

REBEL SPORTS

Rebels face PCAA elite

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Speaking with Autney Wren, the defensive stud of UNLV's secondary, you are left with the impres-

sion that "never say die" is not just an attitude but a premonition of things to come when UNLV faces San Jose State this Saturday at San Jose.

"Our (UNLV's secon-

dary) attitude is to go out and score ourselves, to go after touchdowns," Wren said.

Wren says the secondary is really looking forward to the game against

San Jose, as it will be facing its toughest test of the season in Heisman Trophy candidate Mike Perez, who has passed for 1,758 yards and 12 touchdowns this year.

Perez was the NCAA leader in total offense last year, amassing 3,250, including an NCAA-best 508 yards passing in a single game against Pacific.

What will UNLV's defense, which is ranked 21st in the nation in passing yards allowed, do to Perez to prevent him from setting a new passing record against the Rebels?

"San Jose does a lot of reading and audiblitzing, so we will try to disguise our coverages by mixing up the positions," Wren said.

On the receiving end of most of Perez's aerials have been wide receiver Guy Liggins and fullback James Saxson. Liggins,

an All-PCAA and All-West Coast pick a year ago has caught 46 passes while Saxson has hauled in 41 out of the backfield.

Las Vegas native and Valley High alumnus Mike Hutcherson, who had nine tackles and three sacks against Fresno State last week, heads the cast of down linemen for the Spartans.

San Jose moved its record to 3-0 in conference and 6-1 overall last week when the Spartans defeated Fresno State, 20-16, before an ESPN nationally televised game.

The Rebels, on the other hand, are coming off their most uninspired game of the year, losing to Cal-State Fullerton 28-14.

Coach Wayne Nunnely has decided on Richard Williams as his starting quarterback for the Spartan game. Neither Williams nor Freshman Scott Sims was able to ig-

nite the Rebel offense in last week's game against Fullerton.

Icky Woods continued his running tear last week, rushing for 108 yards in the first half alone and 115 for the day against the Titans.

Tight end Cedric Davis had his best game of the year against Fullerton, catching three passes for 61 yards and one touchdown. One thing the Rebels will have going for them in their battle against the Spartans is that San Jose leads the nation in penalties, being penalized 82 times for 577 yards, while the Rebels have been penalized only 46 times for 394 yards.

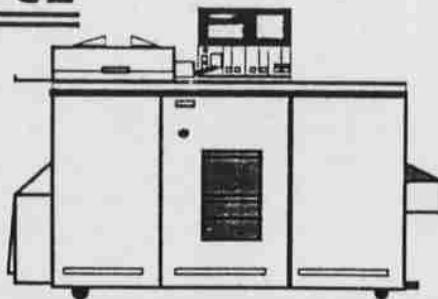
"We have confidence in our offence, they're just not doing what they do best, and we want to take some of the pressure off them," said Wren.



DRIBBLING REBEL — The seventeenth ranked UNLV soccer team will face Cal State Fullerton, Sunday at 1pm at Peter Johann Field. *photo by mike keller*

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Rebel Sports Briefs

"The Hammer's" Back

Good seats are still available for the Phoenix Suns/Chicago Bulls pre-season game scheduled for UNLV's Thomas & Mack Center at 8pm Saturday, Oct. 24.

Former UNLV stand-out Armon "The Hammer" Gilliam returns to lead the Suns on his old court. The 6'9", 248-pound power forward was the Suns' top draft pick and has a tremendous following of loyal UNLV Rebel fans from his dynamic Rebel career.

All-star slam dunk champion Michael "Air" Jordan headlines for the Bulls but has substantial competition from the opposing Phoenix Suns.

The legendary Ink Spots will make a special guest appearance for the NBA pre-game festivities.

Meet the Lady Rebels

The presentation of the

1987-1988 Lady Rebel

Basketball team will be Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the annual Meet The Lady Rebels Night. This formal event will begin at 7:30pm in the Si Redd Room of the Thomas and Mack Center.

Mary Hausch, Managing Editor of the Las Vegas Review Journal, will be the Master of Ceremonies. Many prominent Las Vegas women including Sue Lowden, Bonnie Bryan, Sylvia Maxson, Thalia Dondero, Jan Laverty-Jones and Susan Rothermel will be in attendance to introduce the members of the Lady Rebel team.

No-host cocktails and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Attendance by the public and UNLV students and faculty are welcomed.

Rebels face Reds

The UNLV Men's and Women's Basketball teams are gearing up for another exciting season. The season will kick off with each team facing teams from the Soviet Union.

The Lady Rebels will take the floor at the Thomas and Mack on Sunday, Nov. 15, at 7pm, while the Runnin' Rebels start the long road back, after losing six seniors to graduation, on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 8:30pm.

Tickets went on sale for both games last Wednesday. Ticket prices for the Women's game are \$5, \$4, \$3 and \$2.

The Men's tickets are \$15, \$12, \$10, \$6 and \$4. The \$15 seats are sold out for this game.

Since this is an exhibition game, students will not be admitted with their student ID's.