

Big second half propels Rebels

by Nick Haley

It took nearly three quarters to accomplish, but in the end, the result was as expected: a big Rebel win.

UNLV scored four touchdowns in the final 20 minutes to record a 40-7 victory over the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks Saturday night at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl. The Jacks, who play in the Division I-AA Big Sky Conference, were 3-8 a year ago.

The Rebels grabbed the lead early, scoring on the first series of the game. UNLV running back Shannon McLean capped a 68-yard drive with a 1-yard run to give the Rebels an early lead. Nick Garritano's PAT failed keeping UNLV's lead at 6-0.

But NAU, despite a road losing streak that dates back to 1989, was not to be intimidated easily. On the Jacks' first play from scrimmage, quarterback John "007" Bonds pitched to tight end Christian Cervantes who flicked a 60-yard bomb to flanker Jerry Avery to the Rebel 18-yard line. The Jacks came up empty handed, however, as placekicker Terry Belden missed a 34-yard field goal.

UNLV opened a 13-0 lead late in the first quarter. Flanker Henry Bailey caught an over-the-shoulder pass on a dead sprint from John Ma'ae and outran NAU's backfield for a 76-yard touchdown reception.

The Rebels then entered a scoring draught that lasted nearly half the game.

The Jacks' only score of the game came in the second quarter. Bonds hooked up with Cervantes for a 26-yard touchdown pass play.

"(NAU) has a great quarterback. (He) possesses a rocket arm and had our defense spread out all over the field," UNLV Coach Jim Strong said.

A 40-yard field goal attempt by the Jacks was broken up by Rebel safety Tyrone Scott to preserve UNLV's narrow 6-point halftime lead. NAU kicker.

The Rebel defense, which gave up 305 yards passing, sacked Bonds just once.

"Our defensive line was disappointing," Strong said. "We



photo by Rob Weidenfeld

Quarterback John Ma'ae connected with Henry Bailey on a 76-yard pass play in the first quarter of the Rebels' 40-7 win over Northern Arizona.

should pressure and get sacks."

On their second series of the second half, the Jacks offense once again drove the length of the field only to come up empty. From the Rebel 16-yard line, Bonds threw a pass into the arms of Rebel defensive back Clarence Mack.

"Mack's interception was the pivotal point in the game," Strong said.

UNLV converted the turnover into a touchdown. Ma'ae hit running back Robert Gi for a 19-yard pass, securing the lead and deflating the Jacks' momentum. NAU's offense did not cross mid-field again.

After the drive, Coach Strong benched his starting quarterback. Reserve Bob Stockham came in for the next three series, completing five of six attempts for 127 yards and leading the offense to two touchdowns, a 16-yard pass to Bailey and a 1-yard rush by Gi.

The final score of the game came on a defensive play. Bailey, who also plays on the defensive squad, blocked Belden's punt. Safety Donnell Porter recovered the ball in the end zone,

producing the final 40-7.

Ma'ae nursed a sore ankle on the sideline during the last quarter of the game and is questionable for next week.

"I hope to make the trip to Oregon," Ma'ae said after the game.

The Rebels travel to Eugene, Ore., Saturday to play the Oregon Ducks of the Pac-10 conference.

UNLV 40, Northern Arizona 7

NAU	0	7	0	0	7
UNLV	13	0	6	21	40

	NAU	UNLV
First downs	18	24
Rushes-yards	22-55	46-227
Passing	305	272
Returns yards	49	70
Comp-Att-Int	23-50-3	11-20-0
Punts-Avg	6-38	6-42
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	8-46	9-42
Time of Possession	31:34	28:26

UNLV STATISTICS
RUSHING—MacLean 21-122, Gi 7-42, Love 7-30, Thomas 2-15, Ma'ae 3-10, Bailey 2-8, Price 2-5, Valmore 1-2, Davis 1-(1).
PASSING—Ma'ae 5-12-0 140, Stockham 5-6-0 127, Parvin 1-1-0 5, Davis 0-1-0.
RECEIVING—Bailey 3-97, Thompkins 3-78, Lewis 1-33, Keener 1-30, Gi 1-19, Holmes 1-10, Porter 1-5.

BIG WEST CONFERENCE

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Nevada-Reno	1	0	2	1
New Mexico State	0	0	3	0
UNLV	0	0	2	0
San Jose State	0	0	2	1
CS Fullerton	0	0	1	2
Utah State	0	0	0	3
Pacific	0	1	0	3

Saturday's results

UNLV 40, Northern Arizona 7
 Boise State 17, Pacific 7
 New Mexico State 30, Texas-El Paso 24
 Nevada-Reno 31, McNeese State 21
 San Jose State 38, Southwestern Louisiana 13
 Baylor 45, Utah State 10
 Georgia 56, Cal. St. Fullerton 0

Saturday, Sept. 26

UNLV at Oregon, 1 p.m.
 New Mexico State at Utah State
 Nevada-Reno at Tulane
 San Jose State at Stanford
 Sacramento State at CS Fullerton

Intramurals at UNLV: Let the games begin

by Ryan Turner

Students who wish to participate in sporting activities with other students can look into the intramural sports program. According to the Intramural sports calendar the program is designed to provide opportunities for participation in a wide variety of sports and recreational activities for the entire univer-

sity community."

Any faculty, staff, or student who carries one credit hour or more may participate in the intramural program. Intramurals are designed for the individual as well as the team. There are team sports such as volleyball, basketball, and flag football. Individual sports include wrestling, cross country, and badminton. Some of the more

popular sports are basketball and softball. Anyone who wishes to participate may do so at no cost. However, a twenty dollar deposit for team sports is required to ensure that a team does not forfeit any matches.

Most of the team sports have a preseason tournament, followed by league or pool play. Any team that finishes their league play with a .500 record or

better advances to the play-offs. Teams that win the championships receive a T-shirt. Individual sports champions also receive a championship T-shirt.

The popularity of the intramural program has greatly increased in the last few years. The increase in popularity is due in part to the increase in students that now attend UNLV. Many students have also been

receptive to the Campus Recreation's concern for their wants.

Intramural Coordinator B.J. Burriss said, "It is important to keep a real open mind about what the students want because that is why we are here."

For further information contact B.J. Burriss in the CSUN office.