## SPORTS

## Stott leads the team to victory over Long Beach St.

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Long Beach State and UNLV seemed to match up pretty well with each other. Both teams averand 20 points per game. Both the field. teams came into Saturday's game with losing streaks, Long Beach's at three and UNLV's at two, and both teams were out of the BIg West race a lot sooner than they had hoped to be.

around, UNLV shook off a sluggish start and put their best foot forward. No, make that their best arm forward. Quarterback Derek Stott had his best game as a collegiate player completing 18 of 23 passes for 326 yards (first time since Kendall Cunningham in 1984 has a Rebel QB passes for 300 yards), and 3 touch downs as he led the Rebels back from a 14-7

utes during the third and fourth on the 37.

quarter. Over this period, UNLV got into the end zone 4 times on side the five yard line through the scoring drives of 38 seconds, 2:13, running of Jackson and a key inter-2:24, and 1:39 as the Rebel defense was able to give the offense great age around 350 yards in offense field position every time they took

> period, UNLV's Charles Anthony picked off a Paul Oates pass ending

After a 16 yard run by Tommy Jackson, Stott faked a hand-off to When game time rolled Jackson, freezing the 49er defense. Stott aired out a long bomb down back again as they forced the 49ers the middle of the field allowing Rickie Wills to run under it for a 51 yard touch down reception. The pat was no good, so the Rebels still trailed 14-13. On the 49er's next possession

the Rebel defense stood tall again, as a pressured Paul Oates hit Rebel defender Freddy Phillips for an easy Amrein good, UNLV was ahead interception. A clipping penalty on halftime deficit to a 43-21 victory. the return wiped out a brilliant crisslead by scoring 26 straight points getting the ball on the Long Beach over a span of just under 10 min- 11 yard line the Rebels took over

UNLV worked their way inference penalty on the 49ers. Klye Toomer finished things off with his first of two touchdowns. Stott hit Jackson for what looked to be an Down 14-7 early in the third apparent successful two point conversion, but an interference penalty on the Rebels negated the rea 49er drive deep in Rebel territory. ception, keeping UNLV ahead by only 5 points.

> UNLV's defense got the ball to punt after just three plays. After a couple of Stott completions, 16 yards to Jackson and 28j to Kenny Rogers, Toomer once again finished things off as he cut back into the end zone for an 11 yard run and what turned out to be the winning score. With the pat by Todd 26-14.

With the Rebels holding on to UNLV wiped out the 49ers cross run by Phillips, so instead of a 12 point lead early in the final quarter, they faced a 3 and 9 situ-

found an open Keenan McCardle just past the first down marker. A missed tackle, a good block, and yards later McCardle found 49 himself in the end zone. After a of the pocket and before corssing successful kick by Amrein, UNLV boosted their lead to 33-14.

After a quick 49er touchdown got them back to within 12, UNLV scored their sixth touchdown of the day. A pair of big gains, Stott to UNLV defense seemed to pick it McCardle for 20 yards and a 17 yard run by Toomer, put the Rebels on the 49er 10 yard line.

From there, freshmen Anthony Vannucci scored his first college touchdown on only his second carry. A field goal by Amrein closed out the scoring. For Amrein, it kept alive his streak of at least one field goal in his last 4 games.

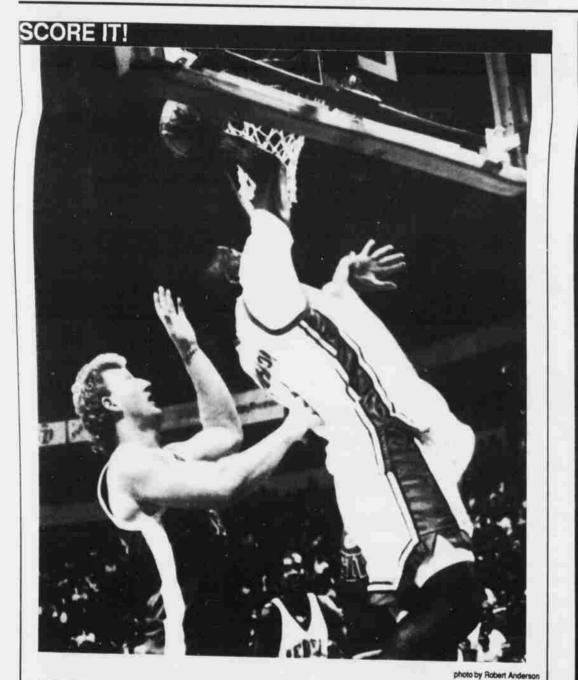
Ove the first 2 1/2 quarters, it didn't look as if there would be any celebrating on the Rebel side lines as Stott was sacked four times, a UNLV travels to Nevada-Reno next pair of UNLV penalties led to a week before finishing out the home 49er score, add in a couple of turn- schedule with Utah State on Noation near mid field. Looking to overs and a missed field goal and it vember 18.

keep possession of the ball, Stott didn't seem to be the Rebels' day. The only bright spot in the early going was Stott's first touchdown pass. A 14 yard hook-up with Jackson that saw Stott scramble out the line of scrimmage hit Jackson in the back of the end zone tied the score at 7-7.

> As the third period started, the up a notch as they began to get into Oates' face on nearly every play, and with that momentum started to swing in the Rebels' favor. UNLV never looked back as they finished with their highest score since 1986.

> Toomer finished with 143 yards rushing, Jackson rushed for 100, and combined with Stott's 326 passing, the Rebels piled up well over 500 yards total offense.

UNLV improved to 4-4 overall and 3-2 in conference as the 49ers dropped to 3-7 and 1-4.





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LAAARRRY!- Rebels newest addition Larry Johnson muscles in for two of his 30 points in an exhibition victory over High Five America Sunday at the Thomas and Mack Center. Look for the Rebels taking on the Soviet Union basketball team tonight at 7:30PM at the T & M.