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The Yellin' Rebel

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UNLV travels to Cal State Fullerton



photo by Greg Klund

On again, off again quarterback Hunkie Cooper will give way to Derek Stott at quarterback

by Morgan Fisher rushed for 127 yards and two touchdowns. Long Beach freshman quarterback Mike McCoy threw two touchdown passes and Sean Cheevers kicked two field goals. The Rebels helped Long Beach snap a 14-road game losing streak.

The Rebel football team will look to snap a two-game losing streak against Cal State Fullerton 1 p.m. Saturday. UNLV's record is 0-1 in the Big West conference and a 2-3 record overall.

Saturday, in front of 20,026 Rebel fans, Long Beach State senior running back Reggie Webb

Defensive coordinator resigns

by Richard Munson Defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach Chuck Pagano officially left the Rebel football team on Tuesday. Pagano joins runningback Matt Wills and four walk-on players who have quit in the last week. Pagano's resignation was announced Monday, on the heels of the Rebels loss to previously 0-4 Long Beach State 34-19, Saturday at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl. Pagano was an original

member of head coach Jim Strong's 1990 assembled staff. He was originally the defensive backs coach and was also given the job as the defensive coordinator over the summer. Pagano had spent the 1989 season at East Carolina and the two prior years at Boise State. Before coaching at Boise State, he was a graduate assistant coach at the University of Miami, whom lost to Penn State for the national championship.



Former defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano.

Cross country places sixth

The UNLV women's cross country team placed sixth in the 11-team BIOLA University Invitational held Sunday in San Diego. UC Riverside captured the women's title, as they placed five women in the top 11 finishers. Jenee Ellis of Azusa Pacific captured the

individual title with a time of 19:23.4. Sophomore Latricia Dendy was the top finisher for the Lady Rebels, placing 20th with a time of 21:14.0. The Lady Rebels other finishers were Trevaia Williams, 28th with a time of

21:52.6 and Cheryl Cheeks 52nd, with a time of 23:05.5. Tammy Crutchley and Crystal Irving finished with times of 23:13.1 and 23:27.8. UNLV will travel Oct. 19 to take part in the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Invitational.

Rebels face Spartans and Bulldogs in Soccer

by Richard Munson

The Rebel soccer team (6-4-0, 2-1-0), fresh off of two home victories, will play host to the San Jose State Spartans (3-6-0, 0-4-4) and the Fresno State Bulldogs (8-1-2, 3-0-0) on Friday and Sunday at the Peter Johann Memorial Field.

UNLV head coach Barry Barto will coach his 300th match on Friday.

The Spartans are led by freshman Matthew Bell, Tom Bedinotti and Mike Hackett, who each have two goals and one assist. The Rebels have dominated the Spartans. They have never lost or tied the Spartans in their 12 previous matches.

The Bulldogs are led by first year head coach John Bluem. His team is led by the nation's leading scorer, senior Gerrell Elliot. Goalie David Kramer leads the Far West Region with a .41 goal-against average. The Bulldogs have out scored their opponents 24-2 this season, including five shutouts. The Bulldogs have dominated the Rebels, winning 13 of 17 matches. The last time the

Rebels beat the Bulldogs was in 1988, 3-0, in Las Vegas.

The Rebels continue to be led by Daniel Barber and Richie Louis who have six goals each. The Rebels were led last week by Thies

Carstens who scored three goals and was named Big West Player of the Week.

The Rebels will face the Spartans at 7 p.m. Friday and the Bulldogs at 1p.m. Sunday.



photo by Morgan Fisher

Terry Pryer and the Rebels play two conference games at Johann Field this weekend.

The reality of Rebel football

by Jay Sapovits

The Sam Boyd Silver Bowl has the capacity to seat 32,207 people, but the UNLV coaching staff will have to attend a rock concert or tractor-pull to see that many people in the stands any time soon. The last (only) time UNLV football played in front of a full house in Las Vegas was 1986, when the Rebels beat the Wisconsin Badgers 17-7 under then head coach Harvey Hyde.

Why will UNLV wait years on end for another sell out crowd in their home stadium? The answer's easy, the Rebels have a bland offensive attack, combined with a schedule that rates among the worst in Division I football.

The combined records of the teams UNLV has played, is a putrid 4-16. Pac-10 Conference, Washington State owns half of the wins in that record. But don't be misled, the one victory was against UNLV and the other against a team the Rebels beat at home, Oregon State. In fact, last weekend, the two teams UNLV were victorious against, New Mexico and Oregon State, lost by a combined score of 149-24.

Think about the 125 points that the teams UNLV beat, lost by. In football terms, that translates into 41 field goals and a safety, or how about the combination of 17 touchdowns and two field goals, assuming that the extra point was made

on each attempt. UNLV's offense may not score 17 touchdowns in the entire season. To date, they have managed just six touchdowns in the first five games this season. With six games remaining, the Rebels are on pace to score 14 touchdowns on the season. The offense will attempt to get on a track this week, as UNLV faces another opponent who will be well under .500 at the end of the season.

Cal State Fullerton has a record of 1-4. Their only win was against Cal State Northridge, a non-Division I school, 17-10. Cal State Fullerton had lost nine straight games against UNLV, at one point. But, the tide turns and the plot thickens, Fullerton beat UNLV three years straight until last year when we flexed our muscles and pounded them 29-10.

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