SPORTS

UNLV Rebels find two out of three ain't bad

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Nevada, Las Vegas Hustlin' Rebels took two of three from the visiting Long Beach 49'ers over row the Rebels have hit the eight getting two runs the past weekend winning the first two games and in a game. then dropped a close decision on Sunday.

homerun on the second pitch of the game to give was 7-1 after two. the 49'ers an early 1-0 lead.

with their bats unholstered and ready to fire. Fire they did, with two outs in the 9-1. bottom of the first inning Layne Lambert tripled and was driven home by Dave Sturdivant who singled.

What followed next was Long Beach four runs. inning. truly a sight as Jim Marty Lequerica was call-Barbeau, Scott Childress ed on to shut the door and ed a high pop between se-The University of and Joe Bellezzo all sent did so striking out five in pitcher Greg Marshall's of- two and two thirds innings. fering over the fence. It was the third game in a surance in the bottom of three consecutive homers on two hits, a walk, and an

The Rebels got two more runs in the second Things didn't look good when Gary Forrester singlfor the Rebels when Mike ed with two outs and came Lujan greeted Rebels home on Lambert's offerstarter Scott Lewis with a ing to the left field scoreboard and the score

It stayed that way until Lambert unloaded his se-UNLV didn't take too cond dinger of the night, kindly to this and came out and UNLV's fifth of the might still be going on if Barbeau who was on first game, with Forrester aboard to run the score to

The Rebels got in-

on the ball but none caught the ball. The ball was so high in the air that Lambert from third and Sturdivant from second.

not for the miscommunica- was also halfway home. tion of the 49'ers in the

Saturday night's game had crossed the plate and

Childress then launch-

cond and center field.

Three players converged

Childress also scored seventh inning. The as a result of another hit Lewis ran into trouble in Rebels had loaded the and two errors before the the seventh as three bases on a fielder's inning ended. Pitcher doubles and two singles choice, a single and a Donovan Osborne took

from Lequerica in the eigth.

Sunday was one of those days that you wish you can have over or never started. UNLV took an early 1-0 lead on a home run by Bellezzo, then they added two more in the second on a single by Stacey Kruse, a double by Childress and a double by Larry Simms.

In the third things fell apart for starter David Carter as Long Beach scored three runs on three hits and two walks to tie the game at 3-3.

The Rebels played longball again in the third with Bellezzo getting his second homer of the game with Forrester on second to make the score 5-3. Barbeau then doubled and came home on a single by Kruse to make to start the inning brought walk with two outs in the the win with relief help the score 6-3 after three.

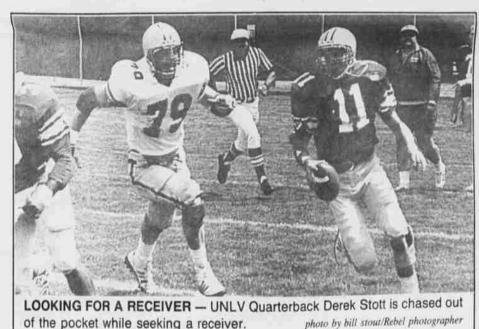
Reliever Bob Ayrault was ruffed up in the fifth for four runs on four hits, a walk and an error to give the 49'ers the lead 7-6 after five.

The Rebels played tied the game again in the sixth when Kruse doubled, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on the shortstops error on Lamberts groundball.

The score remained tied until the ninth when Larry Smith started off the inning for Long Beach with a walk, went to second on a sacrifice by Shane Larker.

Larker came home on a triple by Carlos Gonzales to give the 49'ers the run they needed as they survived a scare in the ninth.

They defeated UNLV 8-7 and the Rebels chances of a conference crown is in jeporady.



NFL drafts Ickey Woods

of the pocket while seeking a receiver.

The National Football League held their annual draft on Sunday in New York and UNLV fullback and nation's leading rusher last season Elbert "Ickey" Woods was drafted in the second round as the 31st pick for the Cincinnati Bengals.

The draft only went through the first four rounds on Sunday and concluded late yesterday. Look for more on the draft in Friday's sports section of the Yellin' Rebel.

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