



SPORTS



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The Yellin' Rebel

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UNLV baseball players drafted

by John Santana by the Minnesota Twins.

The Hustlin' Rebels baseball team had six players drafted in June's major league amateur draft. These players will attempt to join former Rebel standouts Matt Williams, Cecil Fielder and Todd Stotlemeyer as major league players.

Another pitcher, junior Larry Luchetti, was picked in round 31 by the St. Louis Cardinals. Senior catcher Steve Cerio was also drafted by St. Louis in the 42nd round. In addition, senior pitcher Hank Tagle signed with the White Sox as a free agent.



Rebel pitcher Brian Boehringer was selected in the fourth round of the Major League Baseball draft by the Chicago White Sox.

The players drafted include senior pitcher Brian Boehringer, who was taken in the fourth round by the Chicago White Sox. Junior pitcher Doug VanderWeele was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the ninth round. Junior pitcher Lance Schuermann was picked by the Texas Rangers in the 11th round. Junior pitcher T.J. Mathews was selected in the 30th round

All the players signed with their clubs. The only exception was Mathews, who opted to play his senior year.

The draft did not affect any of UNLV's recruits as none were drafted. Among the Rebels who signed, Boehringer and VanderWeele played in class A ball this summer. The rest played in rookie leagues.

Big West race could be wide open at the top

by Ched Whitney

The 1991 Rebels will be a young football team built around the experienced offensive nucleus of Derek Stott, Teddy James and Hunkie Cooper.

But what about the rest of the Big West conference? As usual, Fresno State and San Jose State will be strong. The last five seasons, the matchup between the two has produced the conference champion.

The Bulldogs make their final appearance in the Big West in 1991; they will move to the Western Athletic Conference next season.

Nine offensive starters return from last year's 8-2-1 team led by senior quarterback Mark Barsotti. The defense will again be anchored by free safety Marquez Pope, Big West Co-defensive Player of the Year in 1990.

Fresno State has only one loss and one tie (both coming last season) in its last 22 conference games.

The Bulldogs figure to be ready for their home opener against Northern Illinois; they will be looking to avenge an embarrassing 73-18 white washing a year ago.

For the Spartans of San Jose State, 1991 may be a bit of a rebuilding year. The Spartans lost seven of last year's defensive starters and must replace tailback

Sheldon Canley, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's all-time leader in all-purpose running yardage.

The defending champion Spartans, who went through the 1990 Big West Conference schedule undefeated, play their first five games of 1991 on the road. Their Nov. 23 meeting with Fresno State may decide things again.

Though only 2-5 in the conference and 4-7 overall last year, the Pacific Tigers may be poised to make a move into the upper echelon of the Big West.

The big reason is the return of eight offensive starters, especially junior quarterback Troy Kopp. Kopp trailed only Brigham Young's Ty Detmer and Houston's David Klingler in total offense last season as he threw for over 3,000 yards.

Defense remains Pacific's problem. Last season the Tigers scored more than 40 points five times and more than 60 twice. However, they held opponents under 30 only three times.

The main man for Utah State is running back Roger Grant. Grant ranked sixth among the nation's ball carriers in 1990, averaging 124.5 yards per game.

Ten starters return on offense for the Aggies, who were 5-1-1 in conference last season.

The Aggies should be more than ready for Big West action after back-to-back early-season games at Nebraska and Oklahoma.

Long-time coach George Allen guided Long Beach State to its first winning season since 1986 a year ago. Now, after Allen's death on New Year's Eve, Hall of Fame defensive back Willie Brown takes over the reins. Both the offense and defense return eight starters from 1990's 6-5 team. Todd Studer, the 49er's 6-foot-3 quarterback will try to improve on a 2,618-yard, 19-touchdown performance last year.

The 49er's face tough non-conference assignments, traveling to Miami and Arizona.

New Mexico State (the Big West's other Aggies) and Cal State Fullerton may very well be the two worst teams in all of Division I-A (indeed, the Titans began making a case for themselves Saturday, dropping their opener at Mississippi State, 56-3). Both teams finished 1-11 last season. The Titans were winless in conference play; the Aggies only victory came against Cal State Fullerton, ending a 27-game losing streak (at the time, the nation's longest).

In seven seasons in the Big West Conference, New Mexico State has managed only two victories. In an effort to end their futility,

second-year head coach Jim Hess dipped heavily into the junior college ranks, signing 19 players.

This season, Aggie full-back Jimmie Mitchell will attempt to become the first NMSU player in 17 years to rush for 1,000 yards in a season.

At Cal State Fullerton they're lucky to even be playing football this fall. Financial troubles nearly forced the disbandment of the program. But they are back and will move into a new 10,000-seat stadium in 1992.

The Titans' 1991 outlook is bleak; only 11 starters return from a team that lost all seven of its Big West matchups in 1990. The Titans only win last season came against Division II Sonoma State. A Sept. 21 meeting with Cal State Northridge (also a Division II team) is probably CSF's best shot at a win.

The Big West champion earns a Dec. 14 date with the Mid-American Conference winner in the California Raisin Bowl in Fresno.

Rebels face Reno

by Richard Munson

The 1991 UNLV football team will open its season Saturday, 1:05 p.m. against state rival Nevada-Reno.

The Rebels finished 4-7 last season while the Wolf Pack, playing in its final season in Division I-AA, went 13-2 last season.

The Wolf Pack finished runner-up to national champion Georgia Southern.

The Rebels lead the series nine wins to seven, but the Wolf Pack have won the last two. The Rebels last victory came in 1987, 24-19. The two teams did not play in 1988.

The Wolf Pack will be led by junior quarterback Fred Gatlin, senior inside linebacker Matt Clifton. Clifton a consensus pre-season I-AA All-American totaled 128 last season.

UNLV soccer season opens Friday

by Richard Munson

The UNLV soccer team will open the season against Wisconsin-Green Bay, as it hosts the seventh annual UNLV Coors Light Invitational Friday and Saturday.

Also participating in the invitational will be Seattle-Pacific and Big West Conference member Cal State Fullerton. The Rebels will play at 7 p.m. and Seattle-Pacific will face Fullerton at 9 p.m.

The Rebels finished last season 10-8-2 and 6-4 in the Big West Conference while the Wisconsin-Green Bay Phoenix finished at 4-15. The Phoenix lost eight starters from last season's squad,

but will be led this year by forward Chad Johnson and goalie Dan Soszynski.

On offense, the Rebels will be led by senior Terry Pryer, a first-team All-Big West Conference member. Pryer finished second last season in scoring. Pryer totaled 14 points for the Rebels. Junior Scott Uderitz will lead the Rebels on defense. Uderitz started all 20 games last year for the Rebels and scored four points.

The Rebels look to improve on their second place rank behind the University of San Diego which won in a tie-breaking process last season.



Defender Scott Uderitz, and the Rebels face UWGB Friday

1991 Rebel Soccer Schedule

UNLV Coors Light Invitational	
Sept. 6 Wis.-Green Bay	7 p.m.
Sept. 7 Seattle Pacific	7 p.m.
UNLV Ethel M. Chocolates Rebel Classic	
Sept. 13 Pennsylvania	7 p.m.
Sept. 14 Harvard	7 p.m.
Sept. 17 at San Diego	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 22 at New Mexico	1 p.m.
Sept. 25 UCLA	7 p.m.
Sept. 29 at CS Fullerton	2 p.m.
UNLV Coors Light Soccer Classic	
Oct. 4 UC Irvine	7 p.m.
Oct. 6 UCSB	1 p.m.
Oct. 11 San Jose State	