

# Rebels advance to first National Final

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YELLIN' REBEL

UNLV took on Georgia Tech in Denver on Saturday in their third final four appearance.

UNLV struggled early as the Yellowjackets came ready to play and outran the Rebels in the first half. However, the Rebels battled back in the second half to come away with a 90 to 81 victory.

Dennis Scott went on a rampage to lead the Yellowjackets with 29 points. Scott scored 20 points, four of six 3 pointers to give Georgia Tech a 53 to 46 half time lead.

UNLV had trouble with their man to man defence, but even more with the Ameba in the first half.

"It seemed like every time we went to our zone Scott would hit a three" UNLV Head Coach Jerry Tarkanian said. "Our zone didn't work for us at all."

Scoring went back and forth Georgia Tech as the Yellowjackets

for much of the first half and UNLV lead by as many as eight when Larry Johnson hit a twelve foot jumper with 13:53 remaining in the first half.

But Georgia Tech kept coming back. The Yellowjackets posted a 34 to 23 run over the Rebels in the last 10 minutes of the first half to lead 53 to 46.

The Rebels seemed a bit flat in the first half, but opened the second with a 15 to 4 run to take the lead off a Stacy Augman three pointer at the 13:54 mark. David Butler added to the lead (61 to 57) with a short jumper at 13:27.

Following Butler's jumper, neither team scored until the 11:20 mark when Larry Johnson hit a six footer in the lane to give UNLV a 63 to 57 lead. Georgia Tech answered with a three pointer from Scott.

UNLV never had it easy against Georgia Tech as the Yellowjackets

never allowed UNLV breathing room. What didn't help the Rebels was Johnson's leaving the game with his fifth personal foul with almost seven minutes remaining in the game. What did help UNLV was Moses Scurry replacing Johnson and grabbing key rebounds.

"The team huddled together before I left and said it was ok they were going to get it." Johnson said. "I saw the look in those eyes and I wasn't too worried."

Scurry who played just 5 minutes in the first half and posted no point or rebounds, grabbed 11 rebounds, 9 of them defensive, in the second half.

"We just played harder." Scurry said. Scurry also contributed six points in the second half.

"I thought Moses was a real key to our victory." Tarkanian said. Scurry was also playing with four fouls.

Stacy Augman and Anderson

Hunt were the main stay of the Rebel offence. Augman scored 22 points with 9 rebounds and Hunt had 20 including five of nine from three point land.

What is even a more remarkable statistic is Hunt committed just one turn over with seven assists in eight minutes of play.

"In the second half we knew what we had to do to win and we played hard." Hunt said. "Fortunately my shot was on."

All the UNLV players were surprised by Georgia Tech and had great respect for their defense following the game. Georgia Tech Head Coach Bobby Cremins felt the same way about the Rebel defence.

"UNLV got after our jocks and got after them hard" Cremins said. "The credit deserves to go to UNLV, they kept their composure and their defense never allowed us to get any type of tempo going."

The Lethal Weapon 3 we all

heard so much about kept Georgia Tech in the game in the first half but couldn't close the doors on UNLV in the second half.

Freshman guard Kenny Anderson had 16 points in the game, but only 3 in the second half. Scott had only 9 after a 20 point first half. Brian Oliver, finished with 24, was the only one of the three to score in double figures in both halves with 10 in the first half and 14 in the second.

Greg Anthony finished with 14 for UNLV, Johnson had 15, and Butler posted 13 points with 10 rebounds. It was never easy for UNLV, but they managed to advance to their first National Final ever.

What did Tark have to say? "I was in agony for the most part of the game."

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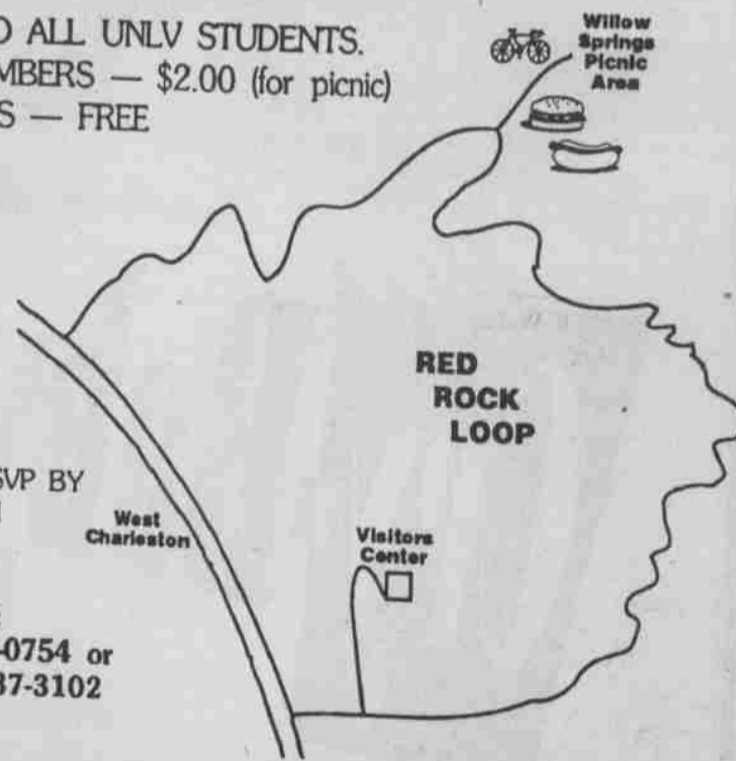
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