

REBEL SPORTS

NBA dream come true for Banks

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From college standout to a National Basketball Association rookie isn't easy but it is a life-long dream for Freddie Banks.

Banks, a member of the 1987 Final-Four Rebel basketball team, dazzled the fans last season with his array of three-point shots.

Banks is now hoping to do the same as an NBA player.

"I have a 95 percent chance of making the team than any one else the Piston's drafted," said Banks.

Fearless Freddie, as he is called by many, was the first pick of the Detroit Pistons in the second round draft.

The Piston's Veterans camp, where Banks is working out at now, began last Thursday and will last until the first Piston exhibition game on the 24 or 25 of October.

Having a positive attitude according to Banks is how he will deal with being a part of the NBA.

"I will always have a positive attitude because I'll always have the man upstairis in front," Banks said. "If I can get in the NBA and play for eight years, my dream will have come true and my job will have been completed."

The NBA held a seminar for the first and second round rookies to acquaint them with what the NBA is really about.

They stressed such topics as how to invest money, eating habits and how to stay away from bad food and how to be in command of everything. However, Banks stated that the NBA focused on how men, but mainly women, will use NBA players for their benifit to receive money.

Although Banks college days are over he admits that he does miss the life of a college student/athlete.

"I miss school in general because school gives you

a background to do something else if your first option doesn't go according to your plans," said Banks.

It is mainly the comraderie with his former teammates that Banks truly misses from his life.

"We were a family," he said. "We all grew up together, therefore it's hard to let all the guys go. It's important to stay in contact with them. I know the guys will not forget me and I will not forget those guys."

UNLV athletics holds a soft-spot in Freddie Banks heart. He wishes every athlete the best and wants them to realize their potential for becoming the best.

He extends good luck wishes to both UNLV basketball teams.

Importantly for Banks, he would like the Rebel basketball team to know that the guys who graduated last year are behind them with highest respect.

Rebel soccer high after victory

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If you were to write a script for this weekend's UNLV sports teams there could be no better ending than the Rebel soccer team's 3-2 win over the second-ranked Dons from San Francisco.

The Dons entered the game fresh off a win over Wasington while the Rebels were coming off a road trip that saw them extend their winning streak to five games with wins over UC Santa Barbera and UC Irvine.

The Rebels came out looking very confident and determined.

"Our lockerroom before today's game was never

like this, the kids were quiet during our pre match talk," said UNLV head coach Barry Barto. "I knew in there that we were going to do it, we may not have won it but we were going to go after it."

Simon Keith had a couple of chances early in the match but his shots were just wide of the mark.

The Dons got on the board first when Steven Torkelson took a pass from Bjorn Schonbeck 25 yards out from the goal and hooked his shot over the head of a leaping Danny Anderson for a 1-0 advantage.

Each team pressed their advantage over the next few minutes but then the man that has become

known as "Super Sub" Kenny Ryerson scored his fourth goal in his last for games.

Ryerson got his opportunity when Keith took a shot that was blocked by Don's keeper Phil Coates and bounced toward the open net. Ryerson toe tapped the ball into the net before the defender could clear the ball and the game was tied at one.

The Rebels looked flat at the start of the second half and were being pressured heavily by USF.

"We were really flat and they hammered us around pretty good but we made some adjustments and went on," said Barto.

The adjustments worked well because at 68:51

the Rebels Cliff Odle scored his first collegiate goal on a counter attack. Odle took a pass from Douglass Borgel on a cross, pulled the ball back, and blistered a shot past the keeper to put the Reb's in the lead 2-1.

"We were countering real well and as I ran down field I saw a big hole and went to fill it, got the pass and settled it and shot," Odle said. "It was my first goal and coming in this big of a game it's really exciting."

UNLV kept the pressure on and almost put the game away but Borgels shot was saved by the keeper after a flurry in front of the net.

USF tied the game

when Ola Henmo took a pass from Schonbeck and rocketed a shot past a screened Anderson for a 2-2 tie.

The two teams battled down to the wire before Jeff Wale took a pass from Borgel and put a shot past a sliding keeper and into the far side of the net for the game winner.

With the goal the 700 fans in attendance smelled blood and responded with a roar and standing ovation that lasted for two minutes.

With the final whistle came cheers of happiness and handshakes all around for the Rebels who had won probably their biggest game ever at Peter Johann field.

USF Coach Stephen Negoesco took the loss well saying, "I can't make any excuses for my team. UNLV played extremely well and they deserved it."

"Right now these player think that they can beat anyone," said Barto.

Wale said, "Team unity is at it's highest, were working together and everyones working for each other."

"It was our turn today, we had the chances and we put them away, it was our turn," said Barto.

The Rebels have had time to savor this win but they are back at the practice field gearing up for Friday night's home match against San Jose State.

Women's basketball coach guest speaker

UNLV Women's Basketball Co-Head coach, Sheila Strike-Bolla will be the special guest speaker at the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, Women's Council Luncheon on Wed., October 14 at the Holiday Inn, Center Strip. The luncheon begins at 11:15am with a Business Card exchange and buffet at 11:30; the cost is \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door.

She will speak on the difference between men and women in sports and in the boardroom; teamwork; and making your career game plan.

Sheila Strike-Bolla has just received her doctorate in Educational Administration and Higher Education from UNLV. Her international playing experience includes starting center on the Canadian National Women's team in the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal, three tours of Europe, Women's World Championships in Columbia, the Pan American Games and various other international tours.



BREAKING AWAY — Wide receiver George Thomas breaks away from Aggie defender's during Saturday's 28-27 Rebel victory.

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