

SPORTS

David Rice: A Rebel in running for Rhodes Scholarship

by Richard Munson
Reporter

This year's Runnin' Rebel basketball team boasts more than an NCAA Championship. The squad has a Rhodes Scholar candidate in senior David Rice.

A pre-law and political science major, Rice maintains a 3.95 grade-point average, while carrying 18 credits.

To become a Rhodes Scholar, a student must clear three steps. The first is to be nominated by UNLV and become the number one candidate from here. The second requires winning state competition for the title. Making it to the third step would mean spending the next two years in Oxford, England.

Rice has two more steps to clear and if he does, he will be the first Rhodes Scholar that the team has produced.

The last candidate from the men's basketball team was Coach Jerry Tarkanian's son, Danny in 1983 (he made it past the first step).

Rice said attempting to be-

come a Rhodes Scholar will be as difficult as playing for the national championship he and his teammates won last spring. But, he said, "You can't win or lose, if you don't run the race."

In order to represent UNLV, Rice had to beat out more than 200 other students. Now he must battle three other students for the right to represent the state of Nevada in the regionals. If he should make it to that third step, he'll be off to England.

Rice also had to pass an interview and submit an essay. He wrote his essay on how he could use his leadership skills to help the underprivileged. After completing his education, Rice would like to enter politics, for two reasons in particular.

"The first, is to improve the education system. And the second, is to help the underprivileged, in order to give them an equal chance in school," he said.

Before coming to UNLV, Rice attended Mt. San Antonio College, where he was named California's Junior College Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Comparing that honor

to his current candidacy he said, "That was a state honor, this is an international honor."

Trying to juggle academics with athletics takes a lot of effort, Rice said. "You do the absolute best you can do. It's about having dreams and goals. And fulfilling those dreams and goals is what it's all about," he added.

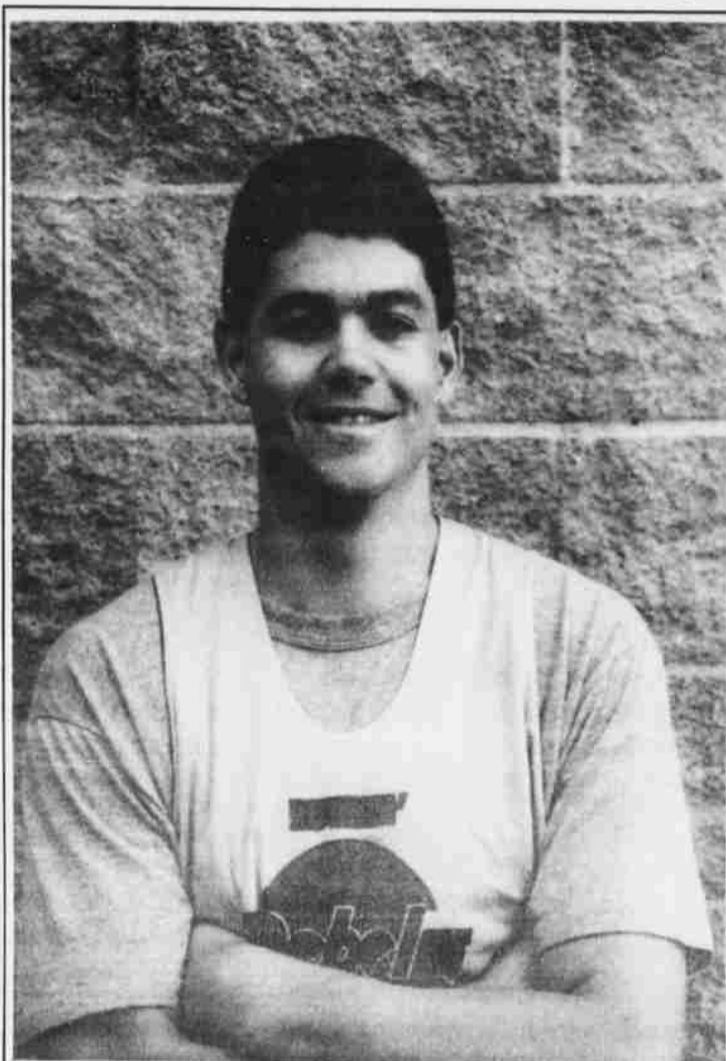
Rice gives credit to the basketball team's support staff for his academic success during the season. The staff has note takers that go to class for the players while they are on the road. The team missed at least 40 days last year while traveling.

"There is no substitute for being in class. Academics are important to every player here. The basketball team in particular gets a bad rap," Rice said.

All athletes have their own philosophy that drives them to compete, whether it be in or out of the classroom. David Rice is no exception.

"You may not be successful every time, but you have to try," he said.

And try, he does.



David Rice

Rebels drop final game of the season

by Mario Diaz
Reporter

On Saturday afternoon in front of a crowd of 4,649 at Veterans Stadium in Long Beach, the Rebels were able to close the final chapter of their first year under Coach Jim Strong. Unfortunately for them it ended on a sour note, as first year coach George Allen and his 49ers of Long Beach State beat the Rebels 29-20. The loss dropped UNLV to 4-7 for the season. Unfortunately for Coach Strong that is the same mark UNLV has posted the past two seasons.

UNLV took an early 7-0 lead on a 9-yard touchdown pass from Derek Stott to Hunkie Cooper.

After the 49ers scored a safety late in the first quarter and recovered a fumble deep in UNLV's

territory in the early part of the second setting up Todd Studer's 4-yard run, Long Beach State led 9-7.

UNLV regained the lead late in the second on Derek Black's 5-yard run, only to relinquish it as the 49ers marched 65 yards and scored on a 22-yard pass play from Studer to Joel Glick.

Long Beach State added another three points to the board when Sean Cheevers connected from 30 yards out at the 6:08 mark of the third quarter.

Early in the fourth, the 49ers scored again on a 26-yard pass from Studer to Exum and led 26-14.

Cheevers would later add a 39-yard field goal for Long Beach State, which now had things wrapped up with a 29-14 lead.

UNLV finally got on the board in the second half when Derek Stott connected with Keenan McCardell from 9 yards out. Stott finished the day with 15 completions for 171 yards. McCardell who was playing in his final game for UNLV, finished the day with 124 receiving yards on nine catches. McCardell became only the third Rebel in history to have over 1,000 yards receiving in a season. Unfortunately for him and the rest of the Rebels this was the only bright note of the day, as Long Beach State won 29-20.

Seventy-two-year-old George Allen did something many thought was impossible, leading the 49ers to their first winning season since 1986.

For Coach Strong and the UNLV staff though, the 1990 season was one of trial and error. The Rebels now must do some heavy recruiting, and establish a solid defense in hopes of having a winning season next year.

Big West Conference

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
San Jose State	7	0	0	8	2	1
Fresno State	5	1	1	8	2	1
Utah State	5	1	1	5	4	1
Long Beach State	3	3	0	5	5	0
UNLV	3	4	0	4	7	0
Pacific	2	5	0	4	7	0
Cal St. Fullerton	0	7	0	1	10	0
New Mexico St.	0	7	0	1	9	0

Saturday, Nov. 17

Utah State 51, Pacific 45.

San Jose State 42, Fresno State 7.

New Mexico State 43, Cal State Fullerton 9.

Long Beach State 29, UNLV 20.

AP Top 10 - How they fared

School

1. Notre Dame (8-2), lost to Penn State, 24-21.
Next: Sat. at Southern California.
2. Colorado (10-1-1), defeated Kansas State, 64-3.
Next: Regular season complete.
3. Miami (Fla.) (7-2), defeated Boston College, 42-12.
Next: Sat. vs. Syracuse.
4. Georgia Tech (9-0-1), defeated Wake Forest, 42-7.
Next: Dec. 1 vs. No. 6 Florida.
5. Brigham Young (9-1), defeated Utah, 45-22.
Next: Sat. vs. Utah State.
6. Florida (9-1), defeated Kentucky, 47-15.
Next: Dec. 1 at No. 9 Florida State.
7. Texas (8-1), defeated TCU, 38-10.
Next: Sat. at Baylor.
8. Virginia (8-2), lost to Maryland, 35-30.
Next: Sat. at Virginia Tech.
9. Florida State (8-2), defeated Memphis State, 35-3.
Next: Dec. 1 vs. No. 6 Florida.
10. Washington (8-2), defeated Washington State, 55-10.
Next: Regular season complete.

LW - Last week

College scoring trends

Average totals for both teams (1989)



SOURCE: National Collegiate Athletics Association

College rushing trends

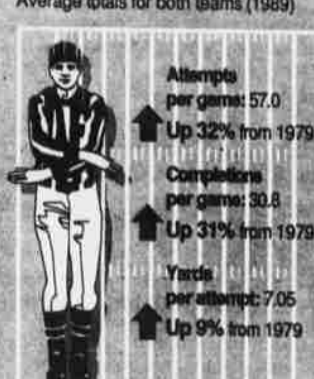
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College passing trends

Average totals for both teams (1989)



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