

Swimmers drown Hawaii in first dual meet of the season

by Stephanie Penner

The UNLV swim team left the University of Hawaii in its wake Tuesday when the Rebels defeated Hawaii in the first dual meet of the season. The women's team won 165-78 while the men's team scored 151-91.

Head coach, Jim Reitz, said the win was very surprising. Hawaii is a top contender for the Western Athletic Conference championship.

"The team performed consistently better at this time of year than in the history of our program," Reitz said.

The men's and women's 400-yard relay teams finished with times above average for the time of the season, Reitz said.

Mary Alice Torgerson, 1991 Big West swimmer of the year, placed first in the 200-yard breaststroke. Freshman Maria Olsen, placed first in the 200-yard backstroke. The women's team won all but two events in Tuesday's meet.

The men's team won all but one of its events. Tony Allick placed first in the 200-

yard individual medley and the 200-yard backstroke. John Pink won the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle. Colin Dircks placed first in the 200-yard breaststroke.

According to Reitz, a few students might be able to make it to the NCAA National Championships if they continue to perform as well as they did at last night's meet. The NCAA has passed legislation which increases qualifying times for NCAA competition. The NCAA National Championship features the top collegiate swimmers in the nation and is one of the fastest meets in the world.

"The time standards are now faster than any times in history, by a wide margin," Reitz said.

The UNLV swim team will face Brigham Young University Nov. 22 at the Rebel pool. Reitz said that, based on last night's performance, the men stand a chance against Brigham Young University, the current WAC champion. The men's team has never beaten Brigham Young.

Runnin' Rebs host Marathon Basketball

by Jay Sapovits

The Runnin' Rebels will play host to Marathon Oil in their last exhibition game at 8:05 p.m. Monday at the Thomas and Mack Center.

In the Rebels' first exhibition game, they were victorious over the Cuban National Team 78-69. This will be the last chance for the Rebels to tune-up before starting the regular season five days later in Hawaii. UNLV's opponent on the islands will be the Brigham Young-Hawaii Seasideers.

Marathon Oil is an independently run basketball club that is sponsored by the Marathon Oil Co. to play exhibition games against universities and colleges across the nation. The team is composed of former college players from around the nation.

Marathon Oil has never beaten the Runnin' Rebels.



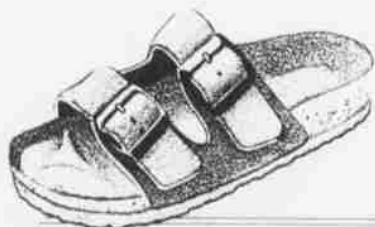
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The Runnin' Rebels will be hungry as they host Marathon Basketball 8:05 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Thomas and Mack Center

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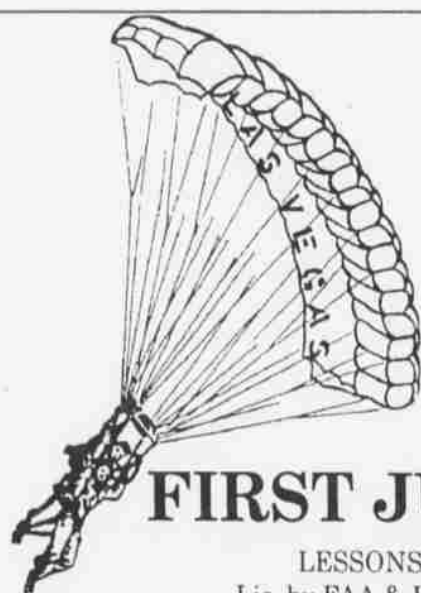
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