

SPORTS

UNLV soccer team faces challenge vs. San Fran.

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The UNLV soccer team faces possibly their biggest challenge of the season this weekend as they take on the second-ranked team in the nation, the University of San Francisco, at Peter Johann Memorial Field, Sunday at 1pm.

The Rebels are hot. Going into Sunday's contest, the Rebels have won five straight games, after losing three of four to start the season.

Offense has been the key to the Rebels' good fortunes of late as the team has outscored their opponents 16-5 during the winning streak.

"We're creating lots of chances," Rebel head coach Barry Barto said. "USF is going to have to worry about us scoring."

Defensively, though, Barto said UNLV might be in trouble because of the injuries that have hit the team this year.

Defender Greg Dembskey was lost for the season when he suffered



a knee ligament tear in the UC Santa Barbara match last weekend. Sweeper Kevin Nute was also hobbled in the Santa Barbara game but is a probable starter against San Francisco.

The scoring leaders for the Rebels thus far this season have been Shawn Ritchie, who has six goals and two assists, and Jeff Wale, who has four goals and two assists.

Kenny Ryerson has

last three games.

"Kenny seems to have a knack for being in the right spot at the right time," Barto said.

San Francisco is led by sophomore forward Ola Henmo who has five goals and three assists this year.

A win over the Dons could really help UNLV's playoff chances.

"There's a good chance we can make the NCAA's if we beat USF and do well in the PCAA which is a three-way contest between us and Fresno and Fullerton," Barto said.

Rugby club places third at NAU tournament

In the thin, cold, mile high air of the Northern Arizona University campus, the UNLV Rebel Rugby Football Club won 2 of 3 matches to finish in third place in this years Northern Arizona University Tournament.

The only loss the Rebels suffered was to the University of Arizona team that crushed all other opposition and won the tournament.

The first game was against the NAU "B" side, who as tournament host thought they had scheduled an easy match so they might find a higher standing for their "B" side. UNLV's forward pack

came out and controlled the match from the beginning by dominating the scrums and lineout plays for both sides.

The score remained even but the NAU "B" side must have felt like the victims in a *Friday the 13th* movie as they were brutalized on every play.

Finally Rebel back, Patrick Shute, dropped kicked a 40 meter score and the Rebel offense caught fire.

The Rebels coasted to a 18-3 victory in their first game.

The Rebel Rugby team met their match in the University of Arizona Club, and went down in a 20-3

loss. The University of Arizona Club went on to dominate the championship and win the Tournament.

The final game was against the NAU "A" side in a Sunday morning showdown. UNLV's Dave Umowzio punched the ball over after a 30 meter run, Shute converted and added a penalty kick later to make the score 9-0.

NAU was not going to quit and with inspired play roled down the field on a superior series of plays, scored and converted to make the score 9-6. NAU's attack became frantic in the last 5

minutes and UNLV had to dig in for a heart stopping defense at the goal line that ended with the ball bouncing through the Rebel try zone as the

whistle ended the game.

If you are interested in playing Rugby contact William Pell at the Dorm Directors office for futher information. The next

Rebel match is against Emery-Riddell, played at Sunset Park, Saturday October 10, at 10 am. Your Rebel Rugby team hopes to see you there.

PCAA standings

Pacific Coast Athletic Association

	Conf.	Overall	PF	PA
	W-L	W-L		
San Jose State	1-0	4-1	155	100
Fresno State	1-0	2-2	74	82
CS Fullerton	2-1	2-3	102	169
Pacific	1-0	2-3	69	118
UNLV	0-0	1-2	48	61
New Mexico State	0-1	1-3	40	89
Utah State	0-1	1-3	47	173
CS Long Beach	0-2	2-3	100	132

Last Thursday's Result

Fresno State 30, Cal State Long Beach 7

Last Friday's Result

BYU 45, Utah State 24

Last Saturday's Results

UNLV 24, Nevada-Reno 19

San Jose State 46, CS Fullerton 19

Pacific 23, New Mexico State 7

Saturday's Games

Utah State at UNLV, 7 p.m.

CS Fullerton at Florida

Fresno State at Southern Illinois

Cal State Long Beach at Pacific

New Mexico State at San Jose State

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