

# REBEL SPORTS

## Rebels to face SMSU Bears in first NCAA round

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The UNLV Runnin' Rebels will take on the Bears of Southwest Missouri State University in the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association West Regional tonight at UCLA's Pauley Pavilion.

Smart, sophisticated, and disciplined is how assistant Coach Ralph Readout described the Rebels opponent.

"They make you pay for your mistakes with the back cuts or layups.

They're very surgical and very patient," said

Bear's slow patient playing style does not lull them

CBS-TV analyst and considerable the best college basketball broadcaster Billy Packer has picked the "Bad Bears" to upset the Rebels. This prediction came earlier this week during a fundraising party at Ditka's, a Chicago bar owned by a Bear of a different color.

The Rebels will have to get back on track after suffering a surprising loss to UC Irvine in the semifinals of the PCAA playoffs. It was the first loss for the Rebels in PCAA playoff action since they've entered the league.

Keith James is suffering from mononucleosis and will be out for the remainder of the season.

Losing Keith means losing a perimeter person," Tarkanian said. "We need Stacey to come in and take over. It's tough because he's been out for a while. But we need him.

Coach Tarkanian is referring to Stacey Cvijanovich who has been out of action because of a broken thumb. According to Coach Tarkanian, Cvijanovich will see more playing time.

Defending the Bears will not be an easy task for

the Rebels because they use a patient offense and balanced scoring approach with four players to offset a noticeable lack of size.

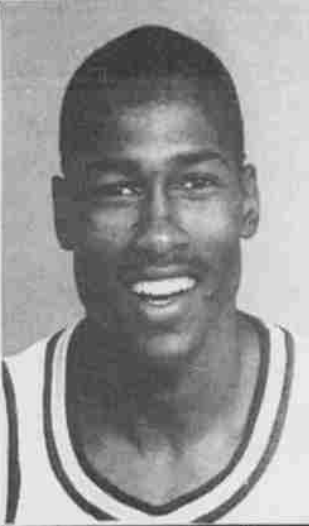
Senior forward Clay Holt (15.9), junior Kelby Stuckey (15.8). Stuckey is the tallest starter a 6-foot-7 for the Bears, senior forward Stan Worthy (15.4), and junior guard Doug Lewis.

The Rebels will have to tighten up the defense to offset the Bears scoring power to advance to the next round of the NCAA playoff game scheduled for Sunday.



Readout.

The Rebels have to be quite careful that the



to sleep resulting in an early exit out of the NCAA tournament.

## Two UNLV athletes receive top scholarship honor

SANTA ANA, CALIF.-- Twenty student-athletes, including Wendy Hoffman-Meyers and Ted Williams of UNLV, have been selected as recipients of the third annual Pacific Coast Athletic Association Scholar-Athlete of the Year awards, PCAA Interim Commissioner Dennis Farrell announced today.

The 20 winners were chosen for outstanding achievement in athletic competition, academics and community involvement. All possess cumulative grade point

averages of 3.0 (B average) or better.

Among the 10 male and 10 female student-athletes to receive the accolade are All-Americans in track and field, softball, golf, water polo, cross country, football, swimming and volleyball. Also named are two PCAA Athletes of the Year, along with numerous All-PCAA athletic honorees.

A two-time All-American swimmer, Wendy Hoffman-Meyers, has excelled both in the water and the classroom. Voted the team's Most Inspira-

tional leader, twice she has been honored on the Dean's List; she carries a 3.3 g.p.a. in social work/education. With hopes of an Olympic medal, she is currently training for the Olympic trials.

A berth on the Olympic swim team is certainly a possibility for Hoffman-Meyers, the 1988 PCAA Swimmer of the Year, who holds four PCAA records and 10 UNLV women's records.

The top back-stroker in UNLV history, she competed in the NCAA Cham-

pionships in the 100 and 200 backstroke. In 1985-86, she swam a leg on the 400 medley relay to place 14th in the NCAA's.

"Wendy Hoffman-Meyers truly epitomizes the concept of the scholar-athlete," commented Brad Rothermel, UNLV's Director of Athletics. "Wendy has consistently demonstrated her commitment to the academic as well as the athletic aspects while competing as an undergraduate student-athlete. She is one of the outstanding swimmers in the PCAA and possesses

a true commitment to academic excellence."

Like his namesake, Ted Williams has found himself a niche on the baseball diamond. A star in the classroom as well, the senior public accounting major (3.56 g.p.a.), was honored in 1987 for his dual success, being named as an UNLV Scholar Athlete and a PCAA Scholar Athlete.

A two-year letterman at second base for UNLV, Williams has succeeded at every level of competition he has competed at. A three-sport athlete

(baseball, soccer, basketball) in high school, Ted was named to the District 10 Legion All-Star Team. In junior college, Williams was honored on the All-Region and All-District teams after leading his team to the Junior College World Series.

"Ted is a very dedicated young man," stated UNLV head coach Fred Dallimore. "He approaches everything in life in the same manner, whether it is baseball or academics. He exemplifies everything you want in a student-athlete."

## Karens's Kolum

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(Splawn is filling in for Hall for this week).

I recently read an article in the Sports section of the Los Angeles Times about Houston Astros pitcher Bob Knepper and his sexist beliefs about female umpires, or more specifically, female roles in society.

Knepper, you see, doesn't believe women should be umpires. He doesn't believe women should be much of anything, except childbearers and floorscrubbers.

Knepper voiced his views about Pacific Coast League umpire Pam Postema, who is said to be a much better umpire than Knepper is a pitcher.

"As far as her ability for umpiring, she seems fine,

but I don't think a woman should be an umpire...I don't think a woman should be the President of the United States or a governor or mayor or police chief," he said.

Knepper bases his views on Biblical beliefs. He says he knows God's perspectives (guess he's been talking to The Big Guy lately).

Plenty of men in the baseball field disagree with Knepper and say Postema is good, period. She's paid her dues in the minors and is now getting a chance in the big leagues. She made it there by hard work and talent, not by reverse discrimination, or by being put on a pedestal, where Knepper says he puts women (I can't help but suspect it's actually the trash dumpster.)

Obviously, Knepper is a pathetic neanderthal not to

be taken seriously, but he's not harmless. There are many young boys (AND GIRLS) who admire baseball players like Knepper, and take what they say to heart. His comments help to keep stupid stereotypes alive, and to keep women like Postema away from what they really want to do—umpire, pitch, or any other occupation in baseball.

Before Karen Hall left, she wanted me to put a personal message to Knepper.

LISTEN UP, BOBBY BABY:

Karen Hall of the Lady Rebels challenges YOU to one on one game of basketball. She will show NO mercy on you and you WILL realize the power of a woman.

I've seen Hall play. Start practicing, Knepper.