

Sprintin' Rebels set records at TSU relays



All-American Shaunta Rose hopes to win the national championship in the long jump and triple jump this year.

Team wins TSU relays

by Richard Munson

The UNLV women's track team set two meet records and two school records en route to winning their first outdoor track meet of the season at the Texas Southern University relays. The University of Houston placed second, host Texas Southern placed third while Rice finished fourth.

"It was a pretty exciting start for the outdoor (team). We got some outstanding performances on our relays," said UNLV track Coach Al McDaniels. "We felt we had the chance so we went after it."

Both the women's 4x200 relay team and the sprint medley team set meet and school records. The 4x200 team, comprised of Zundra Feagin, Crystal Irvyng, Shuntá Rose, and Treva Williams beat Texas Southern by five seconds finishing with the time of 1:33.09. The time was 1.26 seconds off of the American record.

The sprint medley team of Cherly Cheeks-Jones, Feagin, and Irving finished three seconds ahead of Rice at 1:39.26.

The Rebels also had three other first-place finishers. Rose finished first in the long jump at 20' 7".

"We felt she should have been a national champion indoors," McDaniels said. "She continued her winning ways."

Three time All-American Treva Williams placed first in the 400-high hurdles running 57.70 seconds—a personal best for Williams. The 4x400 team also finished in first with a time of 3:37.09.

"We didn't have Trevaia for the indoor season and she has really helped our relay teams. She's already an NCAA qualifier," McDaniels said.

Feagin finished second in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.96 seconds. Feagin ran a qualifying time of 11.48 which was faster than Dyan Webber's winning time of 11.74 to win the event. The entire meet was run during a rainstorm but according to Daniels it was particularly bad during the 100-meter when runners were forced to race into the wind.

Other top finishers for the

Rebels were the 4x100-meter team who finished in second with a time of 45.06, one second behind Houston. Latricia Dendy finished fourth in the 800 meters, two seconds behind Dytona Hamilton of Prairie View. Schroma Germany finished in seventh place in the discus with a throw of 36.29 meters.

Overall Coach McDaniels said the team has potential to do well during the outdoor season, but he and the team have to take it one week at a time. If the Rebels go on to win this season's conference championship, it will be the team's sixth.

The Rebels will be back in action as the team splits to take part in the Fresno and Texas Relays on April 4. Fresno, Calif. will be the host site of the conference championships and Austin, Texas will be the site of the NCAA championships.

"The top kids will be at the Texas relays because that is where the NCAA's are, and we want our kids to get used to the facilities," McDaniels said. "The other (team) will be going to Fresno so they can get used to that for the conference's."

Center fielder Moreno optimistic about team

Senior looks for return to CWS

by Nick Haley

Michele Moreno believes in her team and what they can do so much that she doesn't mind going out on a limb to talk about them.

"I'm confident. I just know we'll be there (in the final game of the College World Series)," said Moreno.

But getting to the final game won't be easy. UNLV plays in the Big West, considered one of the premier conferences in softball.

Though Moreno sees Fresno State and Cal State Fullerton as having the greatest potential, she believes it's the easier games that have UNLV worried.

"Fullerton and Fresno probably have the most talent, but we never seem to have problems with them. We play up to the better teams," said Moreno.

For now, the Lady Rebels have a more immediate challenge facing them. UNLV has had difficulty on offense, a problem Moreno says has plagued her personally. Though she views this as only a tempo-



Michele Moreno has been UNLV's starting center-fielder since the 1989 season.

rary setback, she confirms recently it has hung over the team like "a black cloud."

"We're all a little frustrated," she said. "Right now, the harder we're trying, the worse we're playing."

Moreno would like to see her own contribution to the team increase. Head Coach Shan McDonald considers her one of the best outfielders in the country. An accurate throwing arm and an exceptional ability to anticipate the hit make Moreno a strong presence in centerfield. At the plate

last year, she set the team record for walks in a season. This year, however, she wants to connect on the ball more. She will try to improve on her bunting and not take too many pitches.

Moreno sees good things ahead both for the team and herself. She maintains that pitching and defense for the Lady Rebs will remain strong, while offense will steadily improve as the year progresses. After she completes her final season with UNLV this spring, she hopes to spend the summer

playing in Italy.

Moreno, UNLV softball's centerfielder, never had a second thought about coming to Las Vegas. Having attended UNLV since the fall of 1988, she now considers Las Vegas home.

"I knew I wanted to come here from the beginning," said Moreno. "I knew some of the players on the team and I liked the coach. I liked the whole environment here."

Moreno, now a senior, has a long and successful history in softball. She played her first game while in the second grade. Since then, she estimates, she has played for 20 different teams. Her eighth grade team won the California Catholic Youth Organization title. In her senior year of high school, she helped her team capture the California Interscholastic Federation title, taking All-CIF honors for herself. She and former UNLV standout Dena Baker played together on the California Raiders club team, winning the national championship in 1987. Moreno hopes her final year for the Lady Rebels will carry on this tradition of winning it all.

When not playing softball, Moreno enjoys listening to local bands at area clubs. She spends much of her time with Kenda Leffler and Kim Harris, the other outfielders. Their friendship, she believes, is key to their success and teamwork on the field.

Next August, Moreno, an architecture major, plans to finish her degree here at UNLV.

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