

REBEL SPORTS

Soccer team faces PCAA foes

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The UNLV soccer team took a big step to a possible NCAA playoff berth last weekend with their 3-2 win over No. 3 San Francisco.

This weekend they can take steps to solidify a possible playoff berth as they play San Jose State, tonight at 7 pm, and formally ranked No. 1 Fresno State, UNLV's biggest rival for the PCAA conference title, Sunday at 1 pm, at Peter Johann Memorial Field.

Fresno State comes into the weekend with a 8-3-1 record overall,

2-0-1 in the PCAA. The Bulldogs lost earlier in the year to San Francisco and tied UC San Barbara, who the Rebels beat 4-1.

The Bulldogs are led by all-PCAA forward Femi Olukanni.

"He's one of the best not only in the west but in the country," UNLV coach Barry Barto said.

Bill Wiskel leads the Bulldogs and the PCAA with six goals and four assists.

"They're usually a very physical and aggressive soccer team," Barto said. "They don't try to fool you they just



come right at you."

San Jose State comes into tonight's match with

a 3-4-3 record overall, 1-2 in the PCAA.

Barto says he's not

looking past the Spartans to Fresno State.

"Whenever a team doesn't give up a lot of goals like San Jose does I worry about them," he said.

Jon Ragnarsson leads the Spartans in scoring with six goals and two assists.

The Rebels, winners of six straight, have not lost since September 18 when they were defeated by San Diego State, 2-0. The Rebels have outscored their opponents 19-7 during the winning streak.

Shawn Ritchie is the leading scorer for UNLV

this season with six goals and three assists. Sophomore forward Ken-ny Ryerson has come off the bench to score a goal in each of the last four games. In all, seven different players have scored for the Rebels this season.

"This has been a blue collar team, everyone has been contributing," Barto said.

Fresno State beat UNLV, 1-0, in last year's meeting and leads the all-time series 6-2, while UNLV has won all four meetings with San Jose State including last year's 4-0 win in San Jose.

UNLV to play Fullerton Intramurals Report

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UNLV's opponent in football this weekend, Cal-State Fullerton, is a team that was glad to see the PCAA conference schedule start.

The Titans, who the Rebels will meet in Fullerton Saturday at 1 pm, were bombarded by non-conference opponents, Hawaii, 44-0, and Louisiana State, 56-12, to start the season, before defeating PCAA pasties Cal State Long Beach, 31-12, and Utah State, 30-11.

The Titans then played out of conference at Florida last week and the result was predictable, a 65-0 debacle at the hands of the Gators.

"They've had some problems on defense because of the caliber of teams they've played, but in the PCAA their defense is tough," UNLV coach Wayne Nunnely said.

The Titans are a good running team, led by tailback Eric Franklin who has rushed for 264 yards on 59 carries this season, including 102 yards

against Cal-State Long Beach.

"He is an excellent, hard-nosed runner," Nunnely said.

Senior quarterback Ronnie Barber has also done well this season, connecting on 50.8 percent of his passes.

Defensively, leading tackler Bill Bryan and senior Jeff Taylor lead the linebacking corps.

Placekicker Stan Lambert has not missed a field goal this season, hitting on all eight of his attempts including six from outside the 40-yard line.

UNLV is coming off last week's 28-27 victory over Utah State, in which for the second game in a row the Rebels' offense has sputtered in the second half and teams have come back on the Rebels.

The Rebels led Utah State 20-7 late in the third quarter, and the week before, led UNR 21-3 at halftime before hanging on for a 24-19 win.

"If I knew the answer to why we keep sputtering we wouldn't be doing it anymore, all we can do is talk about it," Nunnely said.

Freshman Scott Sims has now started two games, both wins for UNLV, and has shown improvement. Against Utah State Sims was 21 of 36 passing for 199 yards, with two touchdowns and one interception.

"He's still making some mistakes but he is improving each week and did an excellent job last week," Nunnely said.

Flanker George Thomas had another big game for the Rebels last week, catching nine passes 69 yards, two touchdowns and the game winning two-point conversion.

Defensive back Autney Wren was named the PCAA defensive player of the week as he had nine tackles, three pass break-ups, and a 62-yard touchdown return on a interception.

Rebel punter Tony Rhynes, who was ranked sixth in the nation going into the Utah State game, had a great game against the Aggies with six punts for 296 yards for 49.3 average to raise his season average to 46.0 yards per game.

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After a few weeks of the intramural football season it has become clear that there is some disparity in the strength of the different divisions.

It appears that the National West division is the elite division with the No.1 ranked Yellin Rebel team, SAE, who has a 4-0 record, No.5 ATO, 4-1, and No. 6 Hotel B, 3-1. The other team in the division, Jaft, is 0-5, but all their losses have come in the division and they are definitely better than some of the teams in other divisions that have victories.

The National East division comes close to the National West in strength, with the powerhouses, Hotel Raiders, 4-0, and TKE, 4-1, but the other teams in the division, Express and Delta Phi are not of the same quality.

The worst division is easily the American East where leader Sudden Death is 3-0 but they've won one game by forfeit and the other two victories came against the American East's last place

team and everyone's whipping boys, the Delta Sigs, who have given up an average 37.0 points a game while scoring only 2.4.

There's nothing wrong with having a little inequality in the divisions except come playoff time when only the top two teams from each division make the playoffs and a quality team like ATO or Hotel B might not make it and some lesser team in another division will.

GAMES REPORTS: TKE quarterback Mike Benneman threw for three touchdowns to lead TKE over Express 22-8; SAE shut out JAFT 44-0; ATO defeated Sigma Chi 7-6 and JAFT 26-8; the Sig Eps beat the Delta Sigs, 20-0.

NATIONAL NE

Raiders 4-0
TKE 4-1
Express 1-4
Delta Phi 0-2

NW

SAE 4-0
ATO 4-1
Hotel B 3-1
JAFT 0-5

AMERICAN AE

Sudden Death 3-0
Sig Eps 2-1
The Boys 0-2
Delta Sigs 0-6

AW

Kappa Sig B 5-0
Sigma Chi 3-2
Kappa Sig A 1-3
Schroomers 0-2
AEPI 0-4

TEAM OFFENSE

1. SAE 40.5
2. Sudden Death 39.0
3. Raiders 30.5
4. Hotel B 28.0
5. Kappa Sig B 27.3
6. TKE 22.4
7. ATO 14.8

TEAM DEFENSE

1. Sudden Death 0.0
2. SAE 3.0
3. Kappa Sig B 6.6
4. Hotel B 9.3
5. Raiders 9.5
6. TKE 10.5
7. Sigma Chi 11.0

YELLIN REBEL TOP TEN

1. SAE
2. Raiders
3. Kappa Sig B
4. TKE
5. ATO
6. Hotel B
7. Sudden Death
8. Sigma Eps
9. Sigma Chi
10. Express