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Opinion: strike sucks!!

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As I sat watching The Jets and the Patriots play football on Monday night, four things became clear to me.

First, I had picked the wrong team to win.

Second, there was going to be a strike.

Third, there wasn't anything I could do about that fact.

And fourth, the chief negotiators for each side looked like a couple of morons who had planned the whole thing.

I thought that the players and owners had learned their lesson in 1982 when the last strike occurred. The players, owners, and fans all lost out.

The first thing that should have been apparent at the end of that strike was that the fans were not happy, as they stayed away in droves when the teams started to play again. The same thing will happen this time only much worse.

In 1982, the players had

a reason to strike and even though the fans disliked the move, most people sided with the players. It's a different story this time around.

There's no real issue in this strike and if you watched the interview at halftime Monday night this should be painfully obvious.

When Gene Upshaw, executive director of the NFL Players Association, was asked his side of the strike, he said that the issue was free agency.

Jack Donlan, management counsel negotiator for the NFL owners, was asked what the Management side was, he said that the players had not set anything down in front of the owners.

Meanwhile, Upshaw just sat there shaking his head no, like everything that Donlan said was unbelievable to him.

Upshaw then stated he wanted someone with clout to contact him and discuss the strike. To whom was he referring Art Modell, Al Davis, Pete

Rozell, who?

Being an Industrial relations major, I can tell you that this is not the way to run a constructive negotiation.

The only thing that this kind of negotiating leads to is, lawsuits. (Each side has filed one suit since the strike began), bitter sides, no progress, and, in this case, lack of fan support.

Many fans are already fed up with the childish attitude on both sides.

The owners have already started to field teams that will be made up of players who were cut in the pre-season and free agents. The players in return have promised violence against the scab players.

The strike will one day end, and if it goes more than three weeks, I have a suggestion for the owners.

When the strike is over and you have to let players go, cut those that are out of shape or don't know what is going on.

This would probably be those players who are on strike, but it would be fitting.

Coors Invitational on slate for Rebel Soccer

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The UNLV soccer team will be the only Rebel sports team to see action this weekend as they will be playing two games in the Coors Invitational at Peter Johann Field.

This is the tournament's fourth year and the Rebels have never lost.

UNLV won the inaugural tournament in 1984 by defeating the University of San Diego, 7-0, and Cal State Fullerton, 4-0.

In 1985, Fullerton and the University of New Mexico were dropped by the Rebels for their second tournament crown.

Last year was a little more difficult for the Rebels as the tournament came down to the

tie breaker format before UNLV was awarded the title.

This year the tournament will include San Diego, Portland, and Cal State University-Los Angeles.

UNLV will open the tournament Saturday at 1 p.m. against Portland. The Pilots will bring a 4-0 record into the game and have outscored their opponents by a 16-2 margin.

Rebel soccer coach Barry Barto said he was looking for a good game, "Portland is an up and coming team. There playing in our region and trying to make a good impression."

The second game Saturday will pit Cal State-LA with a 1-3 record against San Diego who is 3-2 and coming off a 2-1 loss to the Rebels last Sunday at San Diego.

The tournament continues Sunday at 1 p.m. when UNLV plays CSULA. The Golden Eagles will bring midfielder Mike Gregorian, who is an alternate on the US Junior National Team.

"CSU is unpredictable, but individually there are some very good players," Barto said.

The final game of the weekend will take place between Portland and San Diego at 3 p.m.

"We're a very good team, and these games this weekend will help us prepare for the conference schedule," said Barto.

"We're still moving people around and it usually takes five to eight games to find the rhythm when you do that."

Knight named new golf coach

Former University of New Mexico Coach Dwaine Knight has been named to replace Michael "Chub" Drakulich as head golf coach at UNLV.

Knight had been the head golf coach at New Mexico for the past 10 years. In that period of time the Lobos have reached the NCAA Championships eight times, finishing in the Top 10 twice. In 1979 the Lobos placed fifth and in 1981 they were seventh nationally.

In his 10 years at New Mexico, Knight coached the squad to one WAC title and four second-place finishes.

"We are pleased that Coach Knight has accepted the position here at UNLV," said Brad Rothermal,

UNLV Director of Intercollegiate Athletics. "We had many qualified candidates for the position, including three outstanding local candidates.

Coach Knight was selected by the 15-member selection committee based on his outstanding qualifications as a former tour player as well as the outstanding program that he developed as the head coach at New Mexico."

Drakulich, who was named Head Golf Coach Emeritus, will continue to work with the UNLV golf program as an advisor.

Knight has coached eight individual All-American golfers, 14 All-WAC performers and three WAC runnersup. He was WAC

Golf Coach of the Year in 1979 and 1981 NCAA District 7 Coach of the Year.

A graduate of UNM, Knight played on the 1967 team that won the WAC and placed 9th at the NCAA tournament. From 1969-72 he served as assistant pro at the University South Golf Course, home of UNM golf, while he toured professionally.

His first pro win came at the Southwest Sectional Championships in 1973.

His best season came in 1974 highlighted by a third place finish at the Bing Crosby Pro-Am. He played on the tour for five years and is still a member of the PGA.

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