

Runnin' Rebels remain undefeated, ranked No. 1

UNLV returns home, annihilates Long Beach State, 114-63

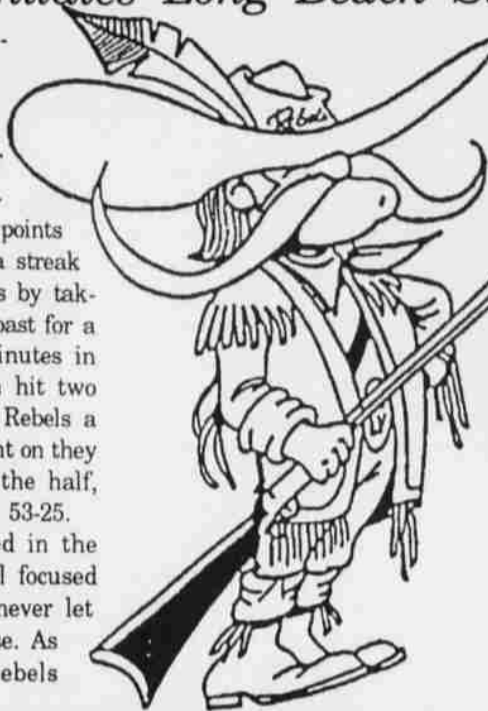
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The Runnin' Rebels - yes, Ark's very own sharks - came to the Thomas & Mack Saturday to face the 49ers of Long Beach State (5-8) and left in their usual manner, a winner. In front of a crowd of over 19,000 UNLV proved that the 13th game of the season was no jinx as they improved their record to a perfect 13-0 in the 1990-91 campaign. The 114-63 victory over "The Beach" was the 24th consecutive win for the men's basketball team which ties a school record.

For the first seven or eight minutes of the contest UNLV sized up Long Beach State and then methodically picked the right

shots on offense complimented by aggressive, stingy defense. With the score 18-17 UNLV at 12:08 left in the first half, Greg Anthony, who finished the game with 22 points and 11 assists, started a streak of 17 unanswered points by taking the ball a coast to coast for a lay up. With seven minutes in the half Larry Johnson hit two free throws to give the Rebels a 34-17 lead, from that point on they never looked back. At the half, the score was a lopsided 53-25.

When play resumed in the second half UNLV, still focused and intent on victory, never let up on offense or defense. As play continued the Rebels



went on to widen the margin, making sure the 49ers never got close.

UNLV, with an intensive effort throughout the game, was victorious by the widest margin this season, a whopping 51 points. Evric Gray came off the bench and scored 14 points in only 16 minutes playing time. The bench was responsible for 34 of the 114 points.

Coach Tark couldn't be more pleased or more complimentary on the team's efforts.

"They are a great bunch of guys," Tarkanian said. "Usually when you have that kind of a

lead at the half, 28 points, there is a tendency to let up, but not these guys. If anything, they come out more intent."

It's pretty obvious that he's right.

The Rebels played an unselfish, total team effort game, passing to their teammate with the open shot and with the defense collapsing on an opponent trying to drive in for a score.

After 13 games into the season, UNLV is the NCAA's undisputed No. 1. The Rebels, played at UC Santa Barbara Monday and will travel to face Louisville on Saturday.

Runnin' Rebel Recap

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UNLV 95, Mich State 75 Dec. 15.

UNLV head basketball coach Jerry Tarkanian became the NCAA's all-time winningest coach (by percentage) with the Rebels' win over the then-20th-ranked Spartans at The Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich.

Larry Johnson led UNLV with a career-high 35 points and 14 rebounds.

The Rebels (3-0), facing their first real test of the season, looked sluggish at times and the Spartans briefly took the lead, 61-60, early in the second half.

A technical foul on Greg Anthony sparked the Runnin' Rebels, however, as they put together a 21-5 run and cruised to the 20-point win.

UNLV 69, Princeton 35 Dec. 19

The Rebels hosted Princeton, college basketball's reknowned giant-killers, in their first home game of the season. However, Princeton's methodical offense and team-pressure defense could not hold the big, strong, fast Runnin' Rebels in check.

The Tigers made it interesting for only a short time, cutting a 13-0 UNLV lead to 19-17. The Runnin' Rebels closed out the half with a 14-3 run to go up 33-20.

The Rebels breezed in the second half, led by Anderson Hunt's 19 points, handing Princeton their first loss of the season.

Duel in the Desert

UNLV 101, Florida State 69 Dec. 22.

Florida State really hasn't been known for its basketball program, nevertheless, they invaded the Thomas & Mack to play the No. 1 team in the nation. It would be the same as if UNLV's football team went to Tallahassee to play the Seminoles. It was apparent from the start it was going to be a blowout.

Going into the half, UNLV was up 46-30. The Rebels, in the second half, increased their lead

by 16 more points, to win 101-69.

UNLV's rampage was led by Anderson Hunt's 21 points, 15 of which came from beyond three-point range. But the biggest—and tallest—story of the day came off the Rebels' bench in the first half. That's when 7-foot, 265-pound junior center Elmore Spencer made his Las Vegas debut. Spencer, who had just been activated three days earlier, scored 12 points in just 15 minutes of play. Coach Tarkanian said he played well for a guy who had just joined the team three days earlier, but that it would take him a bit of time to learn the system.

In the first game of the Duel in the Desert doubleheader, Ohio State come back from a first half deficit to defeat Georgetown, 71-60.

UNLV 92, Pacific 72 Dec. 29.

Senior forward Stacey Augmon dominated the Rebels' game in Stockton, Calif., scoring 26 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. Greg Anthony had a career-high 19 assists. On the season Anthony has committed only one turnover for every six assists he has made. Elmore Spencer, playing in his second game as a Rebel, equaled the 12 points he scored against Florida State.

UNLV's win in their first Big West Conference game of the season raised their overall record to 6-0.

UNLV 89, James Mad 65 Jan. 4.

UNLV continued its dominance of men's college basketball as the Runnin' Rebels defeated the Dukes of James Madison, 89-65.

The initial tip-off was controlled by JMU and converted into the first basket of the game. This marked the only point where the Dukes displayed a commanding presence.

The Rebels answered immediately with a basket from All-America forward Larry Johnson. Realizing the quickness advantage of the Rebels, the Dukes at-

tempted to slow the pace of the game. This attempt proved futile as the Rebels, with the aid of starting guards Greg Anthony and Anderson Hunt, overpowered the Dukes on both ends of the court.

Johnson led all scorers with a 21-point, 10-rebound contribution. Stacey Augmon added 20 points.

UNLV 95, San Jose St 63

The Rebels finally had an off day, but managed to come away with a 32 point victory. The first half the Rebels played little offense but were able to post a 12 point lead thanks to their defense.

"We didn't play with the emotion that we played with earlier (this season)," Tarkanian said.

The game marked a career milestone for Larry Johnson as he scored his 1,000 point as a Rebel.

UNLV124, Utah State 93 Jan. 9

The Rebels came out flat in the first half due in part to the absence of guard Anderson Hunt, who missed the game with tendinitis in his knees. But in the second half, all Rebel starters scored in double figures including Travis Bice, who started in Hunt's place.

The game marked the debut of Junior center Melvin Love.

"It was great. I'm just trying to play hard," said Love on his first performance.

Larry Johnson led the Reb-

UNLV 117, Fresno State Jan. 12.

Larry Johnson was the Runnin' Rebels' high scorer for the fifth consecutive game. He scored 27 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. On the season, he is

scoring 25.4 points per game on 61.1 percent shooting.

Greg Anthony had a big game, 19 points, 11 assists and four steals, as the Rebels again blew open a game that had been relatively close.

With the win, the Rebels tied a school record with 16 consecutive victories.

UNLV 117, UC Irvine 76 Jan. 17.

The Rebels built a 20-point, first-half lead but squandered some of it late in the half and led 58-45 at the break.

UNLV exploded in the second half. Larry Johnson led the way with 25 points and 16 rebounds.

Evric Gray paced a strong showing by the second team with 14 points as they increased the Rebel lead down the stretch.

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