

# REBEL SPORTS

## Baylor shuts down Rebs

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Many football fans had already predicted the outcome of Saturday night's game at Waco, Texas between UNLV and Baylor University before it even started.

The Rebels would lose by a substantial margin and prove that new developing teams, like the Rebels, have no place playing perennial powers such as Baylor or Nebraska. Right?

Actually the Rebels did lose rather convincingly 27-3.

But as for the scheduling of big name schools, remember the Rebels almost defeated Baylor last season (losing 21-14), and the experience of playing big-time schools such as Nebraska, SMU and Baylor can prove valuable to an untested, inexperienced team like the

Rebels.

The game did, however, raise some major concerns for the UNLV coaching staff.

The Rebels, who going into the season had hoped to establish a solid offensive attack, failed to accomplish this goal in their opener Saturday night. UNLV gained only 50 yards in total offense and managed just two first downs (one on a penalty).

UNLV's offense did its best rendition of a chorus line, one two three kick.

Punter Tony Rhynes was forced to punt 13 times for an impressive 43.8 yard average.

The UNLV defense, which was the biggest question mark going into the season, performed adequately.

The Rebel secondary allowed only 129 yards passing to Baylor quarterback Brad Goebel, who as a sophomore is well on his way

to breaking all Baylor passing records.

The defensive line had the toughest assignment of the evening, having to fight through the Bears' immense offensive line. The line played well for three quarters before their lack of depth was exposed in the fourth quarter.

Baylor scored on its opening possession on a two yard touchdown run by Eldwin Raphael.

The Bears added a field goal on their next possession to make the score 10-0 with 8:17 remaining in the first quarter.

The Rebels' lone score of the game came on a 41-yard second quarter field goal by Jim Cook to pull the Rebels to within 10-3 at half.

The Rebels were helped in the first half by some good old Texas hospitality, as Baylor committed four turnovers.

Interceptions by Freddie Phillips and Charles Anthony aided the Rebels cause. Two Baylor fumbles and some key penalties against the Bears helped keep the Rebels close in the first half.

The second half saw the Rebels play well defensively in the third quarter, allowing only a Jeff Ireland field goal, making the score 13-3 at the end of three quarters.

But the fourth quarter proved to be the undoing for the Rebs as Baylor used its size and depth to establish a very effective and time-consuming running attack.

Baylor scored 14 fourth quarter points on two field goals, a touchdown and a two-point conversion to account for the final margin of victory. The Rebels have a bye next week before their home opener against Big West opponent Cal-State Fullerton on September 17.

## Rebel Stat Sheet

**BAYLOR BEARS 27**  
**UNLV REBELS 3**

UNLV  
Baylor

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Baylor-Raphael 2 yard run (Syler kick)  
Baylor-Field goal Ireland. 41 yards  
UNLV-Field goal Cook. 41 yards  
Baylor-Field goal Ireland. 37 yards  
Baylor-Murray 17 yard run (Gilstrap run)  
Baylor-Field goal Ireland. 29 yards  
Baylor-Field goal Ireland. 32 yards  
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	UNLV	Baylor
First downs	2	26
Rushes-yards	23-11	54-262
Passing yards	39	129
Return yards	49	132
Passes	4-22-0	15-35-2
Punts	13-45	3-42
Fumbles-lost	0-0	4-2
Penalties-yards	6-55	5-52
Time of Possession	22:06	37:54

## Sims begins second year at offensive helm

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Contrary to popular belief, there is life before Rebel basketball at UNLV.

In case you haven't heard, "Rebels" is also the name used by the UNLV football team. Quarterback Scott Sims will be returning for his second year with the Rebels, bringing with him strong hopes of pulling the team up and over .500.

With a record of 5-6 last season, Scott and his teammates came close to breaking even. But for Scott, those five wins were especially sweet because each of those five were won with him starting and finishing at the helm of the offense. And although he, seeming to be rather critical of himself, winces at his '87 stats (42.2 percent completion rate for 809 yards, 14 interceptions and 6 touchdowns), he displayed increasing maturity with every game he played and showed great promise for this season.

Scott feels the Rebels have a better season ahead due to a more balanced offense. "Last year it was hand the

ball off to Ickey (Woods) and let him go," Scott recalls.

Now that Woods, who leads the nation in rushing last year, is with the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals, Sims will have the opportunity to put the rest of the offense to better use.

Scott is thrilled about his position with the Rebels. He was recruited by bigger schools such as USC and Utah with more prestigious football programs, but the majority of them wanted him as a defensive back.

Although UNLV is a smaller school, Sims is happy with his role.

"If you play well, you'll get recognized no matter where you are," Sims explained.

In terms of "getting recognized", Scott would like to pursue a career in the National Football League some day, but he has no false hopes about his future. He is a Criminal Justice major and is extremely comfortable in the fact that he will always have that to fall back on. He stresses that it's important to pursue something else besides football because "you could go out on the

practice field one day and break your leg and that would be that."

He is also looking forward to the next three seasons so he can improve his stats and better his chances for a shot at the NFL.

Outside of football, Scott likes to limit his activities to things he can do inside, where he can avoid the heat. Mostly he enjoys kicking back and listening to music, "mostly rap and slow music" he says.

As for playing other sports, Scott tries to stay away from them as much as possible to avoid unnecessary injuries. Scott remembers playing a little basketball last year and coming away with a sprained ankle. The last thing the Rebels need is to lose their quarterback, especially to an injury that can be easily avoided.

"We're a family", Sims says when describing the closeness of the team.

So if you're sitting around waiting for basketball season to begin, you just might miss all the excitement that Scott Sims and his "family" are ready to deliver.



**TITLE FIGHT:** Three-time world boxing champion Sugar Ray Leonard poses with WBC light heavyweight champion Donny Lalonde