

Lady Rebels' season ended by Georgia

by Richard Munson

The Lady Rebels were forced to travel to Georgia where the number one seed in the West, the Bulldogs, hosted the Lady Rebels in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Georgia, the number one seed in the West, hosting the game?

Yes, due to NCAA rules the first four seeds open the tournament with a bye and then host the second round on their home courts, therefore the reason for the second game of the West Region being played in Georgia.

In a season that started promising as the team climbed through the polls (as high as number five but currently ranked seventeenth) ended in disappointment, as the Lady Rebels were handed their worst defeat of the season 86-62. Going into the game the Lady Rebels knew they had their work cut out for them as they played in the home of the third-ranked team in the nation according to the final polls of the season.

UNLV seemed not to be fazed as they played close with the Bulldogs for the first nine minutes of the game. After Debra Davis hit a jump shot with 11:49 on the clock the Lady Rebels took the lead 17-15. That was the last lead they would have as the Bulldogs went on a 15-7 run to take a lead they would never lose at 30-24.

Theresa Jackson, basket with less than four minutes in the half cut the Bulldog lead to three at 32-29. The Lady Rebels would come no closer as Tracie Jenkins of

Georgia would score the team's final points in the half to give the Bulldogs a 38-31 halftime lead.

The Lady Rebels had played tough in the first half having eight lead changes with the Bulldogs. But foul trouble hurt UNLV as the Bulldogs could score at will on the inside.

Georgia opened the second half with an 18-9 run and blew the game wide open at 57-34. The Lady Rebels made one final attempt to come back as they went on a 9-4 run led by Vicki Lander. They cut the lead to 61-48 with less than ten minutes left in the game, but that was as close as they would come. The Bulldogs continued to expand on their lead and were able to build it up to 24 points as the game ended.

The Lady Rebels were led by senior Vicki Lander who scored 22 points. The Bulldogs were led by Stacey Ford who poured in a career high 32 points. Ford only averages 13.6 points per game.

With the loss, the Lady Rebels are 4-6 in NCAA Tournament play and ended the season with a 25-7 record.

Runnin' Utes up next for Rebels

Utah outlasts Michigan State in double overtime

by Ched Whitney

The University of Utah Runnin' Utes advanced to the West Regional semifinals in Seattle with an 85-84 double-overtime victory over the Michigan State Spartans Sunday. Utah (30-3), the regular-season champion of the Western Athletic Conference and the No. 4 seed in the West, will now face UNLV Thursday night.

The Utes, who trailed 33-29 at the half, came back and led throughout most of the second half. Utah was leading 64-60 in the final minute of regulation when Spartan forward Matt Steigenga hit a jump shot and guard Steve Smith was fouled simultaneously. Smith made both free throws to send the game into its first overtime.

Michigan State forced a second overtime when Jon Zulauf rebounded an intentionally missed free throw by Mike Peplowski and scored at the buzzer.

The Runnin' Utes went on top to stay when All-WAC forward Josh Grant found Walter Watts open for a dunk with 1:34 to play. Utah converted their free throws down the stretch to seal the victory. Steve Smith's three-pointer at the buzzer cut the final margin to 85-84.

Grant led Utah with 29 points and 10 rebounds.

Michigan State, 60-58 winners over Wisconsin-Green Bay on Friday, finish the season 19-11.

For Utah it will be the first trip to the Sweet 16 since 1983.

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pressure on but I was worried about fatigue setting in," Tarkanian said about the defensive switch.

It was time for Georgetown to make another run. After a Mutombo hook, the lead was 44-40 with 10 minutes left.

"We knew if we kept our composure, we had a chance to win," said Georgetown Coach John Thompson.

Hunt finally put it away with a three-pointer and a fast break layup and once again UNLV pulled away to a lead.

"This was a really tough game, one of the toughest I can remember," Tarkanian said. "They are the toughest eighth seed in the tournament. On a good day they could be a (No. 1) seed."

With the win, the Rebels move on to face Utah in Seattle in the Sweet 16. Utah beat Michigan State 85-84 in two overtimes to move on in the tourney.

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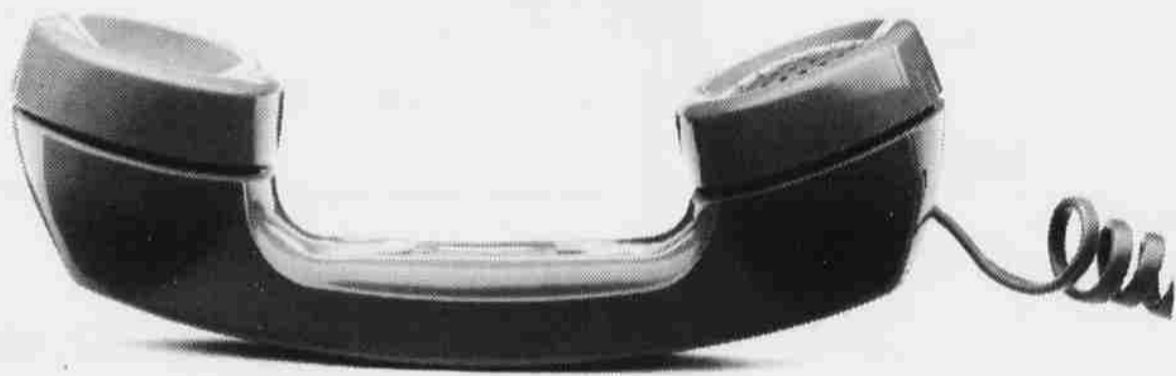
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