

REBEL SPORTS

UNLV Alumni play for Nevada Special Olympics

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Before a crowd of 6,560 at the Thomas & Mack

Center a team of NBA All-Stars defeated the UNLV Alumni 134-127 in the ARCO Special Olympic Summer Spectacular held on

July 23.

Mark Aquirre of the Dallas Mavericks led the way for the All-Stars by pouring in 31 points. Armon Gilliam and Dominique Wilkins headed up the scoring for the alumni with 29 apiece. Wilkins, who attended the University of Georgia, was permitted to play on the UNLV team in an effort to make the teams even.

UNLV had trouble the entire game keeping the score close against the hot shooting All-Stars. The All-Stars shot a blistering 59 percent from the field in the first half, compared to 45 by the alumni. The All-Stars also dominated the boards, led by Charles Oakley's game high 20 rebounds.

Reggie Theus, who was the host for the evening, tried to organize the teams so that the game would be competitive and all the

UNLV alumni would be on the same team. By putting Wilkins on the UNLV team, Theus was able to accomplish his goal. Wilkins dazzled the crowd with three spectacular dunks, including a reverse slam.

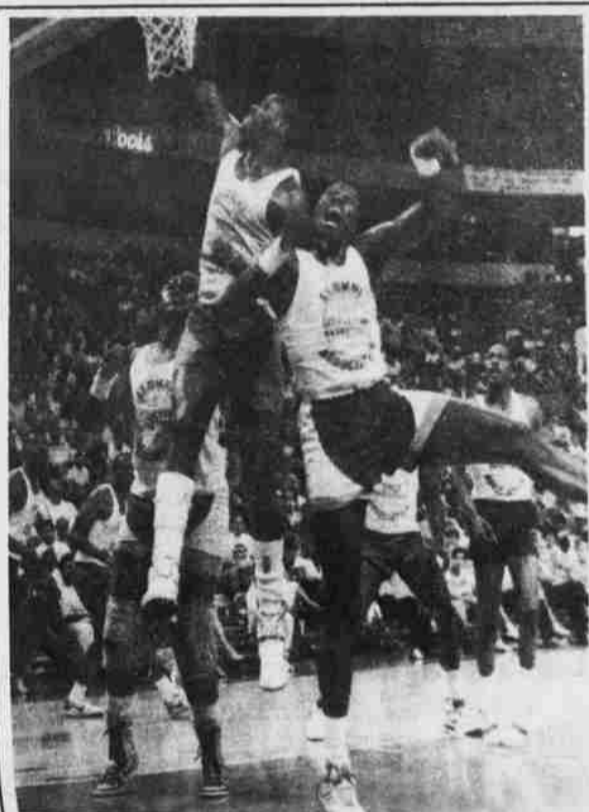
At times during the game there were glimpses of brilliance that we have come to expect from these players, but for the most part it looked like a pick-up game in a schoolyard, an incredible pick-up game though. But the quality of play was not as important as for the purpose of the game. All proceeds of the game went to the Nevada Special Olympics.

Theus, who was recently traded from the Sacramento Kings to the Atlanta Hawks, has been involved with the charity since his playing days with the Runnin' Rebels.

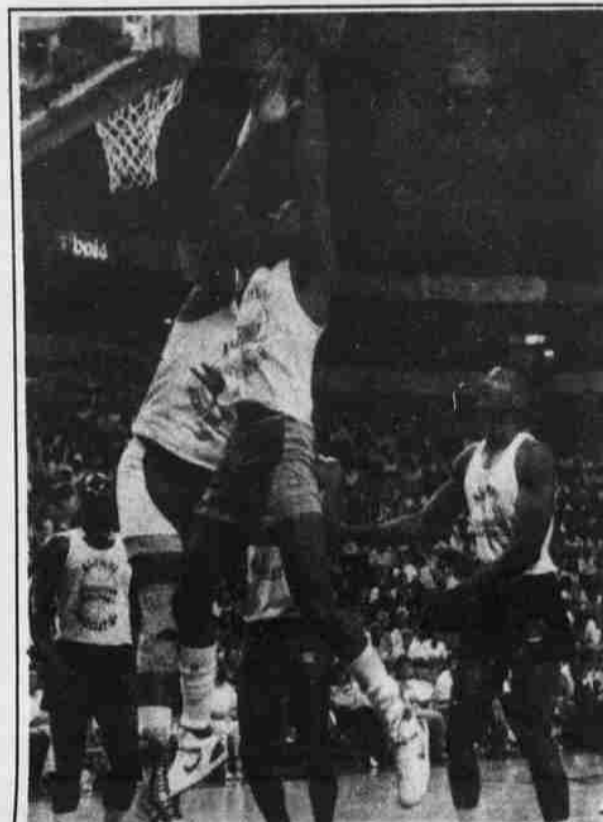
"Not everybody has the

talent (to play NBA basketball)," Theus said. "It really is an honor to be able to use our ability for a good cause." Governor Richard

Bryan paid special tribute to Theus by awarding him a plaque and establishing a "Reggie Theus Day" in Nevada.



Crash - Sidney Green and Patrick Ewing battle for a rebound in a recent alumni game.



Two Points - Jarvis Basnight goes by a defender for another Rebel hoop.

Sports Calendar

Aug. 12

Top Rank Boxing: Top Rank Inc. features its monthly boxing program in the Caesars Palace Sports Pavilion. Doors open 5 p.m.; first bell 6 p.m.; Tickets \$20, \$15, \$10, all seats reserved. Tickets are available at the hotel's Olympic Box Office or by telephoning 731-7865 or 800/634-6698.

Aug. 20

Beer Tasting: International Beer Expo '88. 3 p.m. Thomas & Mack Center. \$15. 739-3900.

Aug. 21 & 22

Basketball: Silver Streaks vs. Calgary. 7 p.m. Thomas & Mack Center. \$9, \$6 & \$3. 739-3900.

Aug. 25 & 26

Basketball: Silver Streaks vs. Vancouver. 7 p.m. Thomas & Mack Center. \$9, \$6 & \$3. 739-3900.

Aug. 27

Basketball: Men's U.S. Olympic Basketball Team. 8 p.m. Thomas & Mack Center. \$25, \$17.50, \$12.50 & \$7.50. 739-3900.

Aug. 29 & 30

Basketball: Silver Streaks vs. Youngstown. 7 p.m. Thomas & Mack Center. \$9, \$6 & \$3. 739-3900.

FUTURE STAR



New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing gives an assist to a young fan

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