

# Runnin' Rebs rally, beat NMSU 74-67

By Richard Munson

After all of the hype it finally happened. No, not the Super Bowl—the UNLV, New Mexico State showdown in Las Cruces, New Mexico. The Rebels squeaked out a seven point victory, thanks in part to the hot shooting of Evric Gray and J.R. Rider, who combined for five three-pointers during a 19-3 run.

The last and only time the Rebels lost to the Aggies was in Las Cruces when then Rebel

Larry Johnson's last-second shot bounced off the rim at the buzzer giving the Aggies an 83-82 victory.

But this game was a completely different story as the Aggies took control of the first half behind the scoring of William Benjamin. The Aggies took a 36-28 lead into the locker room, with Benjamin scoring 15 points.

The second half was a different story as Benjamin scored only five points and the Rebels made seven three-pointers in

the half. Rider and Gray hit all of UNLV's 11 of 21 three-pointers.

Rider led all scorers with 26 points while Gray added 16. Center Elmore Spencer scored 15 points and nine Rebounds.

With the victory the Rebels took over sole possession of first place in the Big West Conference with a 9-0 record and 17-2 overall.

The Rebels will travel to Logan, Utah, on Thursday to play the Utah State Aggies at 6:30 p.m.

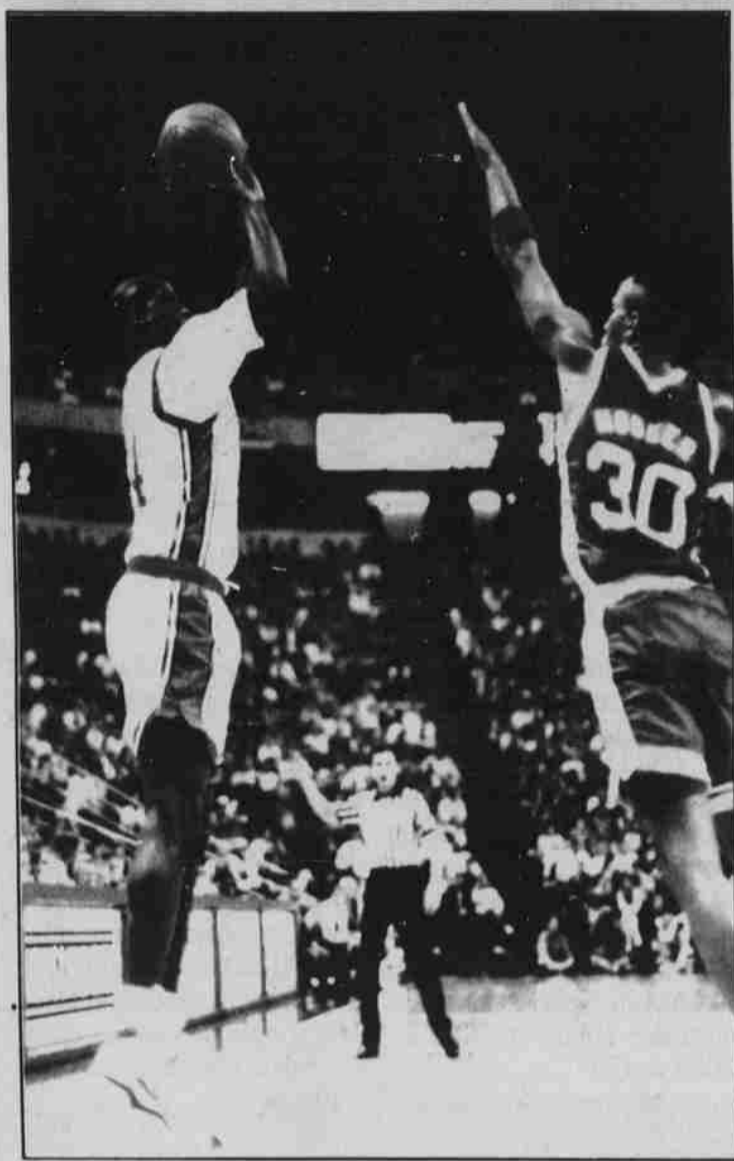


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J. R. Rider led the Rebels with 26 points.

## Runnin' Rebel Rider arrested

by Richard Munson

The latest fiasco to hit the Runnin' Rebel basketball program is the arrest of forward J.R. Rider.

Rider was arrested

early Friday morning after the Rebels 58-50 victory over the Fresno State Bulldogs. According to Rider's friend Ron Allen, Rider was arrested for "obstruction of a police officer." The arrest came after "the girl at

the restaurant became scared and called the cops," Allen said.

Rider, fellow Rebel basketball player Reggie Manuel

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## Lady Rebels post 40-point victory

by Richard Munson

The Lady Rebels made it look easy in the South Gym against the San Jose State Spartans as they blew the Spartans out 95-55.

The Lady Rebels made the Spartans take notice from the start as they jumped out to a 19-0 lead. The Rebels may have been sparked by playing in the South Gym where the crowd is closer to the floor and can be used as more of an advantage.

Just three days earlier, the Lady Rebels had to rally to beat Pacific at the spacious Thomas & Mack Center, which is quite empty when they play.

"It has an affect on us. When there are a lot of fans it pushes us. But when we don't have as many it takes something away from us," Lady Rebel Sharon Hargrove said.

Hargrove scored 19 points, nine assists and pulled down seven rebounds.



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Sharon Hargrove scored 19 points in the blow out.

The Lady Rebels were led by Arlene Miller, who had a game-high of 24 points. Center Theresa Jackson added 22 points as nine Lady Rebels scored in the blowout.

The Lady Rebels will travel to play arch-rival Long Beach State on Wednesday. The game will be nationally broadcasted at 9 p.m. on ESPN.

## New tennis complex begins construction

by Robert Vinson

Friday marked the dawn of a new era for UNLV tennis as construction crews broke ground on the new \$1 million Frank and Vicki Fertitta Tennis Complex, which is being built adjacent to the existing tennis courts on campus.

The complex, scheduled for completion in July 1992, will include seating for up to 2,000 spectators, a stadium club, meeting rooms, locker rooms, offices and new surfaces for the existing 12 outdoor courts.

"We did quite a bit of research looking into the best tennis complexes in the country and we took the best elements of those stadiums and merged those concepts into this stadium," said Facility Coordinator George MacCall, a former U.S. Davis Cup captain. "Consequently, there's no question in my mind that this is (when completed) the No. 1 facility in the country."

New Athletic Director Jim Weaver echoed those sentiments. "It's a special day for UNLV because now we can lay claim to having the finest tennis facility in all of college tennis."

Tennis Director Larry Easley, a former coach of Big West rival Long Beach State, recalled the 1987 Big West championships held here in Las Vegas.

"We, as coaches, had mixed feelings about playing in Vegas because the winds would create sand dunes on the court and we would have to break out the brooms to sweep all the sand off. But now UNLV has come full circle from one of the worst facilities in the country to one of the best."

Frank Fertitta, the owner of the Palace Station Hotel & Casino, donated all of the money for the complex. His donation is the first step in the Vision Project, a \$25 million fund raising campaign for UNLV athletics.

"Someone had to come forward to kick off the Vision Project, and this facility is the first step," Fertitta said.

When asked why he chose the tennis program for such a generous gift, Fertitta replied, "I asked University President Bob Maxson where the money would be best served and he said a tennis complex, so that's where it went."

Maxson lavishly praised Fertitta calling him, "a true friend of the university and an asset to the community."

Women's head coach York Strother, a four-year veteran of the program, said, "I'm excited because it's something that was talked about for a couple of years and now it's finally a reality."

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