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Rebel dream cut short by Duke

by Ched Whitney

The defending champion UNLV Runnin' Rebels' season, one that began with hope and anticipation, ended Saturday in disappointment—big disappointment!

The Duke Blue Devils, the team that UNLV beat a year ago in the championship game, handed the Rebels their first and only loss, 79-77, in the NCAA semifinals at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis. With the defeat, the Rebels' hopes of becoming the first team to win back-to-back titles since the 1972-73 UCLA Bruins were crushed.

The game was close throughout; the Rebels' largest lead was five, Duke's largest lead was nine.

What may have been the crucial moment of the game occurred with 3:51 left. Rebel center George Ackles rebounded a Greg Konbek miss and passed to point guard Greg Anthony. Anthony drove down court and into the lane for a lay-up that would have put UNLV up by five but he was called for charging and the basket was waived off. The foul was Anthony's fifth, forcing UNLV to do what coach Jerry Tarkanian feared most—finish a tight game without Anthony, their floor leader.

The Blue Devils went ahead 77-76 when Thomas Hill made a lay-up and was fouled by Larry Johnson with 1:02 remaining.

On the ensuing trip down the floor for UNLV, Johnson was fouled by Duke forward Grant Hill. Johnson missed both free throws, but was awarded another because of a Duke lane violation. He made it to tie the game with 49 seconds to go.

The Blue Devils then held the ball for the next half minute. Thomas Hill missed a short jump shot but Duke center Christian Laettner grabbed the rebound and was fouled by the Rebels' Evric Gray with 12 seconds left.

As Laettner went to the line to shoot two, he said he was thinking of a similar situation in which he missed two last-second free throws in a game against Arizona when he was a freshman.

Laettner said he thought about the Arizona game.

"I think it's a case where I have been making my free throws all year," he said. "No one on my team doubted I could make them."

Laettner made both to give Duke a 79-77 lead. UNLV then

called a time-out to set up their final 12.7 seconds.

When the Rebels in-bounded the ball, Larry Johnson brought the ball up the court.

"We wanted to get the ball to Anderson (Hunt) on the last play," Johnson said. "That's why I brought the ball up. Duke played good defense though."

Johnson brought the ball down court near the three-point line on the right side of the key. He looked as if he might drive toward the lane but instead passed to Hunt, who was above the top of the key. Hunt launched a 22- or 23-foot shot that rattled high off the rim over the outstretched hand of George Ackles and into Duke point guard Bobby Hurley's arms as the horn sounded and the Rebels' dreams ended.

The Rebels' patented second half run never happened. Every time it seemed they might be starting one it was squelched by either a UNLV mistake or a clutch play by Duke.

Just after Anthony fouled out, the Rebels were able to get the ball back and increase their lead to five (their biggest). Ackles followed his own missed shot with a basket that put UNLV up 76-71 with 2:12 minutes left. But then Hurley received a pass from Bill McCaffrey and sunk a three-pointer. The Blue Devils outscored the Rebels 5-1 the rest of the way.

UNLV did not seem to be into the game at the start. Duke controlled the tip and it took them two seconds to get on the scoreboard. Grant Hill drove the lane for a lay-up, putting Duke on top, 2-0.

Hunt immediately answered for the Runnin' Rebels with a three-point basket, but it was another four minutes until they finally got going.

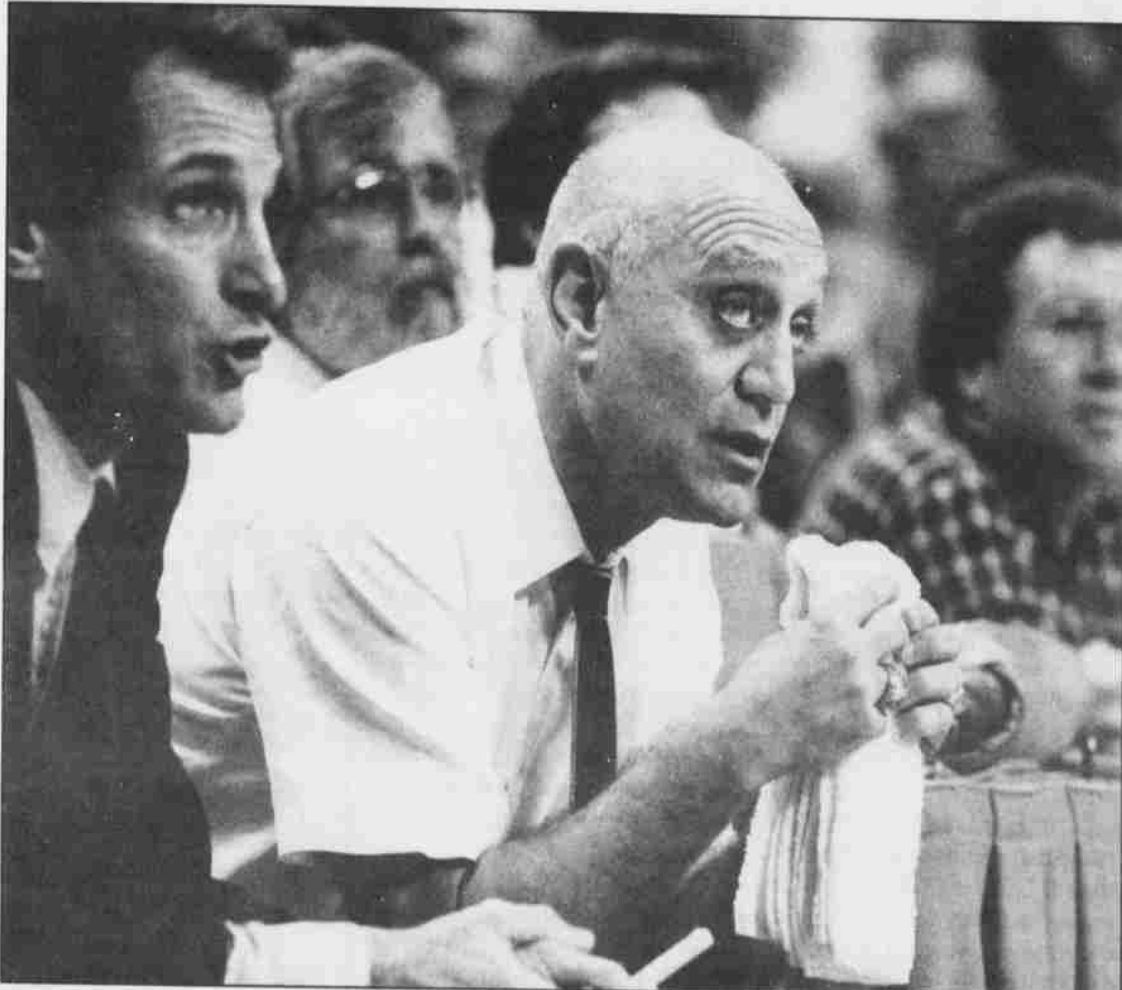
Duke built a 15-6 lead before UNLV finally awoke.

The Rebels scored eight consecutive points en route to a 17-5 run that put them on top, 23-20, with 9:47 left until halftime.

The Blue Devils regained the lead and built it to six, 37-31, before three-pointers by UNLV guards Greg Anthony and Anderson Hunt tied it at 37. Anthony and Hunt accounted for 22 first-half points for UNLV which led 43-41 at the half.

The Rebels went to the free throw line just three times in the

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Tarkanian's worst fears came true when Duke overpowered the undefeated Rebels last Saturday.

'CSUN officers only' parking?

Parking changes can take 9 months to be implemented

by Gary Puckett

The problem of parking at UNLV affects everyone. Since the Executive Board of Student Government at UNLV has its own parking area in a convenient location, one might conclude that those on the board are immune to the parking problem. Such a conclusion would be erroneous.

Last semester, Student Government President Pro Tempore Bud Benneman became a victim of an errant parking citation. Benneman made the mistake of parking in the area near the MSU courtyard specifically designated "CSUN Officers Only." He got a ticket.

Benneman went to the Public Safety Department to argue his case.

"They had everyone listed but me," Benneman said, in reference to the listing of officers allowed to park in the allotted space. "I got omitted from the list somewhere."

With the hope that he would not have to pay the fine which he didn't feel he deserved, Benneman

endeavored to get it straightened out. This was to involve an extremely circuitous process.

"I was going to protest it," Benneman said. "They said I would have to pay it at the Controller's Office (\$10) and get a receipt. Then I would have to take the receipt to the police and show it to them. Then they would give me a form to fill out and they would submit the form to the Parking and Traffic Committee. I said 'to hell with it.' I didn't have the time."

The difficulties encountered by Benneman are only part of the problem with this parking area. The number of parking spaces allotted for "CSUN Officers Only" also seems to be vague.

When called on March 4, Caroline at Public Safety said that the seven allotted spaces had been reduced to one in December and later increased to four. She also said that they "didn't have the manpower to make the changes complete." No changes have yet been made.

Finally, Officer Don Drake, the man in charge of parking at UNLV, was contacted. He said that the spaces had not been officially changed. According to Drake, any changes in parking are up to The Parking and Traffic Committee on campus. This committee is chaired by Ron Milne.

"We kept it (the issuance of parking tickets) at the status quo until the committee concluded," Drake said, in reference to the policy now in effect regarding issuance of tickets.

When contacted, Milne explained what had happened. During the Nov. 8, 1990 meeting, the committee (composed of two faculty and two student members) recommended that the spaces be reduced to a total of two, one for the CSUN President and one for CSUN legal counsel. Student Body President Joe Bunin, one of the student members, was not

present at this meeting.

They again met on Dec. 6, at which time Bunin requested that the reduction in spaces be reconsidered. They did reconsider and on Jan. 17 recommended that these spaces should be increased from two to four; three for CSUN and one for the MSU board.

At present this recommendation has not reached fruition and the seven spaces remain marked "CSUN Officers Only."

"We are a committee that makes recommendations only," Milne said. "We don't change the rules. He explained that any changes recommended go to President Maxson's office for approval. If approved here, they go back to Public Safety and then on to the Physical Plant to have the changes actually put in place."

When asked if he thought any conflict of interest was involved with the committee since Student Body President Joe Bunin was actually a CSUN officer and a voting member of this committee which regulates CSUN Officer parking, Milne replied, "We've never really dealt with it as a conflict of interest. We don't think it would be right to take any students off of the committee." The four students on this committee are recommended by CSUN according to Milne.

Conflict of interest or not, Milne said that any changes now (or recently) being considered will probably not go into effect until next summer. He said that changes are allowed to increase in number before going to President Maxson's office so that they aren't forwarded one at a time.

This means that changes in parking that were recommended in November of 1990 will take as much as nine months to be put into effect.

In the meantime, don't park in spaces marked "CSUN Officers Only."

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The Barrick Lecture Series presentation at UNLV of Gennady Gerasimov, scheduled for April 2, has been canceled.

Gerasimov, the former chief spokesman for the Soviet Union, has canceled his entire lecture tour due to his appointment as Soviet ambassador to Portugal.

No replacement has been scheduled at this time, though Barrick Lecture Series organizers said they may be able to book another speaker later in the season.

"We are very disappointed that Ambassador Gerasimov will not be with us," said UNLV President Robert C. Maxson. "I have been welcoming Barrick lecturers for many years, and this is the first cancellation we've ever had."

"Though his cancellation is unfortunate, we certainly understand that his new duties as ambassador to Portugal will require his full attention," Maxson added.