

Can the women's tennis team keep its winning streak going?

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Rebel assistant coach Grgurich joins NBA's Sonics



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Former UNLV assistant basketball coach Tim Grgurich flew to Seattle to complete a deal that made him the newest assistant coach of the Seattle Super-

sonics under head Coach George Karl. Grgurich was on the Sonics bench Tuesday night as the Sonics played host to the Golden State Warriors, a game in which the Warriors won 119-107.

Grgurich who found out that former UNLV head Coach Jerry Tarkanian would not get the head coaching job at San Diego State jumped to the NBA. The terms of the contract were not re-

leased by Seattle President Bob Whitsitt. Grgurich said, in statements released by Sonics publicist Jim Rupp, that he wouldn't have any problems on the transition from college to the NBA. Grgurich also said he had to make sure that Tarkanian was not going to be coaching (at SDSU) where he could follow him. After learning the Rebels would not be allowed to play in post-season play this season, nothing stood in the way of his departure to Seattle.

Karl and Grgurich have known each other for years. It was as an assistant coach at Pittsburgh where Grgurich first met Karl. Grgurich recruited Karl while at Pitt, where he would later become a head coach of the Panthers in 1975 before coming to UNLV in 1980.

Women's tennis team downs Texas Tech, 7-2

by Nick Haley

A heavy breeze blew across the courts from the south Monday afternoon, as Lady Rebel tennis faced Texas Tech at Fertitta Tennis Complex. Intermittent gusts made volleying difficult, to the frustration of many players. The weather proved to be a greater challenge for the Lady Rebs than the opposition as UNLV won 7-2 and upped its record to 15-1.

"With the wind, I can't hit as high. The ball floats out," said UNLV's Suzi Agassi, "Against the wind, I can hit hard (and) it's not going to go out."

Agassi found the windy conditions favorable, winning her singles match, 6-1, 6-2. Other individual winners for the Lady Rebels were Janelle Barr, 6-3, 6-2, Shiera Stuart, 6-0, 7-6, and Mary Laudenschlager, 1-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Becky Markosian/Rachel Clark, Barr/Stuart and Agassi/Laudenschlag-

er all won to give UNLV a sweep of the doubles matches.

The victory is the 15th straight for women's tennis. After losing their season opener at UCLA, the Lady Rebels have not lost a dual meet since. Head Coach York Strother is impressed by the streak the team has put together.

"We've got to enjoy this while it happens. Streaks like this never happen," Strother said.

UNLV's prospects of winning the Big West appear strong. Markosian believes it will come down to the Lady Rebels and UC Santa Barbara at the end of the season.

"The team will do well (in the conference), either one or two," Markosian said.

The Lady Rebels next host Washington State Friday at 1:30 p.m. The winning streak could be challenged next month when UNLV travels to Arizona to face the eighth-ranked Wildcats.

'The Magnificent Seven' seek fourth winning season

Part 1 of 7: Lori Harrigan



UNLV's magnificent seven, bottom from left to right Erika Swanson, Kenda Leffler, Lori Harrigan, Felicia Benjamins; top from left to right: Trish Spencer, Michele Moreno and Kim Harris.

Pitcher Harrigan eyes title in senior year

by Nick Haley

UNLV's highly-ranked Lady Rebel softball team brings back seven players from last year's College World Series squad. The 1992 class, featuring Lori Harrigan, Erika Swanson, Felicia Benjamins, Kim Harris, Michele Moreno, Trish Spencer, and Kenda Leffler, has the potential to become the first at UNLV to go all four years without experiencing a losing season. Except for Leffler, all have spent their three previous years at UNLV.

After two straight appearances in the CWS, "The Magnificent Seven," as they are nicknamed, hope to make the third time a charm, returning and winning the series. Lady Rebel softball Coach Shan McDonald believes they may do just that.

Leading the Lady Rebels at the mound this year, UNLV's Lori Harrigan finishes out her college

athletic career with lofty ambitions. Described as imposing, dominant, intimidating and dedicated, the six-foot senior graces the mound with a blazing fastball, strong leadership and three years of varsity experience, making her arguably the best player ever to pitch for the Lady Rebs.

Though she possesses over a dozen UNLV records, she has never lost sight of her ultimate goal: the national title. She credits the closeness of the team as the catalyst of their success. Harrigan believes her team can return to win it this year, as long as their confidence level remains high.

"We can win it (the CWS title) if we have the mental attitude," Harrigan said, "We have the ability." Last year, UNLV lost its competitive edge after an emotionally draining 13-inning, 0-1 loss to

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