## Gauchos Welcome DePaul, ESPN; Squad Remains Unbeaten at Home

Blue Demons Hope to Snap UCSB's Nine-Game Home Winning Streak

By Daniel Solomon Staff Writer

Da, da, da ... da, da, da Making its only trip of the year to the Thunderdome, ESPN will televise this evening's 9:00 contest between the UCSB men's basketball team and DePaul University. The Blue Demons and ESPN couldn't have picked a better time, with the Gauchos holding a perfect 8-0 home re-

cord (9-4 overall).

"The guys haven't said much about it being on television," UCSB senior point guard Tecon Madden said. "We've just been focusing on DePaul, but come game time tomorrow, we're go-ing to be excited about it."

Student tickets will be distributed at noon in Storke Plaza and the contest will also be broadcast live on KCSB 91.9

Following last Monday's 69-51 spanking of San Jose State, Santa Barbara's sixth game in less than two weeks, the Gauchos have had a week to prepare for tonight's contest. DePaul, which is coming off a

92-82 loss to #23 Cincinnati on can score a lot of points, but I Saturday, will be playing its third don't think Wayne is going to go game in five days.

The last meeting between these two teams seemed like just yesterday, but in fact was in 1929-30, when De Paul triumphed in a defensive struggle, 35-14. However, with the many changes in college basketball over the past 65 years, many believe that tonight's con-test will feature a bit more

"Their offense is up-tempo,"
Madden explained. "Usually
East Coast players like to push
the ball and play a lot of finesse
game. It's going to be up-tempo and we expect them to put a lot of pressure on us."

The Blue Demons (7-6 overward Wayne Butts, is averaging 22.9 points, 5.3 rebounds and 4.2 assists per game this season. He has led the squad in scoring in 10 of 12 games, including a season-high 33 points and nine rebounds against Cincinnati.

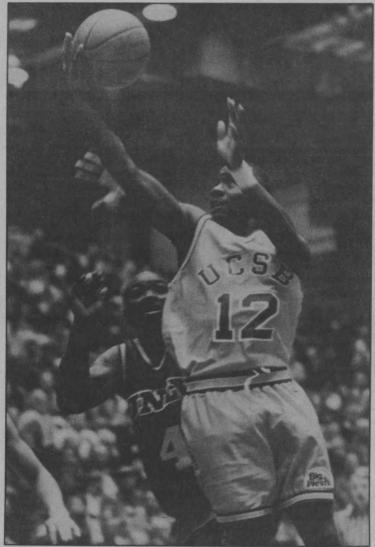
"He's a versatile player who

out differently than any other game," UCSB junior forward Mark Flick commented.

"I don't think Wayne is worried about Kleinschmidt," Madden added. "[Butts] knows what he has to do. Kleinschmidt has to guard Wayne too, so it's going to be a good battle for both of them. Wayne is probably going to have one of his biggest games."

Last season, it took the Gauchos 21 games to capture their ninth win. Much of the reason for the squad's quick start (nine wins in 13 chances) is the team's 71.3 percent free-throw shooting, an 8.4 percent increase from last season. In comall) are led by senior Tom bination with the team's 47.7 Kleinschmidt. The 6-foot-5 swingman, who will likely be guarded by UCSB senior for-Gauchos are averaging 7.2 ppg percent floor shooting (up nearly three percent), the Gauchos are averaging 7.2 ppg more than in '93-'94.

Senior center Doug Muse leads the team in scoring at 14.5 ppg, while averaging 5.6 re-bounds and two blocked shots per game. He has scored in double figures in 12 of 13 games, including the last 11 straight.



Senior point guard Tecon Madden drives toward the basket.

### #8-Ranked UCSB Gets Fourth in Collegiate Volleyball Tourney After Falling to Bruins

By Jenny Kok

Coming off a disappointing loss to the #8 Cougars of Brigham Young University, the #7 UCSB men's volleyball team finished fourth in their own 24-team UCSB Invitational.

To start off the tournament, the Gauchos (2-0) got an oppor-tunity to give their four freshmen a chance to get some playing time. After some impressive play where the young guns defeated Sacramento State (16-14, 15-8), Cal Berkeley (15-1, 15-7) and Cal Poly SLO (15-13, 15-12) in group play, the Gauchos moved on to pool play.

"I was very impressed with the freshmen," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "Adam Renfree set amazingly well, and Jeremy Darner and Mitch McCoy played strongly."

The first team the Gauchos faced in pool play was #2 Stanford. Preston brought back the starting lineup he had used against BYU the evening before, but it was no match for the Cardinal. The Gauchos lost in two straight games, 15-7, 15-4, with the help of 11 service errors and only three blocks.
"We had no transition at all

and we couldn't convert our digs," Preston explained. "Our blocking was nonexistent, and against a team like Stanford, there is no way you can win without these elements."

After the tough loss, Santa Barbara took on #4 Long Beach State, where events took a big turn. With a major lineup change, the Gauchos managed to take control of the match, defeating the 49ers 8-15, 15-6,

Sophomore outside hitter Donny Harris led the team with 11 kills at a .115 hitting percentage, four service aces, eight digs and three blocks. Middle blockers senior Carter Reese and so-

phomore Robert Treahy each ridge. Using the same lineup added nine kills at .421 and .643, they had used against LBSU, the respectively. Junior outside hit-ter Morgan Chapman totaled eight kills at .412 and made six digs.
"We looked like more of a

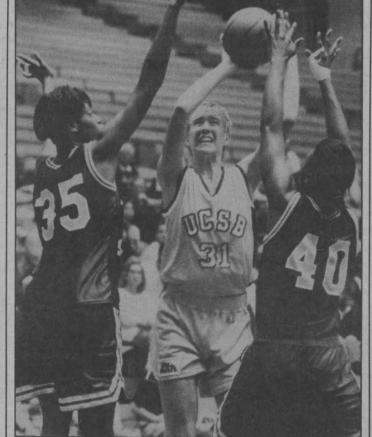
team against Long Beach," Reese commented. "Games against them are always a battle. We really pulled together and

took advantage of the situation."
Saturday morning, the
Gauchos faced Cal State North-

they had used against LBSU, the Gauchos took the match in two straight games, 15-11, 15-7. After CSUN, UCSB defeated Rutgers, but this match was a much tougher battle, as the Gauchos found themselves barely taking the victory, 15-10, 2-15, 16-14.

With that last win, the Gauchos gained the opportunity to take on UCLA in a battle for

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Junior forward Amy Hughlett scored 11 points to help the Gauchos earn a tough road win against Long Beach State.

#### SB Beats Long Beach State at the Pyramid; Alexander Carries Team

By Deborah Rafii Staff Writer

Although a score of 80-69 seems to indicate a rather easy win, the UCSB women's basketball team played a close game Sunday against Long Beach State University, holding a slim five-point lead with 49 seconds left in the match before pulling away for the victory.

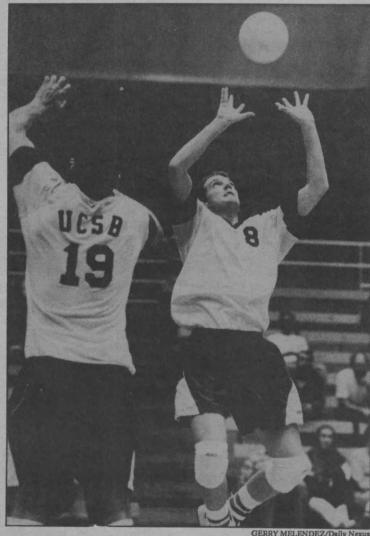
The game's statistics also re-veal the sense of urgency throughout the contest as the Gauchos (8-5 overall, 4-2 Big West) accumulated 27 turnovers, while the 49ers (8-7, 5-2)

turned the ball over 31 times. Both sides got into foul trou-

ble during the game. The Gauchos lost junior forward Amy Hughlett and junior guard Dio Aguinaldo after the two fouled out of the game, while Long Beach junior forward Kim Barfield and junior guard Akia Hardy also fouled out in the final critical minutes of the contest.

Santa Barbara was in complete control of the first half until 8:10 remained and Barfield tied the game up at 18-18. Fifteen seconds later, senior forward Melissa Gower

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Freshman setter Adam Renfree, who posted 31 assists and 9 digs, surprised many with his performance against UCLA.

### Rugby Crushes UCLA 57-7; Monagan Leads SB to Win

By Alex Nugent Reporter

With the rain gone and a very muddy Storke Field to play on, the UCSB rugby team headed into its match against the UCLA Bruins on Saturday hoping to keep its six-game winning streak

Although the muddy conditions could have hindered the Gauchos, they were able to fight off the Bruins and win decisively, 57-7.

"These muddy conditions do not really favor us because we're more of a team that uses its outside speed," said UCSB junior forward-captain Max Goldstein."

The Gauchos (7-0) did not let the mud bother them, however, as sophomore Bob Monagan scored the game's first try, his first of four in the contest.

Goldstein added another to put the Gauchos up 10-0. The team did not look back after this point as they scored 36 unanswered points in a half dominated by UCSB.

"They were pretty inexperienced," back-captain Haig Kirkeby explained. "We were able to run in the mud. Our game plan changed but we were able to do what we wanted. Last year, we won by less than a try. This year was the first time in a long time we were able to roll a team like we did."

Others who made contributions to the win included juniors Mark Palazzo (two tries) and Dave McDonald (one try) and senior Bill "Beeker" Petran (one try). Kirkeby added three assists.

So far this season, the rugby team has tried to match last year's success. With a fairly young team, Santa Barbara has managed to post victories over



Jeff Gould tackles a UCLA opponent in UCSB's 57-7 victory on Storke Field.

UNLV, Westmont and several New Zealand club teams.

"A bunch of us rookies from last year are back," Palazzo said. "Last year we were all competing to get on the first team. We're all back this year. We have a lot of talent and a lot of speed.

most different games we've ever

played because of the weather conditions," Palazzo continued. "Dominating athletes don't "Yesterday was one of the stand out in that kind of

## Gymnasts Are Defeated by Bruins, Stanford in 1995 Season-Opening Meet at Westwood

By Matt Gambee Reporter

A third-place finish in a threeteam meet is usually nothing to shout about, but when the other two squads are UCLA and Stanford, there can still be reason to

Even though the Gauchos could not overcome Stanford and host UCLA in a women's gymnastics meet this past Saturday in Westwood, UCSB showed signs of greatness in a few events.

"Personally, I did not feel that I did very good," said senior co-captain Dana Faircloth. "I had a lot of first-meet jitters, but as a team, we held together very

The night's most promising effort for the Gauchos came from sophomore Margie Hoeffler, whose 9.7 floor exercise,

coupled with her 9.8-point vaulting score, lifted her to a third-place ranking among all participating all-arounders in the competition.

UCLA won the meet with an overall team score of 193. Stanford came in second with 188 and UCSB finished a strong third at 183.

"Last night we had five women on the beam who did exceptionally well. That was our strongest event," said UCSB Head Coach Randy Lane. "Usually we do not have five girls hit that event so early in the season.'

Parallel bars were the Gauchos' worst enemy, as the best Santa Barbara finisher in the event was Hoeffler, who finished 12th.

"It is something we need to work on a little harder in order for us to get where we want to," Lane said. "We should be able to

improve upon this facet of our game plan very soon."

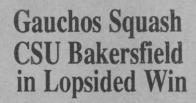
Junior April Sargent took third place in the vaulting event. Santa Barbara had five women in the top nine for the balance beam as well. Junior Emily Tripiano placed highest for UCSB in the event, finishing fourth.

The floor routines were also not kind to the Gauchos, who had only one finisher in the top 10, as Hoeffler took fourth place for her performance.

"She has a lot of energy, but she needs to relax to be effective," Lane said.

Although the Gauchos were topped by both the Bruins and Cardinal, Lane is looking ahead to Feb. 3, when UCSB will have its chance for revenge as the team faces Stanford in Palo Alto.

This Friday, Santa Barbara will host #25-ranked Boise State University at 7 p.m. in Rob Gym.



By Michael Kohn Staff Writer

The UCSB swim and teams were sick and tired of being sick and tired, so the team decided to put an end to the madness. The result was an allout assault and dismantling of Cal State Bakersfield on Saturday.

Santa Barbara, which has been fighting sickness and injuries in the past two meets, showed no signs of weakness against the Roadrunners. The men (7-0) and women (6-4) racked up high point totals as the two teams won 146-99 and 113-86, respectively.
"It was a good day for the

Gauchos," Head Coach Gregg Wilson said. "This meet was very gratifying because everyone played a part. It was truly a team victory."

The men got the ball rolling with a win in the 400 medley relay. The team of Nathan Resch, Mark Anderson, Tim Gair and Jason Lezak finished the event in an amazing 3:28.41. UCSB stumbled through the next two events but got back on track as Lezak and junior Joel Gustafson

After being involved in a bicycle accident last Wednesdulescu, the team still has a long way to go until they achieve their goals.
"I am very glad we did better this weekend, but we still need day, UCSB freshman Dusty Hyland made a strong showing to make a lot more improvements," Badulescu said. "I am

Freshman gymnast Paul Mendoza won the all-around com-

Gymnasts Get Revenge, Beat SJSU

at Home; Mendoza Sparks SB Win

petition between UCSB and SJSU with a score of 53.40.

in his five events. According to Badulescu, he has a lot of potential and can only get stronger as his wounds heal. He and teammate Steve Koiles each scored a meet high of 9.20 on

with an all-around score of

53.40, including a remarkable

9.50 on the pommel horse and

less on the pommel horse," Ba-

dulescu commented. "He has

the potential to make nationals

if he continues to perform that

well. He fell just short of a 9.0

average, but that will be our

Finishing second in the all-around was UCSB senior Da-

vid Cassie at 52.20 total points,

including a meet high of 9.25

on the high bar. SJSU's Karl

Nove came in third with a total

"Mendoza was almost flaw-

a 9.10 on the vault.

next goal for him."

of 50.60 points.

"Now we have a two-week break," Badulescu said. "We've got a big meet coming up in Arizona and we will have to start concentrating on becoming consistent and staying focused. From now on, everything

Gaucho divers put in a stellar performance as UCSB dominated CSU Bakersfield in nearly every part of Saturday's competition. Senior Melissa Ulmer won both the one- and three-meter events.

whole team hit their routines." The performance of the day belonged to UCSB's freshman all-arounder Paul Mendoza.

Mendoza led the competition

By Jenny Kok

After finishing seven points

behind San Jose State Univer-

sity at the Spartan Open last

weekend, the UCSB men's

gymnastics team defeated the

Spartans, 209.30-200.20 in

Rob Gym Sunday afternoon.

Stanford was scheduled to

compete at the meet but had to forfeit after their van broke

The Gauchos improved

their team score by more than

eight points, but according to Head Coach Mircea Ba-

very upset about our perfor-

mance on the floor exercise,

but our pommel horse was a lot

"We still had some breaks,

but there is a lot of potential.

Overall, we need to have the

down on the freeway.

Staff Writer

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#### TOURNEY

Continued from p.1A third place. In a five-game match, the Gauchos came up short, losing to the Bruins in three straight, 15-13, 15-8, 15-13.

"It was a really tough, long match, but we played very well," Preston said. "After losing to BYU the night before, we made a lot of improvements. We still have a really long way to go, but we made a few lineup changes and kept the game competitive."

Harris again led the team attack with 24 kills at .356, while making 10 digs and two blocks. Harris was the only Gaucho to be named to the seven-member all-tournament team. Treahy added 17 kills at .314 and seven digs as he led the team at the net with eight blocks.

Junior outside hitter Amaury Velasco led the team with 17 digs and added 10 kills at .231 to the team effort. Also making an impact was Chapman, who pounded out 13 kills and made 16 digs.

"Donny is getting better at everything," Preston said. "He was a good hitter last year, but now he is improving his defense and he is even improving his hitting. I think we could definitely say he is our goto guy.

is our go-to guy.

"I was very happy with the way Morgan stepped up. He rose to the occasion against Long Beach and is really making a strong effort."

Perhaps the most pleasant surprise of the tournament was

freshman setter Renfree. Renfree proved himself throughout the tournament and, because of his strong performance, Preston gave him the opportunity to set the first two games of the UCLA match. Renfree made 31 assists, nine digs and four blocks in his time on the court.

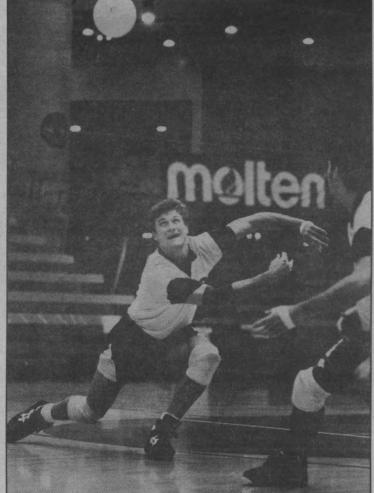
"During the tournament, I gained a lot of confidence in the freshmen," Treahy said. "Adam set very well. I think this tournament gave them the chance to see that they can definitely compete with good teams."

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In the invitational's final match, the Cardinal were defeated by BYU in four games, 15-7, 12-15, 15-3, 15-13. BYU's Scott Larkin was named tournament MVP, while his teammates Jesse Gant and Kevin Hambly were named to the all-tournament team. Mike Lamber and Stewart Chong of Stanford and Kevin Wong of UCLA were the other three players named to the team.

With the tournament finally over, the Gauchos will head back to the gym and continue to work on their trouble spots.

"The biggest problem we had was our transition," Preston said. "As a team, we were not converting plays we should be converting and individually we weren't blocking as many balls as we should have been. But looking past that, I'd have to say I am not at all disappointed with the way we played most of the tournament. We are capable of great things, now we just have to prove it."



CERRY MELENDEZ/Dell

Junior outside hitter Amaury Velasco passes to a teammate. In #8-ranked UCSB's three-game loss to #1-ranked UCLA in the tournament's third-place match, Velasco posted 17 digs and pounded 10 kills at .231. The Gauchos will have a chance for revenge when they take on the Bruins at home on Feb. 8.

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Continued from p.1A pushed LBSU into the lead with two free throws. Gower led the 49ers with 21 points and 14 rebounds, the 11th double-double of her career.

Santa Barbara came back to lead by one point at halftime and continued to play well, building a 12-point lead through the middle of the second half. UCSB shot 42 percent from the floor, compared to LBSU's 35 percent.

"We weren't nervous at halftime because we were dominating on the fast break," senior forward Iesha Smith said. "They just couldn't get back to defense in the transition."

With only two minutes on the clock, the 49ers only trailed by five points, but junior guard Kellie Cook put in two free throws with under a minute to play to ice the game for the Gauchos.

UCSB sophomore guard Erin Alexander dominated the contest, posting a career-high 22 points to go with five assists, enabling the Gauchos to attain their third road win of the

On defense, the 49ers played an aggressive match as junior center Ja'net Davis notched 11 of LBSU's 13 steals. On the boards, UCSB sophomore forward Amy Smith led the Gauchos with ten rebounds. Santa Barbara was able to stay in the game despite being outrebounded by LBSU 48-60.

"I thought we took care of the boards," Cook said. "We also kept the game at our tempo.

"We need to improve on our fast break and offensive execution," Cook added. "We also need to work on breaking the press"

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Three-point goals: UCSB 0-2 (Alexander 0-1, Cook 0-1), LBSU 2-6 (Hardy 1-2, Newtdouski 1-2, Periotat 0-2), Blocked shots: UCSB 8 (A. Smith 4, Grazzini 3), LBSU 1. Steals: UCSB 16 (A. Smith 5, Grazzini 4), LBSU 13 (Davis 11).

Turnovers: UCSB 27 (Alexander 5, Cook 5), LBSU 31 (Hardy 10).
Total fouts: UCSB 27, LBSU 26. Fouled out: Hughlett, Aguinaldo, Barfield, Hardy. Technical fouts: None. Team rebounds: UCSB 9, LBSU 10.
Referees: Mike Brooks, Jay Schwietzer.
Attendance: 1,117.

#### **GAUCHOS**

Continued from p.2A finished one-two in the 50 freestyle event.

One of the most anticipated races of the day was the 200 backstroke. Two of UCSB's top swimmers were scratched from the event due to illness, and the Gauchos would also be facing Bakersfield's most feared swimmer, Cory Tague. But in a Cinderella story, senior Chris Garces came from behind to take the event with an unheard of 1:53.55 time.

"I saw my teammates having trouble with the distance freestyle events, so I decided to suck it up and put out the race of my life," Garces said. "The win was big for me, but more importantly it got the team rolling."

The Gaucho women preyed upon the Roadrunners from the outset, as the squad won all but one event.

The UCSB victories were spread equally across the board. Freshman Christine Dispaltro and senior Stacy St. Martin had two victories each. Dispaltro nabbed first in the 200 butterfly and the 200 individual medley, while St. Martin had wins in the 100 and 200 freestyle events.

Santa Barbara also received big dividends from freshman swimmers Sharon Noe and Sarah Andrews, both of whom broke personal records. Noe pulled the trick in the 200 breaststroke, with a time of 2:26.39, while Andrews posted a personal best in the 200 freestyle event with a time of 1:56.67.

"That swim really surprised me because it was a second and a half lower than my previous best," Andrews explained. "There was a lot of other people dropping their times as well and that is really good at this stage in our training."

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The Santa Barbara divers also got in on the fun as they completely shut out the Bakersfield attack. Senior Rick Alter and sophomore Jon Kelling took the one- and three-meter events, respectively. For the women, senior Melissa Ulmer was victorious in both events. The three Gaucho divers, along with sophomore Katie Deming, all qualified for regional competition, the stepping stone to the NCAA Championships.

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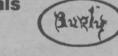
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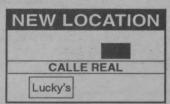
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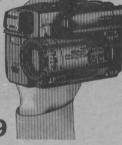


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