

# Sports MONDAY

## UCSB Sends Wolves Packing

■ Three Seniors Lead Gauchos to 86-60 Win on Senior Day

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Sunday was dubbed "Senior Day" at the Thunderdome. But, it might as well have been called "Senior Weekend."

Stacy Clinesmith, Tawnée Cooper and Kristi Rohr were honored before Sunday's game alongside their parents at half court, and then promptly scored the 10th ranked Gauchos' first six points with a bucket each. But, their early efforts in the first four minutes were negated by Nevada's Kate Smith, who scored 12 of her 14 points in the first half, and had NU's first nine points.

In Friday night's 22-point win over Cal Poly, the trio each scored in double-digits with Cooper registering a double-double and Rohr scoring 28 points — one off her career-high total.

Friday, Santa Barbara (25-3 overall, 13-0 in the Big West) traveled to San Luis Obispo to play a game that was already decided before the tip-off. No Cal Poly (6-18, 2-10) player stood taller than her opposing Gaucho player at any position, thus resulting in an 85-63 beating hand-

ed down by Santa Barbara. Rohr scored 28 points to lead all scorers, while UCSB was without All-American Erin Buescher, who sat out with an Achilles tendon injury.

"We always miss somebody on our team who isn't playing," Rohr said. "Team chemistry is very important to us."

But, in Buescher's absence, the other Gauchos stepped it up. Cooper grabbed a career-high 12 rebounds, and five Gauchos scored in double-digits: Rohr's 28, Clinesmith had 14, junior Nicole Greathouse dropped in 13, and Cooper and freshman Jess Hansen each had 11.

"Kristi really sucked it up and played well," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "I would guess that 37 minutes was the most [playing time] Kristi's ever played in a Gaucho game."

Sunday, UCSB won its 21st consecutive game (the nation's longest streak), 45th straight Big West game and 25th straight win in front of a new record crowd of 5,371 at the Thunderdome. The 86-60 win over Nevada came after a second-half surge where UCSB scored

49 points, compared to the Wolfpack's 20. At the half, Santa Barbara was down 40-37, the second time in three games UCSB has been down by three heading into the locker room.

"I wasn't screaming and yelling," French said. "I was a little disappointed that we weren't denying their reversal passes."

The second half proved to be the difference as the Gauchos did deny the passes and denied Nevada from scoring, forcing 16 second-half turnovers while limiting the Pack to 36.4 percent shooting compared to the 53.1 percent it shot in the first 20 minutes. Nevada had 25 total turnovers in the game.

The graduating trio played a solid game in its regular-season farewell. Clinesmith scored 17 points and dished out seven assists to go along with three steals and three rebounds. Cooper dumped in 15 points, had four assists, grabbed seven boards (six offensively) and had a pair of steals. Rohr scored 13, wiped the glass of nine missed shots and had a pair of steals of her own. With her 41

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**COOP TROOP:** Senior Tawnée Cooper drives to the basket Sunday vs. Nevada. In her last regular season game at the T-dome, Cooper scored 15 points and grabbed seven rebounds.

## Pepperdine, Weather Rain All Over Santa Barbara in Shortened Weekend Series

By BRIAN CHONG  
Reporter



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**CHADDER CHEESE:** Junior second baseman Chad Peshke and the Gauchos dropped two games to Pepperdine over the weekend. In the games, Peshke went four for seven from the plate. The final game was postponed and has not been rescheduled.

Rain seems to be the only factor keeping the UCSB baseball team from completing a series during the past two weeks. This past weekend's series vs. Pepperdine seemed to be no different from the three-game series last weekend against CSUN, with the completion of the first two games and the third being rained out. However, the Gauchos are at the other end of the stick from last week, on the verge of being swept by the Waves.

Santa Barbara (7-6 overall) is now looking to keep its record above the .500 mark and avoid being swept by Pepperdine once the third game is rescheduled. This weekend's results were not quite up to par against Pepperdine (7-7 overall), but the Gauchos were in the tracks of a club that has won six of its last eight games after starting the season slow with a dismal 1-5 record.

The Waves came into town Friday afternoon to kick off the series at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. The unrelenting offense of Pepperdine, which produced 20 hits on the day, produced a walloping 17-9 victory over the Gauchos to record the first game of the series.

"We didn't play poorly," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "Pepperdine was just playing great base-

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### Sporting Events Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
No events scheduled	No events scheduled	Softball @ Fresno State 6 p.m.	Men's basketball vs. Long Beach State Thunderdome 5 p.m. Women's water polo vs. Loyola Marymount 4 p.m. Women's basketball @ Cal State Fullerton 7 p.m.	Men's Tennis - Pacific Coast doubles tournament (Fri-Sun) all day Women's water polo @ San Diego State 4 p.m. Men's volleyball @ Cal State Northridge 7 p.m.	Softball vs. Point Loma noon Men's basketball vs. Pacific Thunderdome 7 p.m. Men's gymnastics vs. Michigan/Oklahoma 7:30 p.m. Women's basketball @UC Irvine 5:15 p.m.	Women's Gymnastics @ Los Angeles 2 p.m.



# Gauchos Use Late Run to Beat Boise

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Usually, shooting just 31 percent from the floor, turning the ball over 24 times and trailing by nine points with just over six minutes to play on another team's court doesn't win basketball games. But the UCSB men's basketball team isn't just any usual team.

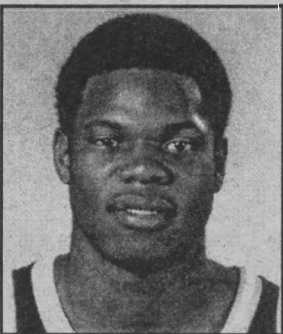
The Gauchos (13-12 overall, 9-5 in the Big West) used a 16-4 run late in the second half against the Boise State Broncos (12-13, 6-8) to squeak by with a 54-50 victory. For their part, the Broncos shot 29 percent from the floor and gave the ball up 19 times. With a lid on the hoop for both squads, the game came down to good, old-fashioned defense.

"[UCSB] is a good defensive team," BSU Head Coach Rod Jensen said. "They don't give you many shots. They were giving back our own medicine. They weren't shooting well, but we weren't shooting well, so what have you got? You still have a close game. They kept it just close enough to beat us."

In the first half, Santa Barbara looked to have things under control as it led 21-10 with just over five minutes left in the first half. However, the Broncos went on a 13-4 run to close out the half and went into the locker room trailing the Gauchos by only two at 25-23.

The second half was a different story, as the Gauchos' shooting woes enabled Boise to go ahead 45-36 with just 6:19 left in the game. Then, a minute later and the score at 46-38, Santa Barbara gathered itself and went on a 13-0 run that began with a three-point play by senior guard Erick Ashe. Ashe, who had a team-high of 14 points, drove baseline and con-

verted on a lay-up as he was fouled and then made the following freebie from the free throw line to up the count to 46-41. On the ensuing in-bounds play, Ashe stole the ball and was fouled again. Making just one of the free throws, Ashe enabled UCSB to trail by only four points at 46-42. With 3:58 left on the clock, junior forward Adama Ndiaye scored a bucket to up the score to 46-44. Ndiaye wasn't done chipping away at the Bronco lead, as he made one of two free throws to cut the lead to one at 46-45. At the 3:29 mark, the Gauchos regained the lead as senior guard Derrick Allen hit a jumper on the left side to put the Gauchos up 47-46 with 3:09 left.

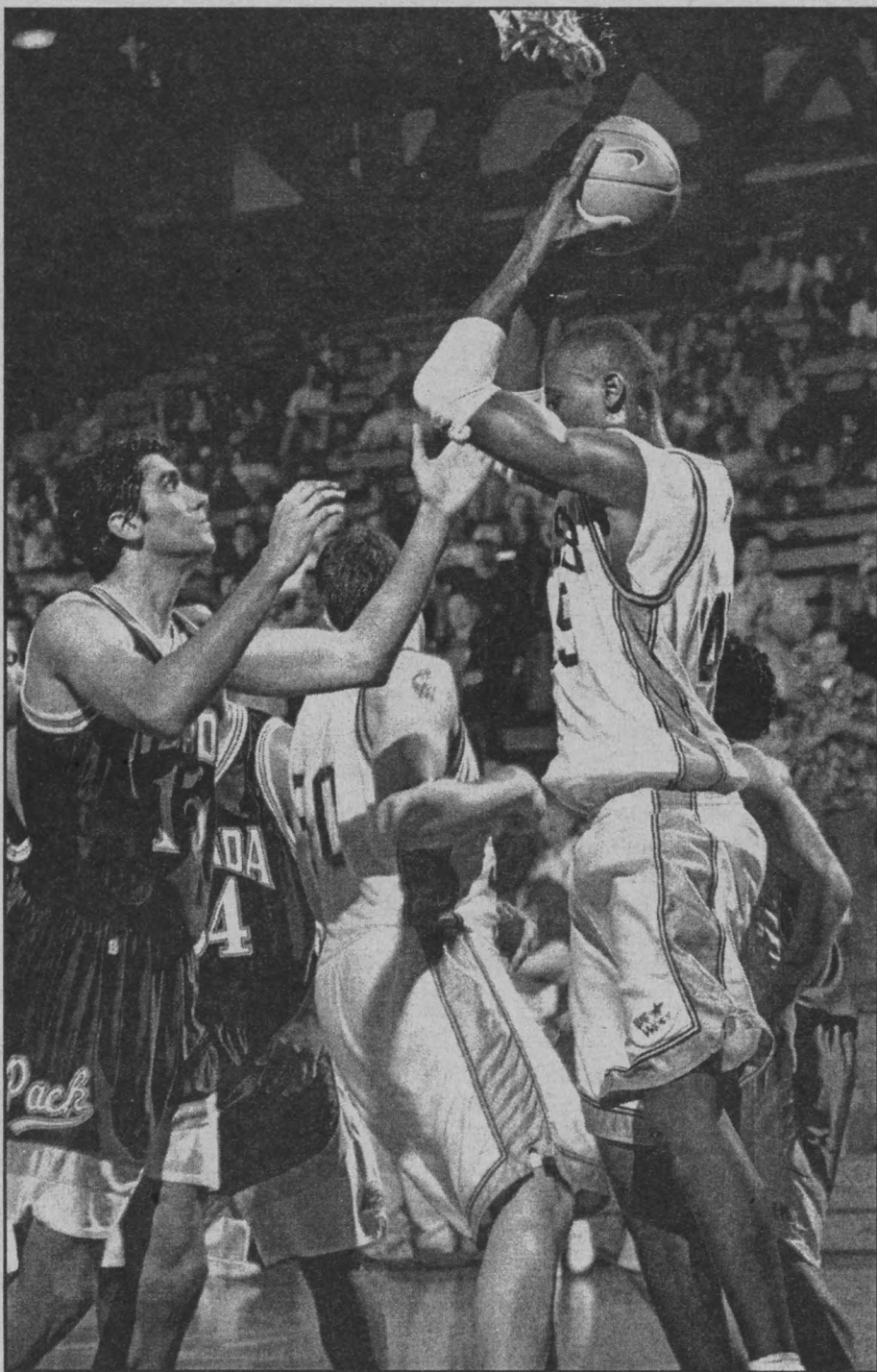


Derrick Allen

"It takes hard work to win here," said Allen, who pulled down a career-high 13 rebounds while scoring eight points. "... Coming into this game, [UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams] told us they like to press all day long with three guards just like we do. We had to attack through their press."

Allen's attack, however, also came from the charity stripe. With 1:19 left Allen was fouled and calmly sank both free throws to put Santa Barbara up 49-46. On the Broncos' next possession, Ndiaye pulled down a missed shot and was fouled. Ndiaye, who finished the game with 11 points, made both freebies to cap UCSB's 13-0 run to put it up 51-46 with only 37 seconds left. Allen would sink two more free throws and junior guard Brandon Payton would make one for UCSB's final tally to secure the win.

"This was a great win for us," Williams said. "All the games from now on are big for us. We're trying to build momentum going into the Big West Tournament."



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**THIS IS MY BALL, KID. GET YOUR OWN:** Junior forward Adama Ndiaye scored 11 points to help the Gauchos defeat Boise State Saturday night in a comeback 54-50 in Boise.

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# SENIORS

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points over the weekend, the Santa Ynez native is still in first place on UCSB's career scoring leader board, with 1,631 points and counting. Buescher's Achilles was ready for action Sunday when the junior led all scorers with 21 points, and now has 1,606 total points. Buescher also grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds to record her 15th double-double of the year.

"I kind of feel like a lit-

tle kid dragging my feet — I don't want them to go," Buescher said. "I'm trying to figure out how to slow the process down."

Nevada's biggest downfall (17-9, 7-6) might have been when Santa Barbara went on a 10-2 run to open the second half, then a 14-0 run midway through the second half to send the Pack packin'.

"We didn't seem to be in as much of a flow in the second half, we came out and had difficulty scoring," Nevada Head Coach Ada

Gee said. "We didn't seem to have the same intensity level and we said we needed to take our intensity level up. Certainly Santa Barbara was going to do that. And, clearly, they got great balanced scoring. They got leadership from players that have done it for four years for them. You've got Clinesmith and Rohr and certainly Erin Buescher who took charge in the second half and did a nice job. It's disappointing to play that well in the first half and only play that way for 20 minutes."



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**FAREWELL:** Seniors Tawnée Cooper, Stacy Clinesmith and Kristi Rohr embrace during pre-game festivities to honor the trio Sunday in the regular season finale in the Thunderdome.

# BASEBALL

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ball and we didn't pitch as well as we did against Northridge."

Despite the final score of the game, UCSB did hold a respectable lead over the Waves by posting five runs in the first inning capped off by a three-run home run by junior shortstop Jeff Bannon.

The rest of the offensive attack came from the visiting Waves. Pepperdine seemed to be shaken up from the offensive attack of the Gauchos and responded with a dangerous wave of its own the very next inning, which consisted of three singles, a double and three long balls. Seven runs came around and the Waves never looked back from there.

"Pepperdine is a very solid team: They have good pitching, hitting and defense and they were just on a roll," junior third baseman Dave Molitor said.

The Waves were far from being finished as they produced another big inning in the sixth. Pepperdine continued its offensive parade adding six more runs, taking a commanding lead. UCSB ended

up using five different arms during the game, but came out on the short end of the stick due to the unstoppable bats of Pepperdine.

On Saturday, UCSB attempted to return the favor as they hit the Waves back in Malibu. The result was the same as Pepperdine slapped UCSB with an extra inning loss to take the game, 7-4.

Despite the defeat, the story for the Gauchos was once again senior right-handed pitcher Gabe Neboyia. Neboyia had an impressive previous outing against CSUN last weekend by recording a complete game that consisted of 13 strikeouts. Although he did not go the distance against Pepperdine, Neboyia tamed the bats of the Waves.

"I was very pleased with my performance," said Neboyia, who struck out four. "I kept the balls down in the zone and got ahead of the hitters."

The bats of UCSB were stagnant throughout most of the game until late in the sixth inning. Following a pair of walks and a single by UCSB, Molitor stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded and clouted a grand slam.

## WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS UPDATE:

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**UCSB lost its 15th match this season Saturday.**  
**Cara Simkins (beam) and Rynanne Strohm (floor) paced UCSB, earning 3rd-place finishes.**

"My first two at-bats, I couldn't time his pitches, but I kept waiting and I got all of it to hit it out," Molitor said.

With a three-run lead going into the eighth, Neboyia was relieved by All-American sophomore Chris Quiroz to

seal the victory for the Gauchos.

However, the Waves had other plans and came back with another offensive attack, tying the ballgame up. The Waves came back to win a nail-biter in the 10th with a three-run home run to take the first two games of the series.

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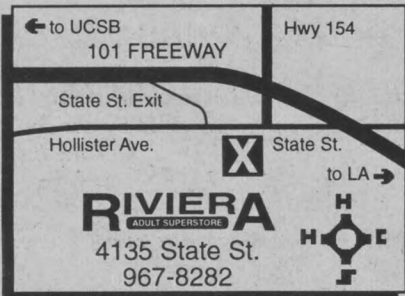
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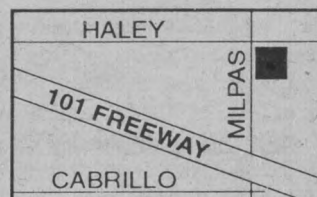
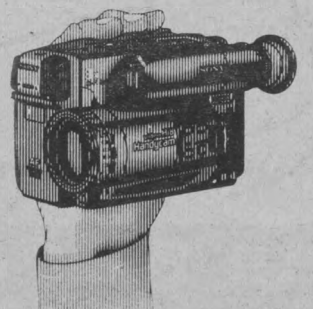


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