

Hustlin' Rebels lose two of three in weekend series

Diaz continues hitting streak

by Ed Bierman

The UNLV Hustlin' Rebel baseball team began a three-game series against 10th-ranked Long Beach State on a sour note by dropping the first two games of the series. Costly errors along with too many runners being left on base have plagued the Rebels in the first two games.

In the first game, pitcher Jonathan Jarolimek suffered his first loss of the season allowing 10 runs on 11 hits and walking five in six innings of work. Only seven runs were earned against Jarolimek as his ERA jumped to 2.94 and his record fell to 6-1.

"I just didn't have it today," Jarolimek said. "My control just wasn't there and I fell behind in the count too often."

The key point in the game came in the fourth inning with UNLV leading 2-1. A throwing error by shortstop Steve Biermann with two outs kept the inning alive and Long Beach State designated hitter Todd Fridy capitalized on the opportunity by hitting a grand slam over the right center field fence. That gave Long Beach State a 5-2 lead and they coasted to an 11-5 victory. Mike Hubel led the Rebels with three hits. Lee

Reiber and Demond Thompkins each had two hits to lead the Rebel attack.

Saturday's game went much like Friday's, with Long Beach State winning 8-4. T.J. Mathews, who was coming off two impressive outings, gave up 10 hits and eight runs in five-plus innings of work. Only three runs were earned as the Rebels continued to make costly errors on defense.

Like Friday, one key play changed the whole complexion of the game, and like Friday Long Beach State capitalized with a grand-slam home run. With two outs in the sixth inning second baseman John Coats made a fielding error to load the bases. The next batter for Long Beach State, Jason Giambi hit a grand-slam home run off Mathews on an 0-2 count and gave the 49ers an 8-2 lead. Giambi also had a two-run home run in the first to give Long Beach State the 8-4 victory.

Lino Diaz kept his 15-game hitting streak alive in a big way by banging out three hits. Tory Miran, Coats and Biermann each had two hits to lead the way for the Rebels. However the Rebels stranded 10 base runners failing to receive timely hitting.

On Sunday, the Hustlin' Rebels out-muscled Long Beach State to salvage the third game of the series at Barnson Field.

Nick Kuster and Dan Madsen each clubbed home runs to give UNLV the 5-3 victory. The Rebels are now 20-12 on the



Pitcher Tory Miran hits as the Rebels won 1 out of 3 games from Long Beach State

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season and 5-4 in Big West Conference play.

Tory Miran went nine strong innings for his sixth victory of the season. Miran allowed three runs on seven hits with only two runs being earned.

"I felt that our team needed a big victory today to keep some confidence in themselves," Miran said. "Being a senior, I felt that I needed to give the best effort that I could. My arm felt good and I was spotting my pitches well."

Diaz led the attack with three hits to run his hitting

streak to 16 games.

"I started out in a terrible slump this season," Diaz said. "But now I'm seeing the ball real well and gaining confidence at bat."

UNLV started slow and found themselves down 2-0 in the third. Madsen quickly changed that with a line drive shot of the scoreboard to cut Long Beach States lead in half.

"It felt great," Madsen said. "I've been struggling a little bit with the bat and have changed a few things with my swing. Today I felt good at the plate

and my adjustments paid off for me today."

Kuster then stepped up with a man on and hit a towering home run right down the right field line and right over the foul pole to give UNLV a 3-2 lead. Diaz singled home Demond Thompkins in the fifth and that was all Miran needed for the win.

UNLV will play the Las Vegas Stars Wednesday at 7 p.m. at Cashman Field and will return to Big West Conference action this weekend at Cal State Fullerton.

Lady Rebs batter the Broncos, ambushed by Roadrunners

Tricia Reimche becomes all-time UNLV hit leader

by Nick Haley

UNLV softball split a non-conference doubleheader with the 13th-ranked Broncos last Thursday but were stunned the next day, dropping a pair at the hands of unheralded New Mexico State.

Despite out-hitting Pomona 9-2, the Lady Rebels lost the opener 2-1 on a costly third inning error that sent Bronco centerfielder Debbie Wagner home and allowed shortstop Shellie McCall to take third base. A sacrifice-fly allowed McCall to score, giving Pomona the winning run.

The Lady Rebels only run came in the fifth inning when shortstop Lisa Wilkins went home on a double from first baseman Cyndi Parus. UNLV had a chance to tie the game at two on a hit by center fielder Michele Moreno, but the ball beat Parus to home plate, pre-



NMSU's Wendy Snyder (#18) is out at second as UNLV's Lisa Wilkins tries for the double play during the Rebels' win.

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venting the score. Pitcher Kim Smith took the loss for the Lady Rebels, despite giving up only two hits and one walk. UNLV stranded a total of nine runners.

UNLV's second baseman Tricia Reimche stole the spot-

light in the second game when her lead-off hit in the fifth inning put her into the record books. She became the Lady Rebel's all-time leader in career hits, topping the 184 mark

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Women's tennis

Lady Rebels drop two in Arizona

by Robert Vinson

Strother said.

The Lady Rebel tennis team rode into Arizona with a 16-match winning streak and limped out with a two-match losing streak as top 10 ranked Arizona and Arizona State overwhelmed UNLV, 5-1 and 9-0 respectively.

On Thursday, the Lady Rebs met Arizona in Tucson and got a taste of top 10 tennis as the 8th ranked Lady Wildcats won a hard-fought struggle 5-1. Four of the six singles matches went the maximum three sets, but unfortunately, UNLV could only win one as Shiera Stuart came through at No. 5 singles with a come-from-behind 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 win.

Head coach York Strother's reaction to the end of the winning streak was a philosophical one.

"Streak's have to come to an end and ours did, but the season's still going and we'll come back from this strong,"

Things went from bad to worse Friday as Arizona St. welcomed the visitors with a 9-0 shellacking. Even though the scores didn't show it, Strother saw encouraging signs.

"We had some close matches so we were competitive, we played real hard and I saw some things that will get us ready for conference. The two Arizona's are both ranked top 10 and we'll be a better team for the rest of the year if we heed the lessons they taught us. The losses ended the winning streak but our season continues and we'll continue to do well," Strother said.

The Lady Rebels, 16-3 for the season, play their last home matches of the year this weekend against Cal-State Northridge, Fresno State and UC Riverside. Starting times for all matches is 1:30 p.m.