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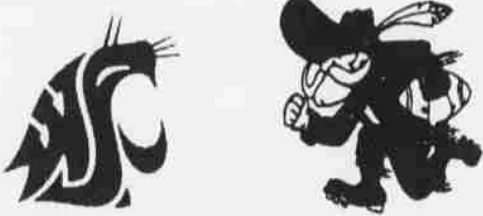
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Rebels host Pac-10's Cougars

by Jay Sapovits

UNLV will conclude a string of four non-conference games this week when they play Washington State University at 7 p.m. at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl. The Rebels will attempt to beat two Pacific 10 Conference teams for the first time in school history. The last time UNLV played two opponents from the Pac-10 Conference was in 1983, beating Oregon State and losing to Washington State.

Last week, Derek Stott rallied the Rebels late in the fourth quarter to a 23-22 win over New Mexico. UNLV will attempt to win its third straight game against Washington State. If the Rebels pick up a win this weekend, they will have a chance to win four games in a row, a feat last achieved by the 1984 Rebels under coach



REBEL FOOTBALL
UNLV vs. Washington State
Saturday, 7 p.m.
Sam Boyd Silver Bowl

Harvey Hyde.

Although Stott guided the Rebels to victory, the "exciting one," Hunkie Cooper, will start at quarterback. Cooper was a pre-season All-America kick returner according to *The Sporting News*, but currently ranks eighth in the Big West Conference with an average of 18.3 yards a return. As a quarterback, he

has rushed for over 200 yards and passed for another 387 yards.

A crowd of 19,000-plus attended the Oregon State game two weeks ago, and 22,000 are expected Saturday. The first 10,000 fans will receive a free football poster. It is also Senior Citizen night, with tickets priced at \$1 and \$2 for seniors.

Nick Garritano: A Rebel freshman making a difference

by ShaRhonda Ramos

One of the faces on the Rebel football squad is a 1991 graduate of Chaparral High School in Las Vegas. Nick Garritano is a kicker who chose UNLV over Colorado, Purdue, Michigan State and San Diego State.

Of his choice, Garritano said, "This is home. I had a good chance of starting here. Any other school might have been four to five people deep. I really don't think I have anything to prove to people, but I'll do the best I can to make a good showing for the local fans."

Garritano said he has found making the transition from high school to college difficult.

"It was hard because I went from being a star to just being another fish in the sea. It's harder than high school because it's up to you to go to class. I've been doing well, going to class and all. I like college better than high school," Garritano said.

There are obvious differences between high school and college football. "It's like night and day. The intensity is higher. Everything is on a schedule and has to

be as close to perfect as possible," he said.

As with any good athlete, Garritano has met his share of critics. Many have said that he is not as strong now as he was when he was being recruited.

"In the first three games, it might be because I'm young, but I know what I'm doing wrong. It's not leg strength. My leg strength is better now than ever. I think

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photo by Morgan Fisher

Freshman placekicker Nick Garritano.

Soccer team to open conference play

by Richard Munson

The Rebels will open their conference season 7 p.m. Saturday, on the road, as they travel to Cal State Fullerton. The Titans, 4-4 on the year, are 2-0 in conference play.

The Titans have been the Rebels' nemesis, UNLV has not won at Fullerton since 1985. In the last five

meetings, the Titans have won by the score of 2-1. Fullerton has a 7-3-1 record against the Rebels when playing at home.

CSF has an offense that has scored a total of 12 points in its last two matches. Senior forward Raul Haro leads the Titans with 18 points this season. Haro scored five goals against San Jose State earlier in the season.

The Rebels are lead by Daniel Barber, Richie Louis and Terry Pryer who have combined for 13 goals on the season. Pryer joined Louis and Barber in multiple goals, after scoring two goals in the Rebels 4-1 victory over New Mexico.

The Titans lead the overall series 10-9-2; they beat the Rebels in both meetings last season.

Cross country team places 12th

The UNLV women's cross country team placed 12th in the 12-team 49th Annual Aztec Cross Country Invitational held Saturday in San Diego.

Arkansas captured the women's title, paced by Deena Drossin's first place finish with a time of 17:17.6

Freshman Diane McCarthy was the top finisher for the Lady Rebels, placing 21st with a time of 18:26.2.

The Lady Rebels other finishers were Nichloe Rdemon, 105th, with a time of 18:26.2; Crystal Irving, 106th, with a time of

27:41; Angela Pryatel, 107th, with a time of 27:49.1 and TaSonja Jackson finished 108th, with a time of 27:53.

The Lady Rebels will return to action Oct. 6, when they travel to La Mirada, Calif., to take part in the 21-team Biola Invitational.

Women are far less equal than men

by Richard Munson

The university is required to have equal numbers of men's and women's sport teams. On paper this is true, but in reality this is hardly the case.

The University has a total of seven men's and "seven," so-called, women's sport teams.

Men's sports include: football, basketball, baseball, soccer, swimming, tennis and golf. Women's sports include: basketball, softball, swimming, tennis, indoor track, outdoor track and cross country.

Does anyone see a problem with this?

Cross country, indoor and outdoor track, which in essence are one team, are broken down into three different sports in order to satisfy the requirement. Why not add volleyball and women's golf to the list of women's sports and officially make the "three" track teams into a single team?

Looking at the status of the track "teams" right now, can only prove that a change needs to be made. Because the "teams" did not have enough athletes to participate in certain meets, the track program is now under an NCAA investigation.

The violations, if given the worst case scenario, could hurt the university seriously. Should the university be convicted wrong doings by the track team, all teams would not be able to participate in post season action next year. The basketball team could be looking at two years without post season

play. The golf, softball, soccer and swimming teams, which have been ranked in the Top 25 in the country the last two years, may lose their hopes of winning anything resembling a national title.

COMMENTARY

The main argument against having two new sports and combin-

ing the track team into one solid team is the concern with money. There is not enough money to support new teams at this point. Where has all of the revenue from the other sports gone? *USA Today* reported UNLV as having the largest share of television revenue from this year's Final Four. The university should spread its wealth and "bail" out a sport that could end up costing the university more than money.

There is no doubt that many students come to UNLV to be a part of a winning athletic program. This is evident in reports from the Office of the Registrar which show that after UNLV won the 1990 NCAA Basketball Championship, enrollment calls went up.

Which is more important, giving students an opportunity to play on teams that operate on small budgets or having a team in which there are not enough athletes who want to participate and could bring the Rebel athletic program to a halt?

Counting the women's track program as three different teams is an insult to women athletes. If UNLV administrators want to treat women as equals in the field of competition, they will legitimize their status by adding two women's sport teams.