

Softball team splits two doubleheaders

49ers outlast Rebels in 18-inning marathon

by Brian Hurlburt

The fourth-ranked UNLV Lady Rebels split a doubleheader with the 14th-ranked Long Beach State Bulldogs Saturday, April 13. In the first game Long Beach got the win 2-1 in 18 innings. The Rebels came back to take the second game by the same score of 2-1.

The Rebels, coming off a 16-inning tie against Cal St. Fullerton, are familiar with extra inning games. However it did not seem to help as UNLV squandered several chances in the first game.

The game was scoreless until the seventh inning when Long Beach broke through with the go ahead run off Rebel starter Lori Harrigan.

UNLV came back in the bottom of the inning to tie the score. With two outs, two strikes and a runner on third, pinch hitter Erika Swanson doubled home pinch runner Holly Chadwick. Tricia Reimche then singled but Swanson was thrown out trying to score.

The game continued into the 18th inning with the score 1-1. Long Beach scored the winning run off losing pitcher Harrigan. Kim Kostyk led off the inning with a single. She stole second base and scored on a single by Heather Illsey. Illsey was the hero for Long Beach as she also scored a run and made several tough defensive plays.

The Lady Rebels opened up quickly in the second game as they



Rebel pitcher Kim Smith is now 18-4 on the season

photo by Morgan Fisher

took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. Reimche singled and was brought home on a single by Sheree Corniel.

UNLV added another run in the third inning when Kenda Keffler doubled and Michelle Moreno singled her home.

Long Beach challenged in the fourth when Lori Yokoyama singled and came around and scored on a single by Linda Linceford.

Kim Smith improved her season record to 18-3. Ruby Flores took the loss for the Bulldogs. With the split, UNLV moved to 35-10-1 while Long Beach is now 25-17.

Harrigan no-hits Cal Poly in first of two

UNLV sophomore Lori Harrigan pitched the second no-hitter of the season and third of her career as the Lady Rebels downed Cal Poly Pomona 4-0 in the first game of a doubleheader, Sunday. The Broncos upset UNLV 2-0 in the second game.

In the first game, the Rebels scored all four of their runs in the first inning. Tricia Reimche led off with a single. After designated player Kenda Leffler sacrificed, Christine Parris singled and Michele Moreno was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Reimche

and Parris both scored when Sheree Corniel singled, putting UNLV up 2-0. The Rebels added two more in the inning on RBIs by Dena Iker and Kelly Kamp.

Harrigan struck out three and walked none as she improved her record to 18-7. Cal Poly Pomona had only one base runner the entire game, left fielder Shannon Stec reached first on an error in the fourth inning.

Bronco pitcher Bonnie Ebenkamp gave up only four hits in shutting out UNLV 2-0 in game

two. Ebenkamp (10-11) struck out five as she pitched the entire game.

UNLV's Kim Smith also went the distance giving up one earned run on seven hits. Smith dropped to 18-4 with the loss.

Cal Poly scored one run in the third and one in the sixth. The Rebels did not score after the first inning of the first game (12 innings).

UNLV is now 36-11-1 on the season after splitting the four weekend games.

SPORTS OPINION

Kirkpatrick's negative coverage of Runnin' Rebels continues

by Jay Sapovits

In recent years, sports prognosticators around the land have been viewed as fountains of knowledge and as imperious thinkers, when in fact their practical use is only to deliver facts in the form of an amusing story to allow the readers a chance to form our own opinions.

Curry Kirkpatrick, the highly acclaimed sports writer for *Sports Illustrated*, the magazine everyone ran to purchase a year ago with the flashy headline, "Vegas Hits the Jackpot" and the picture of fan-favorite Moses Scurry on the cover, has come under serious scrutiny for an article he wrote after UNLV's loss to Duke.

The article stated that after the game UNLV head Coach Jerry Tarkanian made derogatory remarks about seniors Stacey Augmon and George Ackles. Was the question whether the remarks should have been printed, or that Tarkanian never in fact said the remarks? Since I cannot accurately say if

in fact the words were said (having not been there, and not wishing to conjecture the situation any more) let's look at where the real issue arises.

Let's say Tarkanian didn't say anything about his players in earshot of the vulture-like media desperately awaiting the first comments after the most disappointing loss in school history. Kirkpatrick wrote the article, printed it, and on my Friday morning talk show, Sportstalk, backed it up by stating that his publication would stand by its source 100 percent. If a lawsuit is to be filed, the odds are Tarkanian wouldn't have a good chance to win, in fact I'll lay 30-1.

If you firmly believe that Kirkpatrick printed false comments, this also will span last year's tournament story about Rebel players drinking outside the Oakland Coliseum after their game. I guess the players weren't 21, because if they were, then I miss the problem—oh, no one unwinds after work or school with a drink.

I'm not trying to evade my

point. Did he say it or did he not? Who do you believe, Kirkpatrick or Tarkanian (those names sure are long)?

Let's say Tarkanian made those comments. Wouldn't you think, kept in context, they were virtually meaningless? A comment I heard around town also made the point clear: If he said it, would it be anything different than what we were thinking?

Because there's an unnamed source in the matter and regardless of how many times Kirkpatrick denies holding a vendetta against our school, the article is just one man's opinion, and it's a sad day when he can't voice it. Remember when your parents told you not to believe everything you read?

One final note, doesn't the burning of *Sports Illustrated* by a local radio station make you feel really good as an American who has Constitutional rights? Wait, let's throw in this volume of *Huckleberry Finn*; the word "hell" is right there for everyone to see.

Rebel golf team places second at Chapel Hill

by Richard Munson

The sixth-ranked UNLV golf team, shooting 886, finished 11 strokes back of the No. 2-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels, who won the American Invitational Saturday in Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Rebels had the best third round, shooting a seven-over-par 292 to finish in front of Georgia Tech, which was four strokes back at 890 for the tournament. UNLV's top finisher, sophomore Warren Schutte, tied with North Carolina's Tee Burton for eighth place shoot-

ing 220, seven strokes back North Carolina's Bill Smith, who won the individual standings. The win was Smith's first collegiate title.

UNLV's Monte Montgomery finished in 10th place shooting 221 while teammates Brandon Goethals finished the tournament tied for 13th with 223. Darin Osborn and Andrew Raitt were the Rebels' other top finishers with 226 and 227 individually.

The Rebel golf team will compete at the Big West Conference championships in Long Beach, Calif., April 29-30.

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