

The Yellin' Rebel Top 25

1	UNLV	(18-0)	125
2	Arkansas	(22-1)	119
3	Indiana	(20-2)	113
tie	Ohio State	(18-1)	113
5	Arizona	(18-3)	97
6	Syracuse	(19-3)	94
7	Duke	(18-4)	93
8	St. John's	(16-3)	92
9	Kentucky	(17-3)	91
10	North Carolina	(15-3)	88
11	East Tennessee State	(18-2)	69
12	UCLA	(16-5)	65
tie	Virginia	(16-4)	65
14	Southern Mississippi	(14-2)	60
15	Nebraska	(18-3)	56
16	Kansas	(15-4)	47
17	Louisiana State	(13-6)	46
18	New Mexico State	(16-2)	42
19	Utah	(20-2)	36
20	Georgetown	(13-6)	27
21	Oklahoma	(15-6)	21
22	New Orleans	(18-3)	11
23	Oklahoma State	(15-4)	8
tie	Princeton	(13-2)	8
25	North Carolina State	(11-6)	5

Also receiving votes: Texas, Missouri, Pittsburgh and Michigan State. and Soutnern Univ.

The Yellin' Rebel Top 25 is tabulated using votes from its sports writers. Additionally, each week a person outside The Yellin' Rebel will contribute to the Top 25.

This week, The Yellin' Rebel would like to thank Mike Woolfolk, Weekend Sports Anchor for KVBC-TV, Channel 3, for participating in the poll.

Woolfolk's top 25:

1 UNLV	10 North Carolina	18 Georgetown
2 Arkansas	11 Virginia	19 Oklahoma
3 Ohio State	12 E. Tenn. St.	20 New Mexico St.
4 Indiana	13 S. Mississippi	21 Utah
5 Syracuse	14 UCLA	22 Oklahoma
6 Kentucky	15 Nebraska	23 New Orleans
7 Arizona	16 LSU	24 Oklahoma St.
8 Duke	17 Kansas	25 Southern U. *
9 St. John's		

* - Woolfolk is a graduate of Southern University.

REBELEADERS

Women's basketball		Avg.*
Points:	Merlelyn 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		Avg.*
Points:	Larry Johnson	22.7
Rebounding:	Larry Johnson	11.4
Assists:	Greg Anthony	9.5
Blocked shots:	George Ackles	2.6
Steals:	Greg Anthony	2.4
Field goals:	Larry Johnson	63.7%
Free throws:	Larry Johnson	79.6%
Three-pointers:	Evric Gray	57.1%
Three-pointers made:	Anderson Hunt	2.9

* - Averages are per game.

REBELS

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Lange and Bradley in defending Miller.

"Their point guard wasn't a shooter," said Hargrove, "so whoever was at the top of the key was supposed to help (guard Miller)." first place in the Big West from the Titans. The Lady Rebels are 8-2 and 17-4 overall. CSF drops to 9-3 and 16-5.

The Lady Rebels will play Stanford on Friday at the South Gym at 9 p.m. The game will be televised nationally by ESPN.

With the win UNLV took over

BIG WEST CONFERENCE

Men's basketball standings

Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L
UNLV	10	0	1.000	18	0
New Mexico St.	8	1	.889	16	2
Pacific	6	5	.545	10	10
Utah State	6	5	.545	9	11
Fresno State	5	6	.455	10	10
UCSB	4	6	.400	9	9
Cal St. Fullerton	4	7	.364	11	9
Long Beach St.	3	6	.333	7	11
UC Irvine	3	8	.273	8	15
San Jose State	3	8	.273	5	15

Thursday's games

Fresno State at UNLV, 8:05 p.m.
Long Beach State at UC Irvine
Pacific at Cal State Fullerton.

Saturday's games

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

Sunday's game

UNLV at Arkansas, 9 a.m.

Monday's games

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

BIG WEST CONFERENCE

Women's basketball standings

Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L
UNLV	8	2	.800	17	4
CS Fullerton	9	3	.750	16	5
Long Beach St.	6	3	.667	11	7
Fresno State	6	4	.600	13	7
UCSB	6	4	.600	12	7
Pacific	7	5	.583	12	9
Hawaii	5	5	.500	9	7
New Mexico St.	5	6	.429	9	10
UC Irvine	2	10	.167	4	17
San Jose State	0	12	.000	2	19

Thursday's games

Fresno State at Hawaii.
San Jose State at UC Santa Barbara.

Friday's game

Long Beach State at UNLV.

Saturday's games

Fresno State at Hawaii.
New Mexico State at Cal State Fullerton.
San Jose State at UC Irvine.

Monday's games

UC Irvine at Long Beach State.

AP Top 25

Women's Basketball

1	Virginia	(20-1)
2	Penn State	(17-1)
3	Georgia	(19-2)
4	Purdue	(18-1)
5	Tennessee	(18-4)
6	North Carolina St.	(18-3)
7	Auburn	(19-3)
8	Stanford	(16-3)
9	Rutgers	(18-1)
10	Western Kentucky	(18-1)
11	Arkansas	(17-3)
12	Washington	(15-3)
13	Louisiana State	(16-4)
14	Mississippi	(16-4)
15	Texas	(14-5)
16	Connecticut	(17-3)
17	UNLV	(17-4)
18	Northwestern	(12-5)
19	Clemson	(15-5)
20	Notre Dame	(15-3)
21	Providence	(19-3)
22	Florida State	(14-4)
23	Michigan State	(15-4)
24	CS Fullerton	(16-5)
25	S.F. Austin	(15-3)

Oh baby, it's unbelievable!

An interview with Dick Vitale

by Richard Munson

The college basketball game of the year will take place on Sunday as No. 2 Arkansas will host No. 1 UNLV at Barnhill Arena in Arkansas.

As the day draws near, basketball fans turn to the foremost authority in college basketball — myself. Ok, maybe not me, but how about Dick Vitale? Yes, the same Dick Vitale that said on ESPN's Big Monday (Jan. 28) that the Arkansas Razorbacks would hand the Rebels their first loss of the season.

Vitale, who was in town last weekend to cover the Rutgers game for ABC, clarified his statements at Saturday's Rebel basketball practice.

"Arkansas will not be intimidated," Vitale said. "Combine the talent, the environment ... let's face reality — it's a really good chance for Arkansas."

Watching the Rebels practice, Vitale told his true feelings.

"Vegas plays my kind of basketball," he said. "Nobody is a bigger fan of Vegas than I am." Although, he added, UNLV is "due to have one sub-par performance."

Vitale admitted that Arkansas is not a better team than the UNLV.

"UNLV would be an eight- to 10-point favorite on a neutral court. There's no way that Arkansas could beat UNLV on a neutral court," he said.

Vitale warned that the best team doesn't always win the championship when he said, "It's not a lock to the NCAA title. If people think so, they're kidding themselves."

REBELNOTES

Scarlet Knights blocked by Rebels

UNLV set a school record with 14 blocked shots against Rutgers last Sunday. Elmore Spencer had five while Stacey Augmon and George Ackles each had three.

Augmon named co-Player of the Week

Stacey Augmon was named co-Big West Player of the Week (with Utah State's Kendall Youngblood). He recorded a triple-double (27 points, 11 rebounds, 11 assists) against Rutgers. It was the first triple-double by a UNLV player this season.



ABC's Dick Vitale