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UNLV's Tory Miran slides into second during the Rebels' victory over San Jose State.

UNLV wins series opener

Jarolimek continues pitching dominance

by Ed Bierman

The UNLV Hustlin' Rebel baseball team started Big West Conference play last week, defeating San Jose State 9-1 Thursday at Roger Barnson Field. The big story was the outstanding pitching performance by Jonathan Jarolimek.

Jarolimek, a senior righthander from Winnemucca, Nev., pitched eight innings and did not allow an earned run

while giving up only six hits. Jarolimek is now 5-0 this season with an ERA just over two.

"I've just been feeling good every time I go out there," Jarolimek said. "All my pitches have been working well and I've been able to throw them all for strikes. I've also been fortunate to have a solid defense behind me."

Jarolimek received a lot of run support early in the game. UNLV scored three times each in three of the first four innings. In the first inning, Dan Madsen and Tory Miran both walked. John Coats, Lino Diaz and Lee Reiber each hit RBI singles to give UNLV a 3-0 lead in the first.

Then, in the second inning, final.

Rodney Mazion walked and stole second. Miran and first baseman Nick Kuster followed with back-to-back walks to load the bases. Coats then came through batting a two-run single. Diaz singled to give UNLV the 6-1 lead.

In the fourth inning, Miran singled and Kuster reached base on an error by the second baseman with Miran going to third. Coats then scored Miran on a ground ball to third and a close play at the plate. Miran barely beat the throw giving UNLV a 7-1 lead. Reiber then walked and M.J. Mariani grounded out to score Kuster. Steve Biermann singled home Coats to give UNLV the 9-1

Hustlin' Rebs take series

by Ed Bierman

The pitching was as beautiful as the weather Saturday at Roger Barnson Memorial Field. Fortunately for the Hustlin' Rebel baseball team, the pitching was just a little bit better and so was the defense as the sun ducked behind a few clouds.

UNLV senior Tory Miran and San Jose State senior Donnie Rea hooked up in a good old fashioned pitchers' duel, with Miran getting the narrow 2-1 victory.

Miran and Rea matched each other pitch for pitch for the first six innings as the game remained scoreless. But in the seventh, UNLV broke through with two runs to take the lead. Both runs came on errors by San Jose State to give Rea the tough-luck loss.

The Spartans broke through in the eighth with a leadoff home run from Matt Winton that sent the ball sailing over the "335 club" (a group of spectators located beyond the outfield fence). San Jose State's next two batters reached base and it looked as if Miran was

done for the day. Coach Dallimore headed to the mound but he did not take Miran out.

"He just told me to watch the bunt and how we were going to defend it," Miran said.

Miran defended it well, getting the force out at third. He then pitched his way out of the inning on a double play that led to an eventual UNLV victory.

"I had been struggling a little bit with my control, especially with my change up," Miran said. "But today I had control of all my pitches and I felt I could throw any pitch for a strike at any time."

Miran did just that, giving up only one run and five hits while running his record to 4-1 on the season. UNLV only managed four hits on the day but was able to pull off the victory.

San Jose State won Friday night, 8-1, for its only victory of the series. UNLV is now 15-8 overall and 2-1 in the Big West.

The Rebels travel to Pacific this weekend and will return home March 27, against Cal State Northridge.



Jong-range nemesis

sinks Lady Rebels

Goetsch hits at the buzzer again

by Tony Llanos

The basketball mind of Coach Jim Bolla must have been in turmoil following the game against the New Mexico State Roadrunners.

For the second time in as many seasons, New Mexico State's guard Tracey Goetsch launched a "prayer" only to be answered at the buzzer. Her last-second good fortune staged yet another stunning upset upon the down-on-their-luck Lady Rebels. The final score was 87-86 in the first round of

Wednesday at Long Beach Arena. The Roadrunners improved to 16-14 on the season.

At last year's tournament, Goestch nailed a three-pointer in similar fashion at the buzzer to bury the Lady Rebels, 90-89.

The defeat ended the Lady Rebels' season at 16-10. However, UNLV could accept a postseason National Invitation Tournament bid.

UNLV had several chances late in the second half to win the contest. Lady Rebel guard Sharon Hargrove canned two free throws with 42 seconds left to take a slim, 86-85 lead. But, freshman guard Gwynn Hobbs, who missed all four attempts from the 3-point line, could not convert from the charity stripe with 12 seconds to play. The

the Big West Tournament last crucial miss by Hobbs helped set up yet another storybook finish for the Roadrunners.

> Hargrove, who led the Lady Rebels in scoring, played her last game for UNLV earning a career-high 29 points. Roadrunner guards Goestch and Andrea Kabwasa each led their team with 28-point performances.

> Junior forward Teresa Jackson was selected to the Big West Conference basketball first team. The Big West also chose seniors Hargrove and Merlelynn Lange for the allconference second team. Lange also received the prestigious Female Scholar-Athlete-of-the-Year Award. Hobbs made the conference all-freshman team.

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Tricia Reimche scores during the Rebels' 3-2 win over Fresno State.

Softball takes 1 of 2

Harrigan breaks 18-game FSU winning streak

by Nick Haley

The Lady Rebel softball team split a doubleheader with the fourth-ranked Bulldogs of Fresno State to go 14-7 overall, 3-3 in the Big West Conference. Pitcher Lori Harrigan got the win in the first game, improving her mark to 6-2. Kim Smith dropped to 3-2, losing the second

Fresno State carried a 1-0 lead through three and a half innings of game one. In the bottom of the fourth, however, the Lady Rebs took advantage of a walk, an error and three hits including a fielder's choice double by catcher Felicia Benjamins to drive in three runs. UNLV would almost give it up

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