



Football returns home, falls to Utah St.

The UNLV football team once again was the victim to a Big West foe. The Rebels lost 27-14 to the Utah State Aggies at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

The Aggies coming off an upset win over conference leading Fresno State used the momentum to score 21 first-half points. The Aggies' first touchdown came off of a Ron Edwards 45-yard interception return. The Rebels answered with a 5-yard Shannon McLean.

Utah State added two touchdowns in the second quarter. The first was a 5-yard Tracey Jones touchdown reception. The second was again a 5-yard reception to Rod Moore from Ron Lopez.

The Rebels only other score came in the fourth quarter on a Hunkie Cooper 3-yard run. The Aggies Doug Beach added two field goals in the second half to give the Aggies the 13 point victory.

President clears up AD selection process

by Richard Munson

UNLV Student Body President Rodderick Colebrook cleared up the controversy surrounding the selection process of the new athletic director.

Reports were that there were two votes and Jim Weaver of the University of Florida had won the first, after a discussion the committee voted for Dennis Finrock.

Colebrook who conducted the elections said the committee did vote twice but to only narrow the list of five candidates.

"There were two votes. The first vote choose the the top three out of the five. The second was the best out of the three," Colebrook said. "We chose the person who was the general consensus of the committee. I feel it was done fairly and we didn't have any problems."

Johnson has 'Magic'-al affect on everyone

by Richard Munson

Magic: having seemingly supernatural qualities or powers—Webster's Dictionary.

This definition most definitely describes Magic Johnson on and off the basketball court.

He is the most talked about subject in the sports world today, but his story

isn't just a sports story—this story affects everyone, Magic Johnson has tested positive for the HIV virus.

The fact that Magic is a man known by just about everyone has brought his life above and beyond the sports page. He is a high profile person that must give up the one thing he loves most. It's the darkest days basketball

and those that know Magic have ever had.

But Magic is not a quitter. He made the announcement in high spirits and left the press conference with that beloved "Magic smile" on his face. Magic said on the Arsenio Hall Show that if he was to die tomorrow it wouldn't matter, he has had the greatest life

already. This is a man that does not need to be eulogized by every news and sports program. Magic is very much alive and will continue to live and fight the toughest game of his life.

His story has caused many speculations on how he acquired the

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Rebels impressive in win over Cuba

by Neil Baron

If UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian was worried how well the new version of his Runnin' Rebels basketball team would perform, he need worry no longer.

In the first exhibition game of what will be Tarkanian's last season, the Rebels stopped the Cuban National Team 78-69 at the Thomas & Mack Center.

Tarkanian and a crowd of 3,974 watched in delight as the Rebels kicked their game into a higher gear in the second half to overcome a 48-43 halftime deficit.

"Coach got on us at the half about our defense," junior Melvin Love said. "But our zone wore them down. They didn't know what hit them."

What hit the Cubans was that old standby—the amoeba zone defense. Tarkanian was forced to play zone after the Rebels man-to-man defense succeeded only in allowing the Cubans to overcome a 31-20 Rebels lead midway through the first half.

"Our man-to-man defense was atrocious, just horrible," Tarkanian said. "I don't know if our man-to-man will ever be good. It's so tough to play good man-to-man and we have so far to go."

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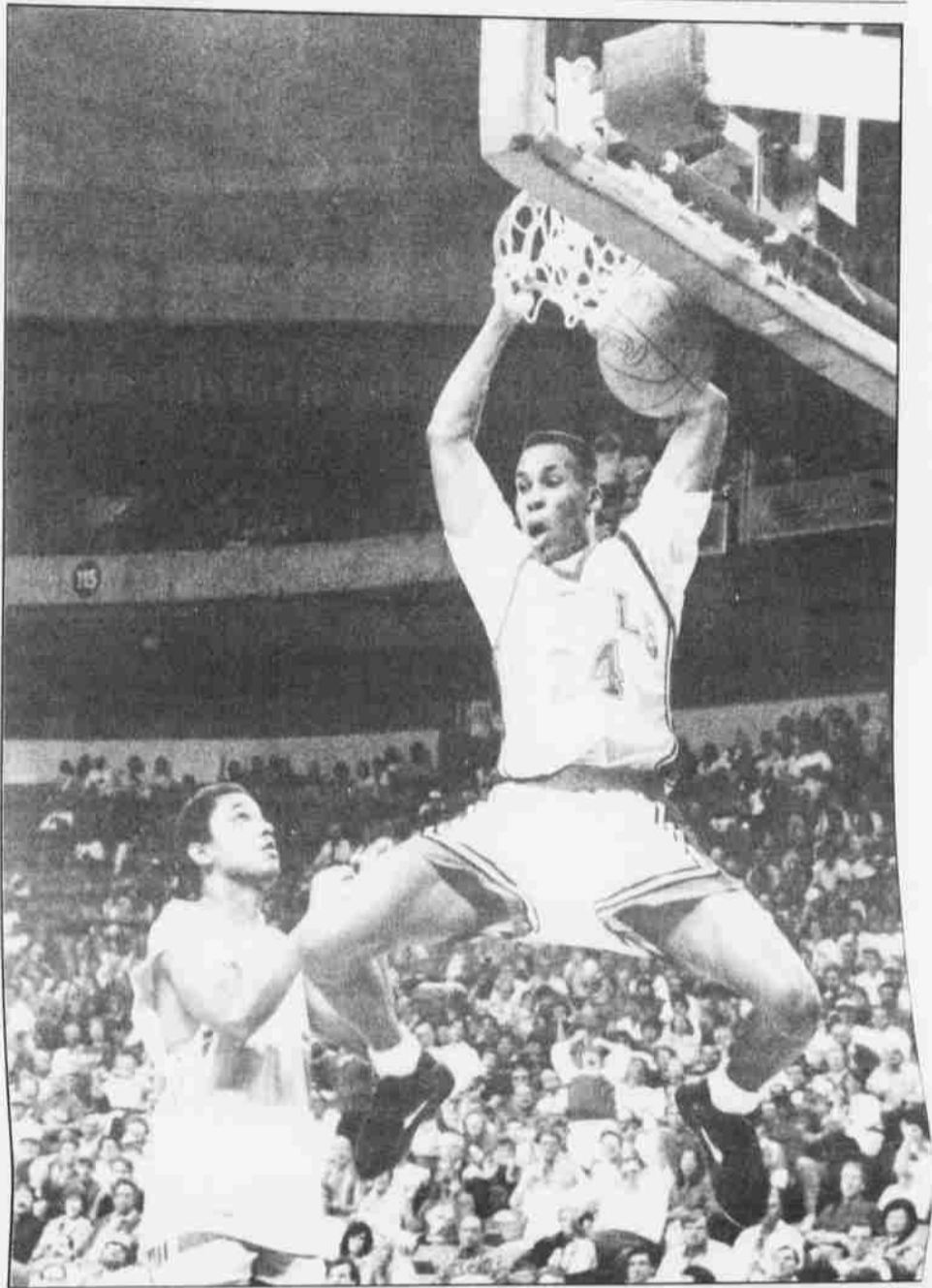


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Junior college transfer Dexter Boney scored 11 points in the Rebels' win.

Cuban women pull away from Lady Rebels

Three-point halftime deficit turns into 35-point blowout

by Neil Baron

Head coach Jim Bolla and his Lady Rebels squad couldn't have picked a tougher opponent to open their season and it showed.

The Lady Rebels were soundly defeated by the Cuban National Team 99-64 Thursday at the Thomas & Mack Center.

But Bolla knew coming in that this game would not be an easy one. The Cubans won the gold medal at the Pan Am Games and are ranked No. 3 in the world behind the United States and Yugoslavia.

The Rebels were also without one of their key players, forward Teresa Jackson,

who suffered a serious ankle sprain earlier in the week.

The Lady Rebels were able to stay close with the Cubans in the first half, trailing by only three points at the half, 42-39.

But in the second half, the Cubans' experience and talent showed as they outscored the Lady Rebels, 57-25.

Bolla took all this into consideration when he summed up his team's performance.

"We're not as physically talented as they are and they took it to us in the second half," Bolla said. "They got a lot of easy lay-ups just by beating us down the floor. But

we went into the game feeling it would be a learning experience and hopefully we learned something from it."

"You can't expect the Lady Rebel team to be prepared to face the Cuban National Team in just three weeks. That's not a fair analysis," Bolla said.

Senior forward Andrea Knapp led the Lady Rebels with 16 points, while senior center Merlelynn Lange, playing in her first game since injuring her ankle last season, scored in 13 points and pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds. Sophomore forward Iris Dinerman also scored in double-figures, finishing with 11 points.