

SPORTS

Soccer team wins Big West opener, but splits weekend games



Hey, that's the ball! - UNLV soccer player Cliff Odle (#12) takes on three Cal State Fullerton players in las Friday's win.

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An overcast sky on Sept. 21 at Peter Johann Memorial Field, saw the 13th-ranked University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) soccer team defeat Cal State Fullerton 2-1 in its first Big West match of the season. Only two days later, however, the Rebels lost to Stanford, 5-2 in overtime.

The Rebels' first Big West victory was hard fought and they had to overcome a 1-0 deficit to clinch it. The Titans started the scoring at 40:53 of the first half when forward Raul Haro took the ball from two Rebel defenders, who collided, and scored on the ensuing breakaway.

The Rebels weren't able to score until 67:20 of the second half, when senior midfielder Cliff Odle passed the ball to an open senior forward Doug Borgel, who kicked it into the right side of the Titan goal to tie the game at 1-1.

Only ten minutes later, Borgel beat his defender on the left side and sent a crossing pass to freshman forward Ben Erickson, who shot it inside the right post for the game-winning goal.

The victory improved the Rebel's record to 4-1-2, 1-0 in conference play, while the Titans fell to a dismal 1-3-2, 0-1.

Fresh off this victory, the Rebels travelled to Malloney Field in Stanford, California, on Sunday, only to suffer the disappointing 5-2 overtime defeat.

The first half saw plenty of action, but no goals to show for it. At 48:58 of the second half, Borgel finally scored for UNLV, when he headed a pass from junior defender Mike Madrid into the goal. The only other goal for the Rebels, came on another header, this one by freshman defender Josh McKay from Odle's corner kick. The goal was McKay's first as a Rebel.

With only 24 minutes left to play, the Cardinals offense erupted for two goals within a three minute span. The first came from forward Jim Talluto and the second from midfielder Bill Boilenger.

In overtime, Stanford embarrassed the Rebels, scoring three unanswered goals. These goals were scored by Talluto, forward Lance Killian, and defender Niels Bruckner.

The defeat, the Rebels' worst since a 6-2 loss to San Diego State in 1981, dropped the Rebels to 4-2-2 on the season. Stanford improved to 3-2-4.

The soccer team faces two tough games this week, with conference matches against defending conference champion and 7th-ranked Fresno State on Thursday and San Jose State on Sunday.

UNLV will be without the services of sophomore midfielder Danny Barber. Barber underwent arthroscopic surgery on his knee this past week and is not expected to play for four to six weeks.

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School	Record	LW
1. Notre Dame	(2-0)	1
2. Florida State	(3-0)	2
3. Auburn	(2-0)	3
4. Brigham Young	(4-0)	4
5. Tennessee	(3-0-1)	6
6. Michigan	(1-1)	7
7. Virginia	(4-0)	10
8. Nebraska	(3-0)	8
9. Oklahoma	(3-0)	11
10. Miami (Fla.)	(1-1)	9

LW - Last week

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BIRTHDAY EVAN!!
Even though you're getting
older - I hope you never grow
up! You're so much fun! I love
you!
Love, Elise