outs for cleanup hitter Matt Bazzani. With the runners going on a 3-2 pitch with two outs, DesRoches was able to strike out Bazzani swinging, earning his second save of the year.

Saturday's contest saw UCSB win, 6-4, by combining clutch hitting with excellent pitching by starting pitcher Pat Treend (3-5) and reliever John Bretza, who earned his second save. Treend threw 7 2/3 innings, allowing se-

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UCSB Gymnast Earns Place in NCAA's National Event

Jeb Brandon Gets a Bid to Compete in Championships

By Deborah Rafii
Staff Writer

Well, it's not over yet. For senior Gauchos gymnast Jeb Brandon, the season is at its peak.

Five UCSB gymnasts qualified for Western Regionals held last weekend in Colorado Springs. Brandon has advanced to the NCAA Championships held in Lincoln, Neb., on April 22 and 23.

Brandon, along with juniors Reid Holbrook and Steve Koiles, sophomore David Cassie, and freshman Brian Bakalar, attended the highly competitive meet and UCSB returned with one athlete going to nationals for the sixth straight year.

"This was a very tough meet and I think that the men's gymnastics team definitely got some respect," Head Coach Mircea Baudulescu said. "Unfortunately, Reid injured his ankle early on but Jeb will be going to represent Santa Barbara."

Six full teams competed with Nebraska taking first place. Stanford, national champions for the last two years, took second place and Oklahoma took third, ahead of UCLA.

Holbrook, who qualified for the high bar event, sprained his ankle in the first event of the meet.

On the still rings, Koiles obtained a score of 9.3, which did not qualify him to nationals.

In addition, both Baka-



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Reid Holbrook failed to vault his way into the NCAA national event at Regionals.

lar, with a score of 8.3 due to a fall, and Cassie missed their routines.

"I think that I could've done better," Cassie said. "It's been a learning experience, though, because it was the first time I had been to regionals."

Brandon, who went to nationals last season, obtained a 9.35 on the vault and will refine his skills and routine in order to place at the championships.

"I am very happy because from the beginning,

our goal was to qualify as many members to regionals as we could," Baudulescu added. "We qualified three more athletes than last year and one of them was a freshman who just lacked some experience."

"I am looking forward to nationals and we will have a good opportunity to have big exposure. The vault is a very open event and Jeb can walk away with a title if he hits his routine perfectly."



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UCSB women gymnasts can't find the fire needed to spark clean performances during the regional qualifying meet at Boise, Idaho.

Unmotivated Gymnasts Fail to Qualify at Regional Event

By Steven Large
Staff Writer

The philosophical saying about the sum not always being equal to the parts was proven over the weekend when three gymnasts from UCSB's always strong gymnastics team went down quietly at regionals.

The three UCSB women gymnasts competing in the NCAA regionals at Boise, Idaho, returned home yesterday, unable to advance to the Nationals.

Gauchos Emily Triplano finished 16th in the regionals with an all-around score of 37.425, while Margie Hoeffler came in 19th with 36.925 points and Lauren Yee received a score of 36.150.

"We didn't do very well," Hoeffler said. "We



Emily Triplano

were motivated and we were tired."

The motivation factor was a key issue for the gymnasts. With their team back home and the Gauchos season over, the competitive spirit just couldn't be found. Not competing with the Gauchos team, each gymnast had to tag along with a different team. Yee competed with the University of Oregon, while Triplano joined up with UCLA and Hoeffler teamed with Cal State

Fullerton.

"It [the regionals] was weird because last year we went as a team," Triplano said. "It was hard without the team."

The Gauchos gymnastics team narrowly missed the regionals this year, coming in eighth in the Western region — the first seven teams qualify.

"It was fun because it was different being with another team," Hoeffler said. "But I wasn't really motivated."

Hoeffler did not hit her routines as consistently as she did during the season, falling a few times throughout the meet.

Gauchos captain Yee had her worst meet of the year, scoring an 8.825 on the bars and a 9.000 on the floor.

Triplano was having a

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GaUCHO Men's and Women's Lacrosse Teams Beat Rivals

Men Destroy Stanford, but Barely Defeat Tritans, 12-11

By Noah Smith
Staff Writer

Nineteen to four. This was the final score that indicated a UCSB rout of Stanford in the annual men's lacrosse matchup this past weekend. But the Cardinal, following a short layoff in their schedule, did not play up to their potential.

The scary part is, neither did the Gauchos.

"We were up 9-1 at the half, but we were not playing well," said UCSB Head Coach Pete Ginnegar, after securing his 100th career victory. "But Stanford is definitely a better team than they showed us on Saturday."

The offense went to work against the complacent Stanford defense as junior attackman Scott Cerny scored a season-high six goals to complement the two put in by linemate Chris Goodroe, and an impressive hat trick from 6-foot-4 midfielder Steve Wynne.

The GaUCHO defense also dominated, even without the intimidating presence of 220-pound Chauncey Kim, whose injured ankle prevented him from playing this weekend. Freshman defender Dave Winnacker has lived up to preseason expectations, guided by upperclassmen Kim and Tom Osbourne, who was recently named to the starting lineup for this year's WCLL All-Star Game.

The goaltending was steady as usual, with starter Davey Deffinbaugh seeing most of the shots before Dan Zuckerman was given the nod to get in some competi-

tive practice halfway through the third quarter. Former backup net-minder Cliff Korn is out for the season due to hand and facial injuries sustained off the field.

Deffinbaugh was one of the many heroes of last weekend's marathon game against UC San Diego, a hard-fought 12-11 overtime victory for the Gauchos. Deffinbaugh made 17 saves in the first half alone to earn second-star honors behind midfielder Ian Reilly, who scored the game-winner just 36 seconds into the extra period.

This weekend's victory over Stanford improves UCSB's record to 9-2, and positions them to clinch a spot in the WCLL's Final Four, which will be held on the weekend of April 30th in Harder Stadium.

"A win on Wednesday night against Chapman would put us into the playoffs," GaUCHO Assistant Coach Brian Cook said. "Hopefully, our work during the season will pay off now."

Following the vital Chapman game, the UCSB team travels to Arizona for two weekend games to close out the regular season.

The UCSB Women's Lacrosse team rounded out its weekend at home yesterday with a relatively easy 18-5 win over Whittier College — after a Saturday battle with UC San Diego that also produced a 12-10 victory.

UCSB Senior Rachel Ashton had an overpowering 10 goals in the two matchups to lead the Gauchos in each game.

Saturday's close call against UCSD was clearly unexpected for the GaUCHO team



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The Men's and Women's lacrosse teams have put themselves in position to win league and go on to the WCLL final four tournament.

that was almost too overconfident.

"We panicked because it was so close," Santa Barbara Head Coach Meghan Mulqueen commented. "We played like 12 individuals instead of like a team."

Fortunately, the team was able to come away with the win, ensured by Ashton, Stephanie Hurst's hat trick and Karen Wood, a cover point, who recorded four interceptions on the day.

However, the insecurity continued into the first half of Sunday's game as the Gauchos held only a four goal lead at the halfway point in a game against a significantly weaker team.

"I don't think people were concentrating," Mulqueen said. "We were having a

lot of trouble with the basics."

Mulqueen indicated that the defense, however, played a great game, strengthened by the play of Karen Wood once again, who led the defensive unit that included teammates Jennifer Benton and Becky Boy.

The Gauchos are now alone in first place, having gone 6-0 in SCWLA play and 8-3 overall on a schedule that has included some powerful Eastern schools.

The team next sees action this coming weekend in Santa Cruz at the annual Western States Tournament, merely a warmup for the big dance of women's lacrosse — the finals on April 29th and 30th at Stanford.

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Sailing Squads Look Forward for South Series VII Regatta

By Brian Pillsbury
Staff Writer

Though their season will be winding up within the next month and a half, for the crews of the UCSB sailing team there are still things they can look forward to accomplishing.

Next weekend the men's and women's teams will travel down to Long Beach for the South Series VII Regatta. The competition will match the sailing teams from Southern California schools in a Saturday team race, with the elimination portion of the regatta coming on Sunday. Among the teams Santa Barbara will be competing against will be UC Irvine, Orange Coast College, USC, Long Beach State and two schools from the San Diego area.

At last weekend's St.

Francis Regatta in San Francisco, UCSB placed ninth out of 19 teams. The tandems of Jeff Grange and Michelle St. Clair along with Mike Stephenson and Nicole Lafleur both were among the leaders for UCSB. Though nationals may not be in the future for the men's team, UCSB still has a chance to finish the year on a high note.

"We have two more regattas left," UCSB captain Mike Stephenson said. "Things have gone pretty well and we've had good participation this year. And we can build for next year."

The teams will have a chance to set a solid foundation for next year with the Pacific Coast Championships in San Francisco which will be held in three weeks. Teams from up and down the

West Coast will be present, making it one of the more high-profile regattas the team participates in.

"Our main goal is to be in the top three," UCSB's Jeff Grange said.

The women's team will also be making the trip to Long Beach for next weekend's regatta and still have a good shot at making the nationals. However, for Carey Conley, Tara Fitz-Gerald, Kyra Goldsmith, Amanda Schmitz and the other UCSB women's team members, there hasn't been a lot of competition of late.

"Lately we haven't been sailing a lot," UCSB's Carey Conley said. "When we go up north we will be competing in the women's and the coed Pacific Coast Championships."



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Gauchos sailors probably won't make it to nationals, but they look to build a solid foundation for next year.

Gauchos Run up Personal Bests at Fresno Relays Amid Poor Weather

By Noah Smith
Staff Writer

On a cold and windy Saturday afternoon at Fresno State, the UCSB track and field teams were frustrated by detrimental weather conditions.

However, for a few more fortunate members of the UCSB squads, the statewide invitational meet involving amateurs of all abilities was a highly beneficial experience, combining a strong level of competition with personal

best performances.

In a matchup with more individual than team emphasis, UCSB's Frank Smith made his teammates proud to be Gauchos. In addition to qualifying for the finals in the renowned 100-meter sprint, Smith leaped a personal best 24-feet-plus in the long jump — the second best jump in the Big West Conference this year.

Smith was not the only outstanding performer of the day, as freshman teammate and Fresno native, Adrian Garcia, continued

his impressive rookie year with a strong second-place finish in the 800-meter invitational race.

In the men's 10,000-meter, Nathan Jobe had a solid run, as did Gaucho teammate David Cullum, who finished with the top collegiate time of the meet in his first attempt at the event.

On the women's side, Missy MacPherson won her heat in the 800-meter early in the day, and Deanna Hadley tied her personal best of the year with a time of 10:16 in the

3000-meter event.

Gauchos Jennifer Lagle triple-jumped her way to yet another personal best, again adding to the individual triumphs that had been turned in all day.

However, the top female performance of the afternoon belonged to Kara Bradbury, who outsprinted her nearest opponent at the end of the 5000-meter race to clinch second place, just behind Big West rival Brooke Mabe of Long Beach State.

"I felt really strong the whole time," Bradbury admitted. "My laps seemed

consistent and I was quick at the end. I was lucky because the weather conditions were perfect during my race."

Bradbury was indeed fortunate to be able to compete before harsher conditions swept the field. Winds had picked up to 20 mph by the time the afternoon races had begun — making good times in the distance races virtually impossible.

"Most people were disappointed with the wind," UCSB distance runner Beckie Levy said. "Even the top times were rela-

tively slow."

The men's mile race, featuring such outstanding runners as Fresno's Jamie Harris, open competitor Ernie Freer and of course UCSB's Gus Harper — could not produce a time under the infamous four minutes, unusual for runners of that caliber.

The Gauchos are definitely hoping for more favorable weather patterns in their meets to come. Santa Barbara has important appearances at Pomona-Pitzer and Mt. San Antonio College this coming weekend.

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solid meet until her last event on the bars, when she fell and ended up with a score of 8.825.

The Gauchos as a team had been having trouble on the beam as well as the bars all year, but according

to Tripiano the reasons for the bad performances at regionals were not related to the season at all.

"The three of us didn't care about individual achievements," Tripiano said. "During the season we wanted to win for the team, but after it was over we really didn't care."

UCSB as a team is ex-

pected to do well and make the regionals next season.

While they will lose graduating senior Melody Jones, UCSB will still have Yee, Tripiano and Hoefler as a solid core of all-arounders. The consistent April Sargent will be back on the vault, bars and floor.

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ven hits, four earned runs and four walks. He also struck out 10 batters.

"We really wanted to emphasize executing and moving the runners up," Brontsema said. "When we combined that with the good pitching performances from Pat [Trend] and John [Bretza], we got what we needed today."

"Trend's breaking ball is very good, and when he is throwing it for strikes or around the plate, it seems unhittable. San Jose is a good club and I am very pleased with how our pitchers have handled them."

The key inning for the Gauchos was the third, when they roughed up San Jose pitcher Tim Salado for four runs. Santa Barbara's Doug Smaldino led off with a single and scored on Matt Boke-meier's double. With two outs, Dave Willis reached first on a dropped third strike. After Mark Ume-

moto walked, Chris Prince doubled in two runs.

San Jose State came back and dominated the Gauchos in all parts of Sunday's game, winning 9-1.

UCSB's lone run and bright spot came in the second inning when freshman designated hitter and reliever John Minton hit his first collegiate home run — a towering drive over the left field fence.

"I just got a good fastball to hit on a 1-0 pitch and drove it," Minton said. "We hit the ball hard, but their pitcher did a good job of keeping us off-balance and making us hit in the air."

The Spartans lit up Gaucho starter Steve Cain (2-3) and relievers Minton and Clint Pearson for nine runs on 17 hits. In addition, UCSB's defense was shaky, committing three errors.

Santa Barbara managed only seven hits against San Jose's ace starter Paul Pavicich (5-3).

"Their pitcher did a great job," Brontsema

said. "We hit him decently hard, but he didn't walk anybody — he was tough. It was what we expected and they deserved to win today. They kicked our butts."

"We were very disappointed with the way we played on Saturday," San Jose State Head Coach Sam Piraro said. "We didn't play up to our capabilities. Today, we tried to be a little more aggressive because we knew Pavicich was going to keep us in the game. He pitched a great game and gave us a chance to muster up some offense."

"We needed to come in here and get two," he added. "There was no doubt in our minds that if we were going to have any type of opportunities in this conference, we had to win two this weekend."

"We're battling for our lives here," Brontsema said. "We need to win the conference. We need to deal in the positive — positive momentum, positive thoughts, positive execution."

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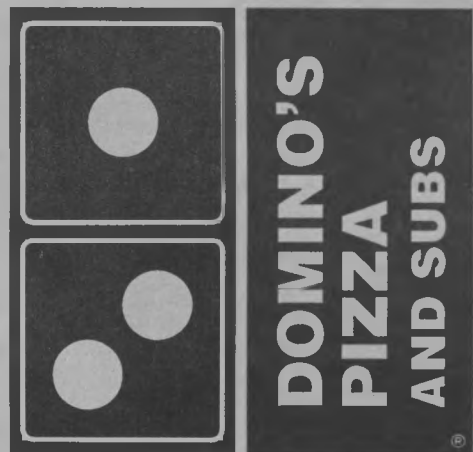
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