

REBEL SPORTS

Rebels trounce San Jose

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By the time the 7:16 mark rolled around in the first half of UNLV's 85-68 victory over the Spartans of San Jose State Saturday there were only two questions left.

What were those little yellow cards that Spartan Coach Bill Berry kept holding up during the game and were they doing his team any good?

The answers to those questions were the cards contained the team's plays since the team was experimenting with a different offensive scheme and the answer to the second question

Well the final score says it all.

The game for UNLV was about as unemotional

as you can get for the Runnin' Rebels. Since the game was televised locally from the Thomas and Mack there was only 16,798 fans in attendance and by game end there was little concern about getting out of the parking lot.

The game was close for the first five minutes with UNLV holding a slim two point lead with 16:20 to play. But the Rebels began to assert themselves and Jarvis Basnight and Stacey Augmon combined for two dunks and a layup to move out to a 14-6 lead.

The Spartans cut the margin to six at 21-15 before Gerald Paddio popped a three pointer and Basnight hit a couple of baskets to increase the score 29-15. Paddio also

added eight of the teams last 13 points to his total as the Rebels went into half time 44-22.

The Rebels played good pressure defense in the first half holding the Spartans to 29 percent shooting from the floor and forced them into eight turnovers.

"It was a tough game for us to get up for, but I thought we played well in the first half," Head Coach Jerry Tarkanian said. "It was a good win for us, our defense was excellent."

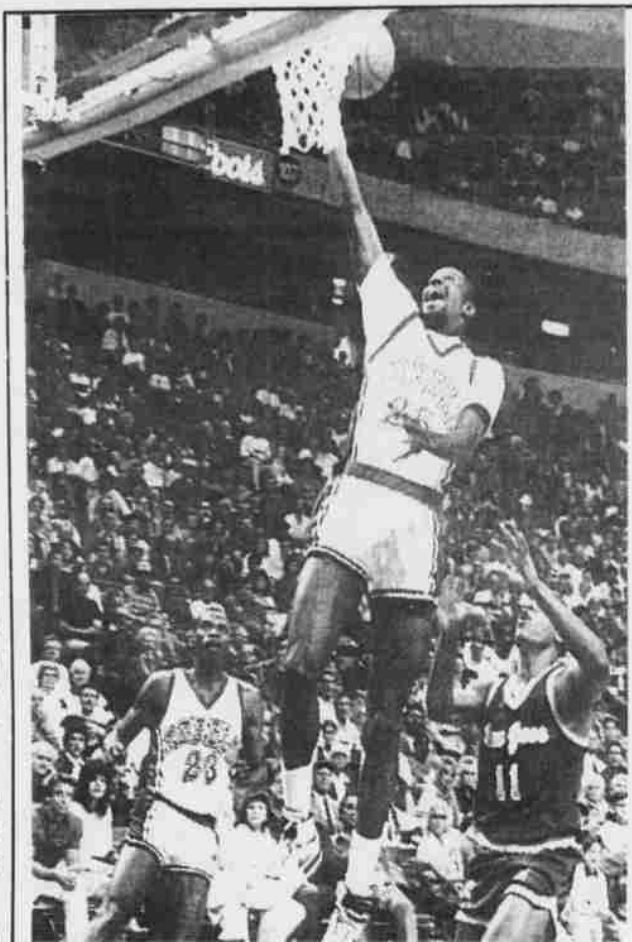
The second half was entertaining if nothing else. The Rebels played as well as could be expected considering they held the lead at 22 points until Coach Tarkanian made substitutions into the game with less than three minutes to play.

Chris Jeter interjected some life into the reserved crowd. With his first slam dunk and two points of the season at the 1:35 mark. Very few people hung around to see Travis Bice score the last two points of the game by converting a one and one situation with six seconds to play.

"I really don't think they played that good of a game," said Berry. "we just weren't able to get back on defense and stop their layup drill. They caught us a few too many times."

The Rebels now hold a commanding 1½ game lead going into their last four games.

Should the Rebels win their two games this weekend they will clinch the PCAA title.



FINGER ROLL — Rebel Chris Jeter stretches out for two against San Jose State as teammate Gerald Paddio looks on.
photo by jon ansok/Rebel photo editor

Lady Rebels hit the shores of Montezuma

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Pauline Jordan scored eight of the last nine points for the Lady Rebels to help them take sole possession of second place in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association with a 67-62 win over San Diego State University.

The win did not come easily to the ladies despite

having a 12-point lead on several occasions in the first half.

The Aztecs got on the board first with a bucket by Alison Smith but the Rebels went on a 16-4 run to make the score 16-6 with 12:01 remaining in the first half.

Senior Captain Karen Hall was the catalyst for the run as she popped in four points and dished off

assists to DeNise Ballenger and Pauline Jordan for easy layups during the first half action.

However, the Lady Rebels went stone cold and scored only four points the rest of the half when the Aztecs change their defense to a 2-3 zone. The Lady Aztecs took advantage of this slump and chipped away at the lead going into the

lockeroom down 34-30.

"Their zone gave us some problems," UNLV co-Head Coach Jim Bolla said. "We didn't play real well against their zone."

Hall and Geannine Jordan came out in the second half and combined for a quick four points to push the advantage to eight points an advantage which soon disappeared.

After an Aztec timeout,

UNLV was outscored 10-2 to have the score knotted at 40-40 with 13:53 left to play. The score was tied three more times with the last being 56-all with only 5:35 to play.

Cynthia Thomas gave UNLV the lead for good with an inside shot then Pauline Jordan hit a jumper and a scored a layup to increase their lead to 63-58.

From that point on, the Lady Rebels controlled the ball to hold on and win the game, 67-62

With the win the Lady Rebels take sole possession of second place in the PCAA and a game and a half lead ahead of SDSU. It also gives the team momentum going into this weekends Northern Lights Classic in Alaska.

Woods returns for last hurrah before NFL

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UNLV's National Collegiate Athletic Association rushing champion Elbert "Ickey" Woods is waiting to find out how far he can get in the National Football League Draft and to what NFL team he will belong to next season.

The 6-foot-1 senior fullback returned to Las

Vegas last weekend after going through vigorous training at the NFL Invitational Camp in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The invitational featured over 300 of the top seniors around the country including running backs Lorenzo White from Michigan State, Gaston Green of UCLA, and Jamie Morris of Michigan.

According to Woods,

the primary purpose of the camp was to let NFL scouts view players athletic ability.

How did Woods look at the annual camp? He ran the Short Shuttle Run in 4:38, Long Shuttle Run in 12:02, and he ran the 40 in a timed 4.5 seconds.

"They had us do many agility drills to see how quick and agile we were," said Woods. "I was very

satisfied on how I did.

The NFL draft is not until April 24th but Woods said the football scouts are predicting him to be picked in the first or second round.

"They (NFL teams) usually contact you by telephone so at the time of the draft I will be in Arizona with my agent," Woods said.

He said it doesn't mat-

ter what team he is drafted by as long as he is picked up by an NFL organization.

Until the draft, Woods will spend most of the time traveling to different football clubs for tryouts which will not leave him much time for classes.

"Next spring I will come back and attend classes. I'm determined to receive my degree," said Woods.

Woods holding court as a Rebel for the last time Friday showed up at the Rebel Football banquet in a British Knights running suit. He circulated the festivities with a video camera, taping the last hurrahs of his senior teammates.

The Era of Ickey Woods at UNLV is over now. It's just a matter of time until an NFL era will begin.