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The Rebel Yell

Ryan Benjamin (#3) of Pacific is averaging over 120 yards a game this season for Pacific. The Rebels, now 2-1, travel to Stockton, Calif., Saturday to play the Tigers.

## Rebels face Kopp-less Tigers

by Anthony E. Zuiker

If the UNLV football team is to win on the road this weekend, the Rebels must look pass and not past the 1-3 Pacific Tigers.

In the past two years, the Rebels and Tigers have pumped up and aired out an average of 66 points per game. In 1990, the Rebels fell at Pacific 37-28 and they lost their home finale last year 44-23 at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

Despite the 0-2 record against the Tigers since 1990, the Rebels have coasted in the series against the Pacific by a 7-4 margin. The Rebels and Tigers will kick off the homecoming game at 2:05 p.m. Saturday at A.A. Stagg Memorial Stadium in Stockton, Calif.

The Pacific Tigers return 16 starters, seven offensive and nine defensive. Of the top 48 players on the roster last year, 31 have returned.

Although UOP posted a 5-7 record last year, 4-3 in the Big West Conference, new Coach Chuck Shelton will look to a backup to carry his pass offense.

Star quarterback Troy Kopp will miss Saturday's game with an ankle injury. Kopp, ninth on the NCAA's career total offense list, had averaged 247 yards per game this season. Starting in his place against the Rebels is junior Dave Henigan.

### Football

**UNLV at Pacific  
Stockton, Calif.  
Saturday, 2 p.m.**

Henigan will rely on standout running back Ryan Benjamin, and wide receiver Aaron Turner.

Benjamin, fifth in Big West career all-purpose yards, has rushed for 483 yards this year (120.8 per game), averaging 5.9 yards per carry.

Turner, leading the nation this year in catches, 9.3 per game, holds the NCAA career 100-yard receiving games

record with 19.

With a run-and-shoot offense, the Tigers will mix it up in the air and on the ground.

Although Pacific is 1-3 on the year, the Tigers have faced some tough games, especially on the road. In their opener, Fresno State doubled up the Tigers 42-21. They then lost consecutive road games at Nevada-Reno, 20-14, and Boise State, 17-7.

Last week, the Tigers returned home to defeat SW Missouri State 48-14.

After hosting UNLV, the Tigers will play three consecutive road games facing Arizona State, New Mexico State and Washington.

### BIG WEST CONFERENCE

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

#### Friday

Utah State at Brigham Young

#### Saturday

UNLV at Pacific, 2:05 P.M. PST  
New Mexico State at Kansas State  
Nevada-Reno at Cal. St. Fullerton  
San Jose State at Wyoming

### Rebel Briefs

**On the Road Again**  
Cross Country travels to California

The UNLV Lady Rebel Cross Country team will travel to La Mirada, (Calif.) Regional Park for the Biola Invitational on Saturday, October 3. The meet begins at 9:30 a.m.

Other teams to compete at the Biola Invitational include Azusa Pacific, CS Los

Angeles, Claremont College, La Verne, Life Bible College, Long Beach State, Loyola Marymount, CS Northridge, Pepperdine, University of the Redlands, San Diego State, Southern Utah, Westmont College, and Whittier College.

At the Riverside Invitational on Sept. 26, Michelle Brown, who placed 88th with a time of 21:23, led the Lady Rebels.

UNLV placed 20th at the Riverside Invitational with 494 points. UCLA won the meet tallying 38 points followed by CS

Fullerton (57), CS Los Angeles (78), Occidental (159), CS Northridge (167), UC San Diego (192), UC Riverside (204), Irvine Valley (234), Claremont College (252), UC Irvine (259), Cal-Poly Pomona (282), Point Loma (294), San Diego State (334), Azusa Pacific (383), Pepperdine (415), Univ. San Diego (427), Saddleback College (427), Grand Canyon (444), Riverside Community College (485), UNLV (494), and Loyola Marymount (640).

## Ex-UNLV swimmer competes in triathlon

**Pearce sets personal best in Las Vegas**

by Nick Haley

For Casey Pearce, swimming just wasn't enough. The 21-year-old senior looked for a greater challenge and found it—the triathlon.

A three-legged event, the triathlon covers 1.5K in the water, 40K on bike and finishes with a 10K run. To be successful an athlete must be well-rounded in all of these.

A former Rebel swimmer, Pearce began his career in the water. He currently swims the 200-meter and the 500-meter for the Las Vegas Masters swim team. Before the triathlon, he had never raced before on a bike.

"I picked up biking. I'd ran and swam but never biked," he said.

Pearce's interest was perked two years ago. He credits former teammate Mike McCary for getting him started in triathlons.

"I came to the first one in 1990. I helped the lifeguard with the swimming," he said.

Saturday was Pearce's sec-

ond time in the Las Vegas Championship Triathlon. His time this year was an impressive 2:51:42—a personal best. Improvement, Pearce said, is his primary goal.

"My time is seven minutes faster from last year," he said. "I just wanted to beat my (previous) time."

Pearce said he believes competing elsewhere will allow him to better his time.

"(Las Vegas) has been voted the toughest course. I'd like to run about 2:20:00," he said.

Pearce claims these competitions are more than just a passing interest for him. He sees even bigger events in his future.

"I would like to do the Iron Man in Hawaii, possibly," he said. Hawaii's Iron Man covers four miles in the water, 120 miles on bicycle and a full 26.2-mile marathon. "I'd like to try it just to say that I did it."

The world of triathlons has opened the door to many more events in Pearce's future. Next summer, Pearce says he'll compete in the Huntington Pier to Santa Monica Pier open water swim.

## Red Cards and road trips, Broncos and Toreros up next

by Gregory Quinn

So far, road trips have not been fun for the UNLV soccer team. They have an 0-1-3 away record and are 3-1-4 overall. It won't get easier this weekend when they travel to Northern California for the Santa Clara Met Life Classic to play the University of San Diego Toreros and the Santa Clara University Broncos.

The Rebels climbed as high as 12th in the polls with wins over Stanford and Air Force. But in the last two weeks the Rebels have registered only one victory and have dropped out of the national ratings.

Also, the Rebels have been plagued by a rash of red cards to Thies Carstens, Ben Callcott, and Daniel Barber. Even head coach Barry Barto has been ejected recently. However, the Rebels will be at full strength for their toughest weekend of the year.

San Diego (6-2-0) is the only team to score against powerhouse UCLA this season. The Toreros are a well-balanced team with a potent offense led by senior forward Chugger Adair and freshman sensation Guillermo Jara. The 16th-ranked Toreros are looking to gain a measure of respect from the Rebels, who lead the overall series 9-2-1.

The 25th-ranked Santa Clara Broncos (5-1-1) were last year's NCAA runners-up. The Rebels led the series 4-0 but have not played the Broncos in six years. Since then, the Broncos, who have become a West Coast Conference power, are led by sophomore goalie Peter Zaratini and junior forward Peter Cochran.

This will be the Rebels final warm-up before next weekend's Mountain Pacific Sports Federation opener. They will be home Oct. 9 and 11 against UC Irvine and UCLA at Peter Johann Memorial Field.

### Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

Pacific Division	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
UCLA	0	0	0	7	0	1
San Diego State	0	0	0	4	1	1
UC Irvine	0	0	0	3	1	0
CS Fullerton	0	0	0	4	2	0
CS Northridge	0	0	0	3	2	0
UNLV	0	0	0	3	1	4
New Mexico	0	0	0	2	2	1
UC Santa Barbara	0	0	0	1	3	1