

# Rebels set to give Tark his 19th win

## A win at UCSB will clinch all-time winningest coach by percentage

by Richard Munson

At the beginning of the season the Runnin' Rebels set a goal to accumulate at least 19 wins. In doing so they would assure that Head Coach Jerry Tarkanian would retire as the winningest head coach by percentage in college basketball history.

Now the Rebels, 18-2 overall and 9-0 in the conference, are one game away from doing that. The Rebels will play tonight at the "Thunderdome" in

Santa Barbara at 7:30 p.m. If they are unable to win they will receive a second chance at Long Beach State at 3 p.m. Sunday.

The 14-4 Gauchos have a 7-2 conference mark and have won six straight, their longest winning streak since 1989.

UCSB is led by Big West scoring leader Lucious Davis who is averaging 20 points per game. Davis took over the lead after scoring 52 points in the Gauchos' win over Pepperdine on Monday.

The Long Beach State 49ers 11-7, 5-4 in the conference, will face the New Mexico State Aggies on Friday before they host the Rebels. The trip will be Tarkanian's last to Long Beach, where he coached before com-



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ing to UNLV.

Tarkanian will have the services of junior forward J.R. Rdiier, the team's leading scorer. Rider was reinstated by Athletic Director Wednesday.

## Rider reinstated by NCAA

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It didn't quite happen as fast as Athletic Director Jim Weaver had said it could, but it did happen—J.R. Rider was declared eligible by the NCAA Wednesday morning.

After announcing Rider's suspension late Monday night Weaver said it could be as early as Tuesday, that Rider would be reinstated. But due to lack of the needed information for the request Rider's eligibility was not reinstated until Wednesday morning.

Early Wednesday morning the UNLV Athletic Department faxed all of the information concerning Rider to the NCAA, along with an appeal for the restoration of his eligibility.

Once the NCAA received the information they reinstated Rider. Rider left with the team Wednesday at noon as they traveled to Santa Barbara, Calif., to face the Gauchos tonight.

"I would like to thank the NCAA staff as well as all members of the UNLV Athletic Department who have participated in this matter and worked to resolve it in a professional and prompt matter," Weaver said.

## Allen still denies paying Rider's bail

In light of the J.R. Rider suspension, Academic Advisor Ron Allen continues to tell the media that he did not pay for the bail of Rider. Allen also said that he still has a job with the university.

"My status has not changed with the university," Allen said.

Reports have surfaced that Allen's signature was on the bail slip, when his name only appears.

"There is a big difference between a signature and a name," Allen said.

The difference in signature and the handwritten name leaves for a question, was Allen the person that Rider was released to when the bail was paid. Also if Shunta Rose gave Rider's money to Allen to make bail, is this considered as Allen paying for the bail.

## Rebel baseball begins

The UNLV baseball program will be out to continue its winning tradition in 1992. The Rebels, 30-25 last season and a fourth-place finisher in the Big West Conference, will host New Mexico at 3 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Roger Barnson Memorial Field.

The 56-game schedule includes four teams that finished in the top 10 in 1991, including national champion Louisiana State (55-18), fifth-ranked Long Beach State (45-22), sixth-ranked Fresno State (42-23) and No. 10 Cal State Northridge (44-18-1).

"This is a highly competitive schedule," said UNLV head coach Fred Dallimore, who will enter his 19th season with a record of 638-440-2.

"Our philosophy has always been to play a tough pre-season schedule because our conference is so tough," he said.

UNLV returns 13 players and adds 17 newcomers. Senior outfielder/pitcher Tory Miran,

who returns for his fourth season, was a first-team all-Big West selection as an outfielder. Miran, as a leadoff hitter, batted .300 and started in all 55 games. He had 15 doubles, 13 stolen bases and led the team with 33 walks. Junior infielder Lino Diaz paced the team with a .375 average and looks to start at third base. He struck out only five times in 176 at-bats, tying the school record.

Junior infielder Nick Kuster returns as UNLV's top power hitter. He batted .356 with a team-leading 13 home runs and was second with 45 RBI. He was an honorable mention all-Big West selection.

Junior Dan Madsen returns for his third season as one of UNLV's top outfielders. He started in all 55 games last season and batted .309 with eight home runs and nine stolen bases.

Junior right-hander T.J. Mathews is UNLV's top returning pitcher. He was select-

ed by the Minnesota Twins in the June amateur draft but elected to return for his senior season. He posted a 5-5 record last season with a 4.79 ERA in 88.3 innings. He shut out national power Oklahoma State in the Desert Classic.

Other top returnees include senior right-hander Jonathan Jarolimek, sophomore right-hander Byron Klemaske, sophomore infielder M.J. Mariani and junior catcher Lee Reiber.

Top newcomers expected to see action for Dallimore include: junior infielder Blake Feeney; junior catcher/outfielder Mike Hubel; junior right-hander Kirk Kline; sophomore outfielder Brian Loucks; freshman outfielder Ryan Plughoff; junior lefthander Aaron Turnier; freshman right-hander Robert Uithoven; sophomore catcher Steve White and junior infielder Mark Yurovchak.



Lorri Harrigan went 24-11 with a 0.58 ERA.



Kim Smith posted 25-6 record with a 0.68 ERA.

## Softball team starts road back to NCAA's

The UNLV Lady Rebel softball kicked off its season last weekend splitting a double header with Cal State Northridge losing 1-2 and winning 4-2.

Pitcher Kim Harris got the loss while pitcher Lori Harrigan picked up the first win of the season. The two highly touted 20-game winners could be the key to getting the Lady Rebels back into the College World

Series. The team has had consecutive appearances in the series and were knocked out last season by Florida State.

The Lady Rebels return five starting players from last year's team which posted the school's winningest record at 49-17-1.

Two new pitchers will be on the mound this year, Cyndi Hewitt and Amie Stewart. Hewitt throws left-handed and

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## Celebs and media face Lady Rebels in softball

The Lady Rebels will face the local media and celebrities from around the Valley at 11 a.m. Saturday, at the Lady Rebel diamond.

The event is co-sponsored by the UNLV department of Intercollegiate Athletics and radio station 98.5 KLUC.

The events will include a local celebrity, two innings and a media, three innings, softball game. The celebrities and Lady Rebels will combine with each other to form two separate

teams. Sylvia and Bob Maxson will be the honorary coaches for the celebrity game while Athletic Director Jim Weaver and Assistant Athletic Director Tina Kunzer-Murphy. Lt. Gov. Sue Wagner will throw out the first pitch.

The media game will pit the local media against the Lady Rebel softball team in a regulation softball game. Longtime Lady Rebel softball booster Sue Lykins will throw out the first pitch in the media game.

## Lady Rebs continue road trip

The Lady Rebels will continue their four-game California road trip as they travel to UC Irvine on Thursday and Cal State Fullerton on Saturday.

The Lady Rebels, 8-6 overall and 6-2 in the conference, have dropped their last two games after posting a seven-game winning streak.