

# No. 1 vs. No. 2

The Runnin' Rebs travel to "Barn-hell"

by Ched Whitney

It will be the biggest regular-season game this year. The UNLV Runnin' Rebels, the No. 1 team in the nation, by some accounts the best team of the last 15 years or more, travel to face the Arkansas Razorbacks Sunday at Barnhill Arena.

The Razorbacks are 21-1 this season (losing only to Arizona in the finals of the preseason NIT) and ranked second in the country. They have won 19 consecutive games overall, 18 straight at home and 32 of their last 33 at Barnhill. Head coach Nolan Richardson expressed his awe at the Runnin' Rebels' talent but said he felt his team would not be intimidated.

"I think our basketball team, when that date comes, will meet the challenge," Richardson said. "I think our kids are looking forward to that challenge."

The Runnin' Rebels' success has, by now, become well-documented. Beginning with their 103-73 dismantling of Duke in last year's national championship

game and continuing this season with their dismantling of every team on their schedule. UNLV has won their 18 games this season by an average of more than 31 points per game. They have extended to their winning streak to 29 games dating back to Feb. 26, 1990 when they were beaten by UC Santa Barbara.

Coach Jerry Tarkanian, whose Rebels have won 21 straight road games, expressed his usual concern while admitting he's not had much to worry about this season.

"We've played real well this year," Tarkanian said. But "we're certainly not unbeatable ... we're playing one of the great teams in the country."

"Barnhill Arena is one of the toughest places to play," he said, "but our guys have been focused so well."

A Runnin' Rebel victory at Barnhill will put the team another step closer to basketball immortality and be a big step on the road to an unbeaten season.

# 'Arkansas is gonna whip you-all'

Students having been camping since Sunday to buy tickets

By Richard Munson

Students in Fayetteville are counting the moments until their showdown with top-ranked UNLV. This is the biggest game ever at Barnhill," said Paulo Koch, a student at the University of Arkansas, during a telephone interview.

Students have set up tents one week in advance in order to get the best seats at Barnhill Arena. Those that attend Arkansas basketball games must stand in line and pay \$62.50 to get season tickets. But unlike UNLV's ticket policy where the seats are reserved, students must show up early, stand in line and get the best seat they can when the doors are opened. Barnhill arena which holds 9,500 fans has allotted students 1,300 seats. But not all students are willing to stand in line to "fight" for good seats, so many students are selling their tickets. Would a Rebel fan do this? "Some students are selling tickets for as high as \$100," said Koch.



"Right now its not too wild. We're thinking about Houston right now, they always give us trouble." Maybe its the calm before the storm. "But, everyone around here has been fired up for the last month."

"Arkansas is gonna whip you-all," said Danny Kolman, another student at Arkansas. Kolman, who visited UNLV last year for the

Arkansas UNLV game, was impressed with the show put on at the Thomas & Mack.

"I've never seen anything like that. That's great," Kolman said.

The National calls it "Fayette Nam." The name "barn-hell" has also been used to describe Barnhill Arena.

Obviously, this could be the game of the decade.

## REBELINES

"I promise every team that comes here 40 minutes of hell," — Arkansas head basketball coach Nolan Richardson.

"I was thinking about the other one. I was thinking about making it." — UNLV forward Evric Gray, referring to a missed dunk earlier in the season, and one he made Sunday against Rutgers.

## Lady Rebels outlast CS Fullerton, 88-82 in OT

UNLV overcomes 44-point performance by Titan star Miller

by Ched Whitney

The UNLV Lady Rebels were looking over their shoulders for most of Monday night's game with the 24th-ranked Titans of Cal State Fullerton.

The Rebels couldn't quite pull away - their biggest lead was 12, early in the second half - but kept the lead until the Titans went ahead 74-71 with 2:18 left in regulation.

That's when things got interesting.

UNLV was trailing 76-74 when Rebel guard Janice Holliday fouled the Titans' Michelle Hennessey. Hennessey missed the second of two free throws and Vicki Lander hit a three-pointer at the other end to tie the game at 77 with 15 seconds left.

The Lady Rebels had a chance to win in regulation when center Merlelynn Lange forced a Titan turnover with four seconds remaining. The inbound pass went to Teresa Jackson who had gotten behind the Cal State defense and was streaking down court. Jackson was fouled on the way to the basket with no time left but missed both potential game-winning free throws, sending the game into overtime.

UNLV outscored the Titans 11-5 in the overtime period to take an 88-82 victory. Vicki Lander spearheaded the Rebels' strong overtime performance in the extra period and led UNLV with 20 points. Tammy Moore had a career-high 19 points, hitting three of three from three-point range.

Cal State Fullerton's All-America candidate Genia Miller was unstoppable. UNLV head coach Jim Bolla used 14 fouls from his three low-post players (Lange, Tasha Bradley and Iris Dinerman) as he was forced to substitute early and often. Miller had a career-high 44 points, but was disappointed with the outcome.

"It came down to free throw

shooting," she said. Miller missed nine of her 21 attempts.

Coach Bolla said this time (the Rebels lost at Cal State Fullerton, 86-80, last month) they were able to shut down the Titans' perimeter people.

Bolla said he felt the UNLV big people played well against Miller in the overtime.

"I thought we did a good job in the overtime of taking Miller out of the low post so she couldn't block shots," he said.

Sharon Hargrove, who scored 15 points before leaving the game near the three-minute mark of the second half with sore calf muscles, said that Bolla wanted help for

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Coach Tarkanian's Rebels face their biggest challenge this Sunday.

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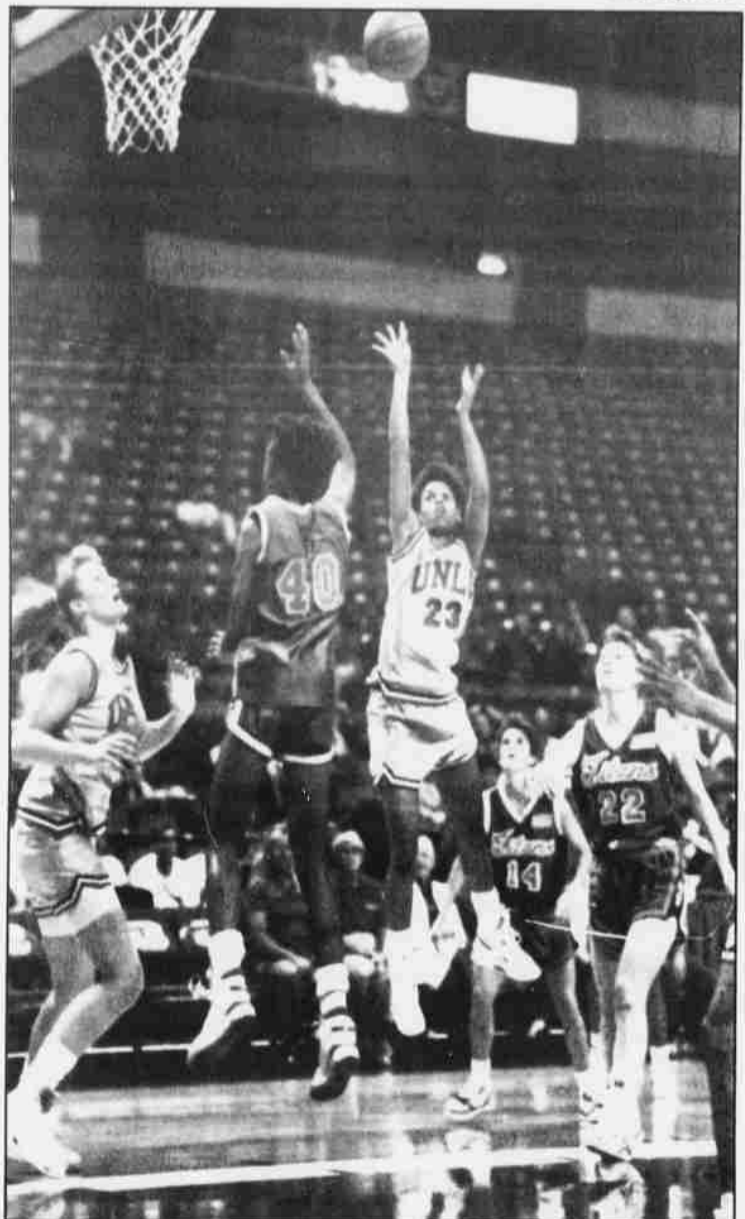
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Vicki Lander (23) shoots over Genia Miller in the Lady Rebels' overtime win against Cal State Fullerton.