Pocket pair out kicks competition

Justin Fivella

The dimly lit room was stuffy and tense. The mass of people huddled around one another created a scene reminiscent of "Fight Club," stilly and tense. Beneath the pile of notebooks, two identical twins sat glued to their computer waiting for the next few hands that would alter their futures.

One by one the cards were shown, and as each grouping of cards hit the table, the tension grew greater.

Swelling and boiling with each professional's best, the room exploded as both Devin and Taylor Biehn swiped the table and won their way to the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas.

Both twin brothers Taylor and Devin Biehn have turned the game of online poker into a college career. Combined, they play anywhere from 10 to 14 hours a day, have played in the World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, and in just under two years have turned their initial investment of $10 into a lump of money that could see Poker, page 2

Hit-and-run at Mustang Village

Liz Soteros-McNamara

A hit-and-run accident at Mustang Village put a 22-year-old in county jail and a San Dimas woman in the hospital on Friday.

San Luis Obispol police arrested John McCiuire, a San Luis Obispo resident, at 1:15 p.m. on the 800 block of Mission Street, approximately one hour after the collision occurred.

He was booked on felony hit-and-run charges.

According to information provided by the San Luis Obispo Police Department, McCiuire backed his Jeep Wrangler into the front passenger door of an Acura driven by Yuan Wang.

Wang's aunt, Wei Wang, 54, of San Dimas, sustained injuries from the impact and was taken to the hospital on Friday.

McCiuire has since been released from county jail, according to jail officials.
I wouldn’t put my money into any other form of investment, there’s nothing as profitable as poker.

— Devin Biehn

online poker player

Chris Corina said, “I’ve been able to buy a computer, a car (Subaru WRX) and still have around $25,000 to show.” Much like the draw of the gold rush, the thought of striking it rich has become an investment and a way of life. “It’s definitely more than a game, by the time I graduate I want a small fortune,” said Taylor Biehn, an agriculture business senior.

Like many successful players, they’ve analyzed the game of poker and taken it far beyond a pastime. The Biehens explained that there are two keys to skyrocketing coffer’s.

The first key to online poker stardom is being able to play the actual cards at hand and to be ready to overcome any situation you’re in.

“It’s seeing what’s happened in the past and using it now,” Taylor Biehn said.

“The difference between a good player and a better player is more experience. It’s the one hand that confuses the player, where the more experienced individual prevails,” Taylor Biehn said. “It’s just a lack of experience if you don’t know what to do.”

The second key to online poker is managing one’s payroll and playing within a skill level. A good player will stay within their monetary boundaries and never bet all of their money.

Using terminology at home in a Charles Schwab commercial, the Biehens explained that good players don’t “gamble” their money; gambling is where your total payroll is put on the line. A wise player never gambles more than 50 percent of their payroll. “Top online players make $10,000-15,000 a week with $100,000 swings, but they need at least a $250,000 account to do that,” Devin Biehn said.

A swing is the amount of money a player’s payroll fluctuates while they’re playing. “There are natural swings going on during a game and you must be prepared for them,” Devin Biehn said.

A good player must be able to deal with the inevitable swings and know when to hunker down and play tight. “It’s the one hand that confuses the player,” said Devin Biehn.

See Tuesday’s Mustang Daily for the second part of this series.

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The greatest mystery is not that we have been flung at random between the profusion of matter and of the stars, but that within this prison we can draw from ourselves images powerful enough to deny our nothingness.
— Andre Malraux

There is one piece of advice, in a life of study, which I think no one will object to; and that is, every now and then to be completely idle — to do nothing at all.
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**State briefs**

**SACRAMENTO (AP) —** The Placer County District Attorney's Office is dropping at least seven drunken driving cases and may have to close others because the officers who made the arrests was struck and killed on the job by a suspected drunken driver.

Rocklin Police Officer Matthew Redding was "absolutely the necessary, proverbial witness in those cases," prosecutor Stephanie Macumber said. "Without him, we couldn't prove the cases against the defendants."

Redding, 29, was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver on Oct. 9 as he was setting up traffic cones on Highway 65 near Roseville. Police arrested a suspect a short distance from the accident scene. He is awaiting arraignment.

**LONG BEACH (AP) —** The Police Department recovered more than half of the 85 shotguns it had been missing.

Fifty of the guns were found on police property, with no evidence that any had fallen into the wrong hands, the department said.

In one case, a shotgun had been indexed with an incorrect serial number, police spokesman Karen Owen said.

Other missing shotguns were assigned to an honor guard unit or were in patrol cars that had not been searched, Owens said earlier this week.

A search continued for the other 35 weapons.

**RIVERSIDE (AP) —** A former city police officer pleaded no contest to 65 counts involving the molestation of four boys.

Adam James Brown, 33, faces possible life in prison after pleading no contest to a plea bargain on Wednesday. He was released from his cell to mediate following a race riot, stabbing a guard to death in Chino, said Brett Morgan, chief deputy for the county's prison inspector. Just weeks before, a peacekeeper at Sacramento's State Prison allegedly ordered an adult that ended with a guard killing an inmate, according to documents filed with the District Attorney's Office.

The peacekeeper in that case had a long history of alleged crimes against his peers. State investigators suspect his peacekeeper status gave him access to the food when the killing occurred, according to a prison official familiar with the investigation. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity because the official is not authorized to speak publicly.

Federal prosecutors have asked the FBI to look into both killings and whether the inmates' peacekeeper status contributed to them, U.S. attorney's spokesman Patty Pontello said. The prison system is conducting its own investigation of the Sacramento death, and the warden said he is trying to rein in peacekeepers.

California's prison 'peacekeepers' program is under scrutiny

In an interview, California's correctional chief acknowledged that prison officials use peacekeepers to pass messages and get feedback, likening the practice to "sneak cops" or informants. He also conceded that the practice has its hazards.

"There's a role there for peacekeepers," said Roderick Q. Hickman, a 29-year correctional veteran. "The problems begin when people make errors in those processes."

With about 168,000 inmates, California's prison system is the nation's largest and has suffered several recent scandals. Poor medical care and living conditions prompted a federal takeover of health services. To restore public and employee confidence, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is reorganizing how prisons are run and has installed Hickman to help him do it.

Peacekeeping is neither new nor unique to California. For decades, "peacekeepers," or trusted inmates, have helped manage prison work gangs.

But forms of peacekeeping are outlawed in Mississippi, Alabama and other states, said Steve J. Martin, a corrections consultant and former lead Eastern State prison system. In Texas, the practice led to assaults and other crimes before being shut down in the 1980s, Rick Luiwnday said.

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Calls for mine safety overhaul after the deaths of 14 miners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Troops and civilians at a U.S. military base in Iraq were exposed to contaminated water last year and employees for the responsible contractor, Halliburton, couldn't get their company to inform camp residents, according to internal company documents. Halliburton, the company formerly headed by Vice President Dick Cheney, disputes the allegations about water problems at Camp Junction City, in Ramadi, even though they were made by its own company and documented in company e-mails.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most people, particularly senior citizens, say they are having a hard time understanding the new drug benefit required under the Medicare prescription drug program, an AP-Ipsos poll found.

The drug benefit requires people to choose from among dozens of competing private insurance plans. Along with senior citizens, those most likely to acknowledge difficulties live in rural areas or are college graduates.

U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall, D-W.Va., Gov. Joe Manchin and Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va. from left, walk towards Badger Lumber in Meville, W.Va., for a press conference to discuss the deaths of two West Virginia coal miners who were found on Saturday.

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WASHINGTON — The National Mining Association and the United Mine Workers of America said Sunday that they, too, will press for change.

"This is a time for all of us who share responsibility for mining safety to come together and look for ways to make mining safer," said Carol Kahton, spokeswoman for the National Mining Association in Washington. "We have made dramatic improvements over the last 15 years, but there's more to be done."

The bodies of Don L. Bragg, 33, and Elley "Elvis" Hatfield, 47, were found Saturday, two days after a conveyor belt caught fire inside the Alma mine in southern West Virginia.

Their deaths came just weeks after a Jan. 2 mine explosion that led to the deaths of 12 other miners exposed to carbon monoxide inside the Sago Mine in the northern part of the state.

UMW president Cecil Roberts said Congress and state legislators must take steps to ensure existing regulations are strictly enforced.

"We must also develop new initiatives that will give every miner a vastly improved chance to walk out of a mine after an accident, alive and well and safe in the arms of their loved ones," he said.

A Senate Appropriations subcommittee schedules hearings on mine safety Monday, and Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., who chairs the Senate Health Education Labor and Pension Committee, which oversees mine safety, also planned a hearing.

Manchin said he would ask West Virginia lawmakers on Monday to pass three bills being written over the weekend to improve rapid response to mine emergencies and set up electronic tracking technology for lost miners and reserve oxygen stations underground. He also plans to meet with federal lawmakers in Washington.

"We must put into place commonsense proposals like these that will provide improved safety and security for miners and their families," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, a Democrat from New Mexico, which has the nation's fifth-largest underground coal mine by tons produced.

If Manchin's effort results in federal action, it could be the third time that a West Virginia tragedy has had nationwide ramifications.
SLO gets rowdy with Indigo Girls

Nick Coury  MUSTANG DAILY

"You guys are rowdy; it's so awesome," said Indigo Girls guitarist and singer Emily Saliers at their concert in the Christopher Cohan Center on Jan. 16. This view from Saliers summed up the emotions for the night. In a previous Mustang Daily interview with the other half of the duo, Amy Ray, Ray said the band wanted the audience and listeners to feel "empowered and ready to face the day." With the raw, human intensity of both the Indigo Girls and their friend opening band Three5Human, that is just what the night brought.

With all 1,282 seats full, the air was filled with not just the singing of the bands, but also the crowd. Three5Human, Atlanta natives, brought a new alternative feel to the stage with their politically-charged songs. "There's stuff going on in the world, and no one is seeing it," said Trina Meades, Three5Human lead singer. "It's not cool. We need to sing about it and play about it." Meades belted out her heartfelt lyrics similar to that of James Brown, but with the smoothness of folk singer Tracy Chapman. Her vocals were backed by the fast guitar playing of the band's Tommy Martin, reminiscent of a modern day Ritchie Sambora.

The Thursday party with its foot-stomping beats and the pumping bass lines marked the first time Three5Human has performed in California. A 15-minute intermission broke up the sets of the show, and as the Indigo Girls entered the stage, the crowd erupted with screams and praise for the 25-year-old duo.

The Indigo Girls rocked the Christopher Cohan Center on Jan. 16 with friends Three5Human.

"We took it easy for a couple of months, and it's still shocking that people still come (to see us)," Ray said. Ray and Saliers rocked the PMC with an armada of instruments including a piano, accordion, electric guitars, mandolin, and dual acoustic guitars. After about six songs, the duo began to take requests. Throughout their 2-hour set, Ray played a few songs solo, accompanying her guitar with a harmonica. After their set, the cheering crowd managed to lure the Indigo Girls back on stage where they were joined by Three5Human for an encore that rocked the crowd.

NBC cancels "The West Wing," makes several midseason changes

David Bauder  ASSOCIATED PRESS

PASADENA, Calif. — The new president on "The West Wing" will be a real short-timer: NBC announced Sunday it was pulling the plug on the Emmy-winning political drama in May after seven seasons.

NBC, struggling to regain its footing after the worst season in its history, also outlined several midseason schedule changes — including the moves of popular dramas "Law & Order" and "Las Vegas.

NBC canceled "The West Wing" announcement wasn't much of a surprise. Although this season's storyline with a presidential campaign involving a Democrat played by Jimmy Smits and Republican portrayed by Alan Alda has been strong, critically, ratings have sunk with its move to Sunday nights.

The decision to cancel it was made before actor John Spencer, who played former presidential chief of staff Leo McGarry, died of a heart attack Dec. 16, said Kevin Reilly, NBC entertainment president.

"There's a point when you look at the ratings and say, it feels like it's time," Reilly said.

The series finale will be May 14, preceded by a one-hour retrospective. The campaign to replace the fictional Josiah Bartlet as president will be settled, NBC said.

Producers Aaron Sorkin and Thomas Schlamme, who created the show and guided it through its early years, will not be involved in the finale, Reilly said.

"The West Wing" won four Emmy Awards for best television drama in a row for its tales of political intrigue. At its prime, it also offered NBC two valuable benefits including a piano, accordion, electric guitars, mandolin, and dual acoustic guitars. After about six songs, the duo began to take requests. Throughout their 2-hour set, Ray played a few songs solo, accompanying her guitar with a harmonica. After their set, the cheering crowd managed to lure the Indigo Girls back on stage where they were joined by Three5Human for an encore that rocked the crowd.

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The network has two more midseason shows: "Hust, a cops-and-robbers drama from the director of "Mr. & Mrs. Smith," and "Teachers," a comedy about a high school English teacher.

"The Office" will go off the air at the end of March so star Steve Carell can film a movie, Reilly said. He said he also hasn't figured out what to do with the ill-fated "Friends" spinoff "Joey," which has 12 new episodes done but no place on the schedule.

"NBC is stable and our vital signs are encouraging," Reilly said. "Most predictions were that we were going to go from bad to worse this year, and that hasn't happened."
Album incites cringes

Gino Macaluso

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Needles to say, no one is quite ready for me to spew out of the mouth. However, I can't rest until I express what I have felt since listening to Belle & Sebastian's "If You're Feeling Sinister." For the first time, yes, people may expect this to be a fabulous album from a fabulous indie pop band — but is this the truth? Well, the truth begins as I now share:

First of all, the lead singer's voice: Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh! Never again ... never again in life. I can't take it. It screams falseto sp bubbles of maidenly tossed teenage POP into my ear causing me to forcefully grind my teeth, cage my fingernails inside my hands as if powdery chalkboards are beckoning rusty nails and clench pillows and other sources of nearby bedding. I can't even get to the music. This is sad, yes. This hopefully will change, and to be quite blunt, I don't know why I am so bothered by this singing. I love Sigur Ros (a band that everyone I attempt to try and turn onto, runs away like a heartland American homophobe). I love pretty much any type of experimental, feminine, masquerade signing known to man. It doesn't matter to me; good is good.

Belle & Sebastian is simply the stuff a button (granted a weak one) of pocket line from various carmine pockets would construct. It's a flabby as an Icelandic breeze in a gay bar. It is a touch of what is tangible; I can't cling. I can't grasp it all tortured.

This explanation, although my biased opinion of a voice that makes me shout and punch my fist through glass, lends some explanation of a band that is not all they are cracked up to be.

While they make good, sometimes great, efforts at nice indie pop music, they seem uninteresting enough to not force myself to strive past the fingergall bringing episode of dealing with the guy's voice.

If you desire wonderful Scottish indie pop, check out a band by the name Camera Obscura who dwells unapologetically in the shadow of Belle & Sebastian, while appearing better than them in every conceivable way, sans record sales and fan base.

RATING:

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BUY IT OR DOWNOLOAD IT:

Should become a new favorite.

Worth a trip to the music store.

Go download a couple songs.

Don't waste the space on your iPod.

Buckler: Flick hits nothin' but net

Kyle Smith

DAILY NORTHWESTERN (DISTRIBUTED BY UPI)

EVANSTON, Ill. — The part of me that looks for innovation in mainstream Hollywood films dominated my perception of "Glory Road." sentimentally assigning red flags to points that I should criticize conditionally, offering the standard bitter reaction to a Jerry Bruckheimer paint-by-numbers flick directed by a no-name hack (Jim Larranaga!) at the mercy of Jerry and his test audiences.

This film was present throughout most of "Glory Road," and justly so — this is streamlined entertainment that fulfills quotas and satisfies demographics rather than doing anything remotely original. But when the interesting stuff peeks through — Texas Western (now UTEP) coach Don Haskins' (Josh Lucas) swift rise to a head position or experience is needed; just you and your dancing shoes. The class begins Thursday at 8 p.m. and lasts until 9:15 p.m. The cost is $2 per night.

SEE the Cal Poly men's basketball team take on University of the Pacific on Thursday in Mott Gym at 7 p.m. The Mustangs will attempt to knock off one of the pre-season favorites to win the Big West Conference and will need all the support they can get in an effort to stop Christian Maraker and the Tigers of Pacific. General admission is $12, students are free.

WATCH the Cal Poly Orchesis Dance Company present "Metamorphosis," a concert featuring the work of Cal Poly students and guest choreographers in styles ranging from ballet to hip hop. Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday in the Spanos Theatre. Tickets are $12 for the public and $9 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at the Performing Arts Center ticket office in person or by calling 756-2787. Tickets may also be purchased by visiting www.pacid.org.

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TREAT yourself to a blend of funk, blues and country music while watching James Talley live in concert on Saturday. The Nashville based singer/songwriter will play at the Castoro Cellars Winery in Temecula at 7 p.m. Admission is $15, call 238-0725 for more information.

CHECK out Impulse Theater's "Big Little Things" at the Christopher Colin Center on Sunday at 3 p.m. The production will feature a stroll of off-the-wall creatures portrayed in a humorous way. Tickets for the comedy range from $12 to $34 with a 50 percent discount for children and students. Tickets may be purchased from the PAC ticket office in person or by calling 756-2787. Tickets may also be purchased by visiting www.pacid.org.

INDULGE in a champagne and brunch cruise on Morro Bay's picturesque harbor and city. Cruises take place every Sunday at 11 a.m. and return to port at 12:30 p.m. The cruise, which launches from Morro Harbor, costs $12 per person without food and $30 with food. Call 772-2357.

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BOLIVIAN ELECTIONS

Bolivia's first Indian president takes office

Fiona Smith
Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Evo Morales, Bolivia’s first Indian president, took office on Sunday with a promise to lift his nation’s struggling indigenous majority out of centuries of poverty and discrimination.

Morales, a former leader of Bolivia’s coca growers and a fierce critic of U.S. policies, raised a fist in a leftist salute as he swore to uphold the constitution.

“I wish to tell you, my Indian brothers, that the 500-year indig­enous and popular campaign of resis­tance has not been in vain,” Morales said.

The 46-year-old son of a peasant farmer, Morales vowed that his government would “deal with all and for all” and would direct money to promote Indian demands for a greater share of power at all levels of society, he said.

He also reiterated promises to bring Bolivia’s vast natural gas reserves under more state control, and call a constitutional assembly to answer Indian demands for a greater share of power at all levels of society, he said.

But he said his government would rule “with all and for all” and would not seek revenge for past injustices. He also reiterated promises to respect and protect private property.

Part of a broader Latin American tilt to the left, Morales has left many guessing whether he will maintain free-market policies or take a more radical path.

New Bolivian President Evo Morales speaks to supporters at the Plaza de los Heroes square in La Paz, Bolivia on Sunday.

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In contrast, the ruling Fatah Party has been unable to shed in corrupt image or overcome infighting. Recent opinion polls show the two movements running even.

While some security officials privately support a dialogue with Hamas, top leaders, including mili­tary chief Lt. Gen. Daud Hafz and Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz, say the group must disarm and stop brokering in charter calling for Israeli’s elimination.

“Regarding the elections in the Palestinian authority, there are three options that Fatah wins, that Hamas wins or anarchy wins. One of these results could put all progress back several years,” Halutz told an academic conference Sunday, apparently referring to Hamas and warning that violence could follow the election.

Commentators said Olmert’s meeting Sunday — which includ­ed the army chief, head of the Shin Bet security agency, and the justice and defense ministers — reflected a failure by Israel to detect Hamas’ surprising popularity, despite its strong performance in Palestinian municipal voting in recent weeks.

“Their assumption was Fatah will hardly win any election,” said Moshe Rabani, an analyst with the International Crisis Group based in Jordan.
For the most part, women prey on the weakest males. Men, on the other hand, try to take down alpha females.

• When a person takes you home and makes multiple wrong stops along the way — the said person should at the very least receive a "please" and "thank you" and telling you that you’re "just not that into me" (at least they aren’t trying to mess with you)
• When a woman is complaining repeatedly about how men are treating them like crap; men overreact to this
• Men, on the other hand, try to down alpha males. Darwin’s theory. For the most part, men, on the other hand, try to down alpha males. This has probably been going on for generations, but it’s starting to affect not one of us can find a man who is willing to devote the time or effort into them that they need to win.

The peculiar thing is that they admire have little more than inflated egos, spare time and the genetics of potential alcoholics to offer the world. Yet, somehow, they have convinced these amazing women that they have genius level IQs, perfect bodies and even if they aren’t perfect in a smart kind of way. I know, I know... not everybody is as perfect as these ladies are and they need to be accepting of that, but how can a man who is a complete jackass, perfect bodies and even if they aren’t perfect in a smart kind of way. I know, I know... not everybody is as perfect as these ladies are and they need to be accepting of that, but how can a man who is a complete jackass, perfect bodies and even if they aren’t perfect in a smart kind of way...
Home

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"I think it's a mental thing for this basketball team," Bromley said. "Sometimes we did what we have to do and then controlling the first half like we did against Long Beach, there's always that, 'It's not good, but it's such a fine line.' I think this win will help springboard us into our Thursday game against Pacific.'"

The Gauchos (7-8, 1-4) drop to last place in the Big West. The win gave Cal Poly just its third win over the Gauchos since Feb. 22, 1999. Cal Poly trails in the series against UCSB 57-27 with just three wins in the last 17 games.

Cal Poly plays its next three games at home. Next up for the Mustangs is the University of the Pacific on Thursday, one of the pre-season favorites to win the conference. The Mustangs will also play Cal State Northridge on Saturday before concluding the home stand against UC Davis on Feb. 4.

Those are key (home games) because it's hard to win on the road," Bromley said. "I know we did it at the start, but if you look across the board in the country, you can't win college basketball games on the road on a regular diet. You've got to win your home games.'

Big West notes

• UC Irvine is the only undefeated team in the conference at 6-0. The next best team is Long Beach State at 4-2 and Cal Poly is close behind at 3-2.

• With the loss, UCSB falls to last place in the conference at 1-4. They were picked to finish in the top-10 in scoring. Derek Cialous within 71-65 at the 5:08 afternoon. The run pulled the Mustangs team is currently .5-4 and in 5th after losing three games over the weekend to Long Beach State at 4-2 and Cal Poly is the only team in the conference without a player in the top-10 in scoring. Derek Stockpeler is 11th in the Big West averaging 12.9 point per game.

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and forced 19 UCSB turnovers before intermission. The home team pulled within 59- 52 midway through the final period when Wilson scored on an acrobatic layup, but Cal Poly rallied the next seven points to push their lead back into double-digits.

Trailing by 14 points with under four minutes to play, UCSC attempted one last rally, edging on a quick 8-0 spurt ignited by junior Eric O'Brien's only-pointer of the afternoon. The run pulled the Gauchos within 71-65 at the 3:08 mark, but a pair of Anderson free throws and a last trey by Henke sealed the Mustangs' victory.

For the third time since 1995-96, UC Santa Barbara lost a Big West Conference game at home. The Gauchos also saw their six-game home winning streak snapped.

Cal Poly plays two more Big West games on the road next week, visiting Pacific on Thursday and Cal State Northridge on Saturday. The Mustangs play only one of their seven first-round Big West games at home.
Men's basketball runs away from Gauchos late

Frank Stranz

The Davin Whiten show came to town in the second half of the men's basketball game on Saturday, leading the Mustangs to a 74-62 win over rival UC Santa Barbara.

Whiten scored 19 second-half points after a shaky first half to lead the Mustangs with 24 total.

"I got some good looks (in the first half)," Whiten said. "I was just trying to find a rhythm. I came out in the second half and my team was still looking for me."

Whiten shot two-for-eight in the first half and one-for-four from three-point range, perhaps a little rusty after missing the team's last game. But in the second half, the sophomore guard did what a good shooter is supposed to do: keep shooting. He finished the game nine-for-18 from the field and five-of-11 from beyond the three-point line.

As impressive as Whiten was, one stat that stood out perhaps even more to coach Kevin Bromley was the lack of turnovers.

"We only turned the basketball over twice more, which is amazing to me, because we have a young basketball team," Bromley said.

The game went back and forth in the early stages. Cal Poly led most of the way up until the Gauchos retook the lead with 11:30 remaining in the second half.

But Whiten put the Mustangs ahead for good on Cal Poly's next possession with one of his five three-pointers on the night, one short of a career high.

"We needed a win either way," Whiten said. "It didn't matter who we were playing, Santa Barbara or not, because we had lost a few games after we beat Fullerton and it looked like a fluke, but it wasn't."

The win gave Cal Poly (3-11, 3-2) its first home victory against the Gauchos for the first time in 22 years, the Cal Poly women's basketball team has beaten UC Santa Barbara.

Senior guard Michelle Henke scored a career-high 21 points. The Gauchos are now 6-15. Three of their nine losses are to the Mustangs, who haven't beaten the Gauchos in Santa Barbara since Dec. 15, 1983, when the Mustangs won 77-72.

UC Santa Barbara still leads the all-time series 41-9.

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The game was without a field goal for over eight minutes to open the game, building an early 18-7 lead following Henke's three-pointer.

However, Cal Poly found itself in early foul trouble, and the Gauchos responded with an 11-3 run that included six consecutive made free-throws.

When freshman LaShay Fears converted a pair from the charity stripe with 8:20 to play before halftime her squad trailed just 22-21.

Henke answered with another trifecta, and when Cameron connected from beyond the arc at the 4:36 mark, Cal Poly held a 37-27 advantage.

Cameron buried a long-range three-pointer as time expired on the first half to give the Mustangs a 49-37 cushion and all the momentum heading into the locker rooms.

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