

# Greg Anthony: Young, ambitious, determined, talented...



photo by Eileen Brady

Greg Anthony slashes through the lane.

by Adejoke Adenle

Greg Anthony is not just another awesome player on the Runnin' Rebels team. He is a very enterprising young man with ambition past the NBA.

Anthony will be seen in a commercial during the NCAA tournament. The commercial is about staying off of drugs. He was probably contacted to do the commercial because of his continuous association with MADD (mothers against drunk drivers) and SADD (students against driving drunk) and his involvement with kids in the community. This is just a small section of Anthony's off-the-court activities.

Being one of the top point guards in the country, Greg possesses those leadership qualities that enhance making the best decision for any play. He attributes this leadership ability to the fact that he is the oldest in the family; therefore, he has a lot of responsibility to set a good example for his younger brothers and sisters.

"It's a role I cherish because I like making decisions. It makes me feel capable and my teammates have confidence in me," said Anthony.

Last summer Anthony worked in congress. He has an interest in politics which started back in junior high. He developed a love for subjects involving government and history. His teacher often encouraged him to pursue a career in politics. Anthony, who will obviously pursue a career in the NBA first, is not going against his teacher's advice; he is majoring in political science and hopes that after the NBA he can finally go into politics. Greg sees the NBA as a stepping stone to his later political career.

"The arena creates a lot of opportunities for a player," said Anthony.

Magic Johnson of the LA Lakers, who is Anthony's favorite player, makes good use of these opportunities.

"He is the epitome of everything I want to be," said Anthony. Johnson is involved in business

transactions away from the court and has his own company, Magic Inc. Of course, Johnson is also a point guard.

Anthony works with a land title company in town. He rejected the \$12,000 scholarship offered to him so he could work on his own. The company deals in real estate and is involved with trying to contract prospective clients.

However, Anthony's ambition is not fueled by any influence from professional NBA players. It is fueled from a fear of not being successful.

"The fear of not being successful motivates me. I don't ever want to let my family down," said Anthony.

Anthony's future goals center around happiness and making sure his family is financially secure. He wants to be in a position where he can help and have an influence on people in general. In the long run, he just wants to make use of the opportunities he has been given to the fullest advantage.

"I don't want to have any regrets," concluded Anthony.

## Fans bid farewell to seniors

by Brian Hurlburt

The UNLV fans got a chance to say goodbye to the six seniors on the Runnin' Rebels on Saturday night. But it was more than fans seeing players off on their last home game. It was like saying good-bye to your dearest friend or bidding farewell to a close relative.

In the pre-game ceremony, emotions ran high. Before the seniors were honored, Tarkanian presented retiring UC Irvine coach and long-time friend Bill Mulligan with a commemorative basketball. Tarkanian also gave Mulligan's disabled son, Billy Jr., a UNLV sweat jacket.

"He is a great coach and a great friend," Tarkanian said of Mulligan.

Coaches wives' Lois Tarkanian and Kathy Grgurich then thanked the fans, the players and their parents for all the memories.

Next it was time for the real tear jerker. The seniors were introduced with their families/friends and all given lengthy ovations. With all the seniors and families standing at center court, David Rice took the microphone.

The designated spokesman for the seniors, he praised Tarkanian and the fans.

"There are two main reasons why we are so successful," Rice said. "Number one, we have the greatest coach in the history of college basketball!" After the roar of the crowd had settled he continued. "Reason number two is we have the greatest fans in all of college basketball!" Another roar of the crowd and Rice ended by saying the Rebels thank everyone for their support.

For the fans, saying goodbye

was hard, but for the players and coaches, it was even harder. In the locker room after the game, the emotions of the night were clearly visible.

"This was a tough night for us; we are all like a big family," sophomore Evric Gray said.

Senior Chris Jeter appeared too moved to speak and asked to be left alone.

H Waldman talked of how much playing against Greg Anthony every day has helped him better his game.

"That was one of my reasons for coming here. The opportunity to learn from him was great," said Anthony. He also said that future Rebels will try to uphold the tradition that the seniors have instilled.

Head coach Jerry Tarkanian said he was blessed to have had a such a great group of kids. "Most coaches will never have an opportunity to coach a group like this, they are just an incredible bunch."

Incredible was the word of the night. Incredible players, incredible fans, and incredible emotion.

## Hustlin' Rebs sweep Utah

by Richard Munson

The Rebel baseball team got back to their winning ways as they took four games from the Utah Utes at Barnson Field. And according to head coach Fred Dallimore, the team now has some momentum going into the Coors-UNLV Desert Classic.

Feb. 22

Utah got an early 2-0 lead in the first inning, but the Rebels came back in the bottom of the first with four runs and took a lead they would never surrender. Utah's starting pitcher Matt Lipscomb was only able to go three and a third innings before he was pulled. Lipscomb gave up nine runs on six Rebel hits. The Rebels had a season high 17 hits en route to their 17 to 5 victory. Dan Madsen of UNLV went 2-4, with a double, triple and 4 RBI. Teammate Bobby Dillion went 3-5 on three singles. Brian Boehringer picked up the win for UNLV, improving his record to 2 and 0.

Feb. 23

The same two teams played a doubleheader on Saturday with the outcome the same. The Rebels won the first game 14-6 and the second game 5-4.

The Rebels again trailed early 6-3 but rallied to score 11 runs in three consecutive innings to make the game another blowout. M.J. Mariani led the Rebels with a combined 4 for 7 and 7 RBI for the double header. Ricky Scruggs (2 home runs) and Mariani (1 home run) were the one-two punch the Rebels have been looking for. For Mariani it was his first home run as a Rebel. Rebel pitcher Jonathan

Jarolimek got the win for the Rebels and evened his record at 1 and 1.

In the second game, scheduled to go 7 innings, went 9 after being tied at the end of the seventh at 4-4. Tim Johnson came up as the hero as he singled in M.J. Mariani, in the bottom of the ninth, to score the winning run. T.J. Mathews got his first win as a Rebel working three and a third innings, while giving up only one hit.

Feb. 24

UNLV completed their four game sweep of the Utes of Utah with a 9 to 3 victory as Tony Costa pitched eight and two thirds innings, then Doug VanderWeele came in to pick up the victory. UNLV was the team to get off to the early start this time as they jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first and never looked back. The Rebels took a commanding 4-0 lead but did give up the first run of the game to the Utes in the fourth. But the Rebels put together 4 runs in as many innings to increase their lead to 9-1. UNLV was led by Nick Kuster and Tim Johnson both went 3-4 and Kuster hit his third home run of the season, a solo shot.

"We needed some motivation going into the tournament. We need to play with a little more confidence," said head coach Fred Dallimore.

UNLV will host will host the Desert Classic Thursday through Sunday at Barnson Field. UNLV will meet Oklahoma State at 2:30p.m. and then will meet Southwest Louisiana State at 6:00 p.m.



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Senior David Rice honored with his parents at his final home game.



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