

# REBEL SPORTS

## Football players practice for next season

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The UNLV Rebel football players have been hitting the grid iron and weights for the past few weeks in preparation for the 1988-89 football campaign.

UNLV students and supporters will have their chance to preview the upcoming team on April 23

as the Rebels conclude their spring training.

They will take the field in their helmets and uniform to play in their annual Spring Football game and barbecue. Kickoff is set for 1pm.

According to head coach Wayne Nunnely, Scott Sims, who played back up to Richard Williams for some parts of the past season, is now

the Rebels number one quarterback.

"Scott is doing well," Nunnely said. "Charles Price, and Derrick Scott are getting a lot of experience and practice. Williams is the number two quarterback."

A new 3-4 defense that has been experimented by the team may be put into the Rebel attack for the fall.

So far, Nunnely said the defensive players are doing a good job.

The team hasn't had too many setbacks, but a lack of depth, injured players, and players not coming in until the fall has slowed the teams progress.

"The players are working hard and the overall attitude has changed for the better," Nunnely said. "There are more positive

things going on and there is not much complaining. Their getting the job done."

If the season started tomorrow, Nunnely would be confident that he would have a good football team.

"I'm confident that we would do well but it would be hard to say how well the new kids would do. Offensively we would be effective," said Nunnely.

In another week fans will be able to find out just how good the team would do if the season opened.

The game will be held at Bill "Wildcat" Morris Rebel Park. Tickets can be ordered by calling the UNLV ticket office at 739-FANS. Ticket price include the game and barbecue. Adult tickets are \$5, \$3 for UNLV students, faculty, and alumni.

## Letter of intent day nets UNLV two new basketball recruits

April 13 was the first day of the spring national letter-of-intent period for scholastic athletes around the United States to sign with colleges and universities of their choice.

UNLV landed two recruits: guard-forward Bobby Joyce of Santa Ana, California and Nicole Houle a distance runner from Hesperia, California. Joyce became the first

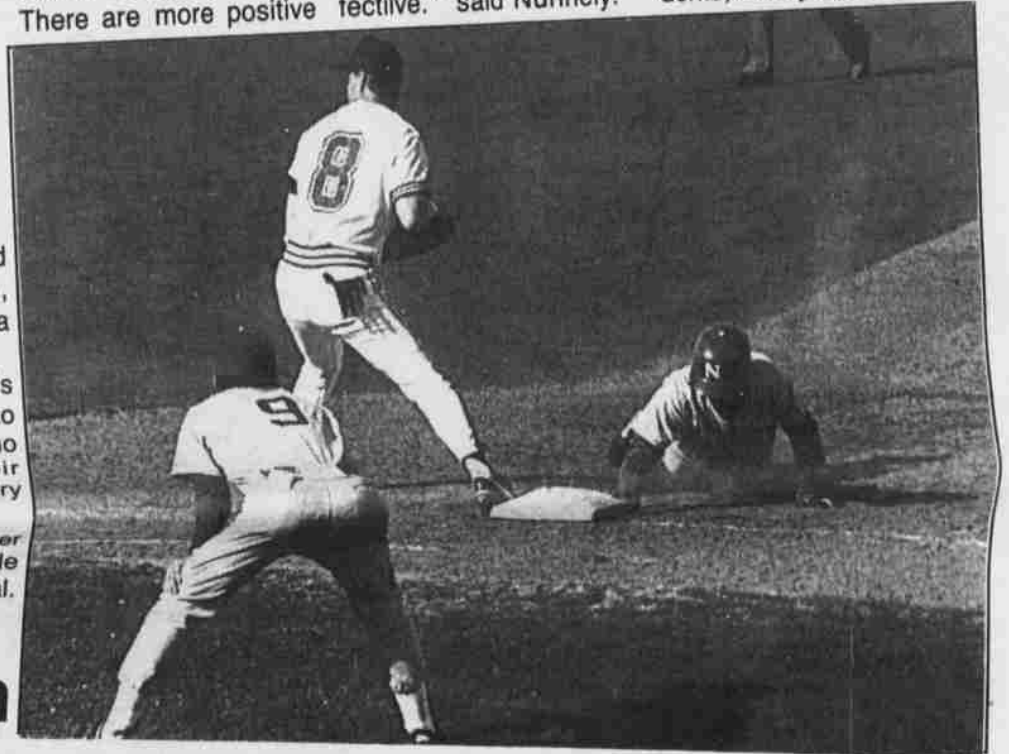
signee for the Runnin' Rebels. He had orally committed to UNLV last week. Joyce is a 6-foot-7 guard, he averaged 24.2 points, 15.5 rebounds, and 7.0 blocks per outing at Santa Ana High School last season.

The Rebels are now waiting for the decision of Don MacLean, who is considered one of the top 10 forward-centers in the

country. MacLean has narrowed his choices to Duke, UNLV, UCLA, Georgia Tech and Kentucky.

Nicole Houle is UNLV's first distance runner to sign with the Rebels who will reinstate their women's cross country program.

She was the top finisher from in the West two-mile at the Arcadia Invitational.



## Silver Streaks open season

The Las Vegas Silver Streaks, which opens the season on May 18, will be playing in the World Basketball League.

The Calgary 88's, Chicago Express, Fresno Flames, Vancouver Nitehawks, and the Youngstown Pride join the Silver Streaks in the "six-

feet-four and under" league.

"The six existing teams have branched off from the International Basketball Association (IBA) to the WBL, "Silver Streaks General Manager Jack Donovan said, who attended league meetings in Chicago.

Steve Ehrhart was named Commissioner of the WBL. Hall of famer Bob Cousy, who was serving as the director of operations for the IBA, will be associated with the WBL.

Players will report to the Silver Streaks' training camp the last week of April.

## Correction

In the Tuesday sports issue of the Yellin' Rebel on the back page, Rebel Track standout Carrie Franklin was incorrectly printed as the jumper in the picture.

The correct athlete is Freshman Jumper Deanne Moyle. Moyle competed in the jumping competition during last week UNLV track meet.



## karen's kolum

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Boxing is a sport that many of us enjoy watching and attending. Some of us watch it for recreation others view it as a professional pastime.

I've attended several boxing press conferences and it is amazing how some of those boxers can barely speak, but when I attend matches and see these men socking each other upside the head reality sets in quickly.

Many viewers eye money as the motivation to watch boxing, but would you want someone to bet to see how many hits it takes you to hit the canvas?

I enjoy watching the fights myself, so I guess I'm also guilty for wanting to see the devastating punch that knocks a man out cold.

But what I dislike about boxing the most is that once their careers are over or in transistion they can hardly phrase a complete sentence.

Sure they have the huge bank accounts, slick cars, and women, but how much can they really enjoy it all if they can barely speak.

Some of you may believe they can get along fine by hiring people to do the work for them but wouldn't you want to be competent enough to do things on your own.

I wonder if Muhammad Ali, the Greatest fighter in the world, would do things differently if he knew the end result of his boxing career was going to leave him relatively speechless.

In the meantime, I will ponder how much these fighters think about the end results of their careers.