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UCSB Teams Grab Third at Big West

Men's Team Captures Four Titles

By Brett Lindstrom
Staff Writer

Winding down the year in high fashion, the UCSB men's and women's track and field teams captured four titles and several all-conference nominations at the Big West Championships this past weekend in Long Beach.

Both squads placed third in the overall team standings, with conference rival Utah State University winning both team titles.

"We had a great team performance," said UCSB Head Coach Pete Dolan. "Everybody was really excited about all of the titles."

For the men's squad, junior Dave Cullum was no doubt the highlight of the weekend, capturing two Big West titles for the Gauchos.

With only 150 meters to go in the 5,000 meters, Cullum pumped out a late surge, kicking his way past all other opponents and crossing the finish line in first place with a time of 14:49.12.

Earlier on Friday, after gaining a comfortable lead on the rest of the pack, Cullum cruised to victory in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of

9:14.05. At the same time, teammates junior Forest Quinlan, senior Paul Goodrich and freshman Trent Bryson furthered the Gaucha cause in the event by capturing the second, third and fifth places with times of 9:16.25, 9:18.36 and 9:34.18, respectively.

"It's the first time since I've been coaching at UCSB that someone has won two Big West titles in one season," Dolan said.

Next weekend, Cullum will attempt to qualify for both the NCAA Championships and the Olympic trials in the 3,000-meter steeplechase at the Asics Twilight Distance Classic in Van Nuys.

"I think I have a realistic shot at qualifying," Cullum said. "I'm going to really focus this week, talk a lot with Pete and then work out a race plan."

Not only did freshman sensation Don Oliver finish third in the 200 meters (21.79), but he also came from behind to post a win in the 400 meters with his second-best time ever — 46.83, under windy conditions. Meanwhile, sophomore teammate Adrian Garcia scored a win in a very tactical 800-meter race (1:54.01), holding off his opponents with a late burst of speed.

Gaucha junior Brad



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Senior hurdler Lisa Knott leaps over a hurdle in a home meet last month. Knott performed well in last week's Big West Championships, earning 2nd place in the 400-meter hurdles and 4th in the 100-meter competition.

Glosser also had a stellar weekend, placing second in the 10,000 meters with a time of 31:29.19 and fourth in the 5,000 meters at 14:54.64.

After holding the top spot for much of the triple jump competition, junior Eli Gladden lost in the final round by only one-quarter of an inch. Gladden managed to take second at 46' 3/4".

In only his first year of javelin throwing, senior David Boles surprisingly finished in third place with

a personal record of 177'8", five feet over his previous best mark. Boles attributes his rapid success in the event to his coach, Brian Blutreich.

"Coach knows what he's talking about," Boles said. "His hard training has really helped me."

On the women's team, both senior Lisa Knott and junior Julie Mosier achieved personal bests as they went two-three in the 400-meter hurdles with times of 1:01.83 and 1:01.99, respectively. The

duo also ran to a four-five finish in the 100-meter hurdles, with Knott (14.73) once again barely edging out her teammate Mosier (14.86).

Senior Kara Bradbury, the backbone of the women's team for the last several years, pulled off a second-place finish in the 10,000 meters (37:21.2) and a sixth-place showing in the 5,000 meters (17:58.6). Meanwhile, fifth-year senior Laura Hodnett rallied to cross the finish line in third

place in the prestigious 1,500-meter event in 4:43.61.

Junior Eva Mattson and freshman Gabriella Rodriguez also battled to a two-three finish in the 3,000 meters with times of 10:06.16 and 10:10.57, respectively, both besting their previous records by over 10 seconds.

After a disappointing seventh-place finish in the long jump, junior Ericka Bornhorst redeemed her-

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Crew Seeks Strong Finish in Rebuilding Season

By Mark Moore
Reporter

This year's winter floods almost claimed two more casualties with their torrential downpours, but the UCSB women's and men's rowing teams have battled through adversity to post strong seasons.

The floods closed the San Marcos Pass Road a

number of times this year, meaning that the teams could not practice at Cachuma Lake without taking a detour through Solvang. Adding this to the fact that the teams had a new coaching staff and a large number of newcomers, it could have been a dismal year for UCSB crew. However, neither team gave up, and both will be seeded in the top 10 go-

ing into this weekend's Pacific Coast Rowing Championship in Sacramento.

Head Coach Pat Kelly believes his teams can do well in their final races of the season.

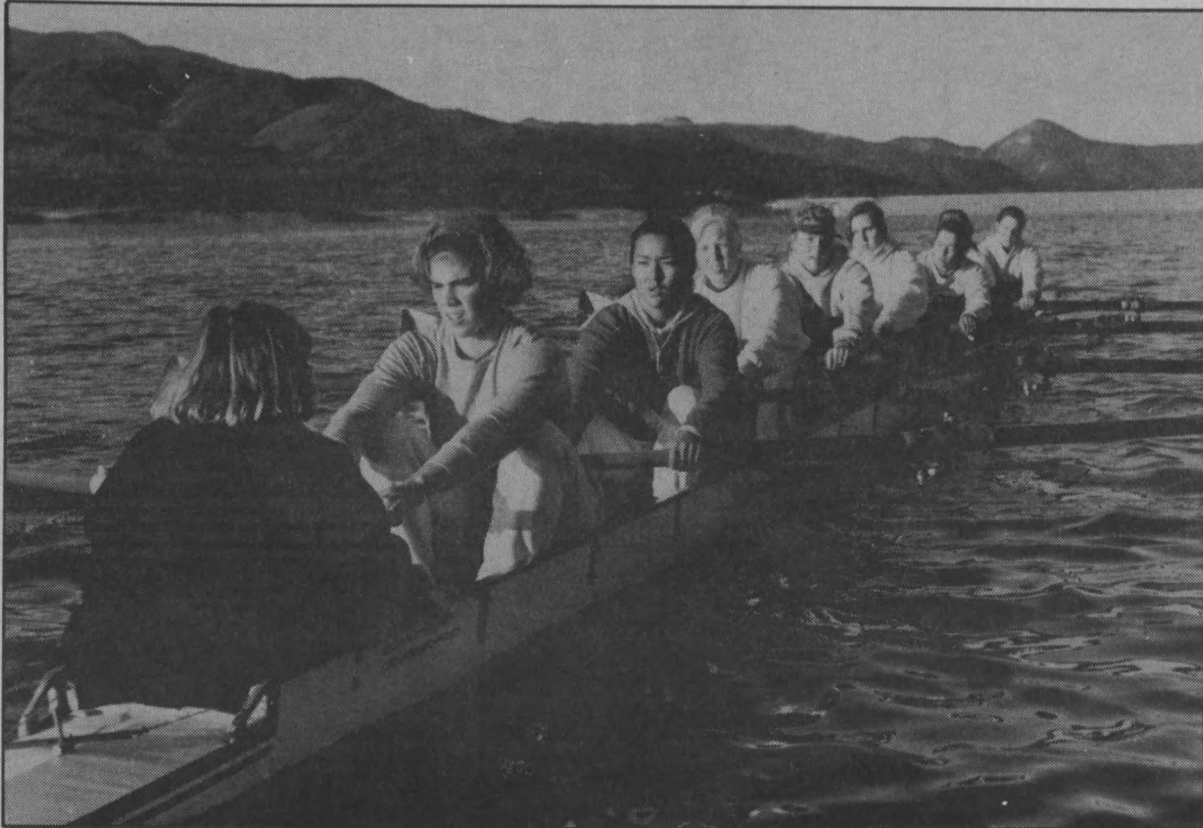
"I think both teams are rowing their fastest lineup," Kelly said. "We've made a few adjustments to pick up our speed a little and that seems to be working. It will be inter-

esting to see what happens."

O'Reilly McMahon and Alan Renga lead the men's team, which consists of Clayton Bland, Chuck Guentz, Kevin Mahoney, Chris Pohoski, Tim Seitz, Sean Toner and coxswain Ori Katz.

"We had high expectations for the year which

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Rowing through rough waters throughout the season, the UCSB women's crew team has still been able to compete successfully in 1995 and will send a squad to national competition.

Gaucha Cyclists Pedal Their Way to Fourth Place in West Coast Collegiate Conference

By Curtis Kaiser
Staff Writer

In one of their most impressive races of the season, the UCSB cycling team captured first place overall at the UCLA Individual Time Trial on May 7.

Not only did the Gauchos excel as a team, they also performed well individually. Leading the way for Santa Barbara, which improved its standing to fourth place in the 24-team Western Collegiate Cycling Conference, was men's A cyclist Brad Boca. Boca set a new course record in the 9.8-mile competition en route to finishing first in his division.

In competition against UCLA, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly Pomona, UC Riverside, Long Beach State, UC Irvine and San Jose State, the Gauchos had first-place riders in men's D (Barret Holman), men's C (Jeremy Robbins) and men's A (Boca) competitions, as well as a second-place finish in men's B (Justin Fogarty).

For the women, Debbie Lawrence picked up a sixth-place finish in women's A, while Katie Demming (fourth) and Gunisha Pasrich (sixth) finished well in women's B.

Other top riders for Santa Barbara were men's A riders Riyadh Nabti (fifth), Scott Applebaum (seventh) and Jason Smith (ninth), men's B cyclists Steve Daniels (10th) and Raul Guisado (14th), men's C competitors Tommy Albright (fourth) and Tom Isaacson (eighth), and men's D riders Ryan Fox (fourth) and Brian Kull (eighth).

At the Gauchos' previous competition, The Hell of the North race at Cal State Chico April 22-23, UCSB once again performed well in the 10-team battle.

In the road race on the first day of competition, Santa Barbara took third place overall against Cal Poly SLO, Stanford, SJSU, UC Davis, Chico State, Foothill College, Santa Clara, UC Berkeley and St. Mary's. The event consisted of a 55-mile race for the men's C and D and women's A and B levels, while the men's A and B competitors rode 110 miles.

The Gauchos took second overall in the time trials, a 10-mile individual race on a flat course. UCSB garnered fourth place in the criterium competition, a .75-mile course in the shape of a figure eight around the main square of downtown Chico.

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self by finishing third in the high jump in a season-best leap of 5'5 1/2".

"Both teams moved up a notch from last year's performance," Dolan added. "But we still have steps to go to reach a Big West title."

The men's final stand-

ings: Utah State University - 208, Long Beach State - 157, UCSB - 101, Cal State Fullerton - 66, New Mexico State University - 60 and UC Irvine - 57.

The women's final tabulations: Utah State - 181, University of Nevada, Reno - 151, UCSB - 94, UC Irvine - 70, NMSU - 67, LBSU - 64, University of Nevada, Las Vegas - 57 and CSUF - 56.

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have not really been realized yet," McMahon said. "We do have high hopes for this weekend and for nationals."

The men's team will be sending four rowers and Katz to New Jersey to compete on June 3 in the prestigious Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta.

The women will also be sending a group to the Collegiate National Championship Regatta on June 8 and 9 in Cincinnati. Christina LaBrie, Deean Liu, Suzanne Medeiros, Laura Nichols and coxswain Laura Simon will be representing the Gauchos in the lightweight division.

Co-captain Jen Draper is pleased with the way her team has adapted to all the changes and difficulties this year.

"Things changed a lot this year, with new coaching and lots of new people," she said. "The weather was also really bad, but I think as a team we pulled together really well."

Two weekends ago at Newport Beach, the women's team finished fourth out of seven squads, while the men won the varsity B race, helping them move up in the rankings.

Yet, the highlight of the year thus far came in April at the San Diego Crew Classic, where the Gauchos men and women each took third out of fields of 12, a big boost for Santa Barbara.

However UCSB finishes this year, they will have a large number of returning members next year. Also, the women's team will get significant contributions from a powerful novice team that has put together two of the fastest novice boats on the West Coast.

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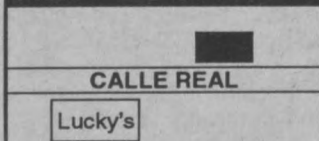


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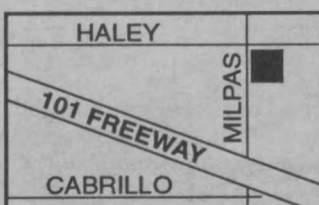
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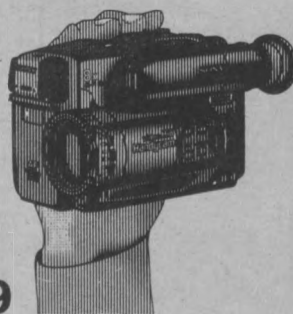
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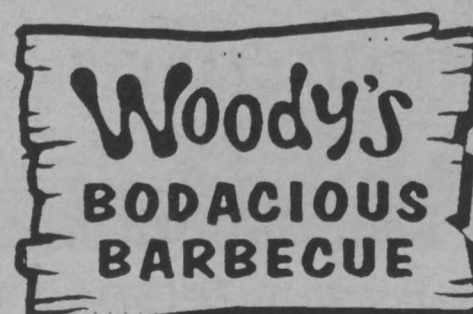


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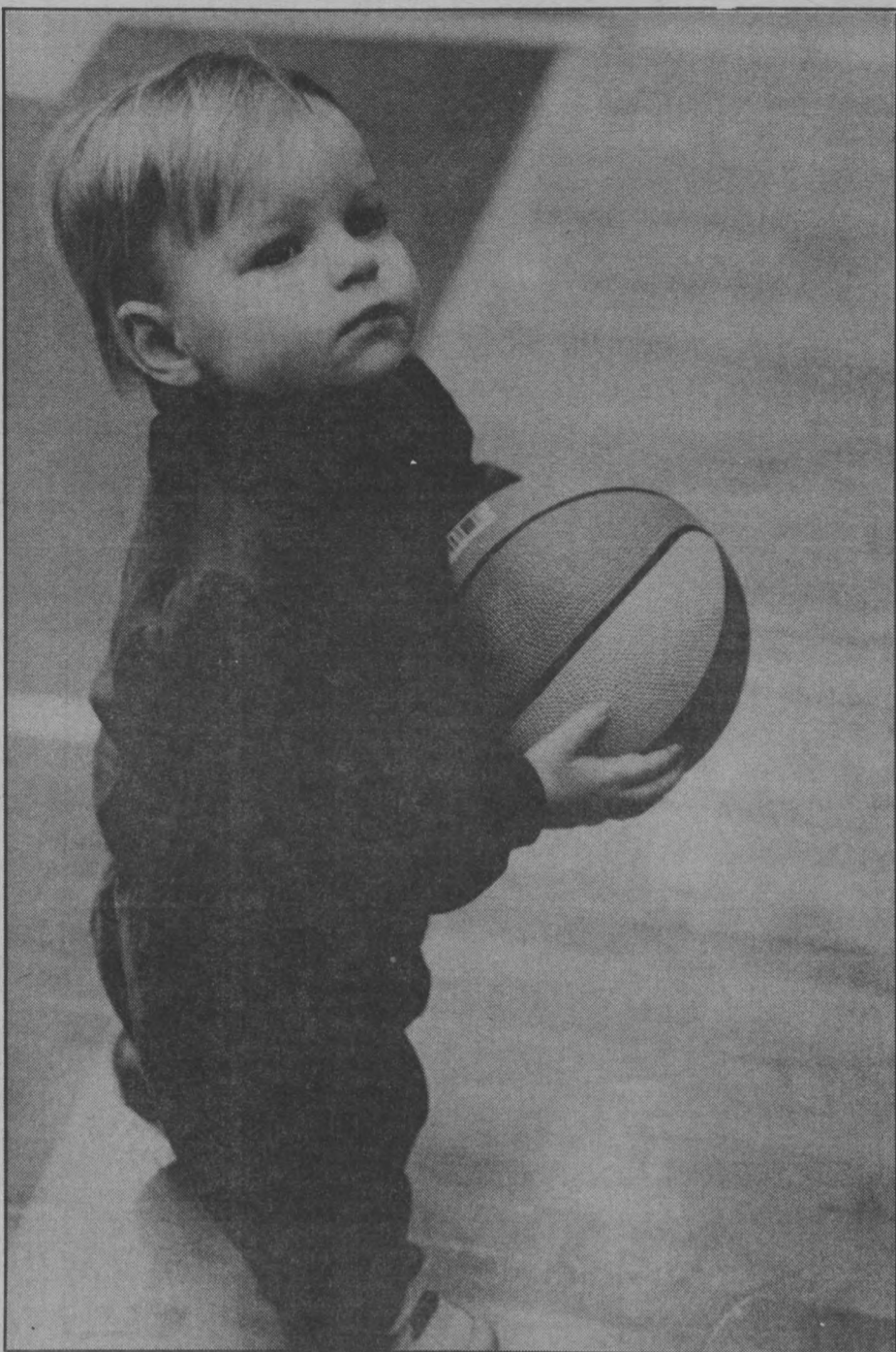
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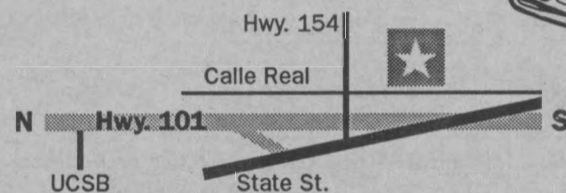
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