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Gwynn Hobbs scored a career-high 17 points against UCSB.

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Gray fouled out in a span of one minute, leaving Tarkanian wondering if he would lose his last game at the famed Shark Tank.

"I was scared as soon as Evric and Elmore fouled out. We finished with four perimeter people and Melvin. I hardly had any kids to play with Bobby (Joyce) out," Tarkanian said.

Rebel guard Dexter Boney

led the spirited attack with driving layups including one rebound dunk that brought the crowd to its feet. J.R. Rider led the Rebels with 15 points while Boney added 14.

In his last game as a Rebel, Spencer scored nine points and pulled down seven rebounds before fouling out. Love scored five and an equal number of rebounds.

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Kenda Leffler is out on this double play. The Lady Rebels split a double-header against Long Beach State Wednesday. The Lady Rebels will host San Jose State on Sunday and Utah State on Monday.

Gauchos claim title with win

UCSB overcomes 19 point Rebel lead

by Tony Llanos

As a disgruntled UNLV Head Coach paced quietly outside his team's locker room following last Monday night's debacle at the South Gym, the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos celebrated their first Big West Conference title under head coach Mark French.

The Rebel defeat capped a strange evening which included a delay over an hour due to leaks in the ceiling of South Gym. An enthusiastic crowd which included the presence of Athletic Director Jim Weaver, were shocked and stunned to witness the Lady Rebels blow a 19-point lead.

"No explanation," said Jim Bolla following their defeat. "We completely broke down and panicked."

The Lady Rebels had a seemingly comfortable 14 point halftime lead. The Big West's most potent 3-point shooter,

Gwynn Hobbs, nailed four from long, long range and Teresa Jackson followed with two three-point baskets of her own to bolster UNLV's first half shooting and a 45-31 score.

And as the rain came barreling down like cats-and-dogs onto the roof of the South Gym, so had the devastating Gaucho storm which followed it.

After several minutes of further delays, the Gauchos pulled together and came back to sink the reeling Lady Rebels down deep in the second half. Barbara Beainy, Lisa Crosskey and Erika Keinast led the Gauchos with their aggressive inside shooting, turn-around jump shots to a 22-10 run. The Gaucho Big Three accounted for 55 of the 72 points, their best offensive performance of the season.

"Our players showed a lot of leadership out there," said Mark French, UCSB Head Coach. "Our players displayed their experience out there and did not panic. We stayed together."

A stifling, man-to-man defense grabbed 23 UNLV turnovers. The Gauchos showed

the foul-frenzied Lady Rebels why they are the Big West champions as UCSB fought back. UCSB as a team converted 18 out of 28 free-throws.

"That's why they're the Big West Champs," Bolla said, "they deserve a lot of credit."

Freshman guard Gwynn Hobbs finished the evening with a career-best 17 points and dished out five assists. Sharon Hargrove added 14 points and 10 rebounds. Reserve forward Iris Dinerman canned 13 points for the Lady Rebels.

The Lady Rebels go into the Big West Tournament with a 13-5 conference record and 15-9 overall record. UNLV is virtually guaranteed second seed at Long Beach in two weeks. Big West Champions UCSB Gauchos are 21-4 overall, and 14-2 in the conference.

Following the game, the team honored seniors Sharon Hargrove, Andrea Knapp, Merelynn Lange, and Christine Parris. The departing players, their families and their beloved fans were treated with two large chocolate and vanilla cakes.

Haley runs L.A. Marathon

Sophomore competes for the third time

It was a cool, overcast Sunday morning in Los Angeles. Crowds lined the streets, helicopters hovered in place overhead and mounted police fought to keep the road clear. For today, over 20,000 runners, race-walkers and wheelchair racers would gather together from around the world to compete in the Seventh City of Los Angeles Marathon. The entrants

were as diverse as their host city. Among those participating were:

— an entire wedding party. The bride and groom, dressed in black and white running attire who took their vows in mid-race.

— a group of Elvis impersonators. Each dressed exactly like "The King" with the notable exception of running shoes.

— the national team from the Commonwealth of Independent States. The CIS decided to use the L.A. Marathon for their Olympic trials.

— actors Tim Matheson and Charlie Robinson, of "Charlie Hoover" and "Night Court" respectively.

— Nick Haley, a sophomore at UNLV.

Runners lined up a half-mile deep in front of the intersection of Figueroa Street and Exposition Boulevard awaiting the starting gun held by Mayor Tom Bradley. The race began promptly at 9:05 a.m., but it wasn't until two minutes passed that Haley crossed the starting line. Ex-heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali greeted the runners as they embarked on a 26.2-mile tour of Los Angeles that winds through 14 L.A. communities. Among those were: the Barrio, Chinatown, Koreatown, Little Tokyo, Hancock Park, Exposition Park and Hollywood. Bill Burke, president of the L.A. Marathon, boasts running the race "through every neighborhood there is".

Of the 19,400-plus runners who began the race, over 15,200 eventually crossed the finish line, a new course record. Haley finished the grueling 26.2 miles in 3 hours, 29 minutes and 14 seconds, a personal best for the

runner of three years. The event marked the third time Haley has run the race.

"I take it one mile at a time," Haley said. "I think of just getting to the next mile marker and then the next and so on."

But for most entrants, the L.A. Marathon is more than just a race. A survey conducted by USA Today reveals that 40% of runners say they participate for a sense of accomplishment, 18% for fun, 15% for a challenge, 11% for fitness and 16% for other reasons.

"There is no feeling that compares to running in and completing a marathon," Haley said.

"Simply completing the event is an accomplishment. Most runners react at the finish line as though they've won," Haley said.

Since the early '70s, running has steadily grown in popularity as people have become more conscious of their health. The '80s saw a boom in marathons throughout the country.

"I think running will remain popular for years to come. Almost anyone can participate. It's fairly cheap and it can be done year-round," Haley said.

Mayor Bradley hailed Sunday's event as a civic victory. One incident however, soured the event. A man watching the race near the finish line was shot by police after attempting to wrest control of a 9mm pistol from one of the officers. Burke described the shooting as "a tragedy."

But the "tragedy" did not dampen Haley's enthusiasm for the race as he will return next year.

"I'll be back every year," Haley said. "I hope to be doing this when I'm 65."