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Kinesiology students Andreas Duran, 22, and Jesse Martinez, 21, from the Adapted Therapeutic Exercise class learned to play Power Soccer at a clinic held in Redwood Hall by four local athletes on Monday.



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CSUN kinesiology students participated in basic Power Soccer drills during a clinic in Redwood Hall Monday night.

MADISON RUPPERT ONLINE AND SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

CSUN WAS introduced to the international sport of Power Soccer Monday night by four local athletes in a larger effort to create a Power Soccer club at CSUN.

The team members held a skills clinic, went over the history of the sport and played an informal game in Redwood Hall with exclusively kinesiology students.

Benny Aviles, the 29-year-old coach of the Glendale Rough Riders, led the clinic with Steve Everett, the western regional director of the United States Power Soccer Association (USPSA).

"I've been in a wheelchair all my life. I never had the chance to play a sport," Aviles said.

Aviles, who has muscular dystrophy, said he was hooked on the sport since he first saw a 10 second video clip online.

"I feel more confidence, my

self-esteem is higher, I travel now with the team to go play and meet new people," Aviles said.

Everett said that while Arizona State University and Ball State University have Power Soccer teams, there is not a single team on the West Coast.

There are currently only two Power Soccer teams in Southern California, something which Aviles and Everett seek to change by raising awareness through clinics like the one held Monday.

"We're hoping that we can expand this program to the whole San Fernando community," said Mai Jara, a lecturer in the Kinesiology Department, and the host of the event.

Power Soccer athletes Adrienne "Dri" Akers, 29, and Zebreda Dunham, 35, also helped lead the clinic, showing students how to move around the court with the ball and other basic skills.

Students from Jara's adapted therapeutic exercise class in the Kinesiology Department cheered, laughed and clapped as their classmates played an informal game.

Power Soccer, brought to the United States in the 1980s and now governed by the USPSA, is played exclusively by users of power wheelchairs. However, the student participants used manual wheelchairs, so the athletes had to take it easy, Everett said.

Akers, Dunham and Everett have arthrogyriposis multiplex, a rare congenital disorder, though most Power Soccer players have muscular dystrophy, Everett said.

The sport involves teams of four players who play on regulation basketball courts with modified power wheelchairs and a larger soccer ball especially designed for Power Soccer. Every four years, teams from around the world compete in a world cup, which the U.S. team has won back-to-back.

"When they make a chair for your sport, you know you've arrived," Everett said, also stating that it will likely soon be in the Paralympics.

"Whether you're on your feet or in a chair, sport is sport," Everett said.

Students walk for AIDS awareness



GABBY ESCAMILLA / CONTRIBUTOR
Mayor of Los Angeles, Eric Garcetti, gave the opening speech at the 29th annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles ceremony on Sunday.

JOHN SARINGO-RODRIGUEZ
PHOTO EDITOR

UNIFIED WE Serve (UWS), CSUN's volunteer program, gathered hundreds of CSUN students to participate in the 29th annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles where they raised nearly \$2.5 million for HIV/AIDS research and advocacy.

The crowd of 25,000 people met and surpassed their goal of \$2 million by nearly 25 percent to benefit organizations like AIDS

Project Los Angeles (APLA).

UWS rallied nearly 250 participants into five buses that left the G3 parking lot en route to the starting line in West Hollywood at 7 a.m. on Sunday.

"These walks are our steps to find a cure. Some people don't understand that the contributions here go a long way in making a difference," said UWS committee leader, Amber Bynum, 20, a business law major.


It was during the AIDS epidemic in the mid-1980s that HIV/AIDS activist Craig R. Miller and APLA held the first AIDS Walk in 1985. The event attracted 4,500 people, raising \$673,000.

With funds raised by the AIDS Walk, APLA has the means to provide food, shelter and even dental care to those living with HIV/AIDS, by creating awareness of the disease through HIV prevention programs. The organization advocates and fights for HIV-related public policy to maintain a fair economic playing field for those who are living with HIV/AIDS and trying to make a living.

Long time AIDS Walk supporter and mayor, Eric Garcetti, gave a speech at the AIDS Walk opening ceremony. The mayor said that he lost a cousin to AIDS when the dis-



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Colleen French, front desk of the Matador Involvement Center, finishes the 10k at AIDS Walk in Los Angeles on Sunday.



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ease first came about. Garcetti said that we walk today so that one day we would have a walk that would have nothing to do with AIDS.

“That is our mission, that I look at the sea of angels, in the city of angels, walking one step at a time to let those living with HIV/AIDS know that you are not alone. We are here for you, we love you, we embrace you and we will find a cure,” Garcetti said.

There are more than 25 coalitions in addition to APLA that have been formed with AIDS Walk Los Angeles this year. In addition, clubs and organizations from high schools, colleges, private organizations, businesses and churches came out to fun-

draise and show their support in the efforts to fund both AIDS research and HIV/AIDS awareness programs.

UWS events assistant, Penelope Lopez, 21, a journalism major said, “This was my first AIDS Walk. There are so many people and it is great to see all the cultures, clubs and organizations from CSUN.”

In addition to participating at this year’s AIDS Walk, UWS raised monetary donations and collected deodorant and toothpaste for the homeless living with HIV/AIDS.

Augustín “Augie” Garibay, activities coordinator of clubs and organizations at the Matador Involvement Center, said that it is false to think

that HIV/AIDS affects the LGBT community only.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men accounted for 78 percent of new HIV infections in males while 25 percent of new HIV infections were found in heterosexuals in 2010.

Gender, ethnicity and socioeconomic status also play a large role in explaining past and current HIV/AIDS statistics.

The CDC estimates that since the epidemic began, over one million people in the U.S. have been diagnosed with AIDS and about 636,000 people in the U.S. have died.



JOHN SARINGO-RODRIGUEZ / PHOTO EDITOR

Unified We Serve coordinated nearly 250 CSUN students to attend AIDS Walk.



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CSUN students gather at the AIDS Walk finish line. The 10k walk takes people on average two to three hours to complete.

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A.S. senator resigns, club grant decreased

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FOLLOWING A HEATED debate, Associated Students (A.S.) voted not to pass an amendment awarding the Urban Planning Students of Northridge more than \$1,000 for an upcoming event.

The Urban Planning Students of Northridge (UPSN), which is an organization that provides support to students in the urban planning field, requested \$5,601 to fund their American Planning Association of Los Angeles student symposium. This event features speakers who present new ideas on urban planning with the help of posters.

The amount suggested by A.S. Chair of Finance Sonia Vaswani was \$1,000. However, Senator Joseph Zapantis felt that the organization and event deserved more funds in order to create a better experience. He suggested that \$2,441 be donated to the organization instead.

The requested for the event was for a combination of things including room rentals, speakers, and a leadership workshop series, to name a few.

"The event has such a regional impact on CSUN and I think it can really help us shine," said Zapantis.



PILAR DE HARO / CONTRIBUTOR

Joseph Zapantis resigned from his position as an A.S. Business and Economics Senator. "I made this amendment knowing that the spending history is not that good, but I happened to speak with a representative from the group and I got to hear how organized it is and sometimes there are reasonable causes that affect the budget. I don't think it's reasonable to shut down my amendment," Zapantis said.

Many of the other senators including Sarah Garcia, Jesus Martinez Ramirez and Vice President Talar Alexanian, opposed Zapantis' amendment and felt that this organization in particular did not have a good his-

tory with spending money given to them.

"I encourage that we oppose this amendment due to incidents and past spending history with this group," Ramirez said.

Zapantis, on the other hand, said he believes in giving

everyone a second chance and that the UPSN deserved a fair chance to regain trust with A.S.

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Amy Turnbull, UPSN president, said that she is aware of

their bad credit history and that it is of no fault of their own.

"They felt our advertising should be limited to electronic signs on campus and our speaker fees were above that of other groups," Turnbull said.

After voting, A.S. decided neither to grant UPSN the \$5,601 that they requested, nor the \$2,441 that Zapantis suggested.

Shortly after the debate over finances, Zapantis resigned from his position as the Business and Economics Senator on the A.S. board leaving the rest of the board dumbfounded.

According to Alexanian, the board had no prior knowledge of his resignation.

"We did not know ahead of time that he would be leaving and now we are trying to fill his seat. We are putting all our efforts forward to see who is available," Alexanian said.

Zapantis said he was offered a better position elsewhere.

"It (the new job) is a great opportunity and it is something that doesn't just affect my school but my future as well."

In other news, the Vex Robotics Club at CSUN spoke at open forum. They briefly gave an overview of the things they do as a club on campus and their joy for building robots. The club was granted their requested \$1,500 for robotic mechanical parts.

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Dispelling the model minority myth

Although Asian-Americans don't have a shared experience, they have the universal stereotype of the model minority

Kim Jong-il Was Not My Homie & WTF Is Gangnam Style?

JAKE FREDERICKS
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FIRST, let's get a few things straight. I am not good at math. I do not drive my car 10 miles per hour under the posted speed limit and I do not know any form of martial art.

Yes, I can use chopsticks, but I'd be willing to argue that equal amounts of people are able to wield a fork and knife. You don't see me asking white people if they're all cowboys.

The point I am trying to make here is that Asian-Americans, and minorities as a whole, are constantly discriminated based on [our] appearance. This predilection for accepting and proliferating racial stereotypes and cultural roles is damaging to a nation comprised mainly of the so-called minorities.

Additionally, the term "Asian" itself, is a social discrimination concocted to oust an even more bigoted term, "Oriental," meant to encompass all Asiatic races. But, for the sake of continuity, I will henceforth refer to myself—the Asian minority—as Asian-American.

In an April report from the Pew Research Center, immigration data compiled from 2000-12 showed Asiatic races leading immigration into the United States.

"Asian-Americans are the highest-income, best-educated and fastest-growing racial group...they place more value than other Americans do on marriage, parenthood, hard work and career success," reported Pew Research experts.

However, not all Asian subcultures share a uniform success rate in education and economic wealth. A report from Asian-Americans Advancing Justice—Los Angeles found that a mere 58 percent of Cambodian residents in LA have an education (diploma) equivalent to a high school level. The skewed educational data due in part to the fact that over half of all 1 million Asian-Americans in Los Angeles cannot speak English proficiently.

By definition, a minority is the group that is the smaller number of a larger group. Typically, this way of categorizing minority groups is factored by the ratio of white to non-white. However, the minority group within a city such as Chicago may be

different to that in Eureka, CA.

Furthermore, racial stereotypes are commonly drawn from previous generations of afflicted minority groups. In the same way biological twins may appear identical but act different, specific races do not share a universal mindset.

If I had a dollar for everytime a person gave me a shocked look when I told them I have adoptive Anglo parents, I'd be a millionaire. As if I was only expected—allowed—to have Asian parents.

I was raised in a predominantly white neighborhood where Asian could be classified as a minority group. As a result, the majority of my friends were Anglo-looking or non-Asian individuals. However, just because I had white parents, and lived in a white community, and had mostly white friends, it didn't lessen the blows of an Asian stereotype thrown at me from time to time.

I was (I am) still Asian. Race is not an attitude—you can't roll out of bed in the morning and tell yourself to be someone else for the day.

As I got older, I began to embrace my identity as an Asian-American, and I realized that it made me a more accepting and less judgmental person. Being raised by Caucasian parents has given me a unique perspective on how minorities within different social circles are represented, and accepted.

I strongly believe that nurture comes before nature. My unique upbringing is translated into everything I am and everything that I do when it concerns my personal identification. I prefer to consider myself an American-Asian more than Asian-American, because I choose to identify myself more in the context of my social setting, than I do with my biological composition.

I am an American. I am Asian. I am a brother. I am a son. I am a student. I am an employee. I have good days and I have bad ones, too. I cry. I bleed. I laugh and I dream.

I am, and I do, all of these things.

In short, I am just like you.



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CALVIN RATANA
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"ARIGATO," said a customer at the restaurant I work for. "Is that correct? Is that how you say it?"

Every time I go to work, I never fail to hear those lines. To be fair, I do work as a sushi chef at a Japanese restaurant. However, I still cringe a little whenever a customer pulls those lines on me.

When broken down, my story speaks volumes about the general attitude Americans have toward Asian-Americans. All Asians are the same. We all share the same culture, language and lifestyle. Oh and that we all look the same.

However, all these assumptions are wrong.

To the media and entertainment industry, we are all the same. For example, in the movie "Hangover 2," Jamie Chung and Mason Lee, a Korean-American and Taiwanese-American respectively, plays the role of Thai characters. Because to the media Thai and Korean are just the same thing: Asian. I mean we all look alike so it doesn't make a difference if another Asian portrayed another Asian, right?

Wrong. Furthermore, Chung and Lee's characters get very little screen time. To top it off, Chung's character is the submissive Asian woman stereotype while Lee's character is the stereotypical nerd, innocent Stanford student. Because to the media, Asian-Americans are placed in two roles: the hypersexualized female and the desexualized male.

So why this overgeneralization of Asian-Americans? Simple: the model minority myth. This myth emerged back in the 1960s with Asian-Americans gaining high test scores and grades in

school as well as having a high university attendance rate. The myth displayed Asian-Americans as successful, obedient, quiet individuals who are pulling themselves up by their bootstraps.

However the myth collapses on itself. No, not all Asian-Americans are good at math and science. And no, not every Asian-American is successful in America.

There are dangers in the generalization of Asian-Americans. Because of the myth and the media, achievements of more successful individuals often overshadow the problems that other individual Asian-American & Pacific Islanders (AAPI) face.

So no, not all of us are "smart." According to a recent report that Asian Americans Advancing Justice-LA (AAAJLA) released, only 58 percent of Cambodian-Americans in the LA County have a high school degree. Only 13 percent of Cambodians have at least a bachelor's degree. And still to this day, AAPIs ages 25 or older combined are still less likely to have a high school diploma or GED as compared to whites.

In short, AAAJLA's report finds that on average AAPIs in LA County make about \$28,000 a year while their white counterparts make about \$47,000 a year on average. According to AAAJLA's report, in LA County, the three ethnicities with the lowest incomes are Tongans, Cambodians and Samoans. Tongans average roughly \$8,100 a year while Cambodians average about \$14,200 a year. Samoans aren't far behind with an average income of \$15,350 a year.

In fact, AAAJLA's report finds that 78 percent of Tongans are low income while 51 percent live in poverty. The report also finds that 23 percent of Korean, 19 percent of Cambodian and 17 percent of Chinese-American seniors in the LA County are all living below the poverty line. According to AAAJLA, that is "a proportion greater than all other racial groups."

And from 2007 to 2011, the number of Asian-Americans living in poverty in the LA County grew by 20 percent. Pacific Islanders living in poverty increased by 84 percent.

The AAPI population is not one autonomous unit bent on being obedient to the white hegemonic structure. We are a diverse group of people with different lives and stories. It is wrong to group all AAPIs together. It is not only just flat out racist, but will only continue to overshadow the problems that many Asian-American and Pacific Islander groups face in America.

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The value of volunteering

CSUN "super senior" discusses charity work as the vice president of CADA, a student organization that works with children in need

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MARY L. M. PARCO, 24, a senior double majoring in child and adolescent development and psychology has been a part of the Child and Adolescent Development Association (CADA) at Cal State Northridge for a total of three years and currently holds the position of vice president.

CADA is a student nonprofit organization that strives to enrich lives and make a difference on campus and in the larger San Fernando Valley community. They provide career, academic, and professional development for CSUN students through community interactions, volunteering opportunities, social events, fundraisers and other festivities.

Parco was introduced to CADA by a friend in her child and adolescent development class during her sophomore year. She joined CADA because of the volunteer opportunities available for children of all ages and grade levels.

"Besides joining CADA for good networking purposes for the future, I joined CADA to enhance my own personal and professional development skills to help me in my future profession," Parco said.

CADA has hosted a variety of

volunteer and social events, a few of them being LA Housing, Adopt a Classroom, AIDS Walk, and many more.

"What CADA is trying to achieve is that we want to provide help and support for those who are in need," Parco said. "For example, CADA would fundraise at BJ's Restaurant for a cause for 'Adopt a Classroom.' All the proceeds from the fundraising event would be used to buy school supplies to give to a local school."

Parco is a fifth year senior or what she called a "super senior," but is due to graduate Fall 2013.

She has worked for the Associated Student Children Center on campus for three years and finds that being a full-time student, having a part-time job, being vice president for CADA, along with other personal commitments outside school can be overwhelming.

Parco explains that it is important to take a deep breath, think, and do one thing at a time. Most importantly, she finds that being organized, having patience, and practicing good time management skills make all the difference.

Parco's sister, Germaine Parco, 22, a senior majoring in kinesiology explains how proud she is of her sister and her involvement with CADA and in shaping the organization to what it is today.

"Mary started as an advertiser in CADA and through the years she's been a part of the organization. She learned the in's and out's from other previous board members," G. Parco said. "Then from historian to now the vice president of CADA, Mary envisions CADA a more well-known and larger organization on campus by providing its members great volunteer experiences that work with children around the community."

G. Parco described her sister as being a fun-loving, friendly, generous, caring, helpful, and driven individual. She continued by stating how proud she is of her sister and admires the dedication she puts into CADA. Parco's involvement in school and drive in life have influenced G. Parco to aspire as her sister does.

"Mary is a very passionate and devoted individual and that's how she is naturally with anything she does or commits herself to," G. Parco said.

Parco explains that her overall experience and values she has gained over the years with CADA will have a great influence in her life and in her profession.

"I am honored to have served CADA for three years, which I will definitely miss when I graduate," Parco said. "However, I know for sure, that I will keep in touch and support CADA to grow as an organization on campus."



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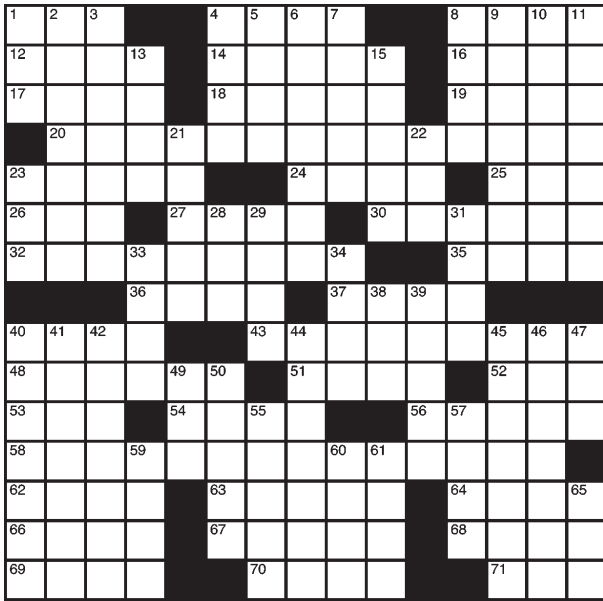
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ACROSS

- 1 Medicine-testing org.
- 4 Brief chat
- 8 Destructive insect
- 12 Tolkien henchmen
- 14 Astrological Ram
- 16 Days of old
- 17 Frequent prank caller to Moe's Tavern
- 18 Snicker
- 19 Ostrich cousin
- 20 Put on trial, in the military
- 23 Forrest Gump's Army friend
- 24 "Nifty!"
- 25 Chowd down
- 26 One of the Gulf States: Abbr.
- 27 Springsteen's "___ to Run"
- 30 One who hems but doesn't haw?
- 32 Fruity loaf
- 35 Séance sounds
- 36 Even-steven
- 37 Indian prince
- 40 "Nerts!"
- 43 Caption under a monkey covering its eyes
- 48 Casual comment
- 51 ___ helmet: safari wear
- 52 "___ Yankee Doodle ..."
- 53 Sleeve filler
- 54 Broadcasts
- 56 Parachute fabric
- 58 End dramatically
- 62 Catches some rays
- 63 Freeze over
- 64 Committed perjury
- 66 "Miss ___ Regrets": Porter song
- 67 Perform brilliantly
- 68 Long-tailed 8-Across
- 69 Approach
- 70 Sinusitis docs
- 71 Darn or baste



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Monday's Puzzle Solved



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DOWN

- 1 Watch chain
- 2 Bram Stoker's count
- 3 Nimble circus performer
- 4 Light bulb unit
- 5 Utah city
- 6 One-named Barbadian singer
- 7 Brand that "Nothing runs like"
- 8 British pianist
- 9 "C'est magnifique!"
- 10 "Rock-a-bye baby" spot
- 11 Painful-looking soccer shots
- 13 Puny pencil
- 15 Tuned to, as a radio dial
- 21 Synagogue leader
- 22 Call ___ day
- 23 Defective
- 28 Miner's discovery
- 29 Wine shop section
- 31 "Dies ___": hymn
- 33 Jones of jazz
- 34 Half of sechs
- 38 Colony crawler
- 39 Sloop in a Beach Boys hit
- 40 Seems to last forever
- 41 Require to detour
- 42 Strong-smelling cleaner
- 44 Oscar-winning "Casablanca" co-screenwriter
- 45 Lithuania's capital
- 46 Comic Coca who worked with Sid Caesar
- 47 PC-to-PC system
- 49 Wharf rodent
- 50 Fuzzy green fruits
- 55 Wealthy, in France
- 57 Southern pronoun
- 59 U.S. ally in WWII
- 60 Follow the game?
- 61 "Planet of the ___"
- 65 Margery of nursery rhymes

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MEN'S SOCCER

Matadors surge past Mustangs

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THE MATADORS (11-2-0, 3-1-0) rallied after conceding an early goal to defeat the Cal Poly Mustangs (8-6-0, 1-3-0) 3-1 Sunday night at Matador Soccer Field.

Junior forward Sagi Lev-Ari tallied two goals on the night for the Matadors, while sophomore goalkeeper Adam Hobbs recorded six saves.

"We're a high powered offense, we play great defense, we can create chances and we're a good team," said head coach Terry Davila. "I'm happy about the way we responded. I wasn't so worried about the early goal. We're tough mentally and we don't lose two games in a row."

Despite setting the tempo and controlling the ball well, Northridge conceded the first goal of the game in just the 18th minute of play.

Mustang midfielder Matt LaGrassa picked off an errant pass near the 18-yard box and buried the ball past the right side of Hobbs.

"You give up a goal like that and it's unfortunate, it's



TIFFANY RANDLE / CONTRIBUTOR

Sophomore midfielder Trevor Morley dribbles the ball out of the box against Cal Poly. The Matadors are now 3-1 in conference play and sit atop the Big West South division.

had a turnover in the back line, but we're not giving up goals in the flow of play."

It only took three minutes for the Matadors to respond with a goal of their own.

Junior forward Edwin Rivas received a pass up the right flank from senior midfielder Carlos Benavides. Rivas then sent a low cross

Ari out-muscled his defender and redirected the ball past Mustang goalkeeper Wade Hamilton.

The Mustangs attempted to regain the lead shortly after, peppering Hobbs with shot after shot, but Hobbs was able to stand his ground, blocking four quality shots on goal.

the half was a yellow card awarded to junior midfielder Yarden Azulay in the 37th minute of play.

CSUN was outshot 8-6 in the first half but managed to put up five corner kicks.

The Matadors picked up right where they left off in the second half, stretching the Mustang defense with long

In the 57th minute, sophomore midfielder David Turcios sent a through ball to a streaking Beto Velasquez, sending him on a breakaway against the Mustang goalkeeper.

Velasquez was able to cash in on the one-on-one opportunity, beating Wade on his lower left side.

"We've been working in practice to get down the middle," Velasquez said. "I saw the run and I took it and David (Turcios) played a great ball. I looked up, I saw the goalie cheating and that's when I poked it. If I would've taken an extra touch, he probably would've gotten it."

Lev-Ari sealed the win with a goal in the 65th minute.

Turcios received a pass from junior defender Mynor Giron near midfield, dribbled his way past the Mustangs defense and sent a pass to a wide open Lev-Ari for the easy tap-in goal.

With the win, CSUN remains atop the Big West South Division and will look to extend its win streak to two when they face UC Riverside in an important divisional match next Saturday.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m. at the UCR Soccer Stadium.

Davila is confident his team can get a victory so long as they remain mentally tough.

"We feel that we can compete with anyone in the nation," Davila said. "We just have to have the mental edge. Riverside, Fullerton and Irvine are our rivals. Everyone of those games is big."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

CSUN still winless in conference play



CHRISTOPHER LINARES / CONTRIBUTOR

Redshirt freshman midfielder Kourtney Kutscher dribbles past a UCSB defender in Sunday's loss to the Gauchos. The Matadors are now in last place in the Big West following the loss.

BRIAN BERNSTEIN
DAILY SUNDIAL

THE WOES FOR the Matadors (5-9-1, 0-3-1) continued as they fell to the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos (8-6-1, 2-2) 1-0 Sunday night. CSUN has now lost three out of their first four Big West Conference games.

The Gauchos capitalized on a turnover deep in Matador territory 13 minutes into the game. Senior defender Chloe McDaniel made an errant pass that was stolen, leading to a one-on-one with sophomore goalkeeper Cynthia Tayfoa.

Tayfoa was able to make the save, but CSUN was unable to maintain the rebound and forward Allie Ariniello scored on an empty net.

That was all the Gauchos needed to secure their second Big West Conference win and sustain the shutout.

The Matadors battled hard until the end in an evenly matched game. Both teams recorded 10 shots and five

corner kicks, and had their share of chances.

"I think we just gave up a soft goal," head coach Keith West said. "Sometimes when things are not going your way, and you give up a goal like that, it deflates you."

West also said his team began chasing the game and getting out of their element after the Gauchos goal.

The Matadors' best scoring opportunity came in the final minutes of play when sophomore forward Lyndsey Preston found junior forward Hannah Wissler at the top of the box. Her shot skipped off the crossbar, resulting in a goal kick.

"I think we have enough passion," senior midfielder Haley Chee said. "We know what we need to do, we're just not executing."

A scary moment for the Gauchos came early in the second half when midfielder Kelly McGrath collided with a CSUN player and was writhing in pain clutching her knee. McGrath was eventually helped off the field and left the game on crutches.

Sophomore defender Hayley Greep described the game as intense with multiple injuries and fouls.

"I think we just need to stay focused around the goal and take care of our chances and individual play," Greep said. "As a team, we are doing well on defense, but I think individually, like winning the 50/50 plays, we need to get better at."

The Matadors have four Big West games left this season. West said the team needs to take initiative.

"You got to take action to change it," West said. "First you have to start believing, and then you have to take action."

Greep also echoed the coach's sentiments.

"From here on out, we just need to start believing in ourselves," Greep said. "We need to believe that we can do it, and we all need to be on the same page in order to achieve our goal."

The Matadors are in last place with a road game against UC Davis coming up on Sunday.