Spartans crush Rebels in conference opener, 47-13



Hernandez "Hunkle" Cooper - attempts a pass during Saturdays game against San Jose

AP Top 10-How They Fared

- 1. Notre Dame (2-0), beat Michigan St., 20-19. Next: vs. Purdue.
- Florida State (3-0), beat Tulane, 31-13. Next: vs. Virginia Tech.
- 3. Auburn (2-0), did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Tennessee.
- Brigham Young (4-0), beat San Diego St., 62-34. Next: at Oregon.
- Southern Cal. (2-1), lost to Washington, 31-0. Next at Ohio State.
- Tennessee (3-0-1), did not play. Next: at Auburn.

- Michigan (1-1), beat UCLA, 38-15. Next: vs. Maryland.
- Nebraska (3-0), beat Minnesota, 56-0. Next: vs. Oregon State.
- Miami (Fla.) (1-1), did not play. Next: vs. Iowa.
- 10. Virginia (4-0), beat Duke, 59-0. Next: vs. William & Mary.

Big West Scores

San Jose State 47, UNLV 13 Fresno State 42, New Mexico State 3 Long Beach State 28, Pacific 7 Akron 48, Cal State Fullerton 17 Utah State did not play.

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with neither, as the Spartans, Jose State. behind their steamroller running

dropped to 1-3, 0-1 in the Big West 13:43 of the game. Conference.

other hand, gained minus 13 fense on the field for most of the balance throughout the game. game.

RB Hunkie Cooper throwing a 58- power running game. yard touchdown pass to senior with a 6-0 lead.

Rebels for the rest of the game.

ning attack dominated the game,

Spartan running back Sheldon Canley scored two touchdowns in the second quarter to probably the two best teams in give the Spartans a 14-6 lead.

Jose State quarterback Ralph some solace in that. Martini to Bobby Blackmon gave the Spartans a 21-6 lead at the

faring no better than in the first Silver Bowl.

half, thus keeping the defense out on the field most of the quarter.

The beginning of the fourth The University of Nevada, quarter saw the Rebels cut the Las Vegas (UNLV) football team Spartans lead to only eight points, went into Saturday night's game as Cooper threw another touchagainst San Jose State in quest of down pass, this one good for 5 their second victory of the season yards to "Special K," Keenan and a win in their Big West Con- McCardell. The extra point made ference opener. They came away the score 21-13 in favor of San

At that point, the fatigue of back, Sheldon Canley, rolled over the Rebels' defense started to the Rebels, 47-13 in front of a show. The Spartans, led by a fearcrowd of 18,934 at the Silver Bowl. some running attack, scored 26 With the loss UNLV's record unanswered points in the last

San Jose State ran up the Canley gained 253 yards on score unmercifully, a tactic that 43 carries, against the UNLV de- will not go unnoticed by Coach fense. UNLV's offense, on the Jim Strong and the Rebel team.

The Red and Silver attack yards rushing for the entire game. never got untracked, as the blitz-This ineptitude kept UNLV's de- ing Spartan defense kept it off

UNLV's defensive line, some-The Rebels began the game what of a suspect area to date, in excellent form, with junior QB- was exploited by San Jose State's

On the plus side, wide rewide receiver Keenan McCardell, ceiver, Keenan McCardell, turned UNLV, however, missed the con- in another sterling performance, version, its seventh straight failed with five receptions for 104 yards conversion attempt over the last and two touchdowns. On the seatwo games, leaving the home team son, Special K has caught 22 passes for 423 yards and six touch-UNLY drew first blood, but downs. If McCardell can main-San Jose State dominated the tain such numbers, he could possibly go in the first or second The awesome Spartan run- round of next year's NFL draft.

The loss is a difficult one for rolling up 337 yards on the ground the Rebels, coming on the heels of such a convincing victory over Oregeon State last week. San Jose State and Fresno State are the Big West Conference, so Coach A touchdown pass from San Strong and his troops can take

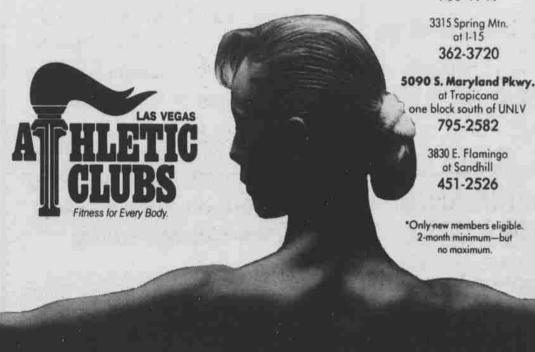
The Rebels next game is another Big West Conference con-The third quarter saw the test, this time at Pacific, in Stock-Rebels defense come alive, as they ton, Calif. on Saturday, Sept. 29, held the potent Spartan offense at 7:30 p.m. UNLV's next home scoreless through the entire pe- game is October 6, at 7 p.m., riod. The offense, however, was against Cal State Fullerton at the



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Conference - QB Derek Stott and coach Strong talk over strategy during Saturdays game.

