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Can UNLV upset Fresno State, which must play without star QB Mark Barsotti?

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Rebels invade Bulldogs' house

by Jay Sapovits

The UNLV football team enjoyed a week off Saturday and will now prepare for the remainder of their Big West Conference schedule. The Rebels (3-3, 1-1) will open the second half of the season against the Fresno State Bulldogs, a team UNLV last defeated in 1984, the year Las Vegas won the California Bowl.

One may think that with two Pac-10 conference schools on the schedule, the second half of the season would be easier. But, the opponent of the Rebels this week is an AP Top Twenty-five team.

Fresno State has been on the celebrating side of the field every week they have played a game this year (6-0). Under head coach Jim Sweeney, the Bulldogs have beaten Washington State in Pullman, Oregon State in Corvallis and had a notable 94-point performance against University of New Mexico, a team against which UNLV managed only two offensive touchdowns earlier this season.

Scoring 94 points was remarkable, but unique for the Bulldogs. Before the game against New Mexico, Fresno State's previous scoring high was 80 points back in 1942 against Fort Ord.

Mark Barsotti has been the Fresno State starting quarterback since 1988, but will not be in the line-up against UNLV because of a broken leg. The injury was suffered in Fresno State's 42-28 victory

over New Mexico State last weekend. During his tenure, he has established himself as one of the leading quarterbacks in NCAA college football.

Barsotti, a third year starter, has accumulated over 7000 yards in total offense. As a starter, Barsotti has been equally effective with more high profile passers, such as David Klingler from Houston and Gino Torretta of the Miami Hurricanes, posting a 35-5-1 (21-1-1 Conference) record in his four years at Fresno State. Those numbers include a school record of 17 consecutive victories during the 1988-89 seasons.

"He's outstanding. He's definitely one of the premier quarterbacks in college football. He's a leader, a winner and a three year starter. He's definitely a threat," said UNLV head coach Jim Strong.

"It's a combination of everything. When I evaluate a game, I don't just look at one factor. They are a very consistent team. You don't lead the nation in total offense if you aren't consistent week in and week out," said coach Strong when asked to comment on Fresno State's 94 point outburst.

UNLV will travel to Fresno State to play the Bulldogs at 7 p.m. Saturday. The game will be televised on the Sportschannel, but is not available in Southern Nevada. All Rebel football can be heard on KDWN, 720 AM starting at 5:30 p.m. with the pre-game show.

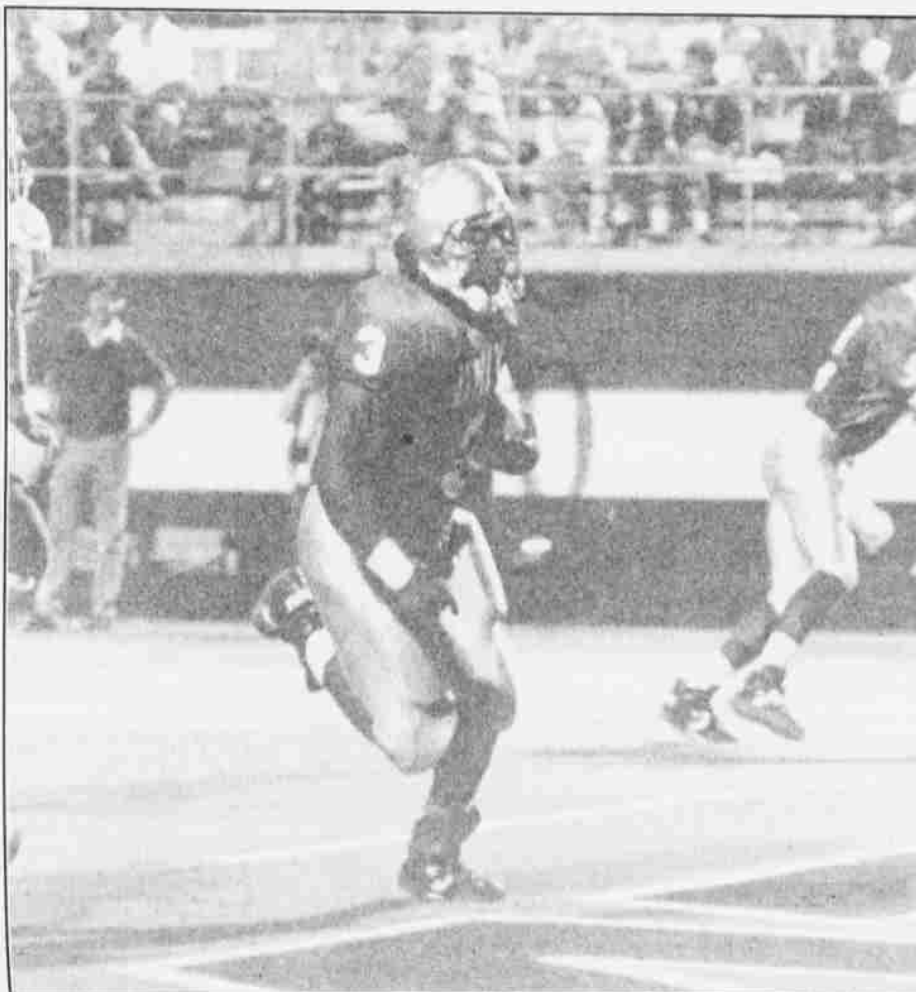


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Derek Black and the Rebels travel to face No. 25 Fresno State

Intramurals have a lot to offer

by Mike Bunin

Intramural sports are a large part of UNLV's campus activities. As enrollment grows, so does the intramural sports list.

This year there has already been volleyball, golf, oozeball, flag football and tennis. But that's not the beginning. Nov. 4 will mark the day that indoor soccer begins. Badminton begins on Nov. 15, and the newest event—wrestling begins Dec. 6.

Why choose wrestling?

"The students requested it and we have the facilities, so we figured why not," said Jeff Wells, director of intramural sports on campus.

There will be 10 weight classes and the sport will follow high school rules.

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Freshman puts opponents in deep-freeze

by Neil Baron

Easygoing. Calm. Relaxed. Carefree. Nonchalant. Unruffled. Patient.

Such words aren't often used to describe a football player at the college level. But in Henry Bailey's case, these words fit most accurately.

Bailey, a 5 foot 8 inch, 175-pound freshman running back for the UNLV Rebels, is one cool customer.

After losing a fumble two weeks ago against Long Beach State which ultimately led to a touchdown, Bailey redeemed himself the following week against Cal State Fullerton Titans. He caught four passes for 151 yards, including a 52-yard touchdown pass, to help lead the Rebels to an easy 25-3 victory over the Cal State Fullerton Titans. All four catches came in the first

half. He also blocked a field goal attempt by the Titans. "I feel that every time I step out onto the field I have to perform," Bailey said. "If I don't, I feel I'm letting the



photo by Greg Klund

Freshman running back Henry Bailey

team down so I just try to do something to contribute."

Contribute is something Bailey has done plenty of in his first year at UNLV. He leads the team in receiving with 16 catches for 298 yards and two touchdowns. He is third in rushing with 133 yards on just 21 carries, for 6.3 yards per rush, including two touchdowns. He is second in overall scoring with 24 points.

Bailey also has the team's longest touchdown run from scrimmage at 47 yards, as well as the longest touchdown catch at 52 yards. His 47-yard kickoff return against New Mexico State is also a record.

Not bad for an 18-year-old who isn't even sure what position he will be playing each game.

Bailey started the year at wide receiver but moved to halfback against the Titans. While some players might be adversely affected

by such a move, Bailey takes it all in stride.

"It doesn't really affect me at all," Bailey said. "I can play both. I played running back throughout high school and when I got here they transferred me to wide receiver and I adjusted well. So there's really no problem."

But despite all the success, Bailey, who one day hopes to achieve similar success in the NFL, isn't about to rest on his early-season laurels.

"I just have to keep working hard and try to improve my stamina," Bailey said. "If I work hard and do everything that I'm supposed to do, I feel I could be a major factor at UNLV."

Considering what he's done so far, that would come as a surprise to no one.