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Lady Gauchos Find UOP to Their Liking, Sweep Series

73-66 Win Over Tigers Gives UCSB First Sweep Since '90

By Jason Masini
Staff Writer

Sweeping Pacific has never been an easy thing to do for the UCSB women's basketball team. But Sunday the team had its shot and took full advantage of it to cap off a successful weekend.

The Gauchos (12-9 overall, 9-4 in the Big West) defeated the Tigers 73-66 in the Events Center to complete their first sweep of UOP since the '89-'90 season. Santa Barbara was also victorious in Friday night's game against San Jose State 75-68.

Against Pacific, UCSB seemingly had the game in hand midway through the second half with a 13-point lead, but a 14-2 Tiger run over the next five

minutes cut the lead to one.

However, the Gauchos used a late 9-0 run, including two lay-ins from Christa Gannon (13 points, 10 rebounds) to spread the lead back out to 10 points and all but decide the game. The win pushes UCSB back into fourth place in the conference standings.

Freshman Erin Alexander led Santa Barbara with 16 points, including 9-for-9 from the free throw line. UCSB had a huge advantage from the charity stripe shooting 28-for-37 while Pacific only shot 7-for-16.

"This is a really big win for us," Alexander said. "I don't think since Christa's [Gannon] been here we've beaten Pacific both times in the regular season. So, yeah, it's big for us."

Foul trouble plagued the Tigers all game as three of their top players fouled out. Karen Vesecky (16 points) was the first to go with 4:55 to play and then Sandy Hoge (15 points) and Geri McIntire fouled out with less than a minute to play. For Pacific Head Coach Melissa DeMarchi, that may not have been the only factor.

"They put Iesha Smith on the ball and she's a little bigger player and we just didn't make a good adjustment to it the first couple of possessions [after Pacific's run] and that was key," DeMarchi said. "And then we just sort of lost our momentum."

The Gauchos had to overcome a major shortage at the point guard position. Alexander was

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Gaucha forward Sasha Scardino's ponytail gets in the way as she goes for a loose ball during Friday night's win over the San Jose St. Spartans.

Tigers Held Down as UCSB Gets Win

By Brian Pillsbury
Staff Writer

Fast earning the right to have their own roller-coaster named after them, the up-and-down Gauchos were definitely up Saturday night at the Thunderdome as they bounced back from Thursday's defeat to up-end the Pacific Tigers, 88-78.

The Tigers (14-10 overall, 8-5 Big West)

Big West Standings

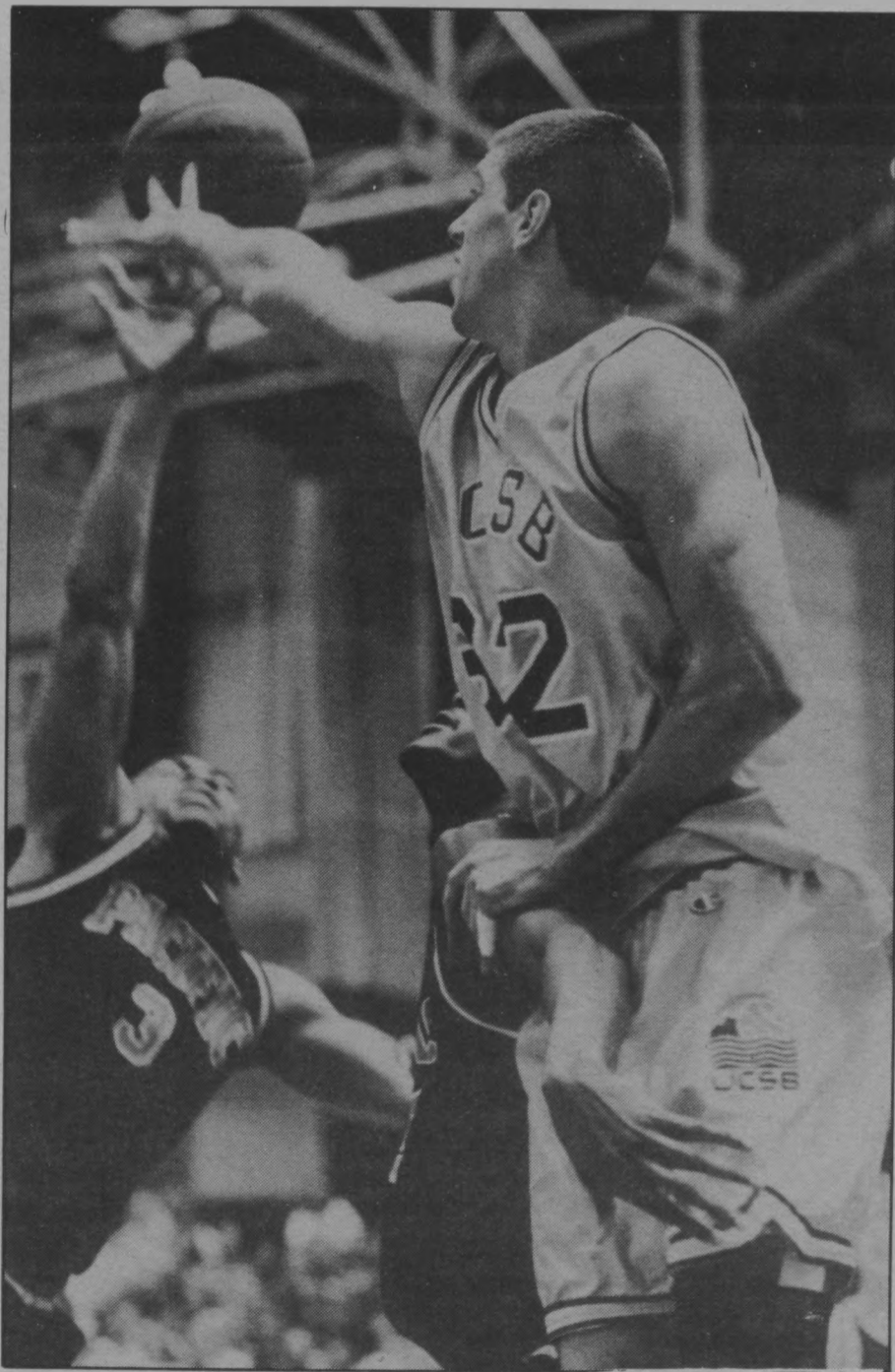
	W-L	Pct.
New Mexico St.	8-2	.800
Pacific	8-5	.615
San Jose St.	8-5	.615
Long Beach St.	7-5	.583
Utah St.	7-6	.538
UCSB	6-6	.500
UNLV	5-5	.500
Nevada	5-8	.384
UC Irvine	3-9	.250
Cal St. Fullerton	2-11	.153

Weekend Results

UCSB	88
Pacific	78
Utah State	59
Cal State Fullerton	52
Long Beach State	73
San Jose State	66
UC Irvine	99
Nevada	70
UNLV at New Mexico State, tonight	

had come into the game in second place in the conference and riding a hot streak that saw them win eight of their previous nine games. UCSB (10-13 overall, 6-6 Big West) has lately established a pattern of playing well one game and then not well the next.

So, coming off the loss to San Jose State, a game in which UCSB struggled offensively, Saturday night naturally was a completely different story as the Gauchos executed their offense with solid efficiency. As a



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Center Doug Muse gets a little help from a Pacific player as he gets a piece of UOP's Charles Terrell's shot during Saturday's 88-78 UCSB win.

team, Santa Barbara shot a healthy .517 from the floor and committed only 10 turnovers for the game.

"We won the game, I

thought, with a good, patient offense," UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm commented. "It was a solid offense, good passing, moving the ball in-

side and back out. We only had the 10 turnovers and we only took 58 shots and made 30.

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Anteaters No Trouble as UCSB Rolls to an Easy Victory at Irvine

By Noah Smith
Staff Writer

Swimming against a less experienced UCI team last Saturday, the Gauchos secured a victory in their last dual meet of the season.

The men opened their side of the meet by dominating the first three events, including sweeps of the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard butterfly races.

Sophomore Mark Anderson paced the 100 breaststroke, but UCI's Jason Sakamoto was able to pick up second place, just ahead of UCSB's Chris Crowell.

Crowell got revenge in

the 200-yard event, edging Sakamoto by less than a half second to provide another Gaucha win.

"I was excited to be able to get first," Crowell said. "It was one of my better times of the year."

Without the presence of Bill Sweeney, the UCSB squad was significantly weaker in the freestyle sprints, picking up respectable second-place finishes to Anteater Mark Swangel in both the 50- and 100-yard races.

Divers Rick Alter and Dov Zimring performed as well as ever, exchanging first and second places for the two diving events.

Women's team divers

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SB Gymnastics Squad Get Respect at Meets

By Deborah Rafii
Staff Writer

Going up against two of the top teams in collegiate gymnastics, the UCSB men's gymnastics did better last weekend than most expected.

The Gauchos traveled north to Palo Alto where they competed against Stanford and BYU before moving further to Berkeley Saturday in a meet which included a nonconference meet with the University of Washington Huskies who hope to join the Big West.

Stanford took Friday's meet ahead of BYU and

UCSB with what was the highest score in the nation this year, 282.35 points. Despite their total point score, the Gauchos did well in several of the events and will expect to improve on their weaknesses evaluated after the competition.

Freshman Brian Bakalar kicked off the meet with a 9.05 in the pommel horse, paving the way toward a possible spot at regionals.

"Brian is another contender [along with Jeb Brandon and David Cassie] for regionals if he keeps up the work. If he

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Same Story as Baseball Team Drops 2-of-3 to Sacramento St.

By Curtis Kaiser
Staff Writer

Once again, the UCSB baseball team displayed pitching difficulty and run-scoring prowess. The Gauchos dropped two of three games in a weekend series at Sacramento State; a series not lacking offensive firepower.

The Gauchos (2-6) began Friday's game in a familiar way, spotting the Hornets (2-2) a 7-1 lead. The lead was too large to overcome for UCSB, who eventually ended up losing the game, 13-7. UCSB Starter Steve Lane (1-1) took the loss, giving up 12 hits and nine earned runs in 3 1/3 innings.

Sacramento State pounded out 18 hits in the game, with a trio of Hornets collecting three hits and three others collecting two apiece. Designated hitter Steve Thobe had two doubles and four runs batted in.

"We threw more strikes and I was pleased to see that," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "However, we didn't necessarily hit our locations."

UCSB's defense was also sub-par, as the team committed four errors in the game, seven total in the series. "There's no way we can commit errors like that,"

Brontsema said. "Especially if our pitching isn't sharp, we need our defense to be stronger. Right now the defense isn't where it needs to be."

Saturday's game was made into a doubleheader when the teams decided to move Sunday's game up a day in order to avoid rain. "Moving the game actually turned out to be a detriment to us," Brontsema said. "We were short on pitching and our relievers couldn't go as many innings."

In the first game, the Gauchos were able to jump out to a lead, scoring four runs. Shortstop Matt Bokemeier paced the offense with three hits, two runs and three RBIs.

"One of the things the coaches were happy with is that after we got beat on Friday, we came out and took the first game on Saturday," Bokemeier said. "We really had a chance in the second game, we just lost in the last couple of innings. We played well for 17 innings that day."

Starting pitcher Jared Janke (1-0) earned the win, pitching six solid innings. Steve Cain came on in relief and was touched for three late-inning solo homers, but UCSB managed to hang on to win.

In the second game of the doubleheader, the Gauchos had trouble on the mound and at the plate.

Sacramento won 11-6, allowing UCSB only six hits and two earned runs. Hornet starter Jason Beeman (1-0) earned the win, scattering four hits and two earned runs over five innings.

Gauchos starter Ryan O'Coyle lasted only 1 1/3 innings, giving up four hits and five runs. Although Scott Randall (0-1) pitched well in relief — allowing only two hits and one earned run in 4 2/3 innings — he took the loss for UCSB.

"Randall's really come on and pitched well," Brontsema said. "When he gets his stamina up, we're going to use him quite a bit more."

UCSB's offense in the game was provided by Doug Smaldino, who had two hits and scored three runs, and Clark Parker, who hit a solo shot in the third inning. Smaldino also stole three bases in the series.

Pitching definitely remains the Gauchos' biggest worry. In the three-game series, the Hornets scored 31 runs on 41 hits, including six home runs. The Santa Barbara bats were also productive as the team belted out 23 hits and scored 23 runs in the series.

The Gauchos return home to Caesar Uyesaka Stadium for a Wednesday afternoon game at 2:00 against the Cal State Northridge Matadors.

GYMNAST: Gauchos Fare Well Against Pac-10

Continued from p.1A scores well at home and in Arizona, then he has a good chance," Head Coach Mircea Badulescu said.

The Gauchos also did well on the floor as Brandon scored a 9.55 for the third consecutive time so far this season.

"I think that was one of the best floor performances our team has ever had and the meet was completely positive," Brandon said.

With a total of 257.6 points at Berkeley, Santa Barbara placed second and Brandon scored 53.6

points as an all-arounder, his best of the season thus far.

Junior Steve Koiles received a score of 9.3 on the still rings, while the top score on the floor for the Gauchos was a 9.45 by senior Eddie Harwood.

In addition, sophomore David Cassie did well on the high bar with a 9.35 which could serve as a stepping stone for regionals and Brandon scored a 9.1 with a difficult vault.

Berkeley freshman David Kruse, an Olympic Festival Bronze medalist on the floor, won the all-around competition with

54.875 points.

Despite the losses, the team's score was not indicative of their performance or the discipline involved in the long road trip.

"Considering the road conditions, we really didn't do too badly," Badulescu said. "I'm satisfied despite some problems and am relatively optimistic because we don't have any injuries."

"We're a different caliber team and have to compete with what we can show," he added.

The Gauchos continue their road work as they head to Tempe for the Arizona State Southwest Cup held on Feb. 25 before settling back at home for the UCSB Co-Ed Invite, a much-anticipated event for the team.

"We have to be pleased with the competition because we did better at this meet than at home so far," Badulescu said. "Now we have to focus on the upcoming Arizona meet and the invitational and make sure that we score higher related to the other meets."

IRVINE

Continued from p.1A Amy Scoby and Nikole Paulos were not quite as fortunate, falling to UCI's April Gibbs and Maureen Marks.

But the women swimmers made up for their diving teammates by winning 10 of 12 stroke events.

Stacy St. Martin led the

charge, gaining victories in both the 200- and 500-yard freestyle races.

The sprints were no problem for the Gauchos, as sophomore Lorna Curtis took the 50 with teammate Meredith McClain right behind her.

UCSB's Erin Patrick also had a fine day, winning the 200-yard individual medley and placing a close second to St. Martin in the 500-yard freestyle.

Although these are not normally her events, Patrick swam well all day and enjoyed competing in new races.

"It's nice to swim something different," she commented. "It takes your mind off the Big West Championships."

Irvine's relatively weak team was overmatched all day but is hopeful for next year.

The Gauchos finish

with a meet record of seven wins and four losses for the men and eight wins and three losses for the women.

The Big West Championships start Feb. 27 in Long Beach and will be the final competition for the UCSB Swimming and Diving team this year. Outstanding individuals will advance to the NCAA Championships in March.

WIN

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"You don't have to take a lot of shots to score a lot of points — you just have to take good shots."

Which they did, as the frontline trio of Doug Muse, Rob Ramaker and Kyle Milling turned in one of their best collective efforts of the season. Ramaker had the best performance thus far in his rookie campaign as he scored a career-high 17 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and made 5-of-7 free throws in the final few minutes of the game to help keep the Tigers at bay.

"I wish there wasn't so many bounce-backs and there were wins right after wins," Ramaker said. "This team is fighting a lot of adversity and it's good to come out right after a loss and play hard. We've just got to keep playing this way. We've got to get a streak going."

Milling snapped out of his offensive doldrums as he scored 15 points on 6-for-7 shooting. The sophomore forward played aggressively on both ends of the floor and looked to score more than he had been doing recently. Muse scored 14 points and ripped down nine rebounds though he only played 15 minutes of the contest due to foul trouble.

Muse picked up his third and fourth personal fouls less than three minutes into the second half. He fouled out with 5:58 to play when he was called for going over the back of UOP's Glenn Griffin.

Sophomore guard Phillip Turner led UCSB with 18 points and six assists on the night while freshman guard Adam Jacobsen led Pacific with 23 points. Jacobsen did his damage from three-point land as he hit six on the game. Tiger gunner Michael Jackson, who torched the Gauchos for 38 points last month in Stockton, was held to just 12 points on the night.

"We just didn't play out on him as much and give him a chance to drive," Pimm explained. "We looked at his three-point percentage (24.1%) and we know we have him in a situation where he's not nailing the threes. We wanted to exploit that and guard off of him to contain

his dribble."

In the final 3:37, the Gauchos hit 15-of-21 from the free throw stripe to hold on for the win. On the season, Santa Barbara had been shooting just under 63% from the line as a team. Though UCSB was at only 67.6% for the game, they made the free throws when they had to.

"[The free throws] were a big factor," Pimm said. "We've been working on it and it's good to see that some of the concern and work has paid off."

The Gauchos blew open the game late in the first half after the lead had seen-sawed back and forth. After Jackson's leaver off the glass tied the game at 29-29, UCSB went on a 14-3 run over the final 3:57 of the first half. Mark Flick and Tecon Madden hit back-to-back three-pointers and a Madden 15-footer gave UCSB a 39-31 lead. With 1:00 remaining, Turner drove the lane and got a spinning, off-balance jumper to fall with Jacobsen draped all over him.

A lane violation was called on UCSB to deny Turner the three-point play but the Gauchos went into the half with a 44-32 lead.

"We were pushing the ball and getting easier shots," Turner said. "We didn't have to work as hard. The big men were running and filling the lanes and we were getting easy buckets."

"We were just trying to redeem ourselves from the last game and we had a much better combination of offense and defense tonight," he added.

UCSB 88, Pacific 78

	PACIFIC				
	min	fg	at	ft	r
Jones	28	0	7	0	0
Jackson	26	5	12	1	2
Griffin	29	4	9	4	6
Terrill	31	3	6	0	2
Jacobsen	30	6	11	5	7
Rishwah	16	1	5	0	1
Clayton	10	1	2	0	0
Walker	22	7	11	1	2
Clayton	5	1	1	2	4
Boelter	2	0	2	0	0
Totals	200	28	66	13	22
	UC SANTA BARBARA				
	min	fg	at	ft	r
Milling	30	6	7	3	4
Muse	15	3	6	8	9
Turner	33	6	12	6	7
Flick	17	2	4	1	2
Madden	33	3	11	2	4
Allen	10	0	2	0	2
Ramaker	29	6	9	5	8
Butts	29	4	7	0	1
Baker	4	0	0	0	2
Totals	200	30	58	25	37

Halftime—UCSB 44, Pacific 32.
Three-point goals—Pacific 9-26 (Jacobsen 6-10, Jackson 1-3, Jones 0-4, Rishwah 1-4, Clain 0-1, Terrill 1-1, Walker 0-1, Boelter 0-2) UCSB 3-14 (Madden 1-8, Flick 2-4, Butts 0-1, Turner 0-1).
Blocked shots—Pacific 1 (Terrill), UCSB 4 (Muse, Flick, Madden, Ramaker).
Steals—Pacific 5 (Jacobsen 2, Jackson, Walker, Rishwah), UCSB 7 (Madden 5, Muse, Butts).
Total fouls—Pacific 27, UCSB 22. Fouled out—Muse, Technical fouls—none. Turnovers—Pacific 12, UCSB 10. Team rebounds—Pacific 3, UCSB 1.
Attendance—3,407.

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Spikers Finish in Sixth at San Diego St. ASICS Tournament

By Daniel Solomon
Staff Writer

Not much gained. Not much lost.

Competing in the three-day, eight-team ASICS Grand Prix Tournament on the campus of San

Diego State, the #10-ranked UCSB men's volleyball team compiled a 3-3 record en route to finishing in sixth place overall.

The Gauchos beat #12 Long Beach State (11-15, 15-10, 15-2, 15-7), #14 Loyola Marymount (15-3,

15-13, 15-7) and #15 George Mason (15-12, 15-12, 15-5) but lost to #11 Hawaii (15-13, 15-13, 13-15, 13-15, 18-16), #9 SDSU (15-6, 15-12, 11-15, 15-8) and #8 Cal State Northridge (15-7, 15-11, 10-15, 15-6). The Gauchos' overall record is 5-6, while the squad's MSPF record remains at 2-3.

Déjà vu set in on Friday morning during UCSB's first match of the weekend as Hawaii, who handed the Gauchos their first loss of the season in a five-gamer several weeks ago, made UCSB earn 16 points in the rally-scoring fifth before taking the match.

The Rainbows outthit (.321-.276) and outdug (58-46) the Gauchos as UCSB's freshman outside hitter Donny Harris recorded a team-high 26 kills (.370). Junior outside hitter Daren Torbet added 13 kills (.385), 12 digs and eight blocks while junior middle blocker Carter Reese recorded 10 kills (.333) and 10 blocks.

Later that afternoon against George Mason, UCSB hit an outstanding .417 as Torbet amassed 18 kills (.593). Senior outside hitter Sean Stafford added 15 kills (.571) and eight digs.

Long Beach was Santa Barbara's next victim as the Gauchos hit for 37.3% efficiency while outblocking the 49ers 19-14. Six Gauchos recorded double figures in kills with sophomore outside hitter Doug Hughes finishing with a match-high 20 kills (.429) to go along with eight blocks. Reese added 13 kills (.296) and 10 blocks and sophomore Todd Rogers recorded 12 kills (.450), eight digs and eight blocks.

The hosting Aztecs made it 2-0 against the Gauchos in 1994 on Saturday evening as SDSU grossly outblocked UCSB

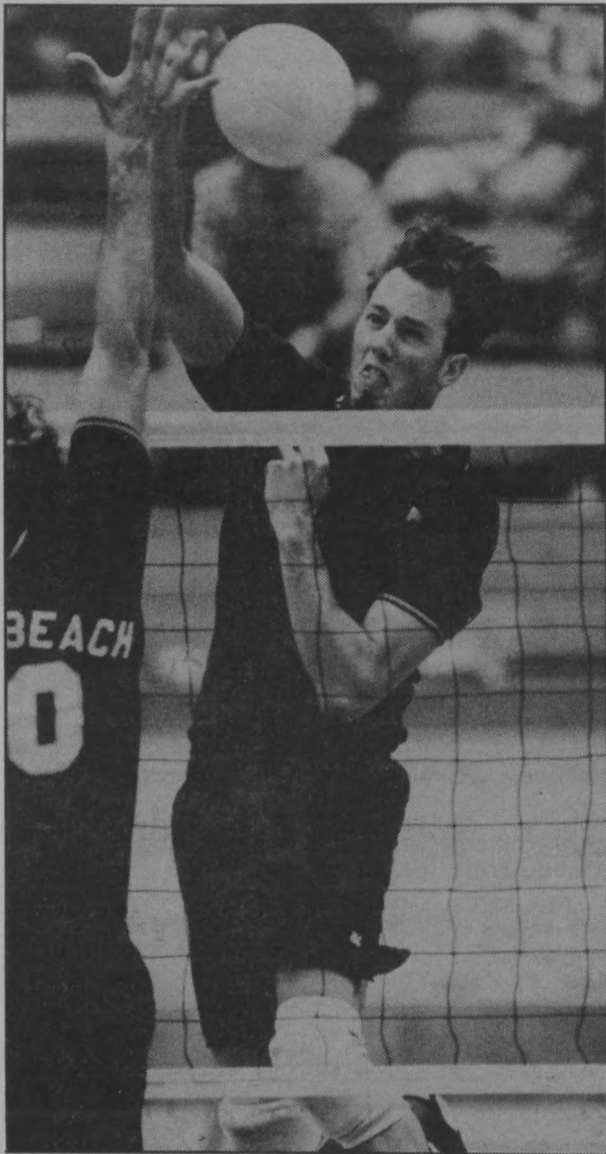
(29-13). On the flip side, the Gauchos grossly outdug the Aztecs (86-52) as Harris had 21 kills and 11 digs. Reese added 17 kills (.391) and Rogers dug 22 balls.

With the loss to the Aztecs, the Gauchos

dropped into the consolation bracket where they made the LMU Lions look like kittens on Sunday morning by outthitting Loyola .389-.215. Torbet and freshman middle blocker Robert Treahy each finished with a

match-high 13 kills (.571 and .286 respectively).

In the squad's sixth and final match of the tourney, Santa Barbara committed a team weekend-high 21 service errors and 33 attacking errors. Rogers finished with 17 kills.



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UCSB junior middle blocker Carter Reese tallied 35 blocks during this weekend's ASICS tournament hosted by San Diego State.

GAUCHOS

Continued from p.1 left as the only healthy player at that position after Dio Aguinaldo re-injured her right shoulder diving for a loose ball midway through the first half. Aguinaldo was attempting to come back early after Kim Schielke showed up to the game in street clothes because she pulled a back muscle in the San Jose game Friday night.

"Obviously, now looking back on it, it was a very poor decision," said UCSB Head Coach Mark French on playing Aguinaldo. "Those decisions are always left to our medical staff and Dio wanted to play. But ... maybe we shouldn't have done it. Dio can't play any other way and it's a dangerous way for her body."

"She gave us a huge spark and I'm sure one of the reasons we won the game was because people were on the bench saying, 'Dammit, let's not lose this game. Let's do it for Dio.'"

In Friday's contest, Gannon had one of her biggest games of the season, scoring 17 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Iesha Smith

chipped in with 15 points to hold back a pesky Spartan team that refused to die.

At no point during the game did either team have a lead bigger than the final margin of seven. There were five lead changes and 13 ties along the way in what was one of UCSB's most nerve-racking games of the year.

The Gauchos ultimately won the game at the free throw line, scoring eight of their final 10 points from the stripe after SJSU tied the game at 65-65 with 3:01 to go. Alexander (10 points, four assists) hit on all four of her free throw attempts in the final 22 seconds to seal the game.

"The thing that pleased me about the game was that with about seven minutes to go, I called a time out and told the team that I thought they were out-hustling, out-scraping and out-hearting us," French said. "I told them that this might be the turning point of the year. This is a point where we're sick, we're hurt, we don't like the officials, etc. There's all sorts of reasons to fold and I was pleased that we were able to hold together and respond to the challenge."

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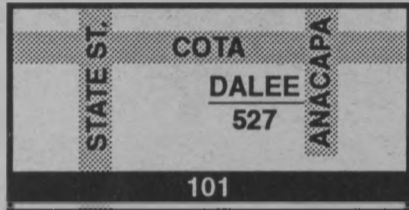
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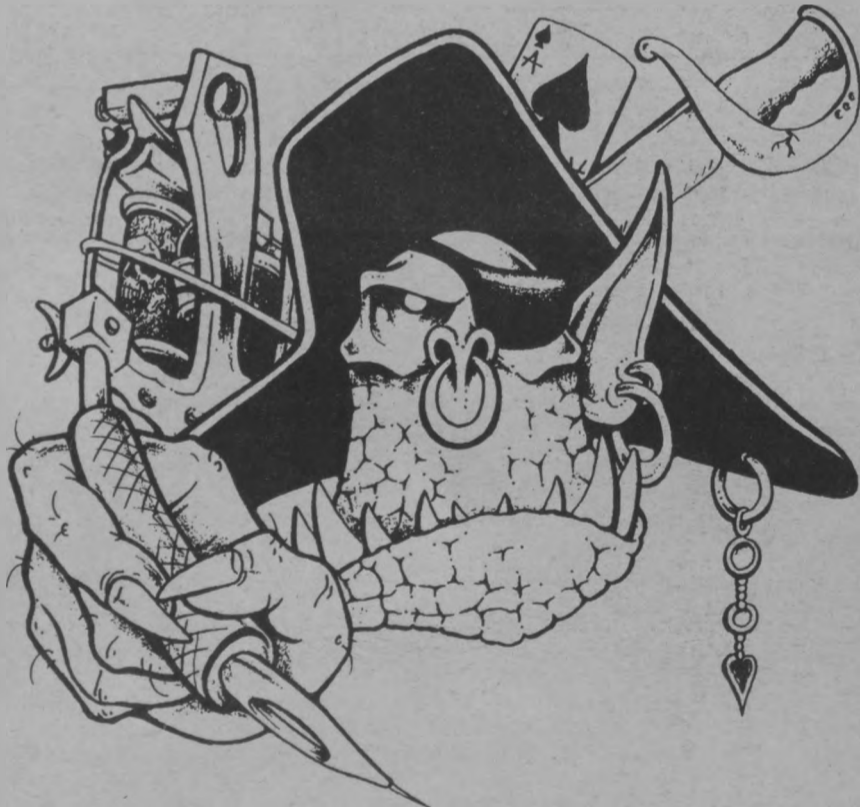
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