

# Rebels run over Soviet Nationals, 109-80

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Reporter

The UNLV Runnin' Rebels picked up where they left off last Spring as they ran past the Soviet Nationals, 109-80, in an exhibition game Saturday at the Thomas & Mack Center.

The Rebels victory came without starting center George Ackles, who was ruled ineligible for not paying hotel incidentals two seasons ago. Ackles was replaced in the starting lineup by Senior Chris Jeter.

A crowd of 9,713 watched the Rebels trail, 4-2, early. But the Rebels put together a 12-0 run and never looked back. Midway through the first half Junior forward Evric Gray hit a three-pointer, giving the Rebels a 30-12 lead. In the closing minutes of the first half the Rebels went on yet another run, this one stretched their halftime lead to 60-41.

The Rebels greeted the Soviets

with tenacious defensive play in the opening minutes of the second half. Stacey Augmon held the Soviet's hot-shooting forward Viktor Berezhnoi in check, while quietly scoring 11 points himself. However, Augmon did bring the crowd to its feet with a spectacular dunk on an assist from Greg Anthony. The Rebels increased their lead to 88-51 midway through the second half, thanks in part to the shooting of Anderson Hunt. Hunt scored 14 of his 19 points in the second half.

The Rebel reserves received a great deal of playing time thanks to the large lead the Rebels held throughout the game. H Waldman took control from Anthony, and scored his first points as a Rebel in the closing minutes.

"It was fun," he said, to get out in front of the crowd and finally score.

The most surprising effort was put forth by reserve Evric

Gray, who scored 11 points before fouling out with six minutes left. Gray knew he would be getting a lot of playing time with Ackles ineligible to play.

"I'll do anything for the team. I have to play my role," Gray said. Gray's play on offense and defense seemed to spark the Rebels as the Soviets tried to make a comeback. Does the name Moses Scurry ring a bell?

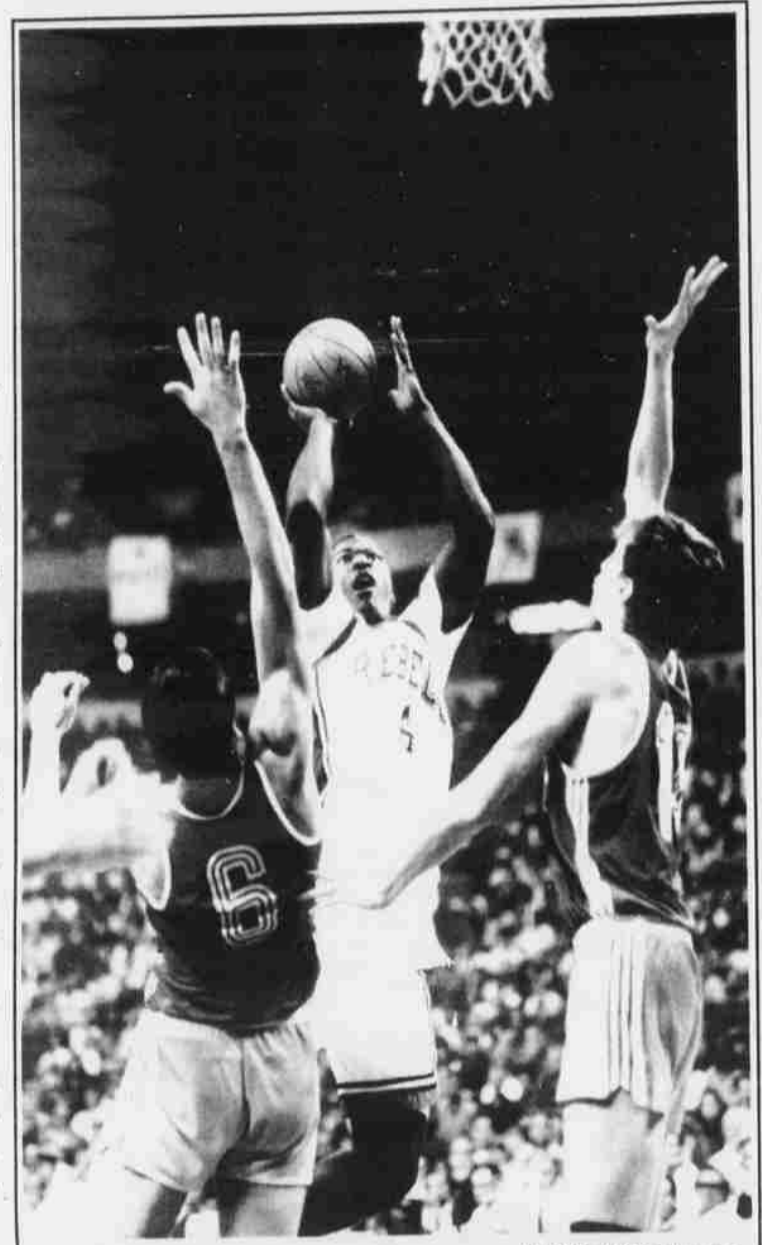
Larry Johnson led the Rebels with 38 points, 20 rebounds and was four of six from three-point country. Johnson got 29 of his points and 17 of his rebounds in the first half. He fell three rebounds short of the school record, 23.

"It's about coming out here and playing hard," Johnson said of his tremendous effort.

The Soviets were led by guard Oleg Meleshenko with 21 points. The Soviets' record now falls to 2-5 on their U.S. tour.

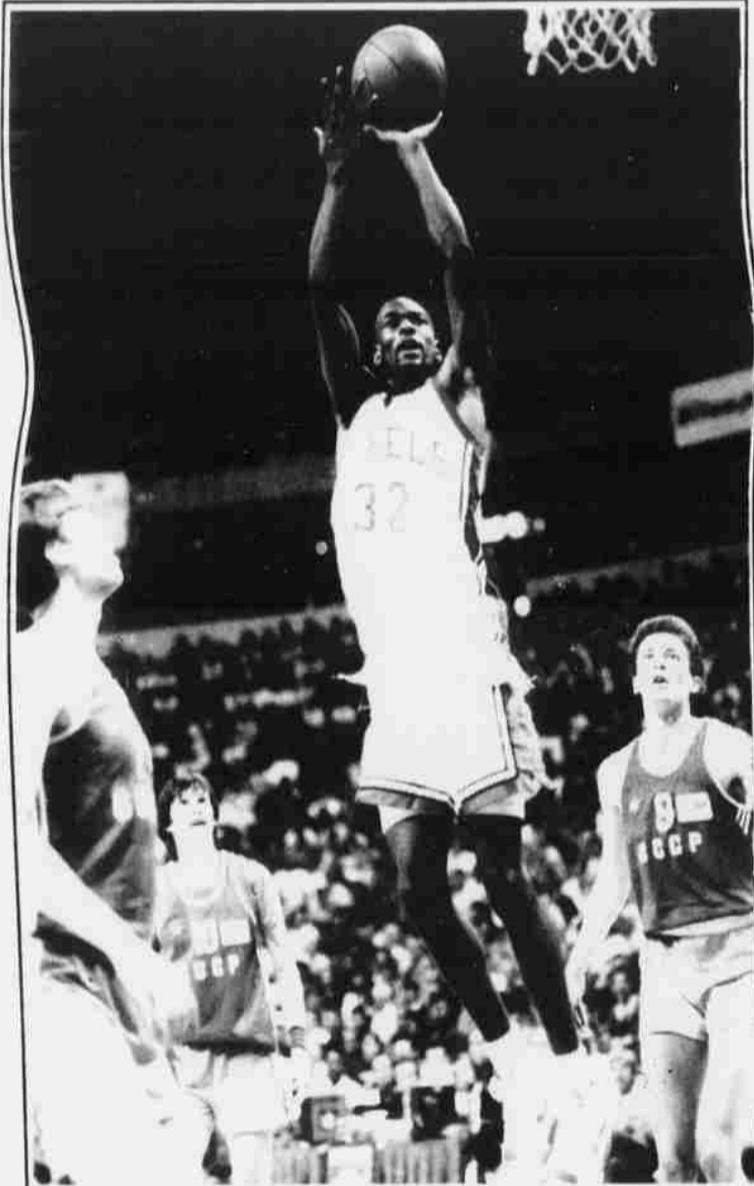
After the game Coach Jerry Tarkanian said, "I couldn't be anymore pleased...It was a great effort on our kids' part." He also gave credit to the Soviet's rough schedule of traveling every other day for the last two weeks.

The next game for the Rebels is on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 8:05 p.m., against Marathon Oil, at the Thomas & Mack Center.



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**Career day** - Larry Johnson scored a career high 38 points, 20 rebounds and four three point shots in only 25 minutes of play against the USSR.



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**Score two** - Stacey Augmon goes up for a short jumper during UNLV's game with the USSR on Saturday.

## Big West Conference Men's Basketball Coaches Poll

	Points	
1. UNLV	100	(10)
2. New Mexico State	84.5	
3. Long Beach State	80.5	
4. UC Santa Barbara	73	
5. Pacific	54.5	
6. Utah State	45	
7. Fresno State	35	
8. San Jose State	31.5	
9. UC Irvine	26	
10. Cal State Fullerton	20	

(First-place votes in parentheses)



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