

## Women swimmers undefeated, men struggling

by Richard Munson

UNLV played host to last year's Big West Conference champions from UC Santa Barbara last weekend at Buchanan Natatorium. The men's and women's teams came away with different outcomes, the men losing and the women winning.

The undefeated women came away with a 78-point victory, 159-81. They were led by senior All-America candidate Heather Trout who placed first in three events. Trout was part of the 400-meter medley relay, 3:59.72, and won the 200-meter backstroke with a time of 2:10.90. She posted her best time of the season in the 200-meter individual medley at 2:08.10.

In total, the women came away with nine first-place event winners. Kristina Lutes won the three-meter diving with a score of 410.85. In freestyle swimming Cindy Wold won the 200, 1:54.91, and Mary Kasvio won both the 500 and the 1000, in times of 5:00.57 and 10:19.59. Rounding out the victories was the 400-meter freestyle team of Lynch, Wold, Kasvio and Zimsen at 3:43.13. UNLV swept the breaststroke with Tuija Kyrolainen winning and teammates Mary Alice Torgerson, Audra Martin placing second and third.

The story was the opposite for the men. UCSB came away with a 60-point victory, 149.5-89.5.

One bright spot for the men was junior Taku Henmi who won the 200-meter butterfly in a time

of 1:53.49. Henmi placed second in the 200-meter breaststroke, 1:53.44 and second in the 200-meter individual medley at 2:06.56.

The men had three other first-place winners, all in freestyle swimming events. In the 100, Sal Castro posted a time of 47.82 and in the 500, Mike Lockhart had a time of 4:34.49. UNLV's only other first-place victory came from Scott Coleman in the 50. It was the most exciting event with Coleman edging out UCSB's Joe Thomas by 21 one-hundredths of a second.

The women are a perfect 6-0, 2-0 in the conference while the men slipped to 2-4, 1-1 in the conference. The Rebel swim team will host the Rebel Classic Jan. 25-27.

## Runnin' Rebs win at "Thunderdome," 88-71

UNLV downs UCSB for school record 25th straight win

by Ched Whitney

Monday night the Runnin' Rebs traveled to the site of their last loss, the UC Santa Barbara Special Events Center, popularly known as The Thunderdome.

This time, however, the result was different. UNLV was too much for the Gauchos, pulling away in the second half to an 88-71 victory. In the process, the Rebs set a school record with their 25th consecutive victory.

As Rebel games go (this season), this was a tough one.

UNLV jumped out to a 16-6 lead early, only to have UCSB come back to within two, 20-18. After a timeout the Rebs scored eight unanswered points, only to have the Gauchos whittle the lead three minutes left.

The Rebs managed to up the margin to nine at the intermission, 46-37.

UNLV wore down UCSB in the second half. The "amoeba" zone defense shut down the Gauchos' inside game, especially center Gary Gray, who had 18 first half points and nine in the second.

UNLV widened its lead without one of their usual 12-2 or 15-4 tears. Point guard Greg Anthony asserted himself on both ends of the court. Although he only scored three points in the game, he dictated the pace in the second half and flustered the UCSB guards.

Anderson Hunt led UNLV with 26 points; he made six of eight from three-point range. Larry Johnson had 19 points and 12 rebounds.

The Rebs travel to Louisville to take on the Cardinals Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

### REBELEADERS

#### Women's basketball

Avg.\*  
Points: Merlelynn Lange 13.3  
Rebounding: Tasha Bradley 7.5  
Assists: Janice Holliday 4.9  
Blocked shots: Merlelynn Lange 1.3  
Steals: Vicki Lander 2.1  
Field goals: Merlelynn Lange 58.9%  
Free throws: Theresa Jackson 79.5%  
Three-pointers: Tammy Moore 50.0%  
Three-pointers made: Vicki Lander 0.9

#### Men's basketball

Points: Larry Johnson 23.1  
Rebounding: Larry Johnson 10.7  
Assists: Greg Anthony 9.8  
Blocked shots: George Ackles 2.6  
Steals: Greg Anthony 2.2  
Field goals: Larry Johnson 63.8%  
Free throws: Greg Anthony 83.3%  
Three-pointers: Stacey Augmon 48.0%  
Three-pointers made: Anderson Hunt 3.0

\* - Averages are per game.

### REBELNOTES

**Women drop in AP poll**  
With their two losses last week, the Lady Rebs dropped from fifth to 12th in the Associated Press poll.

**Bice misses 49ers game**  
Junior guard Travis Bice missed Saturday's game against Long Beach State due to the flu.

**Women host UC schools Thursday and Saturday**

The Lady Rebs host UC Santa Barbara on Thursday and UC Irvine on Saturday. Both games will be at the Thomas & Mack Center. The games will be broadcast by KVEG-AM 840.

Starting time for both games is 7:30 p.m.

**Men travel to Louisville**  
The Runnin' Rebs will be in Kentucky on Saturday, to face the Louisville Cardinals in a nationally televised game (CBS, Channel 8, 12:30 p.m.).

Though the Cardinals have struggled this season, UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian feels they will be ready for the Rebs.

"Louisville's struggled this season," Tarkanian said, "but I'm sure (head coach) Denny Crum will have them ready."

## Big West Schedule

### MEN

#### Today's games

Cal State Fullerton at UC Santa Barbara.  
San Jose State at New Mexico State.  
Utah State at Long Beach State.

#### Saturday's games

Cal State Fullerton at UC Irvine.  
Pacific at Fresno State.  
San Jose State at Long Beach State.  
Utah State at New Mexico State.  
UNLV at Louisville, 12:30 p.m.

#### Monday's game

UNLV at Utah State, 9 p.m.

### WOMEN

#### Today's games

UC Irvine at Cal State Fullerton  
UC Santa Barbara at UNLV.

#### Friday's games

Fresno State at New Mexico State.  
Pacific at Long Beach State.

#### Saturday's games

UC Irvine at UNLV.  
UC Santa Barbara at Cal State Fullerton.

#### Monday's games

Cal State Fullerton at New Mexico State.  
Long Beach State at San Jose State.

### Women's Basketball AP Top 25

- 1 Virginia (16-1)
- 2 Penn State (13-1)
- 3 No Carolina St. (14-2)
- 4 Tennessee (14-3)
- 5 Georgia (15-2)
- 6 Purdue (15-1)
- 7 Auburn (13-3)
- 8 Stanford (12-3)
- 9 Rutgers (13-1)
- 10 Louisiana State (13-2)
- 11 Arkansas (15-2)
- 12 UNLV (14-2)
- 13 West Kentucky (15-1)
- 14 Northwestern (10-3)
- 15 Mississippi (12-3)
- 16 Washington (12-3)
- 17 Connecticut (15-2)
- 18 Texas (10-5)
- 19 Providence (14-2)
- 20 Notre Dame (11-3)
- 21 Clemson (10-5)
- 22 Louisiana Tech (9-4)
- 23 Iowa (8-6)
- 24 Long Beach St (8-5)
- 25 Florida State (11-2)

## Big West Conference

### MEN

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
UNLV	8	0	1.000	14	0	1.000
New Mexico St.	5	1	.833	13	2	.867
Utah State	4	2	.667	7	8	.467
Cal St. Fullerton	4	3	.571	11	5	.688
Pacific	4	4	.500	8	9	.471
UCSB	3	4	.429	8	7	.533
San Jose State	2	5	.286	4	12	.250
Fresno State	2	6	.250	7	10	.412
UC Irvine	2	6	.250	7	13	.350
Long Beach St.	1	4	.250	5	9	.357

### WOMEN

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
UNLV	5	1	.833	14	2	.875
UC San Barb.	4	1	.800	10	4	.714
Long Beach St.	3	1	.750	8	5	.615
Pacific	5	2	.714	10	6	.625
C St. Fullerton	4	2	.667	11	4	.733
New Mexico St.	3	4	.429	7	8	.467
Fresno State	2	3	.400	9	6	.600
Hawaii	3	5	.375	9	7	.563
UC Irvine	2	5	.286	4	12	.250
San Jose State	0	7	.000	2	14	.125

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