

Sports MONDAY

Gauchos Beaten by Broncos; Turnovers Hurt UCSB Again

By SCOTT HENNESSEE
Staff Writer

If a team turns the ball over 30 times in a collegiate basketball game, the chances are pretty good that that team is not going to win — UCSB's latest game in Boise was no exception.

The Gauchos were plagued by turnovers and an increasingly characteristic slow second-half start against Boise State Saturday night. The result was an 89-68 loss to the Broncos, UCSB's third consecutive defeat, and sixth straight on the road.

UCSB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said that Boise State's (10-5 overall, 2-0 in the Big West) defense should be given credit for forcing his team into making mistakes, but the Gauchos' impatience on offense was also a major cause of the mistakes.

"Their defense was able to

get into us and force some quick decisions which were ill-advised," Pimm said. "I think their defense caused us to turn it over some, but I think we caused ourselves to turn it over, too. We were speeding up and rushing a little bit and not slowing down and reading defenses."

The Gauchos shot well enough (53 percent) to stay in the game if not for all the turnovers, and even out-rebounded BSU 33-21. But the Broncos were able to shoot 58 percent while scoring 31 points off of turnovers.

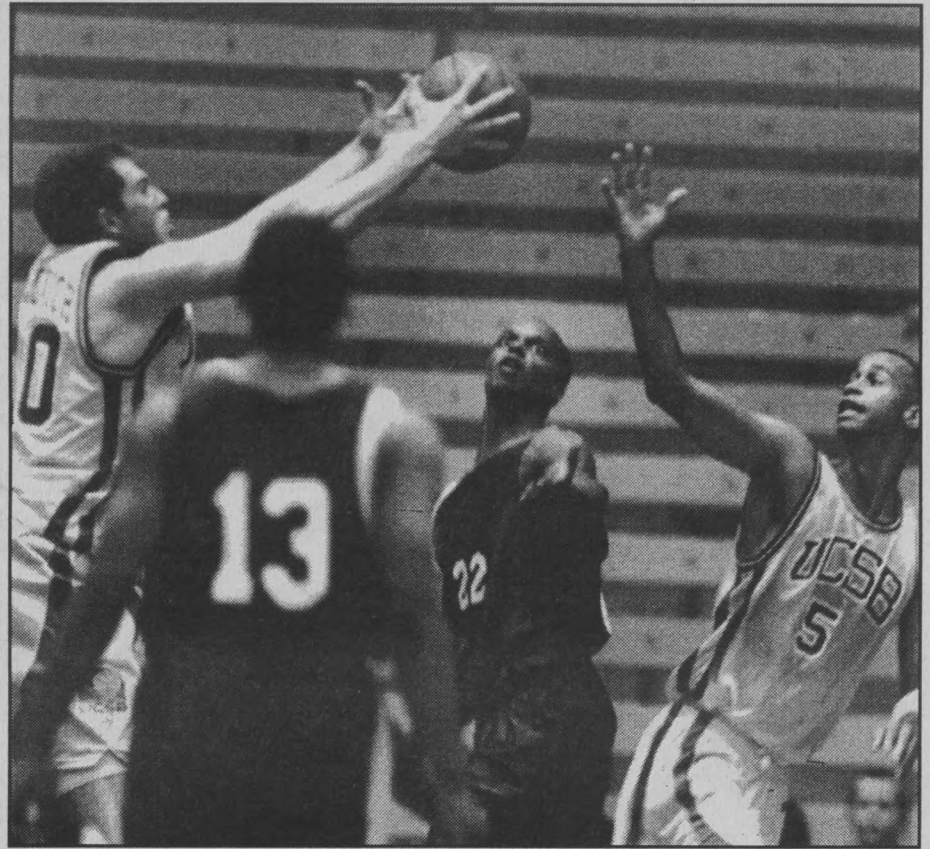
Santa Barbara (3-8, 0-2 in the Big West) was competitive throughout the first half of the game; UCSB led by seven, 22-15 with just over seven minutes to play in the half. But that was as big as the lead would get. The Broncos went on a 13-0 run to pull ahead 28-24 and would later go on an 8-0 run to enter the locker room

with a 36-31 lead.

Pimm said that, with the exception of a few lapses, he saw some very good things from his team in the first half.

"For some time tonight I saw some old Gaucho teams out there," Pimm said. "For about 18 minutes I saw a spark defensively. I saw togetherness and unity. I saw guys honestly and truly pulling for one another and not thinking about themselves."

Whatever spark the team had in the first half, it was lacking in the second. The Broncos went on a 15-4 run in the first five-and-a-half minutes of the final period, effectively putting the game out of reach. Senior forward Roberto Bergersen was the main Gaucho-killer, posting 29 points on 11 of 16 shooting. Junior guard Gerry Washington did nearly as much damage, making 10 of his 14 free-throw attempts



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GRAB IT! Freshman Mike Vukovich (above left) and the Gauchos had a hard time keeping a firm grip on the ball Saturday, committing 30 turnovers against Boise State.

while scoring 20 points. "They got a little momentum here at home. We wilted a little bit at the half and we broke down a couple

of times," Pimm said. "When we got tired and didn't guard them the second half, Bergersen just went nuts on us. He is one of

the better players we'll go against all year I think." Senior guard Raymond

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Women's Basketball Wins with Tough Defense

By BEN ALKALY
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Its offense may get all the credit, but Sunday afternoon the UCSB women's basketball team let its defense shine.

The Gauchos (11-4 overall, 2-0 in the Big West Conference) forced Boise State University into making only 25 percent of its shots and captured their fifth straight win, 76-60 in the Thunderdome.

Santa Barbara Head Coach Mark French was pleased with the defensive effort of his Gaucho squad, which leads the Big West in points scored (81.3 per game) and points allowed (78.8).

"What we needed to do was play great team defense to keep them from getting shots where they wanted to get shots," he said. "We had to disrupt people's flow and make them do what we wanted to do. The first 32-35 minutes of the game may have been our best run of the season."

UCSB definitely prevented the Broncos (6-7, 1-1) from getting the open shots in a wild first half marked by shot clock malfunctions, confrontations with officials by both coaches, and an errant half-court-heave by freshman guard Erin Buescher with 1:30 remaining.

"I thought I heard somebody say 'shoot it,'" Buescher offered as an excuse.

The Santa Rosa native made up for her strange miscue by leading Santa Barbara in the opening half with 11 points, most of which came during a 21-6 run that gave the squad a lead it would never relinquish. BSU had trouble picking up the Gauchos' back door play, executed with near-perfection by sophomore point guard Stacy Clinesmith.

"We work on [the back door play] a lot in practice," said sophomore forward Kristi Rohr, who led UCSB in scoring with 21 points overall. "It has to be perfectly timed or else it doesn't work at all."



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TAKING IT STRONG: Sophomore Carmel Lampson and the Gauchos took it to Boise State, winning 76-60.

Spikers Claim Preseason Tourney

By STEVE WENDT
Staff Writer

If the UCSB men's volleyball team invites you to a party, chances are you'll have an awful time. The Gauchos are horrible hosts.

The 34th Annual UCSB/Elephant Bar & Restaurant Collegiate Invitational, held Friday and Saturday in both Robertson Gymnasium and the Thunderdome, was an exhausting 24-team affair that left only the home team standing.

The #10 Gauchos cruised through their first five

matches, defeating Santa Clara, UC San Diego and UC Irvine in group play before knocking off their first two pool opponents: Canadian heavyweight Winnipeg, and Long Beach State.

Although Santa Barbara lost its first two matches Saturday to Stanford and Loyola, the Gauchos had already secured a spot in the finals.

UCSB sophomore outside hitter Kevin Collins said having to play seven matches in two days was an exhausting experience.

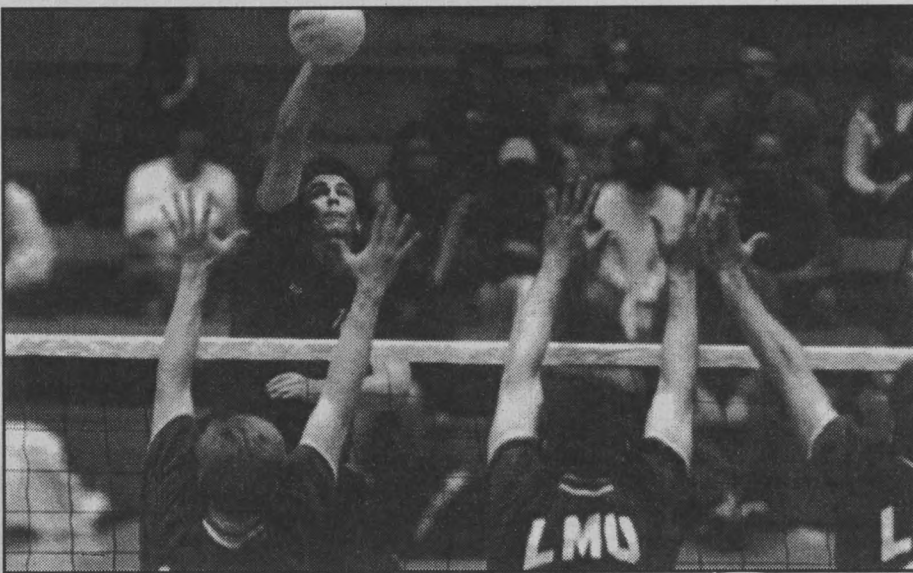
"Tournaments are so hard," Collins said. "They're

just grueling on the body."

But the Gauchos still had to maintain enough energy for the tourney finals, which pitted Santa Barbara against the tournament's Cinderella squad from Sacramento State. The Hornets, a club team no less, earned their ticket to the show by shocking one team after another, including preseason #1 Brigham Young University.

The finals incorporated an experimental scoring system, which divided the match into two halves, each half being a best-of-three-

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ELEVATION: Senior Mitch McCoy rose above three blockers for this kill. UCSB won its annual preseason tournament this weekend, beating Sacramento State in the finals.

Sporting Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No Events Scheduled	No Events Scheduled	No Events Scheduled	Women's basketball @ Nevada 7 p.m. Men's basketball vs. Nevada 7 p.m.	Men's tennis @ USC 1:30 p.m. Men's volleyball vs. Alumni 7:05 p.m.	Men's basketball vs. Utah State 7 p.m. Baseball vs. Alumni TBA Womens' swimming and diving vs. Nevada, Washington State @ Reno 12 p.m.	Women's gymnastics vs. UCLA, ASU, Denver @ UCLA 2 p.m. Diving @ UCLA Invite All Day

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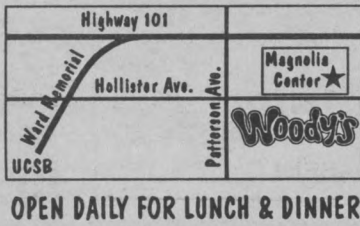
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Tutt was the leading scorer for Santa Barbara. He scored 17 points on seven of 11 shooting and was 3-6 from the free throw line. Junior forward B.J. Bunton was the only other Gaucho to score in double-figures with 12 points.

UCSB has now lost 20 of its last 21 road games, dating back to last year.

UCSB 68, BOISE STATE 89

BOISE STATE		UC SANTA BARBARA	
min	fg	at	ft
Washington	26	4	6
Woods	22	2	4
Bergersen	34	11	16
Tolman	30	5	7
Tillman	24	2	4
Flanagan	24	2	4
Graham	18	3	4
Fox	4	0	1
Van Kirk	12	0	1
Totals	200	29	50
UC SANTA BARBARA			
Tutt	30	7	11
Wallace	24	1	5
Bunton	28	6	12
Payton	15	1	1
Williams	27	3	6
Merrill	17	3	5
Woodward	17	0	1
Lynch	6	1	2
Stock	9	0	2
Pinkney	7	3	3
Vukovich	4	1	2
Bean	16	0	0
Totals	200	26	49

TOURNEY

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games series.

Led by All-Tournament Team outside hitters Troy Bowman (17 kills) and Ed Jackson (14 kills), the Hornets managed to put a scare into the Gauchos. When all was said and done, however, the upstart Sac. St. team fell to UCSB four games to one.

Behind 12 kills apiece from All-Tournament performers Jeremy Darner and Alike Williams and 19 kills from tournament MVP Collins, the Gauchos won their first UCSB Invitational title under the guidance of Head Coach Ken Preston.

"It's nice for these seniors to win this," he said. "That's five seniors on the floor to win it for the first time in my career, so that's very nice to see."

Darner, a senior, also noted the importance of the tournament.

"It's big," he said. "I remember seniors last year. There was something you could see in their eyes that you just don't get until you're there, and I can't help but understand it now."

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While the offense was clicking, Santa Barbara's defense pressured the Bronco's shooters while holding their two leading scorers, seniors Kim Brydges and Kelli Lewis, without a basket for the entire first half. The tough defense helped UCSB take a 36-27 lead into the locker room.

"It's tough to do, but that's our defense," Clinesmith said. "If we don't play that way, then we have a lot tougher time in games."

The only Bronco who could score with regularity was freshman point guard Yvette Barrios, who tallied 14 first-half points. She led BSU's only serious come-

back charge when the squad cut its deficit to six points near halftime.

"She stepped up, she didn't back down, and she wasn't intimidated," Boise State Head Coach Trisha Stevens said. "I think she's going to keep getting better and better."

Stevens decided to rest Barrios at the start of the second stanza, and the Gauchos capitalized. The home team built a 25-point lead with 9:01 to play and put the game in cruise control.

Perhaps the most astounding statistics are that Brydges and Lewis, both among the top-10 conference scorers, did not score until the 6:15 and 5:23 marks, respectively.

UCSB 76, BOISE STATE 60

UC SANTA BARBARA				
Player	min	fg	at	ft
Rohr	29	8	14	5
Cooper	15	3	6	1
Greathouse	28	3	7	0
Buescher	28	8	13	2
Clinesmith	23	3	9	1
Lampson	12	0	1	0
Frial	17	0	1	1
Turner	6	0	1	0
Shadwell	21	2	4	0
Taylor	21	3	7	1
Totals	200	30	63	14

BOISE STATE				
Player	min	fg	at	ft
Lewis	34	8	13	2
Brydges	32	1	1	1
Block	21	0	2	0
Barrios	27	3	12	8
Sumlin	8	0	1	0
Gray	26	4	10	2
Fortenberry	14	1	6	0
Umthun	6	0	2	3
Freeman	6	1	2	0
Rains	2	1	1	0
Durieux	7	1	3	0
Hodges	17	2	4	1
Totals	200	17	67	20

Halftime: UCSB 36, BSU 27.
 Three-point goals: UCSB 2-5 (Buescher 1-2, Clinesmith 1-2, Lampson 0-1), BSU 5-24 (Lewis 3-9, Brydges 1-3, Barrios 2-5, Sumlin 0-1, Gray 0-3, Fortenberry 0-1, Umthun 0-1, Durieux 0-1).
 Blocked shots: UCSB 10 (Buescher 5, Greathouse 2, Rohr, Clinesmith, Taylor), BSU 2 (Lewis, Block).
 Steals: UCSB 12 (Clinesmith 5, Rohr 2, Cooper 2, Greathouse, Buescher, Frial), BSU 12 (Lewis 2, Block 2, Gray 2, Fortenberry 2, Brydges, Barrios, Sumlin, Hodges).
 Turnovers: UCSB 19, BSU 22.
 Total fouls: UCSB 25, BSU 21. Fouled out: None. Technical fouls: None. Team rebounds: UCSB 8, BSU 7.

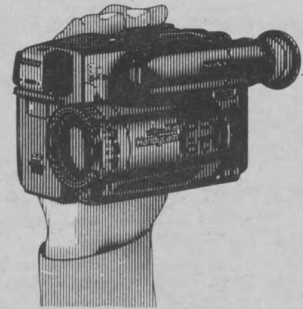
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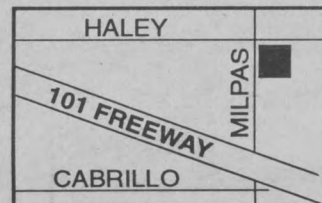
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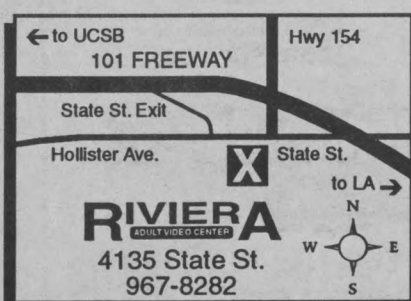
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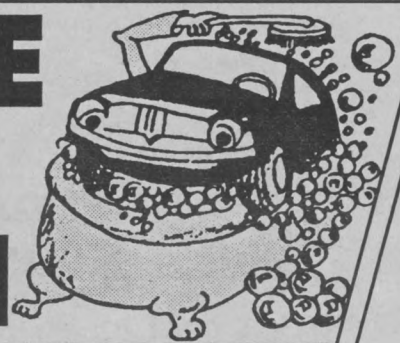
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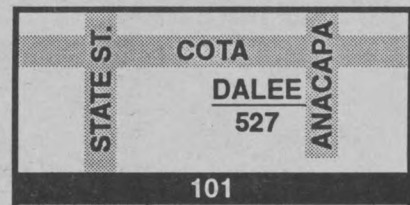
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