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Interview with the UNLV golf team's NCAA champion, Warren Schutte

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## FOOTBALL

**Rebels vs. Oregon State**  
Saturday, Sept. 14  
Sam Boyd Silver Bowl

# Rebels destroyed by UNR, 50-8

by ShaRhonda Ramos

In the worst appearance by a UNLV football team in a season opener, the Nevada-Reno Wolf Pack crushed the Rebels 50-8.

The only thing the Rebels did win was the coin toss.

Wolf Pack quarterback Fred Gatlin had an easy day with the Rebel defense. He finished the game early in the third quarter passing for 293 yards and three touchdowns, while throwing two interceptions. Gatlin exploited the exhausted defense of the Rebels.

The Rebels' only spark

came after Reeves Stellino intercepted Gatlin in the second quarter. Rebel quarterback Derek Stott completed seven of 19 for only 66 yards.

The Rebels went into the locker room down 20-0.

Although the Rebels got the ball first in the second half they couldn't get anything started. The UNR defense continued to suffocate the UNLV offense.

When backup quarterback John Ma'ae was sacked in the end zone, the score was suddenly 36-0.

The Rebels' only score came with 2:10 left in the game on a 25-yard pass from

Stott to Henry Bailey. Matt Wills then ran in for the two-point conversion.

"We just got outplayed," said defensive end Chuck Reed. "They're a better team. We need to regroup, play harder and more together against Oregon State."

Free safety Reeves Stellino said he knew the game was over when the score was 43-0 and they were about to score again.

"I was thinking that we have got to keep some pride and not let them score 50. Even when they did score, I fought to keep some pride," Stellino added.

## Soccer team hosts Ivy League opponents, Friday, Saturday

by Morgan Fisher

Field.

This weekend the Rebel soccer team will host the ninth annual Ethel M. Chocolates Rebel Classic at Peter Johann Memorial

The Rebels will face Pennsylvania at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 and Harvard at 7 p.m. Sept. 14.

Fresno State will also participate against

Harvard, and Pennsylvania at 9 p.m. both days. This year's Rebel Classic could be deemed the Big West vs. the Ivy League.

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## UNLV opens home schedule against woeful Beavers

by Richard Munson

The 0-1 Rebel football team will open its home season Saturday at 7 p.m. against the Oregon State Beavers, at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

The Beavers also 0-1, are coming off a 22-10 opening loss at the hands of Utah.

The Rebels lead the series 2-0, with the latest contest taking place last season; the Rebels won 45-20 at Oregon State. The win marked the first for head coach Jim Strong. The Rebels also beat the Beavers 35-21 in 1983.

The Rebels are looking to get on the winning track after an embarrassing 50-8 loss to Nevada-Reno.

The Rebels only managed to produce 118 total yards on offense. Matt Wills led the Rebels in rushing with 44 yards. Quarterbacks Derek Stott and John Ma'ae combined for 72 yards passing.

The Beavers will bring their wishbone attack to the Silver Bowl under first-year head coach Jerry Pettibone. Pettibone is 33-33-1 in his career. He is 1-0 against UNLV, his Northern Illinois team beat the Rebels 34-31 in 1987.

Oregon State is led by senior quarterback Ed Browning and junior full-back James Jones. Jones gained 52 yards on 12 attempts to lead all Oregon State rushers against Utah. Last season's performance against the Rebels was a career best for Jones as he gained 95 yards rushing on 19 carries.

The Beavers' loss to Utah extended their losing streak to six straight dating back to last October. The Rebels' loss on Saturday extended their losing streak to five games, also dating back to last October.

## UNLV football will not be an overnight success

by Jay Sapovits

Six months ago the UNLV basketball team was in the Final Four at Indianapolis hoping to become back national champions.

Media outlets flocked to the city to endorse our university, UNLV propaganda was available in every household in America, including the households in which the high school football stars of last year lived.

Why did a Division I-AA football team humiliate the Rebels over the weekend? Where is the future of the UNLV football team?

The University of Nevada beat the Rebels 50-8, in one of the worst defeats in the history of the program.

Quarterback Derek Stott completed just seven of 19 passes for 66 yards, one interception and one touchdown, and sophomore standout Hunkie Cooper in a utility role gained 60 all purpose yards. Overall offense showed the Rebels had only 118 yards.

Coach Jim Strong's staff recruited well in the off season. The players

brought to the school were better than could be expected for the caliber of team they had.

Unfortunately, the players are only 17 and 18 years old and need to grow up, on and off the field. Notre Dame, Michigan and Florida State get mature, huge, smart football players. However UNLV has raw talent. In Reno they were simply beaten physically, mentally and justly. Overnight success could have been hoped for, but it's not reality.

The UNLV team last year was in the bottom 20 football teams by the time the season finished. The future is forward. The alternative is termination of the program, and that will not happen. Coach Strong may have a bad season; maybe 4-7 again. He won't sleep much, he'll get criticized by the alumni, and recruiting will only get tougher, but there is a future.

Take this example of a big name basketball school who hired a man to win at football: Louisville. The great Howard Schnellenberger won just 13 games in his first three seasons; last year the Cardinals won the Fiesta Bowl.

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