

REBEL SPORTS

Runnin' Rebels purge Soviet National team

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The UNLV men's basketball team vs. the Soviet Union's National men's team was an exhibition game in name only.

Tuesday night before 8,248 screaming Rebel fans in the Thomas and Mack Center, the Runnin' Rebels came from behind and defeated the Big Russkies 93-86.

The game began with the infamous light show and fireworks and all the Rebel hoopla. Not only did the Las Vegas fans get a treat, but so did the viewers watching the televised game on ESPN.

Despite the pregame glitter, the Russians came out business-like, took control and went right at the Rebels.

The Rebels, on the other hand, came out tight, hesitant to shoot, and their defense didn't look sharp in the early going.

The Soviets took an 13-4 lead over the Rebels

but it was just a matter of time before the offensive machine of the Rebels warmed up.

Senior Gerald Paddio, who finished the game with 29 points, cranked up the machine by firing shots from the 3-point line to close the gap to 13-12.

However, the Big Reds dominated the first half and shot a sizzling 56 percent from the floor to take a 46-35 halftime advantage, while the Rebels shot only 42 percent.

In the second half the Rebels came out and played pressure man-to-man defense, started fast breaking and hit the three-pointers.

"Coach (Tarkanian) told us at halftime that with the way things were going it would only be a matter of time before it started clicking for us," said Jarvis Basnight who finished the game with 19 points.

Not only did the fast break start clicking for the Rebels but so did their shooting.

The Rebels shot 51 percent in the second half

while the Soviets couldn't hit the broad side of an Afgan rebel from a foot away during the second half, they shot a mere 37 percent and at times were flustered by the Rebel's defense.

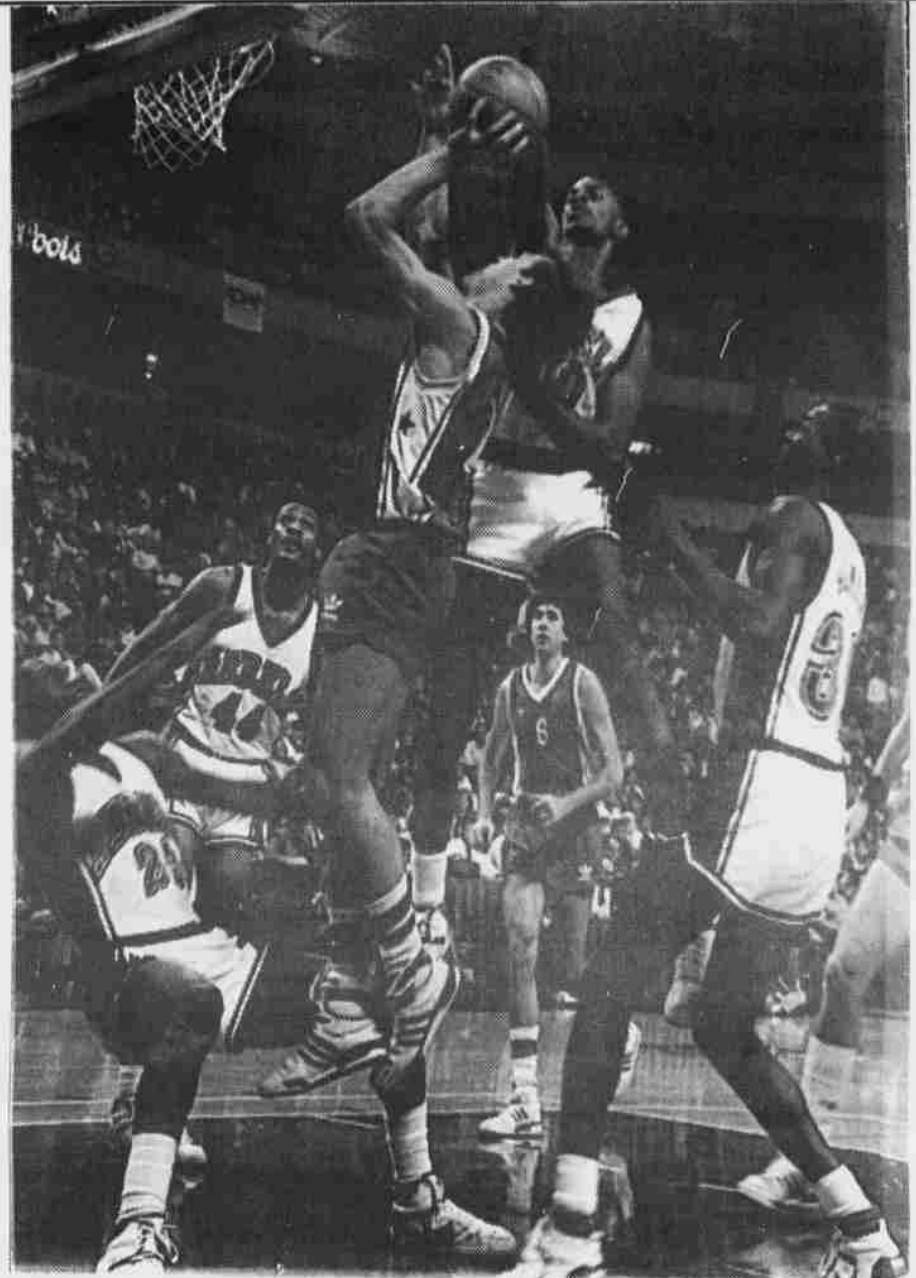
Richard Robinson seemed to have stunned the entire arena with his great performance. He finished the game with 14 points, 11 rebounds, and six block shots.

Coach Tarkanian had high praise for Robinson, whom he said "played the best game of his career."

The loss was the first for the Soviets in five games against college teams in their tour of the United States.

"I never felt we could win this game. I knew we would play hard and I hoped we would play well," Tarkanian said.

UNLV will hold its second Scarlet-Gray scrimmage next Tuesday and then will open the season at the Pearl Harbor Classic, Dec. 3 in Hawaii.



DETENTE — UNLV Senior Center Richard Robinson says "nyet-way" while blocking a Soviet shot.

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Intramural Report

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The UNLV intramural football playoffs begin tonight with the championship game to be played Saturday at 3:30.

All 15 teams are in the single-elimination tournament with the regular season division winners, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Kappa Sigma B, and Sudden Death receiving first-round byes.

Here is the Yellin Rebel playoff forecast:

SAE and Kappa Sig B should breeze through their brackets to set up a showdown between the two teams in the semifinals. In the toughest

bracket the 9-2 Raiders must first get by the Express to play TKE in the quarterfinals. TKE beat the Raiders earlier in the season but there will be no favorite in this game. In the last bracket the winner of the ATO-Hotel B game has a good chance of knocking off Sudden Death to get into the final four.

Final Four predictions: SAE beats Kappa Sig B. TKE beats ATO. SAE beats TKE in a hard-fought championship game which will resemble a boxing match more than a football game.

Note: The Michelob UNLV Intramural Tennis Classic will be held December 5th. There will

be Open, A, B, and C divisions. Trophies and prizes will be awarded.

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NE

TKE	11-1
Raiders	9-2
Express	4-6
Delta Phi	0-8

NW

SAE	10-0
ATO	8-3
Hotel B	6-4
JAFT	1-6

AMERICAN

AE

Sudden Death	6-1
Sig Eps	6-3
Delta Sigs	0-8

AW

Kappa Sig B	9-1
Kappa Sig A	5-4
Sigma Chi	5-6
AEPi	1-8

Sports Briefs

Rebels Honored

The Pacific Coast Athletic Association has named UNLV coach Barry Barto Coach of the Year and Rebel forward Jeff Wale Co-Player of the Year.

Joining Wale on the All-Conference team were teammates Shawn Ritchie and Eddie Anibal. UNLV's Kevin Nute and Simon Keith made the All-Conference second team.

Wale scored 11 goals this year and had five assists. Barto has compiled a 69-20-11 record in his five seasons at UNLV.

New Recruit

UNLV Lady Rebel basketball co-coaches Jim Bolla and Sheila Strike-

Bolla announced today the signing of Tasha Bradley to a national letter of intent to play basketball at UNLV next year.

Bradley, 17, becomes the third lady Rebel in three years to come out of John Muir High School in Pasadena, Ca. Bradley follows sophomore twins Geannine and Pauline Jordan in coming to UNLV and also joins UNLV men's basketball player Stacey Augmon who also prepped at John Muir.

A six-foot-two forward, Bradley averaged 24 points and 18 rebounds per game through her first three seasons, helping lead her team to a 74-13 overall record.

She was a 1986-87 first

team All-CIF selection in addition to being named Pacific League and San Gabriel Valley MVP. As a sophomore, she was named honorable mention All-CIF and second team All-Pacific League and All-San Gabriel Valley.

Rebel Football

The UNLV Rebel football team will try to keep its hopes for a winning season alive when they host the Pacific Tigers at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl Saturday at 7 pm.

The Rebels, who are 3-3 in conference and 4-5 overall, play one more game after Pacific, against Northern Illinois.

Fullback Ickey Woods is third in the nation in rushing