

UNLV football suffers 37-9 defeat at hands of #24 ranked Houston

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Reporter

UNLV came into Saturday's game against Houston looking for redemption for last year's 69-0 shellacking at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl; what they got was a small measure of satisfaction, falling to the Cougars, 37-9.

The Rebels, installed as a 60 point underdog may not have won the contest, but came away with a measure of respect from an obviously superior opponent.

UNLV, 0-2 on the season, opened the game surprisingly strong. UNLV quarterback, Derek Stott, used quick passes to gain confidence and yardage, as he drove UNLV to the Houston five yard line on the Rebel's first possession.

The drive was for naught, however, as running back Ray Walters fumbled a pitch from RB-QB Hunkie Cooper at the Houston goal line.

The high octane Cougars took advantage of the Rebel miscue, and mounted a drive that culminated in a 48-yard touchdown pass from Houston quarterback David Klingler to receiver Patrick Copper. The 7-0 lead was only the beginning, as the Rebels had that sinking feeling that they were in for a long afternoon.

UNLV drew to their smallest deficit the remainder of the afternoon when Stott drove the Rebels inside the Cougar 20-yard line on the next drive. More quick passes to Stott's favorite receiver, Keenan McCardell, put the Rebels

in position to tie the game.

Once again, however, a Rebel mistake killed the drive, as Stott threw a pass after having run past the line of scrimmage. The penalty put UNLV in a fourth down situation that resulted in a 40-yard Todd Amrein field goal, making the score 7-3.

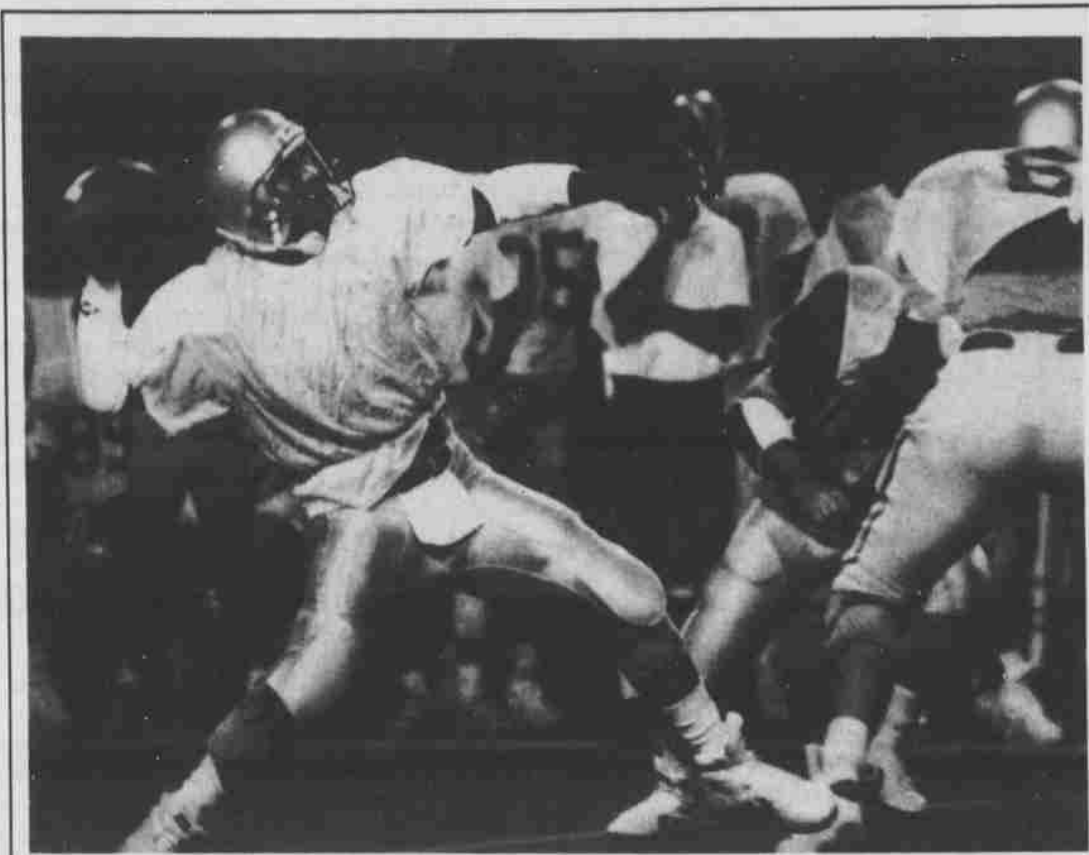
From that point, the first half was all Houston, as the Cougars scored 24 unanswered points to make the score 31-3 with 4:09 left before the intermission.

Houston's run and shoot offense gave the Rebels secondary fits, as the Cougars were repeatedly able to drive the length of the field on the arm of quarterback David Klingler. The Cougars kept the Rebel defense honest by handing off to their super-back, Chuck Weatherspoon, but it was the pass that spelled the Rebels demise. The Rebels' secondary was baffled at times, while the Cougars methodically shuffled in nine different receivers.

UNLV had its chances to score, but came up with only a 21 yard field goal by Amrein to make the score 31-6 at the half.

UNLV's best chance came on what seemed to be a 75 yard touchdown pass from Stott to McCardell in the second quarter. The play was called back, however, on an illegal motion penalty against the Rebels.

The second half saw the Rebels' defense come alive, holding the Cougars to one lone touchdown in the fourth quarter. A switch to a zone defense seemed to explain the Rebel's change of



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Hunkie Cooper - Practices his quarterback skills in hopes of using them during the season.

fortune.

The Rebel offense never did get untracked though, and UNLV managed only a 48-yard field goal by Amrein in the fourth quarter to make the final score, 37-9.

There were some bright spots for the Rebels in what would seem to be an otherwise dismal showing. Aside from the defensive efforts of the second half, junior quarterback Derek Stott was 14 of 27 for 207 yards on the day, with senior wide receiver Keenan

McCardell snaring 8 passes for 144 yards. Running back Marvin Eastman also showed a glimmer of hope about his return from knee surgery, rushing for 54 yards on only 11 attempts, a 4.9 yards per carry average.

The Rebels played hard nosed football in what could be categorized as a sloppy game. UNLV had its chances, but unfortunately squandered them when inside the Cougar's twenty yard line.

The passing combination of

Stott and McCardell, and a revived running game, should serve as a starting point upon which Coach Strong can try to build the remainder of the Rebels' season.

UNLV's next game is on Saturday at 6pm at Oregon State (see Football Matchup for details). The Rebels next home game is their first Big West conference game of the season, a 7 p.m. start against San Jose State on Saturday, September 22 at the Silver Bowl.

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Rebel golf tees off season

by Mark Landwehr
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The UNLV Rebel golf team tees off its 1990-91 season in Tokyo, Japan, in the Japan Inter-collegiate Tournament at the Tangara Country Club.

UNLV is among four teams from the United States to compete. The schools joining UNLV in the four day event that started on Tuesday, September 11, are: Duke, Oklahoma and Texas Christian.

The Rebels, led by their coach Dwaine Knight, will bring a team that boasts All-American Hub Goyen and first team All-Big West Conference selection, Darin Osborn.

Also making the journey to the Far East are returning players, Monte Montgomery and Brandon Goethals, and junior college transfer, Andrew Raitt.

A secondary squad of the Rebel team will also compete at the same time in the William H. Tucker Invitational, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Tucker Invitational started Friday, and will last for three days.

Although most of the Rebel stars will be in Japan, one who will not be is First Team All-Big West player, Warren Schutte.

Schutte, a native South African, is not allowed to participate in the tournament in Japan because of his country's practice of apartheid.

Eighteen teams will see action in the Tucker Invitational, a tournament the Rebels took fifth place in last year. The field consists of six teams that participated in the NCAA finals last year; including three top ten finishers, Arizona, Oklahoma St. and Fresno St.

The course is the site of this year's NCAA West Regionals, and also the 1992 NCAA Final.

Last year saw the Rebels as highly ranked as fifth in the nation, as they finished as co-champions in the Big West and overall champions in the NCAA West Regional. The Rebel golf team swung as far as the NCAA finals in Tarpon Springs, FL, but finished only 18 in a field of 30.

This year promises to be even better for the Rebels, as the team returns all of its players from last year, and adds potential new stars; freshmen Eric Shroeder and Craig Howard, and number one junior college player in the nation, Andrew Raitt.

The results of this weeks tournaments will be published in next Tuesday's Yellin' Rebel.