

UNLV scores big football recruiting year

Rebels land Parade Magazine top-20 player

by Brian Hurlburt

UNLV football is well on the way to a bright future. After landing several top recruits from around the nation, the Rebels' foundation is set for the upcoming season.

Like their basketball counterparts, this team is not intimidated by anybody. The coaching staff was confident they could recruit with the big-time powers in the country and proved they could.

"We thought we could recruit well against the big boys," said Chris Johnson, assistant sports information director. "We went up against the Notre Dames, the

Penn States and we came away with some top guys."

In fact, the Rebels plucked a top prospect from Notre Dame's backyard. Matt Willis, a three-time all-state fullback is from South Bend, Ind., the heart of Fighting Irish land. He was rated in the top-20 running back prospects coming out of high school.

Another fullback may be the prize recruit of this year's class. Shannon McLean, a Parade Magazine first team All-American from St. Martin-DePorres High School in Detroit, played both fullback and linebacker in high school. As a

running back he gained over 1,000 yards and as linebacker he averaged nine tackles a game.

However, he won't



show off his defensive skills at UNLV. A reason he is coming to Rebel land is the promise that he

will play in the backfield on offense, according to Johnson.

While it usually takes a few years for a recruiting class to live up to expectations, members of the Rebel coaching staff said they have a few new recruits that can make a difference from the start.

Last year the Rebels continually had problems with the kicking game. Those problems should be over.

The Rebels landed two fine kickers, Nick Garritano and Brian Parvin. Garritano is a local star from Chapperal High School.

"He has the ability to hit 50-

yard kicks consistently," Johnson said.

He also averaged more than 40 yards per punt in high school.

Parvin, a junior college transfer from Mt. San Antonio College in California, will probably handle the punting duties. He averaged 47.8 yards per punt and was a high school Academic All-American. Both players are expected to make an immediate impact.

The overall recruiting class has to be considered as one of UNLV's finest ever. With the prospect of basketball probation next year, it is time for the football to shine.

Where are the Gentlemen Rebels?

by Eileen Brady

Who's to say whether a Rebel is male or female? Apparently, UNLV athletics believes Rebels are male; otherwise they wouldn't need to add "Lady" to the women's basketball or softball team names.

To add "Lady" to the women's team name is an archaic idea. These women work as hard and sweat as much as the men's team, yet they are still called the Lady Rebels. It would sound ludicrous to call the men's team the Gentleman Rebels.

The men's basketball and baseball teams each are described with adjectives indicating action. The basketball team is "Runnin'" while the baseball team is "Hustlin'." But the women's teams are described with adjectives that simply refer to their sex.

In case we didn't know, the women's teams are "Ladies."

Yes, the term "Lady" might help to clarify which team is being reported on, the men's or women's. But quickly referring to "the women's basketball team" at the beginning of any coverage would clear it up, especially when the TV news videotapes or the accompanying photos in the newspaper are obviously pictures of women.

And what about the Lady Rebels softball team? Is there a secret men's softball team hiding somewhere on campus?

The term needs to be dropped not only by the university, but the media as well. Entire conferences, including the Big Ten and Pac-10, have dropped the "Lady." This is the first step in giving women's athletics the respect it deserves.

If all the men and women

participating in sports at UNLV were simply called the Rebels, perhaps all sports would be more widely supported by the community. Saying "Support your Rebels" would encompass each sport and each athlete, generating solidarity in the university athletes.

Although women's sports might never be as popular as men's, that doesn't mean they don't push, bruise and generally play just as hard as the men. The women practice year round and train by running and lifting weights to become the best possible athlete in season.

Because of their proven hard work and dedication, women in collegiate sports deserve the same respect and privileges as the men—starting with the school nickname.



Larry Johnson (4) leads the Rebels against UC Santa Barbara Thursday and New Mexico State Saturday.

Volvo Tennis Collegiate Series

Women's

Feb. 8
UNLV 9, Idaho State 0

Singles

Sarit Shaley (UNLV) def. Alex Iasuda, 6-1, 6-4.
Debbie Higa (UNLV) def. Christa Teixeira, 7-5, 6-3.
Becky Markosian (UNLV) def. Rebecca Smith, 6-4, 7-6.
Janelle Barr (UNLV) def. Story Hurst, 6-1, 6-1.
Rachel Clark (UNLV) def. Michelle Guerrero, 6-2, 6-1.
Teal Lane (UNLV) def. Darcie Boehmer, 6-1, 6-0.

Doubles

Shaley/Markosian def. Teixeira/Smith, 6-0, 6-2.
Higa/Clark def. Hurst/Iasuda, 6-0, 6-2.
Lane/Barr def. Boehmer/Guerrero, 6-1, 6-0.

Feb. 9

UNLV 8, CS Northridge 1

Singles

Shaley def. Cathie Tiobaldi, 6-4, 6-3.
Higa def. Cindy Nelson, 7-6, 6-3.
Barr def. Gabriela Kwiezek, 6-4, 6-4.
Becky Markosian def. Michelle Reed, 6-1, 6-3.

Suzi Agassi (UNLV) def. Denise Cass, 6-2, 6-1.
Lane def. Heather Miller, 6-2, 6-0.

Doubles

Shaley/Markosian def. Cass/Reed, 6-0, 6-2.
Higa/Clark def. Miller/Tiobaldi, 6-3, 2-6, 7-5.
Kwiezek/Nielson def. Barr/Lane, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5.

Feb. 10

UNLV 8, Wichita State 1

Singles

Shaley def. Karen Theck, 6-1, 6-1.
Higa def. Giancarla DiLaura, 6-3, 6-2.
Markosian def. Colleen Van Den Heever, 6-1, 6-3.
Barr def. Andrea Wallace, 6-1, 6-1.
Agassi def. Kim Sweeney, 6-0, 6-2.
Clark def. Michelle Knipp, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

Doubles

Shaley/Markosian def. DiLaura/Van Den Heever, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0.
Theck/Sweeney def. Higa/Mary Laudenschlager, 6-4, 6-4.
Barr/Lane def. Wallace/Toni Tanquary, 7-5, 6-2.

Men's

Feb. 9
Long Beach State 5, UNLV 4.

Singles

Vince Mackey def. Pat Boles (UNLV), 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.
Bill Pham def. John Swaino (UNLV), 6-3, 6-2.
Robert Vinson (UNLV) def. Steve Joyner, 6-3, 6-2.
Eric Aanes (UNLV) def. Dave Fontaine, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Marco Redaelli def. Misa Jevtic (UNLV), 7-5, 4-6, 7-6.
David Hostalek (UNLV) def. Scott Patthast, 7-6, 6-1.

Doubles

Boles/Vinson def. Pham/Fontaine 2-6, 6-4, 7-6.
Mackey/Joyner def. Jevtic/Lorin Entzel, 6-4, 7-5.
Redaelli/Potthast def. Aanes/Mike Bastin, 6-2, 6-4.

REBELNOTES

Hustlin' Rebels' weekend series canceled

The UNLV baseball team's weekend series with Brigham Young was canceled. The Western Athletic Conference was forced to begin conference play a week early, so BYU was at Hawaii.

Women's tennis team rolls

The UNLV women's tennis team won all three of their weekend matchups, outscoring their opponents by a combined 25-2. They defeated Cal State Northridge and Wichita State both 8-1 and shut out Idaho State 9-0.

The women are now 4-2 this season.

The men were defeated by

Long Beach State 5-4. Their record dropped to 1-2.

Hawaiian vacation

Well, not exactly. The Lady Rebels travel to Hawaii this week to play both their conference games with the Rainbows. The games (Thursday and Saturday) will start at 9 p.m. PST.

Johnson named Big West Player of the Week

Larry Johnson, who scored 25 points and pulled down 14 rebounds in UNLV's game with Arkansas, was named Big West basketball's Player of the Week. It was the third time this season Johnson had received the honor.

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