

Bragging rights belong to UNLV

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UNLV Head Coach Wayne Nunnely and his Rebel football players struck a high note this weekend with a 24-19 win over state rival, the Wolfpack of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Before the start of the game it seemed as if psychological warfare was going on between the two coaches.

First off, Coach Nunnely ran onto the field wearing a uniform.

"I used it as a motivational tool for the kids," Nunnely said. Then he changed clothes at the half. "I needed to get into my coaching role."

Meanwhile, Wolfpack Head Coach Chris Ault

kept his players in the lockerroom a long time and only sent out his cap-

game. Freshmen quarterback Scott Sims started the

resulted in the Rebels' first score of the game.

UNR did not have it

cheo pass and returned it for a 62-yard touchdown, making the score 14-0 before the Wolfpack field goal.

The Rebels scored once more before halftime when Ickey Woods took a handoff from Sims and ran it in from the 1-yard line, increasing the score 21-3 in favor of the Rebels.

During the half, inductees of the newly formed UNLV Hall of Fame were introduced. The inductees included Glenn Carano, the 1968 Football Team, Ricky Sobers, Bill "Wildcat" Morris, and other UNLV greats.

As the third quarter began, UNR came out roaring and scored on their drive as Lucius Floyd, a native Nevadan, ran in from the 1-yard line closing the margin to 21-10.

That score was the beginning of UNR's comeback, after the kickoff to UNLV, Tommy Jackson

fumbled a Sims handoff which was recovered by UNR's Scott Lommari. As a result Floyd score from the 1-yard line again narrowing the lead to 21-16.

UNR scored one last time off of a field goal for the final score of 24-19.

Even though Reno lost, Coach Ault was not upset about his team's performance.

"We played well enough to win but just came up a little bit short," Ault said. "We had too many penalties that put us in a hole too many times."

On the other side, Coach Nunnely was proud of his Rebels play and says this victory will help in recruiting.

"We have to recruit against them and now we can tell our recruits that not only do we have a better program but we also beat them on the field," Nunnely said.

UNLV won the bragging rights in Nevada.



tains for the coin toss before taking the field.

Coach Nunnely had the edge of the battle because his Rebels won the toss and subsequently the ball game for injured Richard Williams.

On the Rebels' first possession, Sims threw a 67-yard bullet pass to George Thomas which

easy on their first drive; they didn't score until 8:35 remaining in the second quarter. Their score came on a 39-yard field goal by Marty Zendejas. However, by this time the Rebels had scored again.

Sean Blunt, who has been honored with the big play of the week award, had intercepted a Jim Zac-

Karen's Kolum

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Well, our Rebel Football team won it's first game of the season and what a big game it was!

It was so exciting to see the 25,000 plus people on hand cheering and sticking close with the Rebels during the crunch part of the game.

What about those red towels that were passed out for the game. For a while, I thought I was back in Pittsburgh, Pa. watching loyal steeler fans wave the terrible towel. In our case, it was the Rebel Red towel. However, it was great to see the fans stay behind the home team.

I only saw a few people, not too many at all, leave when the Rebels turned the ball over right after they recovered a Wolfpack fumble towards the end of the game.

Yes, your right I am observing very carefully and closely.

Once the players felt secure of their win, three of the Rebel players namely Cedric Davis, Tommy Jackson Jr. and Ickey Woods signaled to the crowd to start cheering louder. At this time I would have guarenteed their adrenelin was flowing at a rapid speed. It was refreshing to hear the fans react to their request with the infamous UNLV call Rebels...Rebels...Rebel that we all hear during the men's basketball games.

However, the best part of the game was when Darnell Pickens and a few other teammates dumped an gatorade bucket filled with ice cold water over Coach Nunnely's head reassuring him of their victory. I wonder if Coach Nunnely felt like Coach Parcels of the New York Giants.

In regards to my Kolum on September 22nd about rivalries, I don't think that any of the fans turned their backs on the football squad.

Now that the Rebels were victorious over their rival UNR, I'm hoping to see fans wear more Rebel red around campus and the community at large.

Just think team satisfaction and bragging rights of the interstate rival belongs to UNLV until they meet again on November 11, 1989 in Nevada, Reno.

Overall, I was glad to witness the dedicated support to our Rebels and I'm extremely releived to print such a positive Kolum about our fan support.

We are indeed on an upswing.



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