

Battle of Nevada: Who gets the Cannon?

UNLV leads 9-8

Biggest UNLV win: 49-3 in 1976

Biggest UNR win: 50-8 in 1991

Most points, both teams: 72 in 1970

Fewest points, both teams: 22 in 1973

Shutouts: None

Year	Winner	Site
1991	UNR, 50-8	Reno
1990	UNR, 26-14	Las Vegas
1989	UNR, 45-7	Reno
1987	UNLV, 24-19	Las Vegas
1985	UNR, 48-7	Reno
1983	UNLV, 28-18	Las Vegas
1979	UNLV, 26-21	Reno
1978	UNR, 23-14	Las Vegas
1977	UNLV, 27-12	Reno
1976	UNLV, 49-3	Las Vegas
1975	UNLV, 45-7	Reno
1974	UNLV, 28-7	Las Vegas
1973	UNR, 19-3	Reno
1972	UNR, 43-13	Las Vegas
1971	UNLV, 42-30	Reno
1970	UNLV, 24-13	Las Vegas
1969	UNR, 30-28	Reno

1991 Battle for the Cannon Game
Wolf Pack wins 50-8

Scoring	1	2	3	4	Final
UNLV	0	0	0	8	- 8
Nevada-Reno	10	10	23	7	-50

Final Stats	UNLV	UNR	Highlights:
Net yards rush	46	131	1st Qtr. Joe King (UNR) 5-yd. pass from Fred Gatlin for TD.
Net yards pass	72	412	2nd Qtr. Joe King (UNR) 35-yd. pass from Fred Gatlin for TD.
Total Yards	118	543	3rd Qtr. Wade Hampton (UNR) 73-yd. pass from Fred Gatlin for TD.
Fumbles	3	3	4th Qtr. Henry Bailey (UNLV) 25-yd. pass from Derek Stott for TD.
Interceptions	1	2	
Penalties-yards	6-50	4-21	
Time of Possession	26:45	33:15	

Did you know?

UNR head coach Chris Ault was voted national coach of the year (The Eddie Robinson Award) by the nation's Division I-AA sports information directors. Ault also serves as the athletic director of UNR.

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The Rebel Yell
Quarterback Derek Stott (No. 11)—shown here in a game against Southwest Missouri State—played in last season's 50-8 Rebel loss to the Wolfpack, the Rebels' worse loss in the series.

How the rivalry started

by Paul Gutierrez

Though not in the same historical category as such legendary collegiate football feuds as USC-UCLA, Stanford-Cal, or Miami vs. well, anyone, the UNLV-UNR battle for the Fremont Cannon stirs local passions just the same.

Heading into Saturday evening's Homecoming affair with the Wolf Pack, the Rebels hold an all-time series lead of 9-8 over UNR.

UNR, which now insists on

being simply labeled "Nevada," has won the last three interstate clashes, outscoring the Rebels by a combined 121-29. This includes last season's 50-8 drubbing of the Rebels.

UNLV last held possession of the lucrative Fremont Cannon following a 24-19 win in 1987. The schools did not face each other again until 1989 and have played annually ever since.

Though the two schools initially met in 1969, it wasn't until Thanksgiving a year later that the cannon was offered as spoils

to the winner. In 1970, UNLV won that first Cannon Game, 42-30.

UNLV's first head coach, Bill Ireland, came up with the idea for a trophy as added incentive between the Rebels and Wolf Pack. In keeping with tradition, the cannon is fired every time its owner scores.

The cannon is a replica of the one trailblazer John C. Fremont used on his overland journey into western Nevada in 1843, hence the moniker attached to the howitzer.

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