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Hustlin' Rebs begin Bayou trip

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The 3-0 Hustlin' Rebels will travel to the Bayou to play a three-game series against last year's national champions, the Louisiana Fighting Tigers, who have yet to play a game this season. The Rebels will stay in the state of Louisiana to play the Southwestern Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns who also not started their season. The Ragin' Cajuns, who were the 15th-ranked team in last year's final

poll, will host the Rebels for a two game Monday/Tuesday series. The Hustlin' Rebels have yet to receive national rankings in this year's Collegiate Baseball poll.

Alex Box Stadium at LSU holds 6,000 fans. As the defending national champions and 16th ranked team in the nation, the stands are expected to be three quarters full for the season opener.

"It's still 90 feet down the line and 60 feet 6 inches to the

pitchers mound," said UNLV Head Coach Fred Dallimore about his team's first encounter with a large crowd this season.

"These kids have played in national tournaments where they've been watched by a lot of people," Dallimore said.

Last season the Tigers finished with a record of 55-18. The Rebels lost a three game series 2-1 to LSU at Barson Field, last year. However, this

is not the same LSU team as last season. The Fighting Tigers have only three returning starters, last years top starting and relief pitchers are back for this season. LSU lost three juniors to pro signings. The teams met on two other occasions with the Fighting Tigers, taking both games.

The Ragin' Cajuns play Dallas Baptist in a two game series before meeting the Hustlin' Rebels on the tail end of

their longest road trip of the season. Southwestern Louisiana is ranked 23rd in the nation by *Collegiate Baseball*. USL leads the all-time series against UNLV 2-1, and in their last meeting the Hustlin' Rebels lost 20-8 in the Coors Desert Classic played at Barson Field.

The Collegiate Baseball Top 5 reads, 1) Wichita State (0-0), 2) Florida (5-0), 3) Miami, Fla. (3-0), 4) Mississippi State (0-0), 5) Pepperdine (5-0).

REBELS IN ACTION



Mary Alice Torgerson.

Swim Teams at Big West Conference Championships

The UNLV women's swim team will look to defend its Big West Conference Championship as they travel to Long Beach today. The contests will conclude on Saturday. The Men's team will also make the trip and try to make it one step better than their second place finish last year.

The women's team set seven records at the meet last

year, while the men set four. The women swimmers will be led by 1991 Big West Swimmer of the Year, Mary Alice Torgerson and 1989 Big West Swimmer of the Year Tuija Kyrolainen.

Softball team opens on the road

The Lady Rebel softball team will open the season with a doubleheader against Southern Utah, in Mesquite, Nev. The senior class has the potential to become the first group to play all four seasons without having a losing record in those seasons.

Swingin' Rebels travel to Hawaii

The Rebel golf team will travel to Hilo, Hawaii, to participate in the TaylorMade/Hawaii-Hilo Golf Tournament Friday and Saturday. Five golf-



Warren Schutte.

ers will make the trip. The Rebel golfers are led by defending NCAA Champion Warren Schutte. The four other members are, Edward Fryatt, Monte Montgomery, Darin Osborn and Eric Schroeder.

Rebel basketball returns to T&M

Rebels start four game homestand

The Runnin' Rebels will begin a two-week homestand as they face the San Jose State Spartans at 8:05 p.m. tonight at the Thomas & Mack Center.

The league-leading Rebels face the team in the bottom of the cellar in the Big West Conference. The Spartans are a dismal 1-9 in the conference and 2-16 overall. At San Jose earlier in the year, the Rebels posted a 79-67 victory, led by J.R. Rider, who scored 27 points.

Saturday the Rebels will host the Pacific Tigers who are 4-6 and 8-11 overall. The Tigers were crushed 70-52 in their last meeting with the Rebels. Rider

again led the Rebels with 19 points.

Monday the Rebels will host Cal State Fullerton. The Rebels picked up a 86-74 win early in the season at Fullerton. Rider once again was the high point man with 22 points.

The final game will be Saturday Feb. 22, against conference rival New Mexico State. The Aggies are 6-4 in the conference and in third place. The much anticipated game played in Las Cruces against the Aggies didn't live up to its billing with the Rebels winning easily, 74-67.

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Lady Rebs return home

The Lady Rebels return home to the Thomas & Mack Center for two games, starting with New Mexico State tonight at 5:30 p.m. and ending with San Jose State 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

The New Mexico State Aggies were 19 point losers when they played host to the Lady Rebels in Las Cruces. The Rebels were led by Merlelynn Lange who scored a career-high 34 points.

The Fresno State Bulldogs made the Rebels work to pull out a 3 point victory in Fresno. The Lady Rebels, behind Lange's 22 points, were able to beat the Bulldogs 76-73.

