

REBEL SPORTS

UNLV/UNR: Bragging rights for the state on line

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Judgement Day comes to the desert tomorrow night.

After two weeks of media hype, closed football practices, and predictions, who is the best football team in the state of Nevada will be decided at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl, as the UNLV Rebels play host to the Wolfpack of the University of Nevada-Reno, starting at 7:00.

Because of the intense rivalry that has developed between the two schools over the last few years, the game carries more meaning than a game between a Division 1-AA school and a 0-2 major college school usually would.

Bragging rights for the whole state of Nevada are on the line.

The schools last met for the Fremont Cannon (a replica of an old west cannon that is given to the winner of the UNLV-UNR game) in Reno in 1985.

with the Wolfpack winning that contest, 48-7. That loss still stirs up ugly memories and emotions in Rebel fans, as some have accused UNR coach Chris Ault of running up the score on UNLV.

However, Ault denies it. "It was quite the opposite," Ault said. "Just look at the film and you'll see we played with our seconds in the fourth quarter and didn't throw the ball as much as we usually do."

Regardless if it was intentional or not, the Wolfpack did embarrass UNLV, and Rebel coach Wayne Nunnely has tried to take every precaution to not let it happen again, including closing practices and forbidding his players to talk about the game to the media.

"I want the players to realize the seriousness of this football game and I don't want any distractions," Nunnely said.

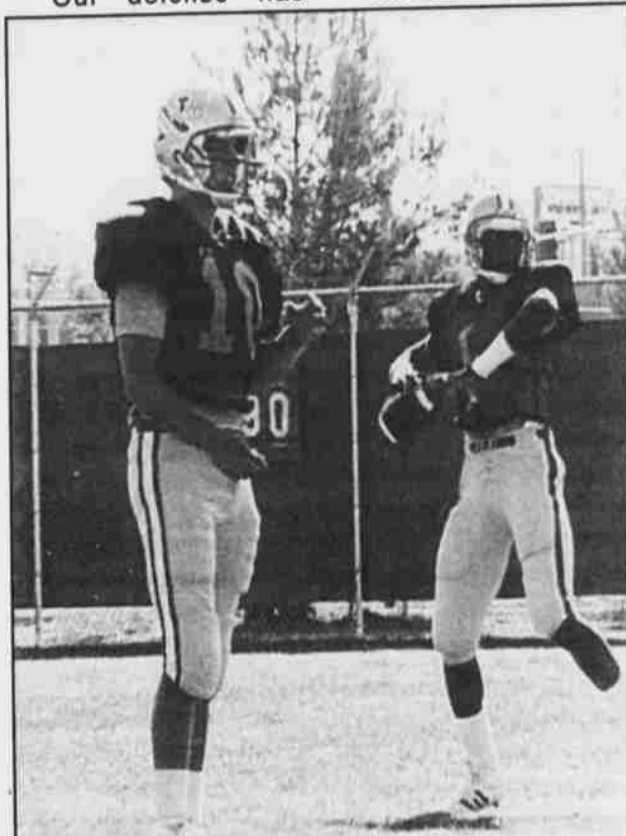
Though 0-2, UNLV did show improvement from the SW Louisiana game to

the Baylor game, especially defensively.

"Our defense has

ing and score some points."

The defense should get



PROBABLE STARTING QB, —Scott Sims throws the ball in practice this week as injured QB Richard Williams looks on. *photo by bruce claver/Rebel photographer*

played well enough in both games to have won," Nunnely said. "We just got to get our offense go-

a big boost with the return of wrecker Doc Wise to the lineup after being out with a knee injury since the

pre-season. Nunnely says the 6 feet 4 inch, 280-pounder will bring to the Rebel's defensive line the size they have been lacking this season.

The Rebels will need the size on the line to combat Reno's "Las Vegas" backfield of Charvez Foger and Lucius Floyd. Foger is out of Bishop Gorman High School, while Floyd graduated from Valley High School. Together they have combined for 567 of Reno's 747 rushing yards this season. Another Las Vegas, Western High graduate Tony Logan, has 305 yards receiving on 16 catches from the split end position.

Offense, how to put points on the board, is Nunnely's big concern, though. UNLV's already anemic offense was dealt a blow in the Baylor game with the injury to starting quarterback Richard Williams, thereby possibly thrusting freshman Scott Sims into the starting role. Doctors gave Williams

the okay to throw earlier in the week, but whether he'll be ready to play on Saturday is questionable. The Rebel coaching staff has worked with Sims for two weeks trying to teach him the intricate Rebel short-pass offense.

Nunnely hopes Sims is a fast learner because Reno has shown weakness in their secondary this year, especially at right cornerback where first year starter, Ken Caleb, has had more than his share of troubles this season.

Opposing quarterbacks have been having field days against the Wolfpack. Last week, in Montana's surprising 41-29 victory over Reno, Grizzlies' quarterback Scott Waak passed for 249 yards on 20-28 passing, after coming into the game with only a 43 percent completion rate.

"They have a definite weakness in the secondary and every team they've played thus far

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UNLV SPORTS WEEKEND

TWO GAMES SCHEDULED FOR SOCCER TEAM

The UNLV soccer team, fresh off their Coors Invitational win last weekend, will play two games on the road this weekend.

The Rebels will play at UC Santa Barbara, Friday at 7pm, and at UC Irvine, Sunday at 2pm.

UNLV is 4-3 on the year, their worst start through seven games since 1981, but the losses have been to three quality teams. UCLA (number 10 in the nation, ISAA), Southern Methodist (number 15 in the nation, ISAA), and San Diego State (number 5 in the far west region, ISAA) have beaten the Rebels.

Santa Barbara enters this week with a 3-2-2 record with a tie against nationally number one ranked Fresno State earlier in the year. UC Irvine was 2-5 going into games against UC San

Diego last Sunday, and the University of San Diego, Wednesday, both of which were unreported at the time of this printing.

"We are entering league play in good shape," UNLV coach Barry Barto said.

GOLF TEAM IN COLORADO

The UNLV golf team will also be in action this weekend, competing in the 19th annual Air Force Falcon Invitational, Friday through Sunday, at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The 18-team, 54-hole tournament will draw teams from all over the country.

The Rebels competed in their first tournament of the year last weekend, finishing 11th out of 15 teams at the 33rd annual William H. Tucker tournament at the University of New Mexico.

Intramural all-stars meet

The UNLV-UNR football game won't be the only grudge match Saturday. The UNLV intramural football all-stars will take on the UNR intramural football all-stars, 11:00, at Rebel Park, to see who has the best intramural athletes.

Budweiser is sponsoring the event, giving \$500 to the Reno all-stars to rent a van to come down to Las Vegas, and giving the Las Vegas all-stars money to buy food, soft drinks, and shirts.

The UNLV team will be made up of one representative from each intramural team. UNR is bringing down 17 players.

A trophy will be awarded to the winning team.

UNR won the last time all-star teams met from the two schools.

GAME REPORTS: Defending Greek Week football champs and last year's intramural champion runner-ups, SAE, has looked impressive so far this season.

After crushing Delta Sig, 56-0, last week, SAE beat JAFT by a score of 20-6, Saturday. Tom Osborne threw three touchdowns passes in the win over JAFT.

SAE then knocked off ATO, 42-8, Wednesday. With the loss, ATO dropped to 1-1 after previously defeating JAFT, 15-14.

Another team with a 3-0 record is the Kappa Sig B team.

They have defeated Kappa Sigma A, 24-8, and Sigma Chi, 36-6, and won by forfeit over the Shroomers,

Also off to a good start are the Hotel Raiders who beat TKE, 26-12, and The Express, 22-8.

Reggie Hopson has thrown five touchdowns and ran for one more this season for the Raiders.

STANDINGS NATIONAL

EAST	
Raiders	2-0
TKE	2-1
Express	1-2
Delta Phi	0-1
WEST	
SAE	3-0
Hotel B	1-0

ATO	1-1
JAFT	0-3

AMERICAN

EAST	
Sudden Death	2-0
Sigma Phi	1-0
Delta Sig	0-2
The Boys	0-2
WEST	
Kappa Sigma B	3-0
Sigma Chi	2-0
AE Pi	0-1
Schoomers	0-1
Kappa Sigma	0-1

TEAM SCORING PER GAME

1. Sudden Death	42.0
2. SAE	39.3
3. Kappa Sig B	30.0
4. Raiders	24.0
5. Hotel B	22.0
6. Express	16.0
7. TKE	15.0