

# Lady Rebels roll past Pacific UNLV ties for Big West Conference title

by Brian Hurlburt

The Lady Rebels ended the regular season on Saturday night with a 102-76 victory over the University of the Pacific Tigers. The win moved UNLV to 24-5 and clinched a tie for the Big West Conference regular season championship.

With the emotions of senior night evident, the Lady Rebs

played the first half as if their minds were on things other than basketball.

"We made several bad decisions defensively in the first half," said UNLV head coach Jim Bolla. "We came out and put more pressure on the ball in the second half and we also upped the tempo."

The second half may have been one of the best halves of the year for the Lady Rebels. Leading 46-

42 at halftime, UNLV got fired up and out-scored the Tigers 30-15 in the first 10 minutes of the second half to push their lead to 76-57.

During that decisive run, Pacific received a fatal blow when their head coach, Melissa DeMarchini, was hit with a technical foul. Senior Vicki Lander hit the two ensuing free throws and then Tammy Moore made a driving bank shot on the possession to end Pacific's will to fight.

On a night for the seniors, two underclassmen paced UNLV's balanced scoring attack. Junior Tasha Bradley scored 20 points while sophomore Teresa Jackson chipped in 19.

Pacific's effort was led by Tine Freil. The do-everything guard played the whole 40 minutes and had 13 points, nine rebounds and 10 assists.

After the game Bolla had time to reflect on the four seniors on his ballclub.

"They're better people than they are basketball players and they're pretty good basketball players," Bolla said.

Mandy Hannah, Janice Holliday, Lander and Moore are the graduating seniors on the team.

"All of my memories here have been good," Holliday said. "I am glad I had a chance to be part of a big time program."

The Lady Rebels now get ready to defend their Big West Tournament title. The Rebels will be the top seed and will play Hawaii in the first round on Wednesday.

"If we play like we did in the second half tonight we should do well," Holliday said of the post-season.



Janice Holliday (12) shoots for two.

photo by Marc Baruch

# Perfect 27-0 Rebels finish regular season with win over Titans

by Richard Munson

The Runnin' Rebels have completed step one of the 1990-91 campaign. They have made it through the regular season undefeated. Step two is winning the Big West Conference Championship. And step three is winning the NCAA tournament. If the Rebels are going to do this they must win nine more games for their second consecutive National Championship.

On Saturday the Rebels ended the regular season with a 104-83 victory over Cal State Fullerton, at the Titan Gym.

The Rebels jumped out to an 11-2 run after the half and extended their lead to 20, at 57-37. Larry Johnson scored six of the 11 points during the run. Then, as usual, the Rebels began to substitute and it was all over.

The Titans jumped out to a lead at the start of the game as the Rebels played incon-

sistently early in the first half. The Rebels took their first lead at 7-6 when George Ackless slammed down a dunk. The Rebels then ran to a 23-14 lead midway through the first half, after Larry Johnson scored and was fouled. The Rebels were unable to break away as they usually do, but did go on a 7-0 run to give themselves a 43-30 lead. The Rebels largest lead was 14 points at 46-32, just minutes before the half.

The Rebels were led by Larry Johnson who had 33 points and 11 rebounds. Johnson made 14 of 17 field goal attempts. Anderson Hunt added 15 points, hitting three of five from three-point country, and Stacey Augmon added 13 points and seven rebounds.

The Runnin' Rebels will open up first round play in the Big West Conference Tournament Friday at 9 p.m., against Long Beach State.



photo by Richard Munson

Any way you count it, the Rebels were perfect this season.

**Sunday**  
UNLV 5, Ohio State 1.

The Lady Rebels capitalized on Ohio State errors to beat the Buckeyes 5-1.

The Lady Rebels scored first in the third inning, when Harris came home on an error. Later in the inning Smith scored on a Trish Spencer single to increase the Rebel lead to 2-0. In the third inning the Lady Rebels scored three runs as the Buckeyes defense fell apart. Chris Parris' single scored Reimche from third and Spencer from second. Parris scored later on another Buckeye error. Harrigan had eight strike outs picking up the win.

**UNLV 2, Utah 0.**

In the final game the Lady Rebels were involved in another pitching, duel this time with the Utah Utes.

The game was scoreless through six innings. The Lady Rebels came to bat in the top of the seventh and took charge. Sheree Corneil reached on an error by the third baseman, then was moved to second on a fielder's choice. Harris then lined a shot to the third baseman for the second out of the inning. Smith came to the plate and hit a single to right which was the game winner. Smith later scored after Utah's right fielder dropped a pop-fly. Harrigan got her second win of the day and improved her record to 5-3.

UNLV junior Harrigan and senior Chris Parris were named to the all-tournament team.

The Lady Rebel softball team will host Hawaii on Tuesday Mar. 5 and Wednesday Mar. 6, both games are at 1 p.m.

## Lady Rebels edge Fresno State

by David Tegtmeyer

On Thursday night the Lady Rebels struggled past the Fresno State Bulldogs, 72-69, in a game that UNLV had trailed most of the way.

It appeared that neither team wanted the victory as there were 56 turnovers and 30 personal fouls committed by the two teams. The performances of center Tasha Bradley, 11 points and 14 rebounds, and guard Vicki Lander, with a team-high 16 points, rallied the Lady Rebels for the win.

The Lady Rebels finished the regular season with a six-game winning streak and a record of 24-5 (15-3 conference record). They enter the Big West Tournament as the top seed even though they are tied with Long Beach State for first place in the conference.

If UNLV does well at the conference tournament they might get a first-round bye in the NCAA Tournament. If that should happen, and UNLV wins its second-round game, they would then be the host team for the West Regionals that will be played at the Thomas & Mack Center on March 21 and 23.

# Softball team wins four of five

by Richard Munson

Due to a rain out on Friday the tournament was turned into five games for the Lady Rebels and no tournament champion was named.

**Saturday**  
UNLV 6, Iowa State 1.

The Lady Rebel softball team opened up play in the sixth annual Spring Fling Classic by playing host to the Cyclones from Iowa State.

The Lady Rebels had an easy time en route to a 6-1 victory, led by Trish Reimche who went 3 for 4 and scored two runs.

The Lady Rebels fell behind 1-0 in the first, but would answer in the third after Chris Parris singled in Reimche to make it 1-1. The Lady Rebels then added three in the fifth to extend their lead to 5-1. In the sixth Kim Harris singled in Reimche for her and the teams final run. Kim Smith struck out seven and got the win for UNLV.

**UCLA 1, UNLV 0.**

UNLV faced the No. 1 ranked UCLA Bruins in a pitcher's duel.

Pitching for the Lady Rebels was Lori Harrigan and pitching

for the Bruins was Heather Compton. Both pitchers allowed only two hits, but UCLA executed when they had to.

The game went into extra innings and under the International tie-breaker rule the last person to make an out in the prior inning is put on second in the next inning. The Lady Rebels were unable to score Harris when she was put on second. UCLA however did score when Kerry Dienelt singled in Nichole Victoria for the Bruin victory.

**UNLV 6, Sacramento St. 1.**

The Sacramento State Hornets played host to the Lady Rebels, who were ready to avenge the loss to the Bruins.

In this game the Lady Rebels executed and it was the Hornets who did not, as the Lady Rebels won 5-0.

The Hornets left four base runners stranded at third. The Lady Rebels came up with one run in the third after Harris scored after an error by the Hornet second baseman. The Lady Rebels then added two runs in the fifth and the sixth to insure the victory.

Smith (6-1) picked up her second win of the day.