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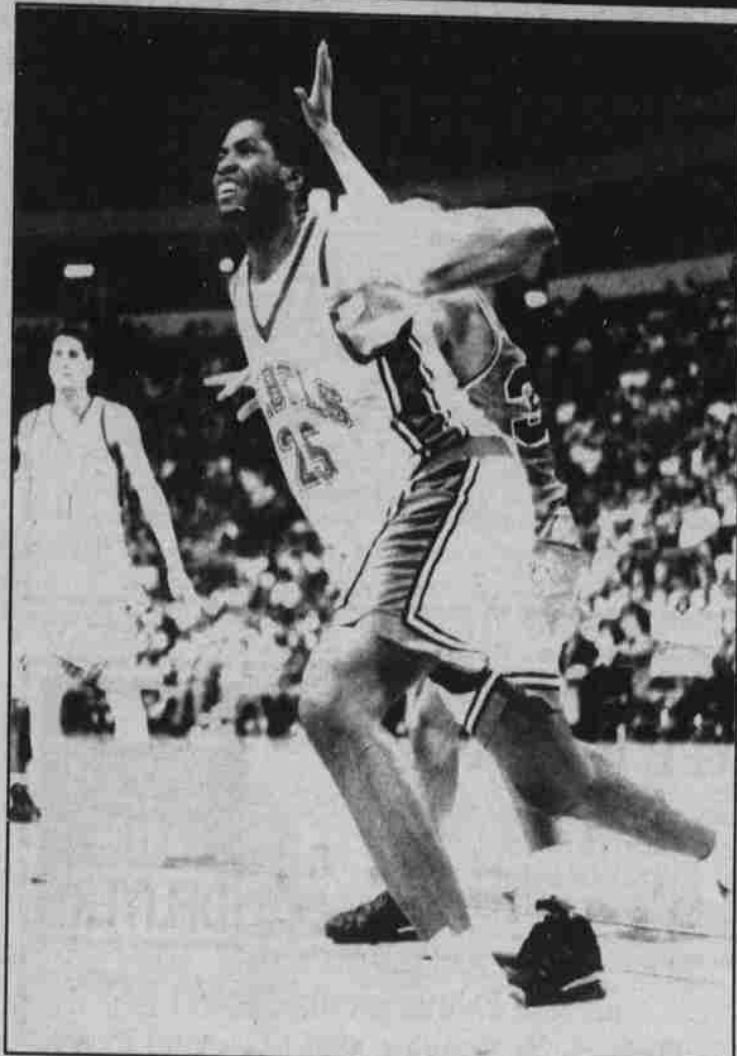


photo by JoAnn Peleaz

Elmore Spencer will help the Rebels defend their 46 game homecourt winning streak against New Mexico State.



photo by Morgan Fisher

Alyshia Stevenson and the Lady Rebels travel to play Pacific and UC San Jose tonight and Saturday.



Senior Monte Montgomery leads the Rebels in Hawaii.

## Golf team seventh after first round

by Richard Munson

The UNLV golf team is currently in seventh place after the first round of the John A. Burns Intercollegiate Invitational at the Kanohe Klipper Golf course in Kanohe, Hawaii.

The No. 7 ranked Rebels trail the No. 1 ranked University of Arizona Wildcats who are at an 18-under par, 270. The Rebels are 3-under par at 288.

The second day of the three day event, which will conclude on Friday, was led by Arizona's Dave Berganio who shot a 6-under, 66 on the par 72 course.

The Rebels were led by Monte Montgomery who shot a team low a 2-under par 69. Montgomery is currently tied for 10th place. UNLV's Edward Fryatt shot a 71, Darin Osborn shot a 72, Eric Schroeder shot a 73. Defending NCAA Champion Warren Schutte shot a team high 75.

"Monte's play was solid but unfortunately we couldn't get anybody else hot," UNLV Head Golf Coach Dwaine Knight said.

Knight said that the weather was perfect and the course was in great condition and that accounted for the low scores.

"We still have two rounds left to play and we're definitely not out of it," Knight added.

## Softball travels to ASU classic

The UNLV softball team will participate today through Sunday in the Arizona State Coca-Cola Classic held in Tempe, Ariz.

The 2-0 Lady Rebels continue their first road trip of the season after beating Southern Utah 3-0, 9-8. Senior pitcher Lori Harrigan picked up her first win and shutout in the first game while freshman Cyndi Hewitt won the second game.

## Runnin' Rebels host 17-4 New Mexico State Saturday

by Ched Whitney

The UNLV Runnin' Rebels, in the midst of a 20-game win streak, face possibly their toughest home opponent since the opener against Louisiana State. The New Mexico State Aggies bring their 17-4 record into the Thomas & Mack Center Saturday at 8 p.m. to test the Rebels' 46-game home-court win streak.

The Aggies, 74-67 losers to UNLV Jan. 25 at Las Cruces, N.M., are led by junior center Eric Traylor's 12.8 points per

game. UNLV continues to be led by junior forward J.R. Rider's 21.6 points per game. Rider scored 23 Monday night, including numerous dunks, sparking the Rebels to a 76-47 shellacking of Cal State Fullerton.

Rider said the team is rallying at this point for Coach Jerry Tarkanian who has three games remaining in his UNLV career.

"It's natural instinct for us to pull together for him since it's his last year," Rider said.

## Hustlin' Rebels to host BYU Cougars

by Nick Haley

The 3-5 Hustlin' Rebels will host the Brigham Young Cougars for a three-game series starting at 3 p.m. Friday. A doubleheader will begin Saturday noon, at Roger Barnson Memorial Field.

The Hustlin' Rebels lost three games last weekend to the Louisiana State Tigers, last year's national champions, in Louisiana, 3-1, 12-9 and 8-3. The Rebels remained in Louisiana, for a two-game series against the 23rd-ranked Southwestern Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns in which they lost 9-3 and 5-4.

The BYU Cougars enter this weekend's series with a 5-1 record. The Rebels will be BYU's third stop on a seven-city road trip. The Rebels hold a 32-29 edge in their series against BYU.

In the last meeting between these teams, the Cougars took three out of four, winning 4-3, 12-8, 7-2 and losing 17-5.

The Cougars, who were 35-15 last year, taking third place in the Western Athletic Conference, return four starters and 12 lettermen to this year's team. On the mound for the Cougars will be underclassmen right-handers Eric Smith, Mike Nielson and Dave Madsen.

## Lady Rebels back on the road

The Lady Rebels will face San Jose and Pacific on a two-game road trip.

After a brief two-game homestand the Lady Rebel basketball team will travel to a two-game road trip starting tonight as they travel to San Jose State. The Lady Rebels

will then travel to face the Pacific Tigers on Saturday.

The Lady Rebels are 11-7 overall and 9-3 in the Big West Conference.

The last time the Lady Rebels played these teams they came away with easy victories. The Lady Rebels were 40-point winners 95-55 against San Jose State and 13-point winners 83-70 against Pacific.



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Rebel firstbaseman Nick Custer and the Hustlin' Rebels return for a three game homestand against BYU.