

REBEL SPORTS

UNLV Soccer Team set for home opener

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The UNLV soccer team, 0-2, opens up their home schedule this weekend in the sixth annual UNLV Adidas/Ethel M. Rebel Classic at Peter Johann Memorial Field.

The tournament will include number one ranked Virginia along with UCLA and Connecticut. All three teams participated in last years NCAA Tournament.

The Rebels started off the

season last weekend with two overtime losses at the Portland Challenge Cup Tournament.

In game one the Rebels fell to Washington 1-0.

Despite being shutout the Rebels had numerous opportunities to score. They had 27 shots in the game, including a penalty kick by Simon Keith in the second half, but not one got in the net.

The winning goal for the Huskies came at the 6:55 mark of the first overtime period as Perry Travis head-

ed in a cross from Mark Cairns.

The Rebels suffered a heartbreaker again in game two, in a 2-1 loss to Portland.

UNLV got on the board first when Ernst Wittmann scored his first collegiate goal at the 21:17 mark of the second half.

The goal was set up by a cross from Sal Carbone that Wittmann headed in.

Portland tied the game at 1-1 on a goal by Wade Webber and then won it on a 12 yard shot by Scott Benedetti

at 1:56 of the first overtime.

The losses dropped the Rebels out of the Soccer America Top 20, but the team hopes to rebound at home this weekend.

The Rebels play Connecticut at 7:00 P.M. Friday night, followed by a match-up between Virginia and UCLA.

Saturday nights games will include UNLV vs. Virginia at 7:00 P.M. and UCLA vs. Connecticut at 9:00 P.M.

Connecticut, of the Big East Conference, is coached

by 19th year coach Joe Morrone. In his 31 years of coaching collegiate soccer, Morrone has established a career record of 326-133-43, making him one of only five coaches to amass 300 career victories.

The Huskies are led by 3-time All American Don Donigan, the 1987 Big East Player of the Year.

An opening season victory over traditional power Philadelphia Textile has earned Connecticut some

much needed respect.

Virginia, of the Atlantic Coast Conference, comes into the classic ranked number one in the ISAA poll. The Cavaliers have one of the top defenses in the country anchored by All American Jeff Agoos.

The Rebels will not play UCLA in the classic, but the Rebs and Bruins will hook-up on October 27 at Peter Johann Field. The Bruins are ranked fourth in the nation on the ISAA poll.

Goalie Danny Anderson is Rebel Backbone

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Question, what UNLV team was ranked in the preseason top ten teams in the country? Question, what UNLV team will host the number one team in the nation (Sept. 9-10) in one of the biggest tournaments in the country? If you answered basketball you're wrong! This is soccer season and ladies and gentlemen Las Vegas has one of the best teams in the country. Question, who is Danny Anderson? Answer, the number one goalkeeper in UNLV history in lowest goals against average and this seasons number one goalie.

The goalkeeper, the last wall in a teams defense. Lets face it, if you don't have a goalie you don't win many games. So just what makes a goalkeeper you ask? Fast feet, quick hands, catlike reflexes, and the uncanny

ability to throw your body in the path of a ball traveling at high speeds time after time after time. Many people have those characteristics and they are good goaltenders. Add to that list born instincts and you have all the ingredients of a stand out goaltender. Danny has all those and UNLV has Danny as their last wall.

A local product and a graduate of Chaparral High School, Danny is coming off a season where he posted six shutouts and allowed an average of less than one goal a game. He started playing soccer at an age when kids were placed at a position by a coach who just wanted to see who could play where. As you might have already guessed by now, Danny was put in goal and there he stayed. Youth league coaches found out that he had a certain instinct for the game that other kids lacked, giving him an advantage when the time

came to cut down a shooters scoring angles and in reading plays developing. After leading his under sixteen league team to a regional final victory in a match they were said to have no chance to win, Danny took some advice from his coach, to make soccer work in his favor and get an education and more out of life.

Off the field can be classed as a person with multiple personalities with the current situation determining his actions. From a quiet reserved person in a classroom, to becoming as wild as the next guy when around friends and teammates at local hangouts. On the field the transformation begins and a highly competitive athlete takes over. According to back-up goalkeeper Todd Neel, when things start to go bad he becomes a vocal person who gets on teammates until things start to straighten out. An extreme confidence



UNLV Goalie Danny Anderson makes the save during a recent soccer practice.

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can be added to the different sides of Danny Anderson. For any person to be successful they must have faith in their ability. For Danny, the feeling that the shooter can't get the ball by him is essential. To help get in that frame of mind he uses the idea that the shooter is kicking the ball at him and that the net behind him

doesn't exist. As for the pressure of being ranked so high in the preseason poles. Danny said, "It's no more than usual. Ever since I've been at UNLV we've been around the top twenty teams in the country."

Danny's days at UNLV as goalkeeper will be coming to an end as the fall ends, so why not go out and see a

player enjoy what he does so well. As for a future in soccer after his career at UNLV ends, Danny isn't ruling out the possibility of continuing his career in a preleague and pursuing a coaching career is also possible.

Right now it's just one day at a time. For Danny Anderson, that's the only way to play it.

UNLV Soccer history, short and sweet

The history of UNLV Soccer may be short, but it has not lacked excitement.

In 1974 the UNLV Soccer program began its first season of play, under Head Coach Tom Khamis.

In that first season the Rebels posted a very respectable record of 8-3-3.

After only two years at

the helm, Khamis was replaced as head coach by Vince Hart. Hart spent six years coaching the Rebels, with his best season coming in 1976 when the team finished with a 13-4-1 record.

Then, in 1982 current head coach Barry Barto left Philadelphia Textile to become the Rebels third coach.

In only his second season, Barto guided UNLV to a 17-4-1 record and trip to the NCAA Tournament.

The Rebels lost to the University of San Francisco in the second round of the tourney, 3-2.

In 1987 the Rebels went to their fourth NCAA Tournament under the leadership of Barto.

Last season UNLV went 14-5 in the regular season and won its opening round tournament game against San Francisco, 1-0.

But prior to the second round game it was discovered that the Rebels had used an ineligible player, Adam Keith, in the San Francisco game.

Because of this overlooked violation the Rebels were disqualified from the tourney.

Heading into the 1988 season the Rebels again appear to be among the elite collegiate soccer teams in the country.

Robbie Ryerson is UNLV's all-time leading scorer with 159 points, 67 goals and 25 assists.

Ryerson's goal total also makes him the Rebels all-time goal scoring leader.

Current Rebel goalkeeper Danny Anderson has the lowest career goal against average, a scant 0.78.

Anderson is also third on the shutout list with 10. The shutout leader is Harry Fields with 23.