

## Aggies whip Rebels, 40-10

NMSU lands first-ever win over UNLV

by Tony Llanos

It seemed that UNLV would have no problem against a team which *Sports Illustrated* chose as the worst team in college football, right?

Wrong!

The preseason, 107th-ranked New Mexico State Aggies tore apart an already injury-plagued Rebel football team and promptly crushed them 40-10, in front of 20,213 spectators at Aggie Memorial Coliseum in Las Cruces, N.M.

Aggie quarterback Charles Puleri passed for 283 yards with three touchdowns. He threw no interceptions and completed 18 of his 26 passes. The Aggie quarterback averaged 234 yards per game and completed 51 percent of his passes before the Rebel debacle.

Rebel passer John Ma'ae threw one interception and one touchdown. The junior quarterback from Carson, Calif., tossed for 206 yards and connected 14

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of his 34 passing attempts.

New Mexico State out-muscled UNLV on the ground with 296 yards to the Rebels' 116.

Aggie running backs Lawrence Truehill and Troy Dublin led their team with rushes of 88 and 108 yards respectively. Each rushed for one touchdown. Dublin also contributed five catches for 40 yards.

UNLV rushers did not contribute as much as their New Mexico State counterparts.

Top Rebel runners Shannon McLean and Jabbar Thomas combined for only 64 yards on the ground.

UNLV's Henry Bailey led the Rebel receiving corps with five catches and 105 yards including one touchdown. Pass catcher Demond Thompkins also caught five passes, but for 62 yards.

But Puleri's aerial attack of Aggie wide receivers, Fred Montgomery, Atlas Reagor and Ezell Brown, caught a combined five passes for 164 yards with three touchdowns.

The Aggies took a quick 10-0 lead in the first quarter as Dublin's 36-yard run and Bubba Culin's 23-yard field goal capped the first quarter.

After Aggie receiver Reagor's 59-yard touchdown reception from Puleri in the second quarter, Bailey caught a 42-yard strike from Ma'ae to cut



Reese Thomas and the rest of the UNLV defense gave up 579 total yards in a 40-10 loss at New Mexico State. The Rebels host Nevada-Reno next.

the lead 17-7.

The Aggies led 24-7 at the half. Rebel kicker Nick Garritano booted a 32-yard field to start the scoring in the second half.

The Aggies scored twice in the third quarter with a 54-yard pass reception from Ezell Brown and

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### SOCCER

## UNLV wins MPSF opener, downs UCI 4-1

by Nick Haley

UNLV took an early 3-0 advantage and coasted to a 4-1 victory over the UC-Irvine Anteaters Friday night at Peter Johann Memorial Field. The victory was the Rebels' first ever in the newly formed Mountain Pacific Soccer Federation.

The Rebels broke the deadlock at 10:43 when mid-

fielder Richie Louis took the corner kick from forward Ben Erikson. Less than two minutes later, defender Scott Uderitz fed forward Daniel Packer who touched to forward Thies Carstens for the score. Forward Joey Mancuso added the third goal of the half after a furious volley before the Anteater net.

UNLV's offense closed the day at 52:06 when defender Nathan King dropped a long pass

to forward Tom Miller. Miller took advantage of a one-on-one situation for UNLV's fourth and final goal.

The Anteaters narrowly avoided the shut-out, scoring their only goal at 71:43 from midfielder substitute David Weidner.

UC-Irvine dropped to 3-7 overall, 0-2 in the MPSF. The Rebels record improved to 5-2-4 overall, 1-0 in the MPSF.

## Rebels fall to second-ranked Bruins, Sunday

by Nick Haley

UNLV soccer coach Barry Barto knew his squad could handle the second-ranked Bruins, if only they took what they were given.

Despite six shots on goal the Rebels couldn't find the net, losing 1-0 to UCLA Sunday at Peter Johann Memorial Field. The loss drops UNLV to 5-3-4 overall and 1-1 in the Mountain Pacific Soccer Federation.

"They were vulnerable," Barto said. "The chance was there for us to score goals. Both teams got their fair chances."

Neither team was able to muster a goal in the first half. UNLV missed its best opportunities to score early in the game. UNLV forward Daniel

Packer went one-on-one against UCLA's Tayt Ianni but fired wide.

Halfway through the first, Packer had a second opportunity. From the middle of UCLA territory he drilled a kick over the head of Bruin goalkeeper Brad Friedel but the ball bounced off the crossbar and came right back to Packer. His second kick cleared the field.

UCLA followed suit. In the 25th minute, a bounce off the right goal post spared a UCLA goal.

The teams went into half-time scoreless.

The second half was a game of catch-up for the Rebels. At 53:02, Bruin midfielder Joe-Max Moore was granted a penalty kick after forward Michael DuHane took him down. Moore kicked inside the left post for the

only score of the game.

The Rebels turned up the heat for the half, outshooting the Bruins 9-6 but couldn't punch it in. Packer finished the game with six shots, four on the goal. UCLA's Friedel stopped six for the game.

"The difference for them was the defense of Friedel," Barto said.

Packer's aggressiveness had a price though. Late in the game, he began holding his leg in apparent pain.

"His back and his foot's been bothering me. He got hurt in practice. He'll be fine for next week though," he said.

League play continues for UNLV next Friday when they face Cal State Northridge at Johann Field. Sunday they travel to southern California to play UC Santa Barbara.

## Sowerby gets cross-country squad started on right foot

by Nick Haley

First-year UNLV track and field coach Karen Dennis needed someone with experience in road-running who could complement her own style of coaching. She found Fred Sowerby.

As UNLV's new assistant track and field coach, Sowerby's duties include running the cross-country team and developing track sprinters in the off-season. Already he has the inside track to win the Big West individual championship with his star pupil Dianne McCarthy.

But it hasn't been easy.

Sowerby had to overcome numerous hurdles in the early going. His squad consisted of one proven runner, the rest were converted sprinters from the track squad. He had no decent facilities on which to train his runners. Worst of all, his team couldn't practice until Sept. 5, three weeks after everyone else. Despite the negatives, he still saw a tremendous opportunity.

"I think this place has a lot of potential. We have a compatible budget. It's going to be easy to attract people here," Sowerby said. "A lot of it is communication, being able to relate."

In a very short time span, Sowerby has assembled a competitive, if inexperienced, team. His running background and direct involvement have brought him closer to his team. His closeness, he believes, helps bind his squad together.

"You have to get the kids involved to think team. My role

is to promote the team," he said. "A cross-country team is really seven people."

Developing his less experienced runners is Sowerby's next goal. He stated he would like to close the gap between his top runners and newer runners. He wants a solid team, top to bottom.

"I'm going to start looking at position," he said. "I want my fifth person to beat their fifth person."

Sowerby demands nothing from his runners that he isn't prepared to accomplish himself. He regularly trains with his team and competes outside the college ranks. He's been through everything they have and more. He held world record times at 500 and 600 meters. He was a captain of the U.S. track and field team in 1982 and '83 after becoming an American citizen.

Coming from the Caribbean island of Antigua, Sowerby was granted a track scholarship to Murray State in Kentucky. His accolades in track earned him a place in Murray State's Hall of Fame. But it was his accomplishments in the classroom that would determine his future.

He earned two bachelor's degrees, in physical education and business and a master's degree in public administration. It was his education as much as his track experience that allowed him to become Murray State's head track coach. He expects as much from his athletes.

"I feel if your going to get a scholarship, you had better graduate," he said.