

# Last-second shot KO's Lady Rebels

by Richard Munson

"It was our second plan and we got it," said Doug Hoselton the New Mexico State Roadrunners head coach on his team's last play of the game which gave the Roadrunners a 90-89 victory over UNLV.

UNLV forward Sharon Hargrove missed the front end of a one and one that would have given the Lady Rebels a four-point lead with 10 seconds to play. The miss allowed the Roadrunners to call a timeout and set up for one last play.

"Our first play was to get it to Andrea (Kabwasa) on the baseline," Hoselton said.

When Tia Thomas was unable to get the ball to Kabwasa, she got it into the hot-shooting hands of junior Tracey Goetsch who was set up outside of the NBA three-point line. Goetsch threw up the shot with one second left and it sailed through the net as the buzzer sounded.

"I knew as soon as I got it, I would have to shoot it. I think my foot might have been on the white (NBA) line, but I just shot it," Goetsch said.

"They took what we gave them," said UNLV coach Jim

second shot.

The Lady Rebels were led by Theresa Jackson who scored 24 points and pulled down 14 rebounds. Three other Lady Rebels scored in double figures including Sharon Hargrove with 17 points, Vicki Lander with 15 and Tammy Moore with 13 points.

The game set two records and tied another. The Roadrunners took a record 23 three-

point shots and 89 points is the highest amount scored for a losing team. Tracey Goetsch tied the record for most three pointers in a game with four.

The Long Beach State 49ers won the Big West championship and the automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament when they defeated the Cal State Fullerton Titans 71-60 on Saturday.



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Sharon Hargrove tries for two against New Mexico State.

# Runnin' Rebels overcome 49ers' slow down, win 49-29

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Why do you slow a game down so much that you only score eight points in the first half?

"You play that way to give yourself an opportunity to win," said Long Beach State coach Seth Greenberg after his 49ers lost 49-29 in the Big West Tournament first-round game.

An opportunity?

Eight minutes into the game the 49ers had scored only two points (granted, they had held UNLV to seven). They scored only two points in the final 7:56 of the first half and trailed 23-8. Long Beach State made only four of 17 first-half shots (23.5 percent). The Rebels hit seven of 17.

The eight points were the fewest points ever scored in a Big West Conference Game.

The Rebels were led in the first half by George Ackles who scored 13 points including a three pointer at the buzzer. It was the first of Ackles' career.

"I don't think that will be in our game plan," Tarkanian said about Ackles' three point shooting ability.

UNLV started the second half with a 10-3 run during the first seven minutes, opening up a 33-11 lead. From there on in the Rebels and 49ers traded baskets - UNLV's biggest lead was only 23.

The tactic employed by Long Beach State was partially successful, in the teams' two previous

meetings, the Runnin' Rebels had won by 51 and 47 points.

The 29 points by Long Beach State was the fewest ever allowed by a UNLV team. The old mark was set back in December when the Rebels beat Princeton 69-35.

Larry Johnson's 68 consecutive-game streak of scoring in double figures was snapped as he only scored nine points.

"I was told that Larry only had nine points, so I decided to put him back in," Tarkanian said. "I've never done that before, but I've never had a player like Larry before. I just felt it was the right thing to do."

Ackles led the Rebels with 14 points. Johnson had 12 rebounds, Greg Anthony had 13 points, three assists, four rebounds and two steals.



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Greg Anthony glides through the lane against 49ers.

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