Rebels beat CS Fullerton for the first time in four years, 29-10 at the Silver Bowl

by Mario Diaz Staff Reporter

The first five weeks of the season UNLV established itself as of contention early. The 29-10 Rebels this year. victory improved the Rebels to the

passing attacks. The game was either team in the third quarter. built up as a battle on the ground, with Reggie Yarbrough leading fourth quarter on a 12-yard run the Titans in rushing, and UNLV by Hunkie Cooper. Cooper's run countering with its triple threat capped off a night of 194 yards of of Marvin Eastman, Teddy James, total offense, including two touchand Hunkie Cooper. The play of downs. UNLV's special teams, led by Raymond Walters, was what re- offense has put two good games ally decided the final outcome.

yard field goal for the Titans in unit." first quarter, UNLV found itself behind 3-0. On UNLV's second Cooper and Stott at quarterback possession of the game, Derek throughout the game. Stott marched the team on a fiveplay 78-yard scoring drive and the set up, Hunkie and I are always Rebels took a 7-3 lead. Teddy switching off, the other team has James scored the touchdown, to prepare for both of us, so it from quarterback Derek Stott to behind him all the way," said wideout Keenan McCardell.

Stott finished the game with 217 yards passing on only 11 completions. McCardell had 93 yards receiving on 5 catches.

UNLV's all-purpose man Hunkie Cooper ran 18 yards on a quarterback keeper, to put UNLV up 14-3 with 1:55 left to play in the first quarter. The touchdown was set up when Raymond Walters, who had just been put on special teams the previous week, stopped a Titan fake punt by sacking Titan punter Phil Nevin on his own 19-yard line.

After the Titans' next possession failed, Walters broke up another Nevin punt attempt. Walters hit Nevin on the Titan 19yard line after Nevin was unable to handle a bad snap from center. "After I noticed he was having problems with the ball, I went right to him and tackled him" said Walters .

UNLY had to settle for a field goal and a 17-3 lead after penalties stalled their drive.

The Rebels defense played a

good first half allowing the Titans only 48 yards in the air and 57 on the ground.

UNLV increased their lead to 23-3 at halftime, their first a good second half team. Satur- halftime lead in 11 games. Derek day night before a crowd of 13,791 Black scored the touchdown on a at the Silver Bowl, the Rebels put 1-yard plunge. The point-after by things together in the first half Todd Amrein was no good, the and put Cal State Fullerton out sixth extra point missed by the

Fullerton State was able to .500 plateau at 3-3, with a 2-1 close the gap in the third quarter, record against conference foes. by putting together a 14-play, 75the loss dropped Cal State to 1-5, yard drive capped off by J.J. with a record of 0-2 in Big West Celestine's touchdown reception from Paul Schulte on a fourth-Both teams came in relying and-three play from the UNLV 5. on strong running games and solid This was the only scoring done by

UNLV iced the game in the

Cooper said, "Right now our together, and I think our football When Phil Nevin kicked a 54- team is coming together in one

Coach Jim Strong alternated

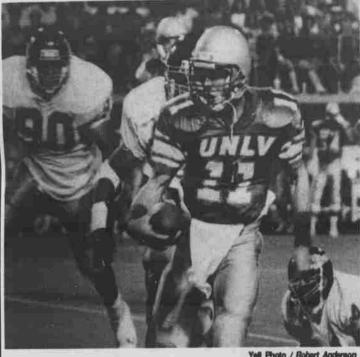
"The way our game plan is going in, practically untouched, makes it a little bit tougher on from 20 yards out. The key play the defense. He's our groundman, of the drive was a 45-yard pass so whatever Hunkie does, I'm



Battering Ram - QB - RB Hunkie Cooper uses one of his offensive linemen to make it through the line during Saturday's win over Cal-State Fullerton.

Coach Strong acknowledged the fine play of his special teams, and the outstanding performance by both the offense and defense. The victory was Coach Strong's first at the Silver Bowl.

Next up for Coach Strong and the Rebels, a road game against the Aggies of New Mexico State in Las Cruces. New Mexico State currently has the longest losing streak in Division I-A at 22 games.



Run for the line- QB Derek Stott makes a break for a first down after being flushed from the pocket.

AP Top 10 - How they fared

- Notre Dame (3-1), lost to Stanford, 36-31. Next week: vs. Air Force.
- Florida St. (4-1), lost to No. 9 Miami (Fla.), 31-22. Next week: idle.
- Michigan (3-1), beat Wisconsin, 41-3. Next week: vs. Michigan State.
- Virginia (5-0), did not play. Next week: vs. North Carolina State.
- Auburn (3-0-1), beat Louisiana Tech, 16-14. Next week: vs. Vanderbilt.
- Tennessee (3-0-2), did not play. Next week: vs. No. 10 Florida.
- Oklahoma (5-0), beat Oklahoma State, 31-17. Next week: vs. Texas, in Dallas.
- Nebraska (5-0), beat Kansas State, 45-8. Next week: vs. Missouri.
- Miami (Fla.), beat No. 2 Florida State, 31-22. Next week: vs. Kansas.
- Florida (5-0), beat Louisiana State, 34-8. Next week: at No. 6 Tennessee.

Big West Conference

California 35, San Jose State 34. Long Beach St. 31, New Mexico St. 27. Northern Illinois 73, Fresno State 18. Oregon 52, Utah State 7. UNLV 29, Cal State Fullerton 10. Pacific did not play.



Even though it was too late to qualify, I want to thank you for asking me to be your Homecoming Queen Candidate!

> Thanks again, Sally Potenza



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