

Rebel Recap: The Rebel men did well for '88 - '89 season

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YELLIN' REBEL

BASEBALL

The UNLV Hustlin' Rebels made their second straight NCAA Regional appearance in 1989, finishing the season with a record of 40-20 which tied them for third in the Big West.

The success of the 1989 season marked the team's 14th straight season with 30 or more wins and 12th straight winning season. Several of the players received individual honors for their efforts. Big West All-Conference honors went to third baseman Larry Simms, designated hitter Kevin Lofthus and center fielder David Baxter. Baxter, who was overlooked in the draft, made a place for himself in the Cincinnati Reds' organization who signed him at a local tryout at Roger Bamson Field.

Lofthus was also named to the Sporting News' All-America first team along with pitcher Donovan Osborne. Lofthus was also drafted into the Oakland A's organization, but is currently suffering from a wrist injury.

Former shortstop Gary Forrester is currently playing in the Los Angeles Dodgers farm system.

BASKETBALL

Runnin' Rebel Basketball finished their 1989 season with a mark of 29-8 just one victory short of a third Final Four appearance.

Junior college transfer David Butler received an honorable mention from All-America, along with UNLV's first Olympian, Stacey Augmon, who was also named Big West Player of the Year.

The team enjoyed continued success at home posting a 13-1 record and lost only one senior, Clint Rossum from the 1989 team.

FOOTBALL

Rebel Football wasn't quite as successful as they ended the '88 season with a record of 4-7. However, several players earned honorable mention All-America honors including running back Tommy Jackson, punter Tony Rhynes, who finished fourth in the country and defensive lineman Doc Wise. Kicker Jim Cook and linebacker and linebacker Jody Reinoehl were honored by *Sports Illustrated* as "Player of the Week".

GOLF

Former University of New Mexico golf coach Dwaine Knight in just his second season at UNLV led his young golfers into their first NCAA Championship final. The five man squad contained three freshman and one sophomore but they were able to earn their way into the tournament and managed to capture their first tournament championship win at UC Irvine's Anteater Invitational in April. Hub Goyen brought home honors as a member of first team All-Big West and honorable mention All-America.

SOCCER

Rebel Soccer participated in the NCAA tournament for the fifth time in six seasons but took a tough overtime loss in the first round. The team finished with a final record of 11-7-3 and five players were honored on All-Big West teams.

SWIMMING AND TENNIS

UNLV's Bart Pippenger led the men's swimming attack earning the highest finish ever by a UNLV swimmer at the NCAA Championships by placing second in the 200 butterfly. His effort earned him All-America status and the team national recognition.

Men's tennis was also successful in 1989 posting a 15-11 mark. The team placed fifth



OOPS! - Rebel soccer midfielder Sal Carbone goes for a goal while his opponent goes down. The Rebels participated in this year's NCAA tournament.

photo by Steve Spatafore

in the Big West Championship by earning 22 points.

**Editor's Note: Thanks to the UNLV Sports Information office for providing the information needed for both re-caps of men's*

and women's sports.

CORRECTION: The Lady Rebels posted their first winning season in their eight year history finishing at 32-28, not 32-38, as written in the article.

Mirage bags Duran - Leonard bout

The Mirage and Top Rank incorporated are billing it as "UNO MAS". The long awaited grudge match between Roberto Duran and Sugar Ray Leonard will finally take place December 7 at Steve Wynn's newest hotel.

Duran, the only man to ever beat Leonard, will attempt to win his fifth world title. Wynn hopes to draw over 16,

000 people at the gate plus millions of pay-per-view and closed circuit viewers.

ace, host to so many great championship fights. However, not to be outdone, Wynn bid over 8 million dollars to host "UNO MAS."

This fight will not have any trouble selling as Leonard always packs 'em in no matter who or where he fights. Duran, on the other hand, is a tremendous draw particularly because of his appeal to the Hispanic community.

The fact that Leonard struggled against Hearn in June should help spark even more interest in this fight. That is to say, if Leonard had knocked Hearn out, few people, if any, would give Duran a chance especially at the age of 38. However, there are people who believe that Hearn won his last fight against Leonard and as a result many boxing fans would love to see "Hands of Stone" redeem himself by taming the ego of Sugar Ray.

As far as Leonard is concerned, he wants to prove that the "NO MAS" incident was not a fluke. In their second fight, Duran quit midway through the eighth round supposedly suffering from severe stomach cramps. A drug test

conducted after the fight revealed that he had probably used cocaine shortly before the bout. The public chose to scorn Duran rather than praise Leonard and this never really sat well with Ray's big ego. On December 7th, Leonard will look to prove that Duran quit from pure frustration.

For Duran, the meaning of this fight is just the opposite. He wants to show Leonard and the public that the "NO MAS" incident was indeed a fluke and he will look to repeat the performance he gave in June of 1980. On that night in Montreal, Duran took a close but unanimous decision from Leonard as he outbrawled the slick boxer for 15 punishing rounds.

The big question surrounding Duran is whether or not he'll be able to turn back the clock and go to the well one more time. The oddsmakers say no but then again few people thought he could beat Iran Barkley in February.

In any event, it should be a great fight that will bring a huge sum of money to Las Vegas. Donald Trump, eat your heart out!

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*First
Round*

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In late July, it looked as though billionaire Donald Trump would land this mega fight. Promoter Bob Arum made it clear that Trump had the edge over Caesars Pal-