

SPORTS

Runnin' Rebels popular choice for television time

By Sean Gallagher
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The UNLV basketball team will be seen on national television nine times this season. Each of the televised games is against a non-conference foe.

The three major networks, ABC, CBS and NBC, will show three games each. According to officials, six of the games will be played at the Thomas and Mack Center.

The Rebels will also have a number of Big West Conference

games televised nationally during the year as part of ESPN's "Big Monday Triple Header".

The Big Monday package includes a game each from the Big East, Big 10, and Big West Conferences.

With eight of the nine non-

conference opponents ranked the top 25, this will be UNLV's toughest schedule to date.

One reason for the increased exposure is UNLV's overall record for the past decade. UNLV's record of 271-65 (.807) rates second only to North Carolina's 281-63 (.817).

UNLV's Basketball

Schedule

Nov. 15	Loyola-Marymount NIT	Feb. 1	Utah State
Dec. 9	at Oklahoma*	Feb. 3	North Carolina State*
Dec. 16	at Pacific	Feb. 5	San Jose State
Dec. 23	Iowa* NIKE CLASSIC	Feb. 8	Pacific
Dec. 26	Long Beach State	Feb. 10	Oklahoma State*
Dec. 30	Arkansas*	Feb. 12	Fresno State
Jan. 3	Cal. State-Fullerton	Feb. 15	New Mexico State
Jan. 6	San Jose State	Feb. 18	Arizona*
Jan. 13	at Temple*	Feb. 22	at UC-Irvine
Jan. 15	at Fresno State	Feb. 24	Louisville*
Jan. 18	UC-Irvine	Feb. 26	at UC-Santa Barbara
Jan. 22	at Long Beach State	Mar. 1	at Utah State
Jan. 25	UC-Santa Barbara	Mar. 3	at Cal. State-Fullerton
Jan. 28	At LSU*		* Televised Game

UNLV tennis players invited

Three members of both the men's and women's tennis teams were chosen by invitation only to compete in the DuPont National Claycourts in Hilton Head, South Carolina which began November 15 and will continue through November 19.

The three women invited include seniors Diana Chavez and Debbie Higa who will play in the qualifying rounds and All-America candidate Jolene Watanabe who received one of the top 30 bids and is seeded in the main draw.

The men look for a better showing after being eliminated by the second round of play at the Rolex Regional Championships in Irvine, California last weekend. Senior Lee Rosenthal, sophomore Eric Aanes and freshman Patrice Bois are representing UNLV this week.

- Andrea Reitan



IT'S SHOWTIME- The Runnin' Rebels opened their season Monday night defeating Loyola-Marymount in first round NIT action. Guard Greg Anthony gets hammered during a breakaway lay up.

Steve Spatz/ore

Swim teams to face BYU and Utah

By Andrea Reitan
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UNLV men's and women's swimming opened their season last weekend with a trip to Arizona.

The women competed against Northern Arizona University and captured the win 167-128 on Friday night.

Saturday the women faced Purdue and Arizona State defeating Purdue 85.5-53.5 and losing to ASU 89-60. All-America candidate Heather Troutt won the 100 meter backstroke and 200 meter individual medley both Friday and Saturday. Freshman Cindy Wold captured the 200 and 400 meter freestyle events at Northern Arizona and senior All-America candidate Diana Palma won the 200 meter butterfly at NAU and finished third in the same event at ASU. Palma was UNLV's top finisher.

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The men competed in just one meet on Saturday against ASU. The men dropped the dual competition to the Sundevis 86-54. Only three Rebels came away with victories including Colin Dricks, Scott Coleman and Bart Pippenger. Dricks captured the 100 meter breaststroke while Coleman won the 50 meter freestyle. All-American Bart Pippenger was the Rebels leading swimmer winning the 100 and 200 meter backstroke and the 200 meter freestyle. Pippenger was also a member of the winning 800 meter freestyle relay team.

Both teams continue competition with dual meets against Brigham Young University and Utah this weekend in Utah.



Quarterback Derek Stott, who has thrown for over 200 yards in each of the last two games, will lead the Rebels into their final home game of 1989 season against Utah State this Saturday.

Nunnely coaching on thin ice

By Andrea Reitan
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In Monday's issues, both the Las Vegas Sun and the Review Journal sports pages practically guaranteed head football coach Wayne Nunnely's exit from UNLV at the end of the season.

After the Rebels embarrassing 45-7 loss to Reno this past weekend who could blame any of us for wanting that exit. However, it's not the end of the season and there's still a slight chance for Nunnely. That is, if his team can pull off two straight wins against Utah State and San Jose State in their last two games this season. If that happens, Nunnely and his team finish at 6-5, a winning record. But UNLV is expected to be the heavy underdog against San Jose in two weeks. Even if the Rebels finish at .500 it might not be enough to save Nunnely.

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What we have to consider is if a coaching change is made, how much will it affect the university. Most of all, how much will it cost.

To hire a new coach symbolizes a new era for a team. Everything starts new and fresh.

Besides whatever "bonus" Nunnely is given to exit, a huge sum of money is handed out to the new prospect: money for the new coaches staff selections, new equipment, uniforms, etc. Does UNLV have that kind of money to put out? Most likely they do. But, do they have the desire to put it towards football? If so, what coach in his right mind wouldn't jump at the chance to rebuild a football program that Nunnely has already cleaned up.

A new coach would obviously have to be offered a substantial amount of money to take over a

football program that hasn't managed to bring home a winning season in the last few years. Plus, his income would be guaranteed due to the fact that the basketball program brings in such high revenue. But, would a new coach bring in new hope and guarantees of winning.

Nunnely entered the UNLV scene when the football program wasn't just in trouble, it was a disaster. He should be commended for turning players into decent citizens from juvenile delinquents. The question is, does he have what it takes to turn these students into a football team that can win.

All of these questions will definitely be answered at the close of the season when contract decisions will be made. It's just too bad for Nunnely that nice guys often finish last.