

Preview of the Hustlin' Rebs return home.

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## Weaver close to finding new coach

### The painstaking process of picking the next legend

by Rick Nielsen

Athletic Director Jim Weaver has been busy since he took over for Dennis Finrock. With all the publicity the university and Rebel basketball program have received in recent months, the job of picking a replacement for former Rebel Coach Jerry Tarkanian is a full-time job.

Weaver virtually began the search process his first day on the job. He has been talking to people in basketball circles across the country, people like athletic directors and administrators in athletic programs, to try and develop a perception of the right candidate based on what qualifications are needed for the job.

"This isn't a situation where you can go in with a pre-conceived notion of a specific person," Weaver said. "It's a matter of matching the right individual with the environment here."

Considering the events surrounding our program, that environment has been a bit

tense.

"Those environmental factors include following college basketball's winningest coach by percentage," Weaver said. "We need a self-confident guy with a good track record who knows basketball and who won't be intimidated."

Weaver has conferred with Tarkanian over the type of individuals who would be capable of promoting the type of style that has come to epitomize the "Runnin' Rebels."

Weaver has also been gathering information by traveling around to observe coaches in action and checking other important job prerequisites, such as references.

But Weaver insists the hiring process is definitely a private affair. "If we made this a public affair we would lose the opportunity to get the highest amount of talent," Weaver said.

The search is narrowing and, according to Weaver, a choice could be made in a few days. Once a choice is made, the selection is brought to President Robert Maxson for approval. If Maxson endorses the choice it is then brought before the Board of Regents for final approval.

With all the distractions and uncertainties this year, the normal recruiting process has been interrupted. The first day

of spring signing for new players is April 15, and if all goes according to plan the new coach could possibly get in a few weeks of solid recruiting.

"We're working really hard right now to have as smooth a transition as possible," Weaver said. Weaver would not comment on any names of the possible coaches who might eventually end up taking over the job.

As far as there being any chance of a disagreement between Maxson and Weaver over Weaver's final choice, Maxson said, "I don't anticipate a problem, he's (Weaver) the expert."

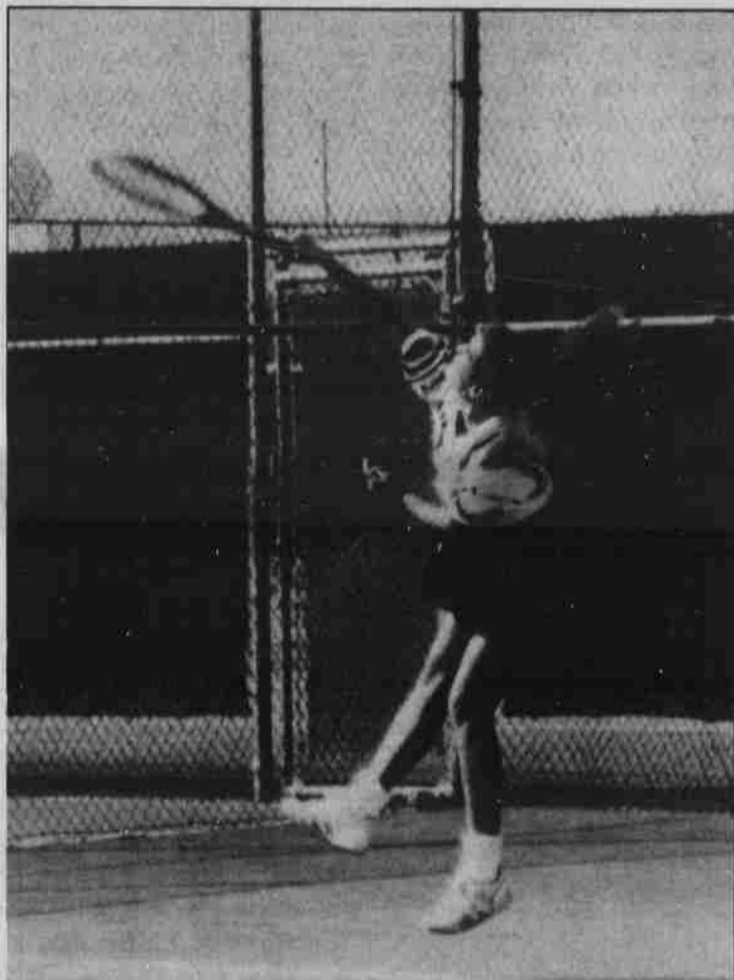


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Becky Markosian, UNLV's No. 2 player, returns a volley against Washington State.

## Winning streak reaches 16

### Women's tennis continues to roll

by Robert Vinson

The Lady Rebel tennis team, playing with a revamped lineup, won their 16th straight match Friday with a 9-0 victory over Washington State at the Fertitta tennis complex.

Suzi Agassi, playing her first career match at the No. 1 position, showed no sign of nerves as she cruised comfortably to a 6-1, 6-2 victory. Other winners were Becky Markosian,

6-0, 6-1, Rachel Clark, 6-0, 7-6, Janelle Barr, 6-1, 6-1, Shiera Stuart, 6-1, 6-3, and Mary Laudenschlager, 6-1, 6-4. Completing the sweep in doubles were Markosian/Clark, 6-2, 6-2, Barr/Stuart, 6-2, 6-2 and Agassi/Laudenschlager, 6-4, 6-4. For Agassi, the chance to play at the top spot was, "fun, really exciting for me. Everybody watches you when you play on the first court."

The Lady Rebels put their 16-match winning streak on the line when they travel to Arizona to play Arizona and Arizona State, April 1-2.

## Tennis sweeps matches

by Robert Vinson

The UNLV men's tennis team continued its winning ways over the weekend with victories over Texas Tech, 8-1 on Friday and Weber State, 5-1 Saturday at the Fertitta tennis complex.

The Rebels simply crushed the Red Raiders, a traditionally tough opponent in a convincing display of power tennis. For UNLV's No. 1 player, Pat Boies, it is a sign that the 1992 edition of Rebel tennis is coming together.

"We're jumping on teams that we feel we should handle, giving them no chance to get into the match," Boies said.

Boies, with his sixth straight victory, led the victory charge with a 6-2, 6-1 win. Completing the singles sweep was Eric Aanes, 6-2, 6-2, Misa Jevtic, 6-2, 6-3, Lorin Entzel, 6-4, 6-3, David Hostalek 6-2, 6-1, and Wayne Bowyer, 6-4, 6-2. In doubles, winners were Boies/Jevtic 6-2, 6-2 and Bowyer/Hostalek 6-4, 6-2.

The gusting winds seemed to affect the Rebels more than the opponent, the Weber St. Tigers, who could not withstand the avalanche of winning shots by the home team. The Rebels managed to clinch the match in the singles portion of the dual meet 5-1, making the subsequent doubles matches incon-

sequential. Boies won his seventh straight match with a 6-2, 6-1 conquest. Also winning for the Rebels were Aanes 6-2, 6-0, Jevtic 6-2, 6-3, Hostalek 6-2, 3-6, 7-6, and Bowyer 6-1, 6-4.

Head Coach Larry Easley was pleased with his team's performance, noting the momentum gained going into the Irvine/Marriot tournament Thursday in Irvine, Calif. "We won easily against two pretty strong teams and it's good for us going in against (first round opponent) Georgia Tech Thursday."

The Rebels are 7-4 on the season.

## Rebel pitching takes two from Tigers

### Jarolimek improves to 6-0

The UNLV baseball team took two of three games from the Pacific Tigers in Stockton, Calif. behind the hot pitching arms of Jonathan Jarolimek and T.J. Mathews.

Jarolimek improved his record to 6-0 with a 9-3 victory over the Tigers Friday.

Jarolimek gave up seven hits and one home run to improve his team-leading record.

Saturday, Mathews threw a two hitter as the Rebels shut out the Tigers 3-0. Mathews gave up a leadoff single at the start of the game then allowed only one hit in the ninth inning to improve his record to 4-3.

Rebel pitcher Tory Miran

## Lady Rebs set to compete in Pony Tournament

### Field includes top-ranked teams

by Nick Haley

UNLV softball will travel to Fullerton, Calif. to play in the Cal State Fullerton Pony Tournament, March 25-29. The event features 16 teams broken into four pools. UNLV will play in Pool C with Oregon, Utah

and Western Illinois. The rest of the field includes: Ohio State, Missouri, Florida State, Fresno State, Texas A&M, Arizona, Cal Poly Pomona, Oklahoma State, Minnesota, Northwestern and Illinois State. Nine teams out of the 16 team field competed in last year's NCAA postseason tournament.

Last year, UNLV went 4-2 in the Pony Tournament, losing to Cal State Fullerton in the championship game. In other tournaments earlier this year,

gave up 11 hits as the Rebels were out hit by one in falling to the Tigers 12-4. Miran gave up two grand slams in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The Rebels are 17-9 overall and 4-2 in the Big West Conference. The Rebels will begin at a three-game series Friday 7 p.m. at Roger Barnson Memorial field against the No. 22 ranked Cal State Northridge Matadors. UNLV lost to Cal Poly Pomona, Arizona in the Arizona State Coca-Cola Classic, but posted victories against Cal State Fullerton and Cal Poly Pomona in the UNLV Spring Fling, which UNLV won.

### Rain delays game

Monday's doubleheader against seventh-ranked Missouri was postponed on account of rain and is rescheduled for today at 1 p.m.