

Hustlin' Rebs sweep Cougars

by Nick Haley

The Hustlin' Rebels improved their record to 6-5 with a three game sweep of the Brigham Young University Cougars at Roger Barnson Memorial Field this weekend, 8-3, 4-3 and 12-1.

In the series opener Friday, the Rebels scored two runs off a Tory Miran triple and one run from a Lee Reiber double to take a 3-0 lead in the first inning. Miran scored the winning run in the third inning off a Nick Kuster sacrifice fly. Outfielder Dan Madsen followed with a 375-foot homerun, his second of the year.

The Cougars attempted a rally in the fifth inning, scoring three runs with the help of a walk, an error and a stolen base. In the bottom of the fifth, the Rebels countered with three runs, yielding the final score of 8-3.

Johnathan Jarolimek pitched eight innings allowing four hits to pick up the win. David Madsen, who pitched five innings allowing eight hits, took the loss. Madsen and relief pitcher Sean Joines combined to hit three Rebel batters in the first game.

In the opener of Saturday's doubleheader, the Rebels took a 3-0 lead in the third inning.

Demond Thompkins, Rodney Mazion, Lino Diaz and Miran hit four consecutive singles.

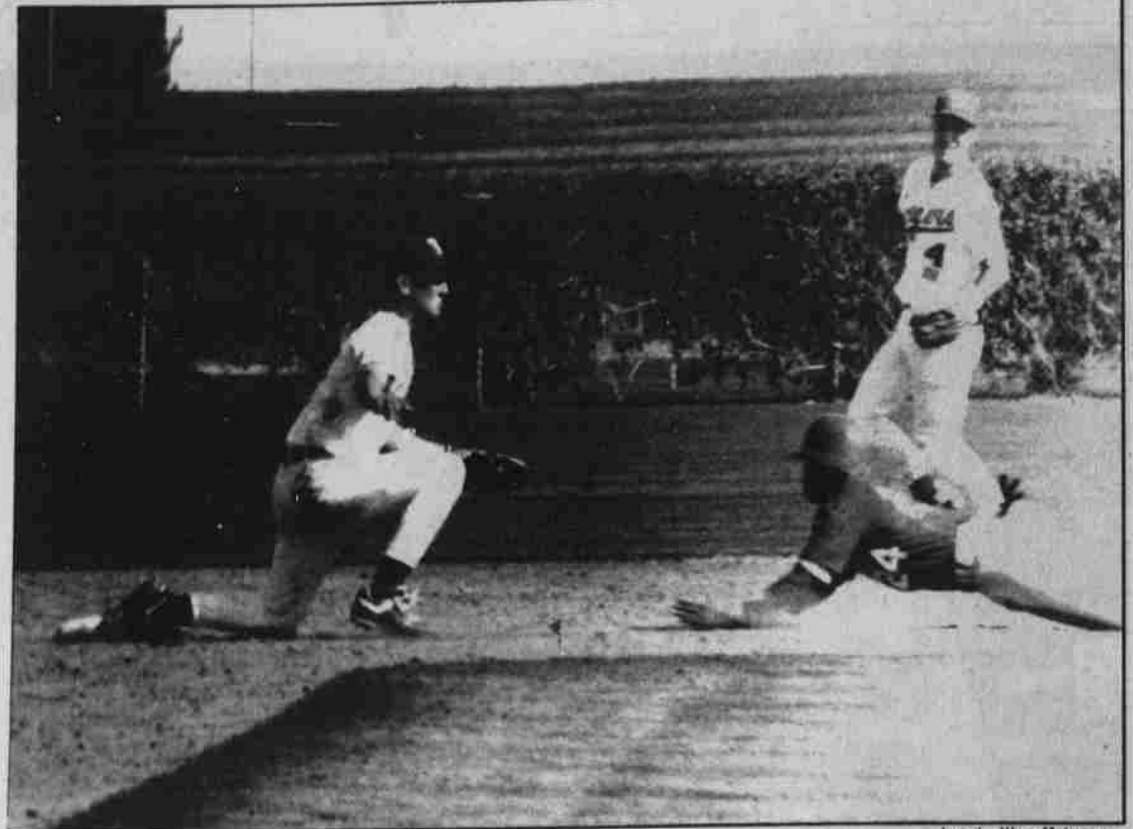
Mazion scored the winning run in the seventh inning. An error by the Cougar first baseman allowed Mazion to single. After stealing second base, Mazion came in on a hit by Miran.

The Rebels nearly lost their 4-0 advantage in the eighth inning, allowing the Cougars to score three runs. With two outs and runners at first and second, Cougar pitcher Chris Cooper hit his first homerun of the year. UNLV relief pitcher Aaron Turnier came in for the save, his second of the year.

Starting pitcher T.J. Mathews went seven 2/3 scoreless innings picking up the win, now 2-2. BYU starting pitcher Ryan Hancock took the loss, now 1-1.

In the third game, the Rebels took a commanding 6-0 lead after two innings of play. Multiple errors by the Cougars turned a Lino Diaz single into a three-base hit, driving in Mazion. A double by Miran drove in Diaz, and a sacrifice fly by Madsen allowed Miran to score.

In the second inning, the Cougars defense continued to struggle. BYU pitcher Mike Nielson surrendered a hit to infielder John Coats, then



Rodney Mazion slides into second against BYU.

photo by Wray Halterman

struck outfielder Thompkins with a pitch. Infielder Biermann's bunt loaded the bases, owing to an error at first. Diaz batted in three runs off a BYU outfielder's error, which allowed him to take second base. Diaz reached third base on a passed ball. After two innings of play, the Cougars had four errors.

The Rebels added another run in the fourth when Mazion came in off a wild pitch by Niel-

son, and again in the fifth inning when catcher Mike Hubel drove in Madsen on a double.

The Rebels built their lead up to 12-0 in the eighth inning. BYU relief pitcher John Vandenburg threw three straight hits, a triple to Mazion, a single to infielder M.J. Mariani and a homerun to UNLV's starting pitcher, Miran.

BYU second baseman Brent Turley scored in the ninth

inning to avoid a shutout of the Cougars.

Miran pitched seven innings picking up the win for the Rebels. Nielson gave up six runs in two innings for BYU's third straight loss to UNLV.

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their performance and they were part of the decision to stay.

He said his program will never get good perception after the continuous image-bashing the university has taken over academics being lower because of his players.

Tarkanian took blame for the problems with Lloyd Daniels but continually stated he never played for the university. He said the rest of the problems were the result of Interim Athletic Director Dennis Finrock and University Legal Counsel Brad Booke, probably through the university president.

Tarkanian continued to take shots against the administration for leaking information to the media, including their "half truths." Tarkanian said

he repeatedly received phone calls from members of the media telling him about the "orchestrated leaks," which had most notably come from Finrock. He said he was sick about making his resignation.

"The lowest thing was the point-shaving story. It was totally false. I want that out in the open," he said.

Tarkanian said he was "torn up inside" when he looked at his family and saw the hurt in their eyes from all of the stories in the media.

"All the time we kept getting bombarded by the media," Tarkanian said.

Now he will have to deal with the legal action of his decision and if Maxson will take steps to stop him from staying.



Rebel basketball Coach Jerry Tarkanian announces Sunday that he will rescind his resignation.

photo by Rick Nielsen

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policy that allowed staffers to open and inspect mail that came into the athletic department." And it states that "Finrock called reporters from the Las Vegas Review Journal and slyly put them on the trail of what he believed would be a story damaging to Tarkanian..."

Maxson told the R-J, however, "Tarkanian submitted (his) resignation, the university accepted the resignation and the matter is closed. There is no need for any additional discussion."

And the R-J responded to

all the chaos over its printing of the story concerning the investigation of UNLV Runnin' Rebels for point shaving in its Sunday issue with Editor Sherman Frederick saying, "In the face of all that is known — known — about the problems with Tark's program, is it prudent for a newspaper to hold back the truth for the 'good of the community,' or so a coach can retire gracefully?"

"It's not even a close call.

"As much as we might wish we could, we simply can't red-shirt the truth."

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Tarkanian, Jones and regent Lonnie Hammargren by going to the media.

Chairperson of the Board of Regents, Carolyn Sparks, said Tarkanian's actions were illegal and would not matter since the time he had to rescind his resignation was over. Sparks also said that the breach of contract, if there was one, was by people outside of the university administration.

"It's illegal for him to do it. He had until June 10 to take back his resignation and he didn't. As far as the board

is concerned it's over," Sparks said.

Lawyer Patrick Clary, the head of the Committee to save Jerry Tarkanian, agreed with Jones' sentiments that Tarkanian's contract had been breached.

"Coach Tarkanian now has the legal right to, and therefore should, withdraw and rescind his resignation," Clary said.

But University officials said the matter is closed and there is nothing Tarkanian can do to take back his resignation.

