



The Fremont Cannon is up for grabs

It's North vs. South as the Rebels open the '91 season in Reno

by ShaRhonda Ramos

Aside from being our season opener, Sept. 7 is also the annual North/South game, where the Rebels play Nevada-Reno for the Fremont Cannon.

UNLV leads the series 9-6. Right now, however, the cannon is in the hands of the Wolfpack in Reno. This year's squad hopes to bring it home and have the honor of shooting it off after every score they make at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

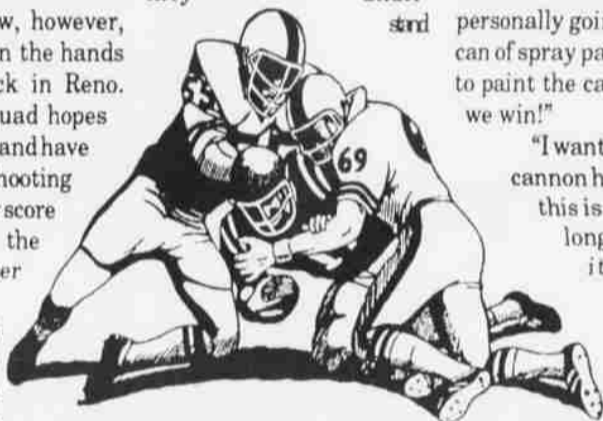
The first cannon game was played on Thanksgiving Day, 1970 with the Rebels winning 42-30.

What is it going to take to bring the cannon home? Obviously the Rebels are going to have to win this game. What is it going to take to win this game?

"We're going to have to play together as a unit," said

linebacker Chuck Reed. "We got beat by a lot of big plays last year. We can't let a big play get us down. We've got to regroup, talk each other up, and keep playing hard."

All football players want to win games, but do they



this rivalry?

"I see it as an opportunity to bring some identity back to (us) so people know that Reno is not the only university in Nevada," said Coach Jim Strong. "I think the players understand the importance and intensity of this rivalry and they're go-

ing to play really hard."

"The Fremont Cannon means a lot to me and to this university," said linebacker Rodney Crozier. "We're going to Reno to bring it home this year. We'll settle for nothing less than to be victorious. I'm personally going to have a can of spray paint with me to paint the cannon when we win!"

"I want to bring the cannon here because this is where it belongs; UNLV is its home," said running back Teddy James.

"This is the best university in the state and that cannon will be our trophy."

Linebacker Reese Thomas, added, "I can practice my graffiti lessons because I know the cannon's coming home with us."

Coach Strong is a man with a mission

by ShaRhonda Ramos

Could this be a "Strong" season? Sept. 7 is the season opener for the Rebel football team and second-year Coach Jim Strong.

Strong, along with the rest of his staff and the team are looking to improve on their record and start a tradition of great football at the university.

The former Notre Dame coach was named UNLV's sixth head coach Dec. 23, 1989. His first season ended with a disappointing 4-7 record.

Coach Strong said he has a lot of faith in this year's squad.

"This is a young team again, predominantly freshmen," he said. "We only have 12 returning seniors, so it's possible that anywhere from eight to 10

freshmen will see playing time in the first game, but doubtful that any will start."

Being here for recruiting this season made Strong feel a little more confident.

"We've picked up a lot of great players and that will help deepen our bench," he explained. "Last season the numbers were low which made working conditions hard because we lost a lot of players to injury."

No one person can run a football team alone, and Strong is no exception to the rule.

Strong said he "feels great about this coaching staff."

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"They're a critical part of the program because they are the ones who do the teaching on the field. I'm very fortunate to have such a good staff," he said.

The opener is Saturday against the University of Nevada, Reno for the Fremont Cannon. The Wolfpack won last year, 26-14.

"To beat them this year we must play better," Strong said. "They controlled the line of scrimmage last year, so we're going to have to dig in, play tough and not let them dominate the game."

1991 UNLV Football Schedule

Sept. 7 Nevada-Reno	1 p.m.	Oct. 26 Fresno State	7 p.m.
Sept. 14 Oregon State	7 p.m.	Nov. 2 San Jose State	7 p.m.
Sept. 21 New Mexico	6 p.m.	Nov. 9 Utah State	1 p.m.
Sept. 28 Washington State	7 p.m.	Nov. 16 New Mexico State	1 p.m.
Oct. 5 Long Beach State	7 p.m.	Nov. 23 Pacific	1 p.m.
Oct. 12 Cal State Fullerton	1 p.m.	Home games in Bold	

Bulldog still undefeated

by Mike Bunin

Local fighter and former Olympian Scotty "Bulldog" Olson improved his record to 17 wins (13 by knockout) and no losses, with a knockout of Jose Gomez Aug. 29.

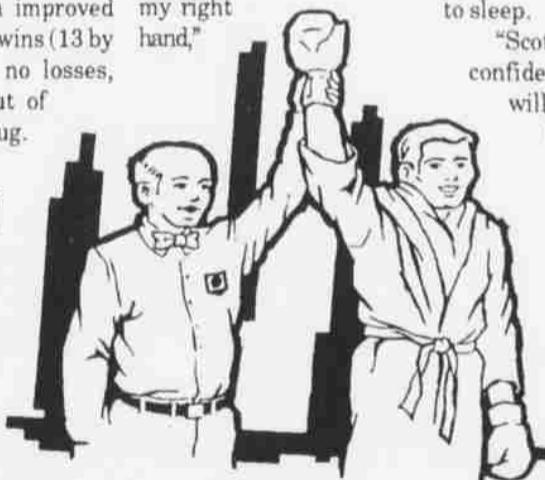
Gomez dropped to 14-6. This knockout was needed to silence the critics in the boxing world.

Olson's last two performances had gone the distance instead of his usual knock-

out. Because his last two performances were not knockouts the critics of the boxing world started to turn

sour on him.

"You're going to see me use my jab more which will allow me to set up my right hand,"

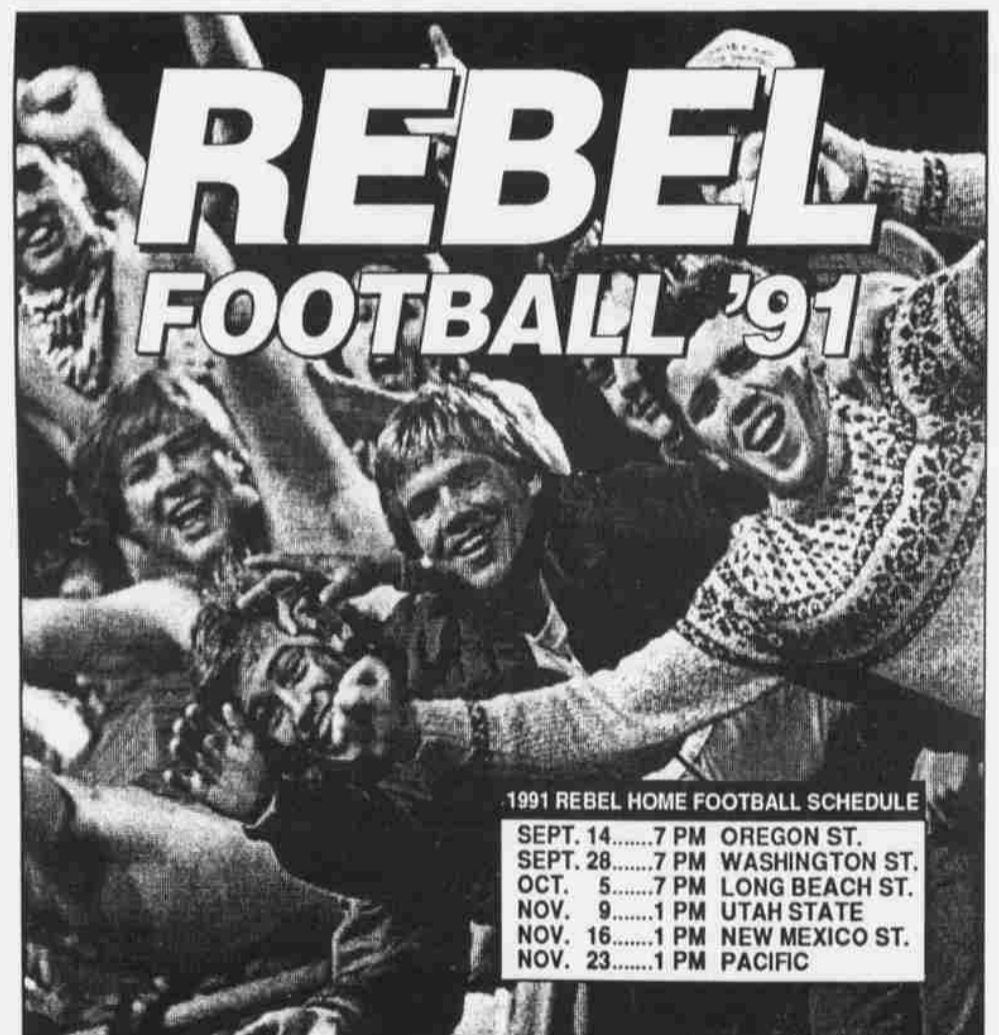


said Olson before the fight. That's exactly what Olson did. He hurt Gomez early in the first round with a left hook, and never looked

back. Olson, as he said, proceeded to pop the jab enabling him to land the big right hand that put Gomez to sleep.

"Scotty hasn't lost any confidence and this fight will prove it," said ex-Bantam weight champion, and now Olson's trainer, Richie Sandoval.

"So to all the critics who had thought Scotty was on a downslide, I'm still sticking with my prediction that when you watch Scotty Olson fight, you're watching a future champion," Sandoval said with confidence.



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1991 REBEL HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPT. 14.....7 PM	OREGON ST.
SEPT. 28.....7 PM	WASHINGTON ST.
OCT. 5.....7 PM	LONG BEACH ST.
NOV. 9.....1 PM	UTAH STATE
NOV. 16.....1 PM	NEW MEXICO ST.
NOV. 23.....1 PM	PACIFIC

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