

Rebels beat Marathon Basketball, 103-82

by Richard Munson
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A crowd of almost 6,000 turned out Wednesday to see the Rebels close out their exhibition season with a victory over Marathon Basketball, 103-82.

The Rebels led from beginning to end by playing a stingy defense which led to fast break layups and slam dunks throughout the contest. The only threat from Marathon Basketball came midway through the first half when they came within nine points at 28-19.

The Rebels outscored Marathon Basketball by 14 points in the closing minutes of the first half to take a 23-point lead into the locker room at the half.

Anderson Hunt led the Rebels in the first half with 18 points, his game total. Hunt was seven of nine from the field, most com-

ing from fast break layups and dunks, he was also four of five from three-point country.

The Rebels started out the second half just as they had ended the first, continuing to run as Marathon Basketball began to wear down. The Rebel lead was as high as 35 points in the second half.

Senior forward Stacey Augmon lead the Rebels in the second half. Augmon scored 14 of his game high 22 points in the second half. Augmon also hit two three-pointers, dished out seven assists, and came up with five steals.

The Rebel reserves were unable to maintain the big lead given to them. Marathon Basketball outscored the Rebel reserves 20-9 in the final six minutes, but it was much too little, too late.

After the game Tarkanian said, "I was disappointed in the

way the Gray team played."

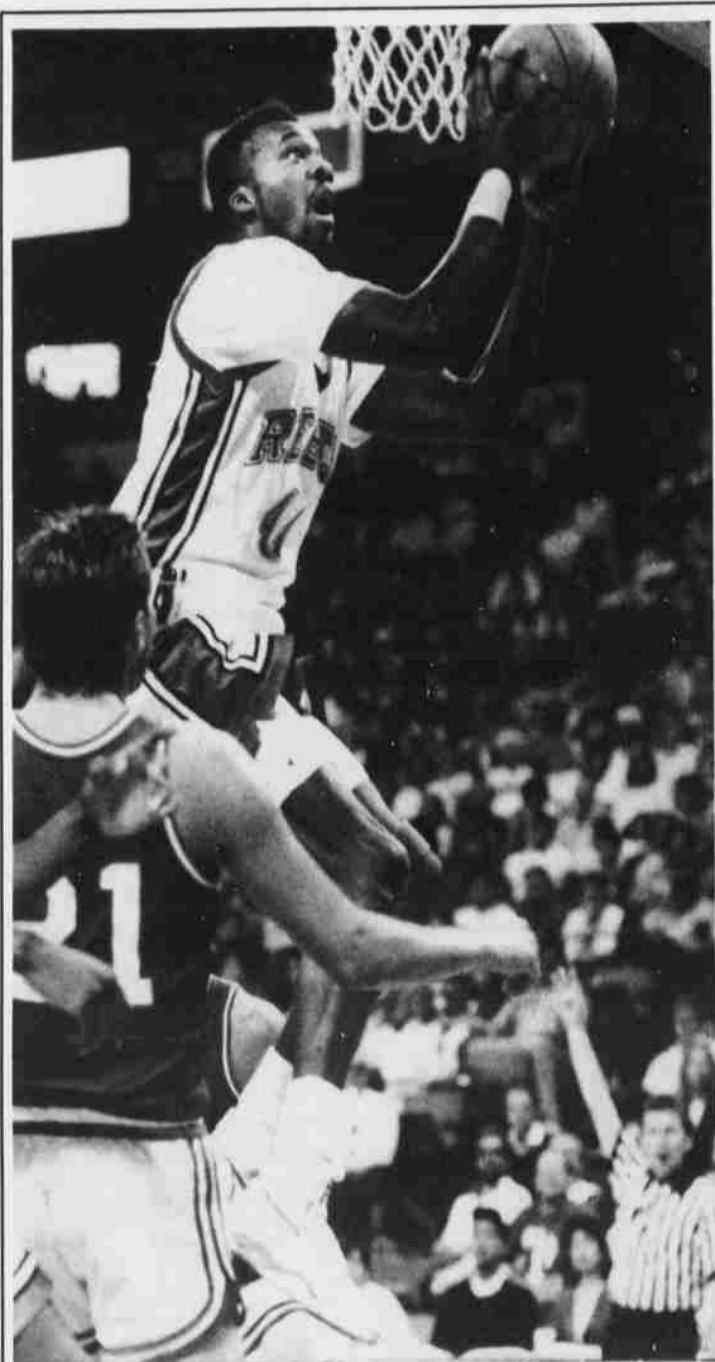
The game marked the return of center George Ackles to the starting lineup. Ackles scored 10 points and pulled down 11 rebounds in his first game back after being a medical redshirt last season, due to a wrist injury.

"George played well, but he needs experience," said Tarkanian.

Larry Johnson scored 17 points and had 12 rebounds. Coming off the bench Evric Gray had 12 points and H Waldman scored nine.

Marathon Basketball was lead by forward Todd May, who scored 20 points and collected 12 rebounds.

The Rebels open regular season play on Saturday Dec. 1 in Vancouver, British Columbia against Alabama-Birmingham.



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George Ackles - fights his way through traffic to shoot a lay-up against Marathon Oil.

Another "Big Year" for the Runnin' Rebels

by Billy Naftaly
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A preview of UNLV's men's basketball team was given by Coach Jerry Tarkanian in Los Angeles during the Big West Media Day Wednesday, Nov. 14.

With four starters returning from last year's national championship team, its no wonder that the Rebels were unanimously picked to win the conference by the coaches and the media.

Coach Tarkanian stressed the relationship between himself and the players. "I really like this team and I really love these players. There's a special bond between these kids and they're the type of kids I like to coach and the type of people I like to be around. They're an extremely loyal group of guys."

Coach Tarkanian went on to say that the starting guards (Anderson Hunt and Greg Anthony) are the best in the country for the type of game he likes to play.

The strength of the team is their forwards, All-Americans Stacey Augmon and Larry Johnson, will supply the one-two punch for the team again this season.

The only starter on this year's team who didn't start last year is the big man in the middle, center George Ackles.

"The team needs George to be a great rebounder for us," said



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Coach Jerry Tarkanian - at the Big West Media Day expressed his opinions on the upcoming basketball season.

Tarkanian.

The only real thing that the team lacks is a Moses Scurry-type of player coming off the bench. But Coach Tarkanian is hopeful that something will develop from the bench.

The starting five must stay healthy Tarkanian insists. There is a drop off of talent when the bench is called into action. This doesn't stop Tarkanian from expressing hopefulness that the bench will improve.

"(Junior guard) Travis Bice and especially freshman H

Waldman should develop into fine players for the Rebels," said Tarkanian.

The Big West Conference continues to improve. Talent is beginning to spread, anybody can beat anybody any given night.

With four returning starters who all averaged double digit scoring, and with the big man doing the job in the center spot, it seems that the only thing stopping the team from repeating as national champions is the decision the

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to play anyone in the country."

The good news about this, is that the recruiting class this year for the Lady Rebels was rated second in the nation behind Iowa.

Two other obstacles that the Lady Rebels have to overcome, are playing in the Thomas & Mack and a tough schedule. They will play eight of their 13 home games at the T&M, leaving the sanctuary of the 1,500-person capacity of the South Gym and entering the 18,500-seat Shark Tank. The fans which fill up the South Gym, will become less of a vocal and emotional factor.

A tough schedule will be a problem. The Lady Rebels will host fifth-ranked Louisiana Tech and go on the road to face No. 2 Stanford and No. 7 Texas.

"We only played one preseason game (a 76-72 loss to a Ger-

man team), so we're upgrading our schedule to get ready for the NCAA (Tournament)," said Bolla.

With new people and strong returnees like, 5-8 senior guard

Vicki Lander and 6-6 junior center Merlelynn Lange, the Lady Rebels look to enter the T&M with the same attack that won them the Big West title last year.

Johnson a near unanimous All-American selection

Senior forward Larry Johnson received 64 votes from a 65-member nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters for the AP's preseason college basketball All-America team.

Senior forward Stacey Augmon received 21 votes.

The top 10 vote getters:

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| 1. Larry Johnson, Forward, UNLV | 64 votes. |
| 2. Kenny Anderson, Guard, Georgia Tech | 59. |
| 3. Steve Smith, Guard, Michigan State | 46. |
| 4. Billy Owens, Forward, Syracuse | 36. |
| 5. Alonzo Mourning, Forward, Georgetown | 31. |
| 6. Shaquille O'Neal, Center, LSU | 23. |
| 7. Stacey Augmon, Forward, UNLV | 21. |
| 8. Doug Smith, Forward, Missouri | 11. |
| 9. Todd Day, Forward, Arkansas | 8. |
| 10. Christian Laettner, Center, Duke | 6. |

AP Top 10 - Football

School	Record	LW
1. Colorado	(10-1-1)	1
2. Georgia Tech	(9-0-1)	3
3. Miami (Fla.)	(8-2)	2
4. Brigham Young	(10-1)	4
5. Texas	(9-1)	6
6. Florida	(8-1)	5
7. Notre Dame	(9-2)	7
8. Florida State	(8-2)	8
9. Washington	(9-2)	9
10. Penn State	(9-2)	-

LW - Last week

AP Top 10 - Basketball

School	Record	LW
1. UNLV	(0-0)	1
2. Arizona	(4-0)	3
3. Arkansas	(8-2)	2
4. North Carolina	(1-0)	5
5. Michigan State	(1-0)	4
6. Alabama	(1-0)	7
7. Syracuse	(3-0)	-
8. Duke	(3-1)	6
9. Georgetown	(2-0)	9
10. Indiana	(2-1)	8

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