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## New era dawns for Rebel Football

## By Mark Landwehr Staff Reporter

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas football team starts its season this Saturday with a home game against Southwest Missouri State at 7 p.m. at the Silver Bowl. A section of 5000 seats has been set aside for students. Admission

This season marks the beginning of a new era for UNLV foot- turning players coming back from ball. Gone is coach Wayne Nun- injury. Former Western High nely, and here to resurrect the program is former Notre Dame

The Rebels, coming off three consecutive losing seasons, have a different attitude this year-a winning attitude.

Wide receiver Keenan Mc-Cardell said, "Coach Strong makes us feel like winners."

Strong certainly brings a winning tradition, having coached in winning programs at the University of Minnesota and of course, join incumbents Greg Mattes and at Notre Dame.

There will be a number of changes with the Rebels this year,

The Rebel defense will feature a 5-2 alignment, emphasizing speed rather than the 3-4 alignment the Rebels used last year that yielded 30.9 average points per game. The offense will be different as well, with UNLV featuring a veer oriented attack similar to the one used by Notre Dame last year.

Many of the personnel remain is free with student identification. the same, but the Rebels also have an infusion of new talent and re-School star Teddy James is gunning for the running back spot, as offensive coordinator Jim Strong. is returning player Marv Eastman. Eastman is trying to come back from knee surgery which ended his season early last year.

> The strength of the team would seem to be in the offensive line. The line was decimated with injuries last year. Injured were Duston Quinton, Joe Biritz and Tim Lyons. All three are back to Jon Jones to form a fearsome fivesome indeed.

The key player to watch for aside from the change in attitude. big plays is wide receiver Keenan



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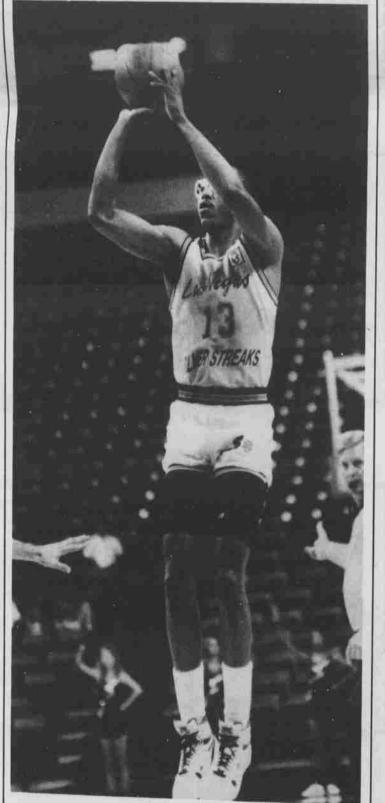
Starter - Quarterback Derek Stott won the starting job for the opener against S.W. Missouri State.

McCardell. McCardell caught 54 year.

passes for 883 yards last year (16.4 average), including five games this year starting the seatouchdowns. McCardell is a big son with SW Missouri State (10-3 play man and the starting quar- in 1989) and completing it with enjoyed in the past, UNLV fans terback will certainly be looking defending Big West Champion, look to see a lot of winning footin his direction quite often this Fresno State on November 3.

This year's Rebel football The Rebels play five home team promises to be an exciting one. Considering the success that coach Strong's programs have ball at UNLV.





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Speedster - Backup Quarterback, "Hunkie" Cooper, shows how dangerous he is as a running back as well as throwing the ball during a closed scrimmage last Thursday.



University of Nevada Las assistant. He left UNLV mainly tion for two years. Marshall Vegas part time Assistant because he was seeking a full time was 15-13 overall last season Coach Cleveland Edwards re- position so he could be involved and 9-5 in the conference. cently accepted a full time po- in recruiting. "It will be difficult Marshall Coach Dwight Freesition with Marshall University to leave this program," Edwards man is looking forward to workin Huntington, West Virginia. said. "I'm not only leaving a good ing with Edwards. Edwards had been with the program, but I'm leaving a lot of Rebels for six seasons as a part good friends." time assistant, academic con-

"I think he will do a good job for us because of the time Edwards joined Marshall who he spent with a successful pro-

sultant and administrative has recently been put on proba- gram," Freeman said.

Former UNLV basketball Jerry Tarkanian, Scurry is going Thrillers. players David Butler and Moses to Japan and Butler will probably Former Rebel Jarvis Scurry are on their way over- go to Greece. Both Players were Basnight has played for the seas to continue their basket- drafted by The Continental Bas- Thrillers for the past two seaball careers. According to Coach ketball Association Rapid City sons.

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Alumni shines - Former UNLV Runnin' Rebel star Freddie Banks, is still a lethal outside shooter for the Silver Streaks. The Streaks finished their regular season in the Thomas and Mack against the Saskatuwan Storms last Aug. 22 and 23. The Streaks now go on the road for the W.B.L. playoffs to bring Las Vegas another world basketball title.