

SPORTS

Brightmon injured and out for the season

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As if the Rebels haven't suffered enough injuries this season they are now without running back Darin Brightmon.

Brightmon is now the latest blow the Rebels suffer to their offense. After being "injured" in the game against Pacific (he was probably tired), he walked off the field unassisted. However, during practice on Monday Brightmon

went down again. He continued to practice but his limp got progressively worse.

Dr. Gerald Higgins, UNLV's team physician diagnosed Brightmon's injury as torn ligaments in his knee.

The regular rehabilitation for this type of injury is four to six months which means Brightmon's UNLV career is over and going pro is questionable.

Even though the running back

position is deep with Marvin Eastman, Kyle Toomer and Tommy Jackson who returns this weekend after a knee sprain, this is a hard loss for the team and especially Brightmon.

Brightmon spent his first three seasons as Ickey Woods' understudy and Jackson's blocker. However, with the injury to Jackson earlier this season Brightmon finally got his well deserved moment in the spotlight.

He was definitely on a 1,000 yard pace as he finished his first five games with 580 yards. Brightmon is currently 14th in the NCAA in all-purpose running and second in rushing in the Big West.

Brightmon underwent surgery Tuesday night and holds hopes of a professional career. However, his degree is a priority also. "I'm still getting my degree," Brightmon said. "That's what I came here for." If his pro dream doesn't come

true his law degree will.

It should be emphasized that a degree is what we're all here for but it is heartbreaking to see such potential ended by an injury. Brightmon proved his talent at tailback and it is unfortunate his season was cut short. His bright spot should be his degree but wondering what could have been this season is normal. My heart goes out to him. Let's just hope the Rebels can cope without him.

Players arrested

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By now we've all heard that several UNLV basketball players were arrested at a party last weekend. But how big of a deal should be made of it?

Granted these players (Moses Scurry, Barry Young and Bobby Joyce) are in the limelight but we must also remember that they are college students and every college student learns a hard lesson at one time or another.

Even though this kind of thing is something UNLV or Coach Tarkanian doesn't need right now, who are we to decide what these guys do or who they hang with even if the company they keep is gang members.

Whether or no the guys were warned about hanging out with gang members is questionable and the stories told by police and the players just don't jive. Did Scurry swear at a police officer or not? These three guys are 6-8 or taller. Maybe that's what made them so noticeable. Maybe that's why Anderson Hunt at only 6-1 was unnoticed. Or did he "dodge" the police?

The stories are so contradictory the whole episode is not worth crying about. The guys know they are in the public's eye and I bet they now realize what kind of responsibility they have to their teammates, coach, university and the kids who look up to them. A hard lesson learned.

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The NCAA would be able to defend this by saying that UNLV didn't follow through on the requested suspension, so therefore they didn't comply with the NCAA.

UNLV did everything that the NCAA asked them to do with the exception of the suspension of Tarkanian. An impossibility since a state injunction is more powerful than a request by any organization. Even one of the nature of the mighty NCAA.

So just where does this leave UNLV, the men's basketball program, as well as the rest of the athletic department? Remember, between television and post-season play, the Runnin' Rebels bring in a large chunk of cash into UNLV's hands and to the Big West conference.

Many different things could happen to UNLV. First of all, the NCAA could act as if they were being run by level-headed individuals who don't hold grudges and let the whole matter drop without any more negative publicity to

Tarkanian, UNLV, and even themselves.

If, by some miracle, they do choose to drop it, UNLV isn't out of the woods yet. There is the seemingly never-ending case of Lloyd Daniels,

which will be going into its third year next spring, which gave the NCAA a way to get into the athletic department and perform a complete investigation.

Add to this the meeting between Moses Scurry, David Butler, and convicted bookmaker Sam Perry that supposedly took place at Caesar's and was made public news all over the country in Time Magazine, and you have just another reason for the NCAA to make frequent trips to Las Vegas.

So what else does Tarkanian need? How about the remarks that former Kentucky Wildcat LeRon Ellis made about how an NCAA investigator told him that the NCAA already has UNLV in its cross sights and that a probation like the one Kentucky has received

(3 years of probation, no live television, and no post-season play for 2 years, etc.) was probable.

Whether there is any truth to this statement or not doesn't really matter. If it is found to be a true statement, then you can forget about the men's basketball team for a while. Following the 1977 probation, UNLV didn't get back to the NCAA tournament until the 1982-83 season. If in the future it is found to be false and nothing but sour grapes on Ellis' part, then the school may not be put on probation, but it sure doesn't make Tarkanian and his staffs' job of recruiting any easier.

Who knows, maybe the NCAA will somehow see fit to leave UNLV alone and let Tarkanian lead his Runnin' Rebels into the 1990's.

But if they should continue their vendetta against UNLV and Tarkanian, it sure would be sweet to see the faces of the NCAA if they have to present a trophy to Tarkanian and his team on April 2, 1990 in an arena in Denver, Colorado.

In Brief

UNLV women's cross country placed 12th out of 17 teams at the Bronco Invitational in San Luis Obispo, California last weekend.

The team was without Big West candidate Nicole Houle who was injured prior to the meet. However, freshmen Rhonda Kennerson and Theresa Chuma led the way in Houle's absence. Kennerson completed the 5K run in 20:22 while Chuma finished at 21:54.

The team is now preparing for the Big West Championships to take place October 28 in San Diego.

Head Coach Al McDaniel is optimistic about the meet. "The championships have been the focus of our entire season," McDaniel said. "I have a feeling that we will surprise some teams at this meet."

UNLV baseball opened pre-season play last weekend against Cypress Junior Col-

lege. The Hustlin' Rebels took three out of the four games defeating Cypress 17-0 and 6-5 on Friday and 11-6 in the first game Saturday, but lost the second 14-0.

All-America lefthander Donovan Osborne was perfect in his first outing pitching four innings not allowing a hit and striking out three.

Newcomer Brian Boehringer completed two innings giving up one hit while striking out three. In addition, Boehringer threw 17 pitches, 15 of which were strikes.

Offensively freshman third baseman Mike Strobel was the standout. In his first game as a Rebel Strobel went four for four with six RBI which included four home runs. He finished the weekend seven for 13 with four home runs and eight RBI.

Baseball continues pre-season action this weekend as they travel to Arizona State to face the Sun-devils in a three game series.

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