

Late rally falls short, as football team loses opener

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University of Nevada, Las Vegas's football team played its first game under new head coach Jim Strong on Saturday night against the Southwest Missouri State Bears in front of over 17,000 fans at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl. The Rebels, unfortunately, came up on the short end of a 31-24 final score.

The Rebels jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first quarter on a 41 yard field goal by Todd Amrein. The field goal followed the first of three turnovers on the night by SWMS; all of which led to Rebel points.

SMSU dominated the game until late in the third quarter. The Bears scored 24 unanswered points to make the score 24-3; however, they fumbled a punt return on their own 37 yard line to set up a Rebel touchdown that made the score 24-10.

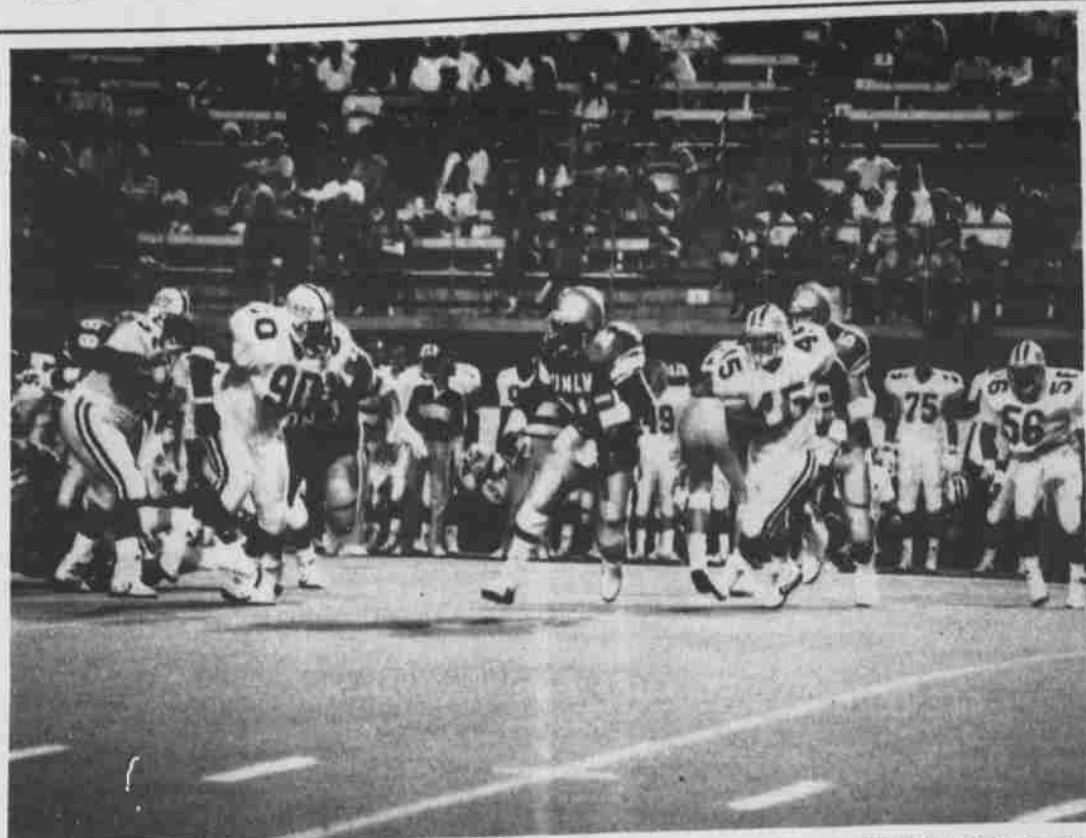
The tide turned in the fourth quarter, as a resurgent Rebel squad scored two more touch-

downs. The charge was led by Junior College transfer running back/quarterback, "Hunkie" Cooper, who converted two fourth down runs for first downs, and scored on a two point conversion attempt to tie the game at 24-24 with 7:06 remaining in the game.

The game wasn't tied for long as SWMS took the ensuing kick-off and marched down the field for the winning touchdown to make the final score, 31-24.

UNLV quarterback, Derek Stott, was 11-20, 142 yds., 2 TD, 1 INT; and rushed 13 times for 39 yards. RB Cooper ran 14 times for 53 yards to lead Rebel rushers. Wide receiver Keenan McCordell led all receivers with 3 receptions for 66 yards, including a fantastic catch for a touchdown. Defensive Back, Carlton Johnson, was a defensive standout, intercepting a pass, and recovering a fumble; both of which led to Rebel scores.

The complete story of Saturday night's game will be in Thursday's edition of the Yellin' Rebel.



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One of the highlights - #29 Marvin Eastman R.B. carries the ball against the Bears, during coach Strong's opening game loss against S.W. Missouri State Saturday.

UNLV soccer season opens against Old Dominion

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The 1990 University of Nevada, Las Vegas soccer season opened this week amid great hope and tremendous expectations. UNLV comes off an 11-9 record last year, but hopes to regain the form that placed it in the nation's top 30 teams in division 1 play in the 1980s.

The Rebels, under head coach Barry Barto, have reached the NCAA tournament in five out of

his eight seasons as head coach. Barto's overall record at UNLV is 105-41-16 (.698). The Rebels have also won the Big West Conference Championship four times under Barto's guidance.

Barto is the winningest soccer coach in UNLV history, and expects to add to his impressive record this year. Barto himself was a two time all-American midfielder, and finished second in North American Soccer League Rookie of the Year balloting in 1972. He was also captain of the

U.S. National team in 1974&1975. Barto demands much of himself, and his players as well, "I'm demanding in the sense that I expect people to give me their best," he said, "That includes in the classroom as well as on the field."

The 1990 version of UNLV soccer promises to be a blend of youth and experience. "We're bringing in a number of young talented players who have the ability to make an immediate impact. And the veterans who

have been here for a number of years are looking forward to closing out their careers on a positive note," Barto said.

Headlining the list of experienced veterans is Doug Bordel. Bordel was the Far West Region's leading scorer in 1989. He was also an all Big West first team selection. Bordel finished with 19 goals and seven assists in just 20 matches. His scoring totals placed him eighth in the nation in scoring.

As Barto put it, "Doug had a magical season last year." The Rebels hope he still has another trick or two up his sleeve before he graduates this Spring.

Experience will also be provided in the person of Terry Pryer. Pryer, who hails from London, England, sat out last year after transferring from Mercer County Community College. Pryer was an instrumental offensive weapon in leading Mercer to a 46-1-1 record over the 1987 and 1988 seasons. Mercer went on to capture the 1988 Junior College national title, thanks largely to the efforts of the two-time J.C. all-American.

Barto says of Pryer, "Terry is a truly gifted player and is one of the purest goal scorers we have ever had here."

Youth will be served by the presence of prep all-American Ben Ericson. Ericson, from Seattle, is a freshman from whom the team

expects a great contribution.

The youth movement can also be found in the midfield, with returning outside starter Daniel Barber. Barber, a sophomore, was selected to Soccer America's Freshman all-American team following last season. Barber tied a UNLV record last year by dishing out 10 assists. He also played on the U.S. U-23 national team this past summer.

"Danny has tremendous tools and if he has another season like last year, I'd be very pleased. His international experience should also help him," said Barto.

UNLV's schedule for 1990 is a tough one. The season opens with the Adidas/Ethel M Chocolates Rebel Classic held here on September 1, (full story in Thursday's paper). The Rebels face the likes of Indiana, UCLA, Stanford, Penn State and South Carolina, to name a few.

With the wealth of talent the Rebels possess, and the coaching experience of Barto to guide them, it is expected that the Rebels will return to postseason play this year after a one year hiatus.

The soccer team's next match is on Friday, Sept. 7, at 7p.m. against San Diego. The match will be held at Peter Johann Memorial Field on campus. Tickets are available for \$2 each at the Thomas and Mack Center.

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Season opener - UNLV Rebel soccer player, Mike Madrid #21, handles the ball during Saturday's tie game with Old Dominion University.