

# SPORTS MONDAY

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## The Latest Line...

A weekly look at the sports world!

**K**udos to the UCSB men's volleyball program, which hosted another spectacular 24-team tournament this year. The only improvement that could be made next year is if we could actually win the darn thing.

- The first Big West Conference women's basketball game for the Gauchos did nothing to change my mind: Absolutely no one is going to come within 10 points of UCSB during the rest of the regular season.

- How soon one forgets. Brett Favre was picked one spot behind another quarterback in the first round of the 1992 NFL draft — former Raider QB Todd Marinovich.

- The two expansion teams' dreams are finally over — but what run they were for Jacksonville and Carolina. Even if the purists hated to see it, the two teams sure made the play-offs more exciting than the same 49ers-Cowboys match-ups.

- Never mind the lights. The biggest problem caused by the power outage in Isla Vista yesterday was the fact that too many sports fans didn't see the end of the Patriots-Jaguars game.

- I wonder what's running through the mind of UCLA athletic director Peter Dalis. Not only did the Bruins drop out of the top-25 after the firing of basketball head coach Jim Harrick, they suffered the worst loss in school history last week against Stanford — and that's quite a history!

- Here's another tribute to the great Boston Celtics team of the '80s — Danny Ainge, Dennis Johnson, Larry Bird and Kevin McHale are all current coaches or GMs in the NBA.

- It's hard to judge last week's Lakers-Suns trade just yet. But one thing is for sure: that Lakers' front line is going to be huge with 6'10" Horry, 6'11" Campbell and Shaq.

—By Yier Shi

## Spikers Fall Short in Home Tourney

■ UCSB Loses in Finals to BYU

By Steven Large  
Staff Writer

Everything was working well for the Santa Barbara men's volleyball team during last weekend's two-day UCSB Collegiate Invitational — that is, until the team actually reached the finals.

The #4 Gauchos were crushed by #9 Brigham Young University 15-5, 15-5, 15-10 in the tournament championship — the second straight year that Santa Barbara has failed to win the finals.

"We just really didn't come out fired up," said UCSB junior setter Adam Renfree. "I think we were a little bit tired from all the matches that we had played over the weekend."

The tourney saw the Gauchos' first action of the year and came after an extended period of time away from the gym during the holiday season.

"To put it all in perspective, we were off for a full month and then only started practicing a week ago," Head Coach Ken Preston said. "So we don't have everything down yet."

Day-two action began Saturday with the Gauchos' backs to the wall. In order for the team to advance to the finals, it had to not only win both of the day's Pool I matches; but USC, which had beaten the Gauchos on Friday, would need to lose both of their matches.

And, as if scripted, that is exactly how the day played out. UCSB beat Pacific 8-15, 15-10, 15-11 in its first match of the day, and then went on to beat Loyola Marymount 15-11, 16-14 to complete its end of the bargain.

Meanwhile, USC lost its day-two matches to LMU and arch rival #3 UCLA, setting up the Santa Barbara run to the finals.

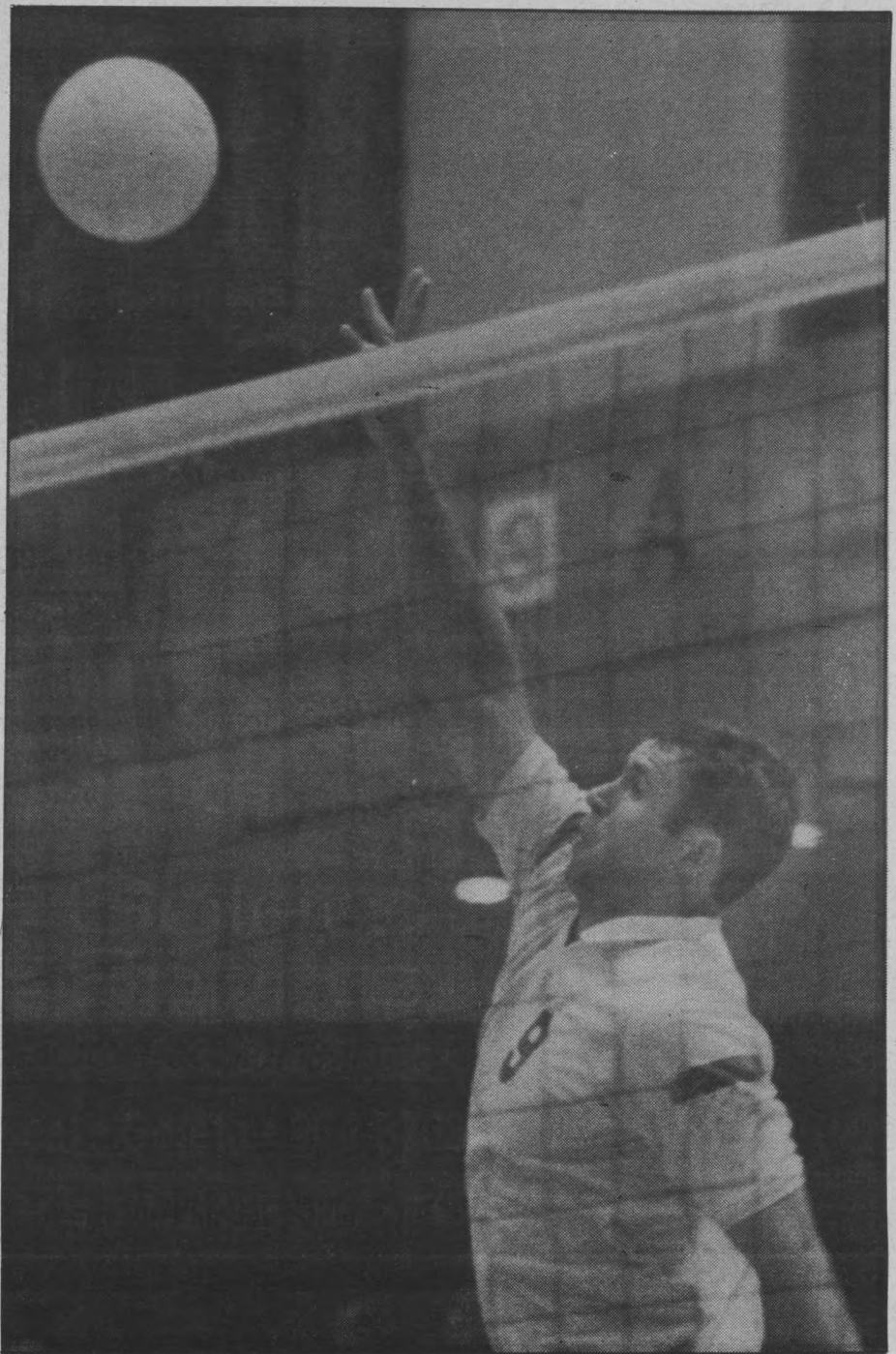
"We were playing well, playing together and having fun doing it," Renfree said.

But the BYU match proved to be a whole different ballgame.

"[BYU] just played an outstanding volleyball game," Preston said. "They had a great transition game and just never let up."

The Cougars' Ryan Miller was named tournament MVP while teammates Ingo Lindemann and Steve

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SEND IT BACK: Gauchos' senior outside hitter Donny Harris reaches for a kill during the UCSB Invitational. Santa Barbara finished second in the tourney.

ALAN JACOBY/Daily Nexus

## Gauchos Walk Over Eagles in First Conference Match

By Yier Shi  
Staff Writer

It has only played its first game of the conference season, but the UCSB women's basketball team is already determined to work on skills that will take it into post-season play in March.

The Gauchos (8-4 overall, 1-0 in the Big West) handily defeated the University of North Texas on Friday 92-64 to earn their third straight road victory and a win in their conference opener.

The team will return home tonight to battle Cal Poly San Luis Obispo at 7 p.m. in the Thunderdome.

"It's good to get the first win in conference," said freshman point guard Stacy Clinesmith, who scored a career-high 23 points in the game. "But we all know our league is not the greatest competition. We try to work really hard in practice so we can be ready for the postseason."

Santa Barbara had no trouble handling the Eagles (3-10, 0-1) and led by seven at halftime, 39-32. The margin increased to 75-50 with 7:11 left in the game, when the Gauchos pulled away for good.



Stacy Clinesmith

"I think we played really well," said UCSB Assistant Coach Tony Newnan. "I was really pleased with their effort. That's three straight road wins of near 30

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## UCSB Loses Second Straight Big West Game at Cal Poly

By Yier Shi  
Staff Writer

It was supposed to be a high-scoring affair featuring two capable offenses. Instead, the UCSB men's basketball team got tangled in a display of sloppiness Saturday, when the squad lost its second conference game 60-51 at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

The 51 points scored by the Gauchos (5-7 overall, 0-2 in the Big West) in the match were a season low, mostly due to 24 turnovers for the game — including seven by junior point guard Les Bean.

"We simply turned it over too many times," said Santa Barbara Head Coach Jerry Pimm. "We didn't get enough shots at the basket today, as the turnovers absolutely took us out of the game."

Cal Poly (8-6, 2-0), who leads the conference in points scored per game, used a variety of defensive tactics to slow down the

UCSB offense. The Mustangs used a full-court press along with an interchanging trap and sagging half-court defense to confuse the Gaucho offense.

"We've never seen some of their defenses before," said junior forward Kealon Wallace, who had 10 points and 10 rebounds in the game. "I think it really confused us. I didn't get to put up too many shots, and we never had a chance to set up."

The Gauchos jumped out to a 17-7 lead midway through the first half behind their ferocious defense, but eight turnovers later, the lead was only 22-21 at halftime.

"Our defense was good and solid," Pimm said. "We held their leading scorer to only one basket, and we defended against them extremely well in the three-point area. What really killed us was the turnovers."

The Mustangs, who average a

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## Sporting Events Calendar

| Monday                                     | Tuesday             | Wednesday           | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                                 | Sunday                             |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|--|---|--|------------------------------------|
| Women's Basketball vs. Cal Poly SLO 7 p.m. | No Events Scheduled | No Events Scheduled | Men's Basketball vs. Cal State Fullerton 7:30 p.m. | Men's Tennis @ USC TBA<br>Women's Basketball @ Cal State Fullerton 7 p.m. | Men's Basketball vs. UC Irvine 7:30 p.m. | Women's Basketball @ UC Irvine TBA |







# HOOPS

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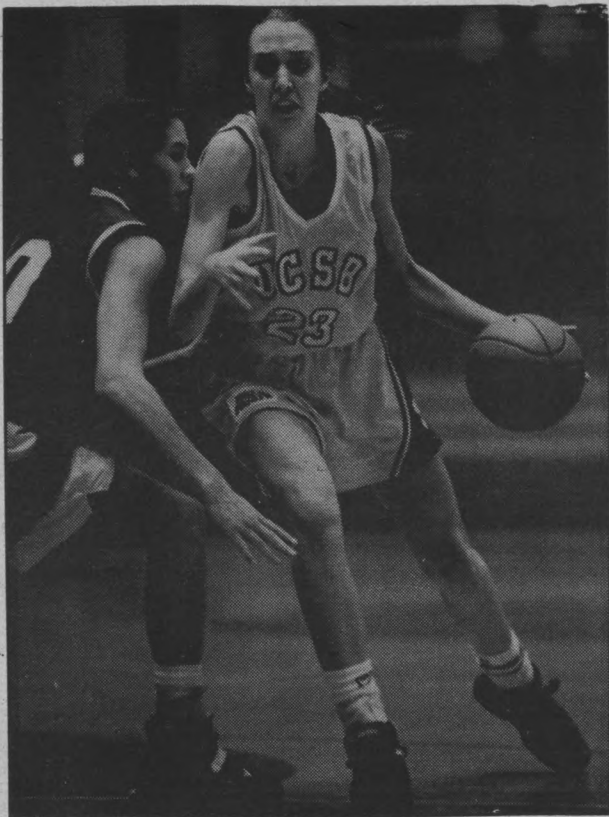
Santa Barbara has won the last three games by an average margin of 28 points. But despite its overall dominance, the team maintains that there is still a lot of work ahead of them.

"Our offense was sloppy at times," said senior guard Erin Alexander, who had a game-high 29 points. "Defensively, we're not there yet either. But we've played some really good games against some good teams, so it's going to help us in the postseason."

On Friday night though, very few things went wrong, especially the performances of Clinesmith and Alexander.

Clinesmith was nearly perfect with 5-5 shooting on the floor, including 4-4 from beyond the three-point line. She also nailed 9-10 free throws for the night.

"Stacy made some clutch baskets against North Texas," Newnan said. "But the one thing we're most proud of is her free throwing. She was great on the line."



**EASY TIME:** The women's basketball team had it easy against North Texas, winning 92-64.

Freshman Kristi Rohr added 10 points and 11 rebounds for the game.

"I think our freshmen are awesome," Alexander said. "We're really confident about this team."

Leading the way for the

Eagles was freshman center Drane Empress, who had 19 points and 13 rebounds. Star forward Ashley Norris was limited to 14 points on only 5-20 shooting from the floor, including a dismal 1-10 from three-point territory.

# TOURNEY

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Hinds were named to the all-tournament team. Renfree and senior outside hitter Donny Harris of Santa Barbara were also named to the all-tournament team.

UCLA finished third by winning the consolation game against the University

of Calgary.

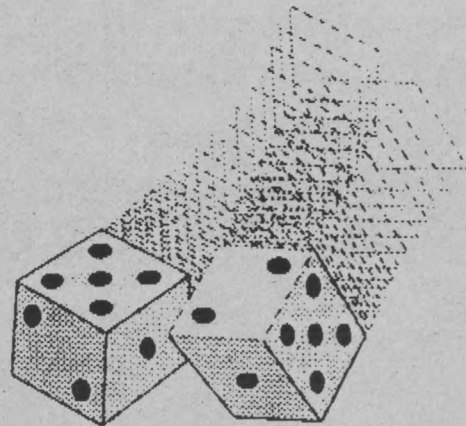
The Gauchos had several question marks going into this tournament — the kickoff for the 1997 season. Inexperience, with three of last year's starters gone to graduation, was the most obvious one. But Renfree feels that a lack of experience can be easily overcome by this team.

"It's a fun team," he said. "We get along really well. What we lack in experience we can make up with better chemistry."

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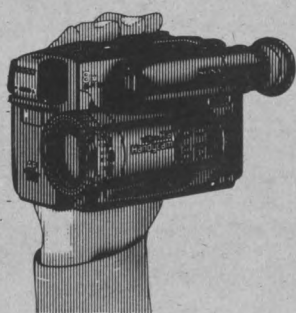
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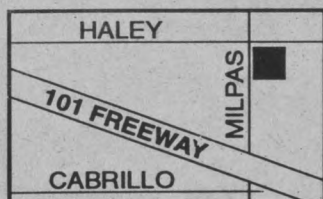
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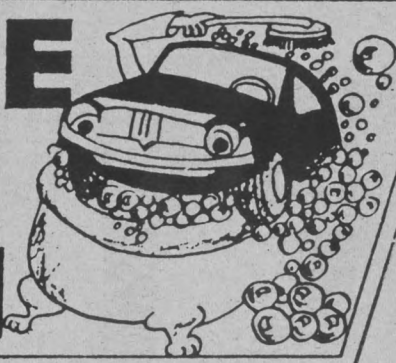
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