

Lady Rebels beach the 49ers by 30 points

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YELLIN' REBEL

Bodies thumped the hardwood, fouls surpassed personal, and tempers led to knifing elbows as the Lady Rebels and Cal-State Long Beach violently battled to prove who was the best in the Big West. Like Buster Douglas ending Michael Tyson's hype, the Lady Rebels cold-cocked perennial league champion Cal State Long Beach Saturday night, running away with a 92-62 victory before 2,500 fans phoneboothed into the South Gym.

Not only were the Lady Rebels five points away from handing Cal State Long Beach their worst loss in the school's history, but beating this team by 30 is definitely going to set up a classic confrontation if they are to meet in the Big West Conference Tournament finals March 7-10.

The Lady Rebels are ranked No. 3 in the current Associated Press Poll and currently stand at 13-0 in the Big West and 21-1 overall.

As far as fate was concerned, Saturday night's game was over in the first half as the Lady Rebels built the lead up to 21 points and led by 14 at the end of regulation.

On paper, it was to be a shaver:

- The 49ers are 72-2 since they joined the Big West and had a 40 game winning streak until UNLV beat them 99-87 on January 2.

- Long Beach State has owned the Lady Rebels in a 17-2 rivalry record.

- The Beach is the only school in the nation to claim 500 victories in women's basketball.

It had all the components of a

sweaty-palmed, lung screaming, edge of the seater match-up, except for the score. The Lady Rebels beat-up on the Beach like any other conference foe. This time the Lady Rebels had six players in double figures, led by twin-tower part I, Pauline Jordon's 21 points. Twin-tower Part II, Geannine Jordon, drilled in 17, Mandy Hannah 15, Linda Staley 12, Janice Holliday 12 and Vicki Lander 11.

All-American Candidate Pauline Jordon also snatched 20 rebounds from the sky as the Lady Rebels outboarded the Beach by a 56-47 margin.

UNLV's next home game will be against UC Irvine Thursday at the 5:30 in the Thomas and Mack.

Note: The Lady Rebels are now ranked #2 in the nation, preceding last night's game.

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-ANOTHER BASKET, #12 Janice Holliday helps defeat 8th ranked Long Beach State.



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