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UCSB Rips Scowl Off Tigers With Three-Game Sweep

■ Pitching, Clutch Hitting Lead to Home Sweep of Pacific

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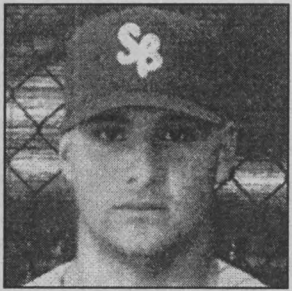
It's easy to look ahead in the schedule when a conference cellar dweller comes to town, but the UCSB baseball team maintained its focus this weekend, sweeping a three-game series against Pacific.

The weekend featured dominating performances from all three Gauchos starting pitchers. On Friday, junior James Garcia threw a complete game masterpiece, tying a career high with 11 strikeouts en route to a 6-1 Santa Barbara victory. It was more of the same in game two, as senior Rylie Ogle pitched eight solid innings to lead UCSB to a 5-2 win. Not to be outdone, sophomore Jim Bullard turned in his best performance of the season Sunday, pitching a complete game to give the Gauchos a 9-1 win and the series sweep.

"It's tough to get much better than that," UCSB Head Coach Bob

Brontsema said of his pitchers' performances. "We certainly pitched extremely well this weekend. I'm running out of superlatives for what [the pitchers] have been doing lately. I guess it's a nice problem to have."

The Gauchos (32-11 overall, 7-2 in the Big West) on Friday jumped all over UOP (20-26, 1-11) starting pitcher DJ.



James Garcia

Houlton, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Senior second baseman Chad Peshke started the rally for Santa Barbara, drawing a two-out walk. Senior third baseman Dave Molitor followed the walk with a single. Junior first baseman Tyler Von Schell reached second on a two-base error, scoring Peshke.

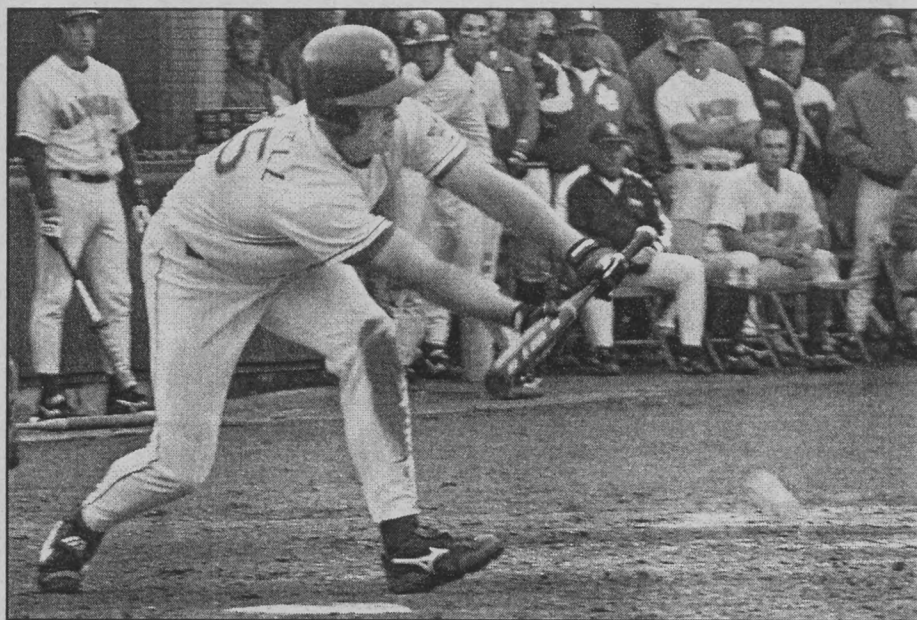
Senior shortstop Jeff Bannon then delivered the big blow, driving in both Molitor and Von Schell with a single.

The teams exchanged runs in the third inning, before senior designated hitter Mike Kolbach blasted a two-run homer in the seventh for the final tally.

The Gauchos' six runs were more than enough for Garcia, who continued to impress in his first season at UCSB. The righty surrendered only six hits in his nine innings, and capped his 11 strikeout performance by not giving up a single free pass.

"I take pride in doing the same thing day in and day out," Garcia said. "I take pride in being consistent — that's a big thing for a pitcher."

Game two was another low scoring affair, with UCSB once again coming out on top. The Tigers took a brief lead in the third inning, as Joel Summers belted a home run to give UOP a 2-1 lead. But Santa Barbara responded quickly, scoring in the fourth, sixth and



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Junior first baseman Tyler Von Schell looks to lay down a bunt. Santa Barbara swept UOP this weekend thanks in large part to Von Schell, who finished the weekend with four RBI's.

eighth innings to finish off Pacific.

After giving up the homer in the third inning, Ogle shut down the Tigers. The southpaw gave up only three hits in eight innings, while striking out seven.

"The entire pitching staff has a game plan," Ogle said. "We try to work down and work ahead. When we do that, it makes us tough to beat."

The Gauchos' offense

returned with a vengeance in game three. UCSB got on the board first with five runs in the third inning, including a solo blast from Von Schell. The round-tripper was his 16th of the season, which puts him only one away from tying the Santa Barbara single season record.

"I have been thinking about the record recently, maybe a little too much," Von Schell said. "I just try to go out there and get hits when I can and get some RBI's to help the team."

UCSB followed up its third-inning explosion with one run in the fourth and another in the fifth inning to take a 7-1 lead. The Gauchos then posted two runs in the sixth to finish the scoring.

Jim Bullard picked up the win for UCSB, pitch-

ing a complete game. Bullard allowed no earned runs and struck out six to earn the victory.

"[Bullard] only threw 100 pitches," Brontsema said. "He was just really on today. [Pacific] went after him early in the count, and that helped him to go deep into the game with his pitch count."

The Gauchos now enter the most important stretch of the season. UCSB hosts LBSU next weekend before heading to Fullerton for a three-game series with the Titans. Both series promise to test Santa Barbara's desire.

"It's nice to get on a roll going into such an important stretch for us," Brontsema said. "These next nine games are where you separate the men from the boys."

Santa Barbara Subdues Cal Poly, Succumbs to Anteaters

BY JOHN LIU
Reporter

play into singles action.

"After the doubles matches, [Head Coach Marty Davis] gave us a speech," Pepe said. "I've never seen [Davis] so pumped up before. That really got me pumped up and ready to play."

In singles play, Yaftali defeated Marquez in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6. Placek overwhelmed junior Erin Carroll in two sets, 6-1, 6-2. Pepe played extremely well against Capello, downing him in straight sets, 6-0, 6-1.

"Everybody was really focused and excited to play," Placek said. "I could feel everybody else pumped up, and it helped me play really well. We were all pushing each other and yelling for each other."

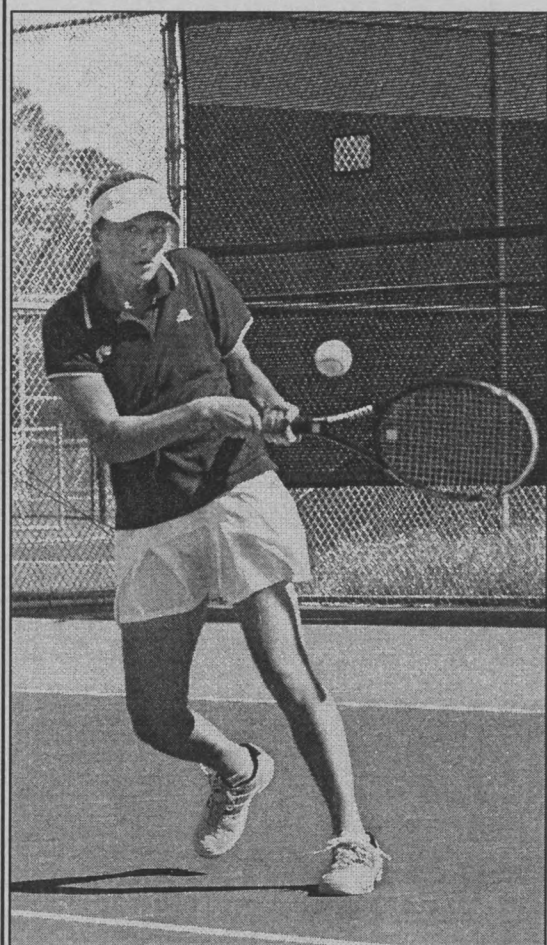
After their victory over Cal Poly in the first round, the Gauchos faced #1

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Gauchos Top Mustangs, Fall to LBSU in Tourney

BY CLANCY ROBERTS
Reporter

After a dazzling performance on Friday that sent Cal Poly packing its bags at the Big West Championships in Ojai, the UCSB women's tennis team fell to #1 Long Beach State, 4-2, in the semi-finals Saturday.



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Junior Cindy Ammann prepares to hit a back hand. The Gauchos humbled rival Cal Poly this weekend.

#4 Santa Barbara more than avenged its loss to the #5 Mustangs last week with a 4-1 victory in the opening round of the tournament. The Gauchos came out of the blocks in hot pursuit of a win as doubles partners senior Gaby Andrade and sophomore Uzma Khan teamed up with freshman AnneMarie Lenze and junior Shiho Fukushima to nail wins to obtain the crucial doubles point.

"It was a difficult position for us to be in," Lenze said. "We really felt pressure because we didn't want to lose to them twice in a row. But we started strong from the beginning in doubles, and that took some pressure off."

Once UCSB had the initial point under its belt, it was smooth sailing the rest of the way through. In the #2 singles position, Lenze barely broke a sweat on her way to a 6-2, 6-1 win over Mustang Angie Bagheri; Khan easily glided past Danielle Hustedt in straight sets.

Junior Cindy Ammann, who missed the first meeting between the two teams with the stomach flu, faced a difficult match at the one-spot against Cal Poly senior

Danielle Brandlin. Still battling the flu virus, Ammann found herself down early in the match. Ammann then roared back to claim the victory that put an exclamation mark on UCSB's win over Cal Poly.

On Saturday, the Gauchos were hoping to pull off the second biggest upset of the tournament, after seventh-seeded Idaho beat second-seeded Irvine in first-round action. UCSB faced top-seeded Long Beach State, who had its way with Utah State in the first round with a victory.

Day two for the 49ers was no different as they claimed their 17th victory in a row, 4-2, to knock the Gauchos out of the single-game elimination conference championships.

"They have a lot of good players," Ammann said. "As a team, they have very few weaknesses."

Heading into singles competition, Santa Barbara gained some composure as Khan dashed past 49er Sophie Han in straight sets for the win. Senior Shannon Wilkins also came away with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Alena Dvornikova in what would end up being her last career match as a Gaucho. But the rest of the Long Beach team was able to shut UCSB down, as 49er Anastasia Dvornikova overcame Ammann 6-4, 6-4. Lenze had no answer to 49er Mindy Carvalho, falling 6-2, 6-1; Gaucho Fukushima dropped straight sets to Cheryle Kindred 6-3, 6-4.

"We just went in and played hard," Lenze said. "We tried, but they were just a little better than we were that day."

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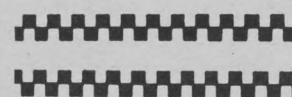
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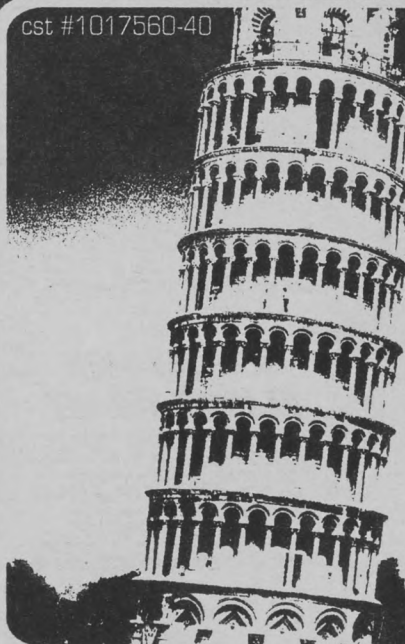
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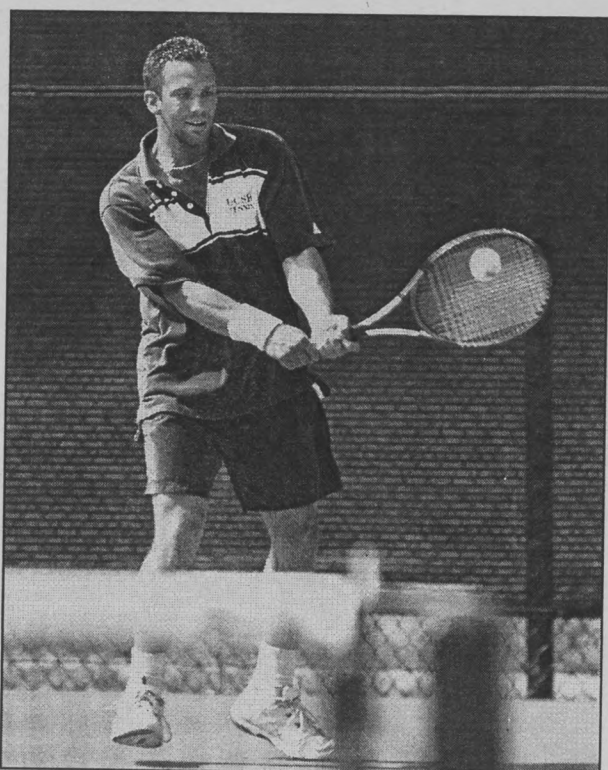
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UCSB

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Sophomore Michael Faust slams a back hand. The UCSB men's tennis team fell to UCI in the Big West Tournament.

seeded Irvine the next day. Santa Barbara started strong again, capturing the

doubles point.

"After the doubles matches, we felt pretty good," Placek said. "We had a slow start in the individual matches. I think that got our energy down."

UCSB played the Anteaters close in singles action, but came up short. Pepe continued his excellent play, defeating senior Chris Ma in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. The other Gauchos, however, did not fair as well. UCI went on to win four of the five singles matchups played to down UCSB.

"We were very disappointed," Kosakowski said. "I wish we could have done better, but I guess that's the way it goes."

Despite its early exit, Santa Barbara is already looking forward to next year.

"I think we're the team to beat in the Big West next year," Pepe said. "The outlook is good."

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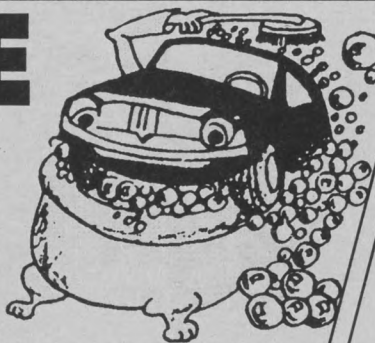
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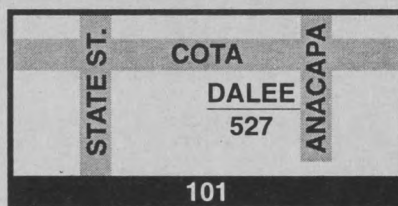


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