

Rebels face Aggies in Big West showdown

by Anthony E. Zuiker

Since the beginning of UNLV football, the Rebels have managed to defeat New Mexico State every time the two battle.

Posting a series 8-0 record against the Aggies, UNLV will attempt to make it nine straight this weekend. The Rebels come into Saturday's game with their best start since the 1986 season at 3-1.

The Rebels and Aggies will kick off at 7 p.m. Saturday at Aggie Memorial in Las Cruces, N.M.

The Aggies return 15 start-

ers, nine defensive and six defensive. Of the top 63 players on the roster last year, 42 have returned.

Although the Aggies posted a 2-9 record last year, 2-5 in the Big West Conference, Coach Jim Hess has proven the critics wrong, so far, this year by posting a winning record of 3-2.

Hess may have embarrassed *Sports Illustrated* when his "worst team in college football" won their first three games. New Mexico State defeated Weber State 37-21, New Mexico 42-39, and Texas-El Paso 30-24.

Since then, the Aggies, who

have been outscored 67-21 in their last two games, lost at Utah State 48-21 and Kansas State 19-0.

Despite their road woes, New Mexico is undefeated at home this year. Hess will turn to several key players to conjure up an Aggie win.

On special teams, Fred Montgomery is a marvel. As a kickoff returner, he returned two kickoffs for 37 and 44 yards against Kansas State to raise his season average to 36.6 yards on nine returns. Montgomery's

average is the best in the NCAA going into this weekend.

Tight end Todd Cutler from Zephyr Cove, Nev., became the fourth Aggie receiver to catch 100 passes. Cutler made five grabs versus KSU to give him 103 for his career. Other Aggie receivers with consecutive games and reception include Ezell Brown, 17, Montgomery, 16, and Atlas Reagor, 12.

Defensively, linebacker Mike Wall had his best game of the season, recording three sacks of Kansas State quarterback Jason Smargiasso.

Sports Brief



Jason Davis

Rebel defensive back wins honors

On Monday, sophomore defensive back Jason Davis was selected as the Big West Defensive Player of the Week. Against the Pacific Tigers last Saturday, Davis intercepted two passes in the 21-17 Rebel victory. Davis ran an intercepted pass for a touchdown and sealed the victory with another interception in the end zone on Pacific's last drive.

Lukewarm Rebels split games in Santa Clara

by Gregory Quinn

Ten games into the '92 soccer season, the performance of the Rebel kickers can be summed up in one word: inconsistent.

Inconsistency was the name of the game this past weekend when the Rebels beat the University of San Diego and lost to Santa Clara to finish third in the four-team Santa Clara Met Life Classic.

On the plus-side, the Rebels played one of their most exciting games in years Friday night against 16th-ranked San Diego. Down 3-0, UNLV rallied to win 5-3 in overtime.

It was "one of the biggest boosts," and "the biggest come-from-behind victory that I can

remember," said assistant coach George McKenna.

The Rebel goals came in a wild flurry. Sweeper Richie Louis began the UNLV comeback with a goal off a penalty kick at the 67:46 minute mark. Two minutes later, Thies Carstens cut the Torero lead to 3-2 with an unassisted goal. At 71:58, Danny Barber scored unassisted to send the game into overtime. Ben Erickson scored at 98:35 off an assist by Tom Miller which made it a 4-3 UNLV lead. Scott Uderitz capped off the scoring at 110:50 with an assist from Carstens.

On Sunday, the Rebels looked physically and emotionally spent in their 2-0 loss to 25th-ranked Santa Clara. They

gave up two goals in the first 10 minutes of the second half and were not able to rally. A missed penalty kick by Louis at the 58 minute mark ended any chance of a comeback.

The most valuable player honors, offensively, went to Carstens. Joining him on the all-tournament team were teammates Danny Barber and Scott Uderitz.

"Halfway through the season I don't think we've yet to reach our potential," said McKenna.

He said the Rebels (4-2-4) will probably need a good showing in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation tournament at the end of the year in order to make the playoffs.

The Rebels are hoping to reach their potential in time for their most important games of the year as UNLV begins conference play this weekend when they host UC Irvine and powerhouse UCLA.

Soccer team to host UCLA, UCI

by Paul Gutierrez

Fresh off a third-place finish in the Santa Clara Met Life Classic last weekend, the Rebel soccer team opens Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play with home matches in the UNLV Coors Light Soccer Classic Weekend.

The Rebels (4-2-4) host the Anteaters of UC Irvine Friday at 7 p.m. before facing perennial power UCLA Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. at Peter Johann Memorial Field.

In its first year of existence, the MPSF unites the Big

West, Pacific-10, and the Western Athletic Conference.

UNLV, who have never lost to Irvine, possess a career 13-0-0 series lead over the Anteaters. As a member of the Big West Conference a year ago, UCI finished in fourth place with a 4-6 mark, 9-10 overall.

The Anteaters currently sport an overall mark of 3-6, 0-1 in conference following Sunday's match against C S Fullerton. The Anteaters have eight returning lettermen, including leading scorers Scott Smith, Dave Weidner, and Kevin Smith.

UCLA, 8-0-1 overall, 1-0 in

conference, invades Peter Johann Memorial Field with one of the nation's most explosive offenses.

The second-ranked Bruins advanced to the NCAA playoffs last season as an independent with an overall mark of 18-4.

UCLA leads the series with the Rebels, 11-2-2, including a 2-1 decision last year. The last time UNLV defeated the Bruins was in 1984.

Olympians Joe-Max Moore, Brad Friedel, and Zak Ibsen head the list of 15 returners for UCLA.

Mountain Pacific Sports Federation

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Pacific Division						
UCLA	1	0	0	8	0	1
San Diego State	0	1	0	4	4	1
UC Irvine	0	1	0	3	6	0
CS Fullerton	1	0	0	7	2	1
CS Northridge	1	0	0	7	3	0
UNLV	0	0	0	4	2	4
New Mexico	0	0	0	7	2	1
UC Santa Barbara	0	1	0	2	5	1
Mountain Division						
Washington	3	1	0	7	1	1
Stanford	1	1	0	5	5	2
Sacramento State	2	1	0	6	3	1
Air Force	2	1	0	6	3	0
Oregon State	1	1	0	7	3	0
Fresno State	1	1	0	6	3	1
San Jose State	0	2	0	5	5	2
California	0	2	0	3	6	1

Friday, October 9

- UC Irvine at UNLV, 7:00 p.m.
- Oregon State at California
- Air Force at Fresno State
- CS Fullerton at CS Northridge
- San Diego State at UC Santa Barbara
- No. 2 UCLA at New Mexico
- Washington at St. John's

Sunday, October 11

- No. 2 UCLA at UNLV
- Oregon State at Stanford
- UC Irvine at New Mexico
- Air Force at San Jose State
- CS Fullerton at UC Santa Barbara
- Sacramento State at Fresno State
- San Diego State at CS Northridge
- Washington at Rutgers

MPSF PACIFIC DIVISION SOCCER TEAM STATS — SCORING

School	Games	Goals	Assists	Pts
New Mexico	10	40	31	111
CS Fullerton	9	26	19	71
CS Northridge	10	23	20	66
UCLA	9	21	21	63
UNLV	10	21	15	57
UC Irvine	9	14	16	44
San Diego State	9	15	11	39
UC Santa Barbara	7	10	6	26