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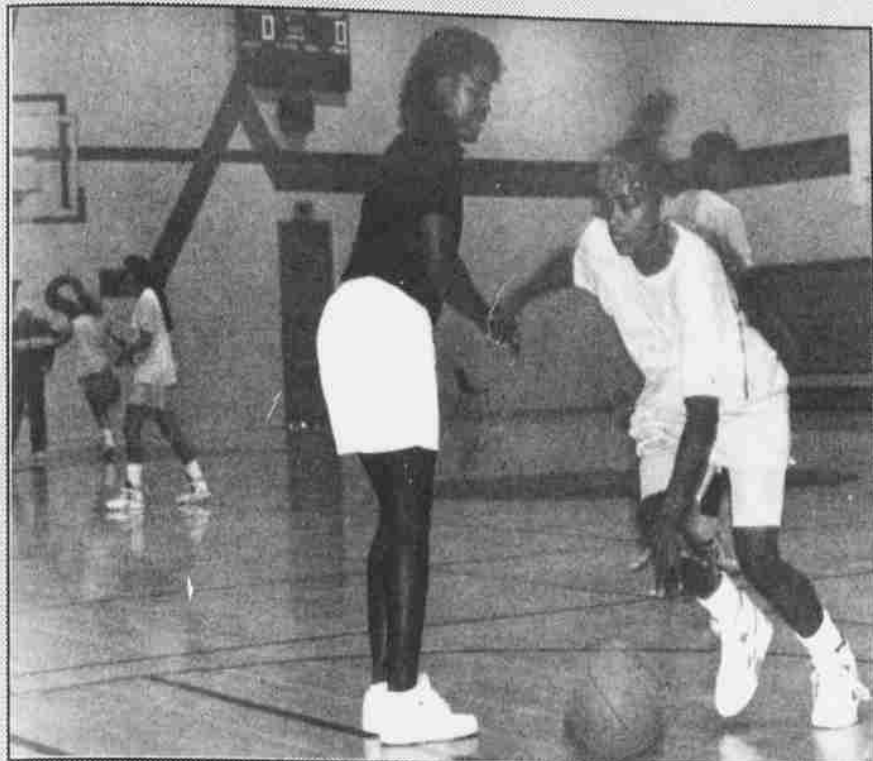


photo by Jay P. Morgan

Lady Rebel basketball player Sharon Hargrove drives around assistant coach Rochelle Oliver during practice.

Bulldogs maul UNLV

Over-matched Rebels fall below .500 after 48-22 loss

by ShaRhonda Ramos

The Rebels' hopes to be 4-3 were rained on—literally—Saturday night at Bulldog Stadium. The rain, however, was the least of the problems for the Rebel squad as they fell victim to the Fresno State Bulldogs 48-22.

UNLV's defense held Fresno State to only 10 yards on their first two possessions, but the Bulldogs made up for it by piling up 594 more yards throughout the duration of the game.

Fresno State scored first after a fumble recovery by senior linebacker Pete

Jenkins. With 7:58 remaining in the first quarter, the Bulldogs used one play, a 73-yard run by sophomore tailback Anthony Daigle and an extra point by sophomore place kicker Derek Mahoney.

With 3:50 left in the quarter, Fresno State scored again on a 7-yard run by freshman quarterback Trent Dilfer. Mahoney's extra point was good and the Bulldogs led 14-0.

Fresno State scored 17 more points before halftime. Junior fullback Lorenzo Neal scored on a 2-yard run, and the Bulldogs led 21-0. Mahoney kicked a 27-yard field goal to make the score

24-0 on the next FSU drive.

The last score of the half came on a 10-yard run by Dilfer. Mahoney's extra point was good again and the Bulldogs sent the Rebels into the locker room at half-time down 31-0.

Although it's not impossible to come back from a 31-point deficit with two full quarters of football left to play, it certainly looked that way for the Rebels. Fresno State held the Rebels scoreless in the third quarter. The Bulldogs went up 38-0 late in the third when Dilfer rushed for his third touchdown of the game, this time from 33 yards out.

The fourth quarter was brighter for UNLV as freshman running back Shannon McLean got the Rebels on the board with a 33-yard touchdown run.

The Bulldogs added on three more points on a 42-yard field goal by Mahoney making the score 41-7.

The Rebels refused to throw in the towel as they scored on a 40-yard pass from senior quarterback Derek Stott to freshman wide receiver Demond Thompkins and the Rebels trailed 41-14.

With 4:32 left in the game, Fresno State struck again, this time on a 30-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Brian Rowe to sophomore flanker Michael Ross.

The phrase "too little, too late" came to mind when the Rebels scored on their next possession. With 2:05 remaining in the game, the Rebels drove 68 yards on seven plays in 2:10. The drive was capped off by a 2-yard run by McLean. The Rebels two-point conversion was good and the final score was 48-22.

The Rebels came home with a loss and one injury. Freshman free safety Rodney Mazion suffered a broken jaw in the first quarter.

The Rebels are on the road for the last time this season next Saturday at San Jose State where they will take on the Spartans. They look to improve their record to 4-4.

Boies lets his racket do the talking

by Robert Vinson

It's said that French is the language of love. And French-Canadian star Patrice Boies knows the language especially well, as in defeating opponents 6-0, 6-0, otherwise known as six-love, six-love in tennis circles. The Montreal native is preparing an assault on the UNLV record book, leading the team in victories in each of the last two years.

As a freshman, Boies fashioned a 25-14 record, winning the team MVP award in the process.

"I was somewhat inexperienced to college tennis and I lost some matches I should have won, but we played a tough schedule and I learned a lot," Boies said about his debut season.

Last year, the communications major managed to avoid the "sophomore jinx" by recording a 33-10 mark.

"My experiences in my freshman year definitely helped me because I didn't have any really bad losses. I was a much tougher player," Boies said in comparing the two seasons.

Boies had a successful summer playing the Canadian pro circuit. Among his many conquests was former NCAA doubles champ Doug Eisenman.

The junior especially savors that win.

"We were playing indoors on a fast court that favored him," he said, "but I managed to come through."

And to prove that victory wasn't a fluke, Boies promptly beat Eisenman again two weeks later.

Boies is constantly trying to improve his game and get an edge on the competition.

"I think to really improve, I would have to work on my net game and endurance. I could probably be more consistent too, playing good matches all the time instead of being up and down," Boies said.

Boies lists his individual goals as going to the NCAA and winning the conference at the No. 1 singles position. In assessing his team goals, Boies feels a top two finish in conference is certainly within reach.

"We have some new players and they'll have to step up for us to do well at conference. But I have no doubts we'll get the job done," Boies said.

Boies came to UNLV with impressive international credentials. He represented Canada in the prestigious World Youth Cup as well as the equally distinguished Sunshine Cup. He won the Canadian nationals five times, as a 12 and 14-year-old in singles and as a 14, 16, and 18-year-old in doubles.

When asked about professional ambitions, Boies said he would like to be among the top 100 players in the world.

"I would like to be a top player. Basically, I just want to make a lot of money," Boies added.

Patrice Boies, UNLV tennis

Birthplace: Montreal
Classification: Junior
Major: Communications
Favorite Tennis Player: John McEnroe
Favorite Musical Group: The Cure
Favorite T.V. Show: "Cheers"
Favorite Tennis Player: "John McEnroe. Because he is an artist on the court."
Hobbies: Basketball, watching movies, listening to music
If I could be someone else for a day, I'd be: "Michael Jordan. For obvious reasons."

Junior hopes to win Big West at No. 1 singles position



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UNLV junior tennis player Pat Boies.