

'Sagebrush' and 'Yell' sports editors agree: Wolf Pack will destroy Rebels on Saturday

The two rival student newspapers of the University of Nevada System may not always agree with each other, but the sports editors of both papers predicted that the Wolf Pack will spank the Rebels on Saturday night. Here are excerpts on their prognostications:

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Neil Barron, sports editor, The Sagebrush, UNR: UNR 23, UNLV 14

"I had previously picked UNLV last week until the (New Mexico State) Aggies' shellacking of the Rebels, 40-30, last weekend. I'll say that the Wolf Pack will win 23-14."

Tony Llanos, sports editor, The Rebel Yell, UNLV: UNR 31, UNLV 6

"With all the injuries sustained by the Rebels, and indecisiveness with the ever-changing quarterback situation, we don't stand a chance. Wolf Pack has edge with offensive explosion with quarterback duo Chris Vargas and Fred Gatlin. UNR 31-6."

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	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Nevada-Reno	2	0	0	3	2	0
Utah State	1	1	0	1	4	0
UNLV	1	1	0	3	2	0
San Jose State	1	0	0	4	2	0
Cal St. Fullerton	0	2	0	1	5	0
New Mexico State	1	1	0	4	2	0
Pacific	0	2	0	1	5	0

Saturday

Nevada-Reno at UNLV, Homecoming, 7 p.m.
 Kansas State at Utah State
 CS Fullerton at SW Louisiana
 Pacific at New Mexico State

Soccer: Rebels in charge of their own destiny

by Gregory Quinn

As the dust settles on the first full weekend of conference soccer play, one thing is certain: the Pacific Division of the MPSF is still up for grabs.

There are five teams still in the running. UNLV is one of them. The Rebel soccer team (5-3-4, 1-1-0) is in fifth place behind the Cal. State Northridge Matadors, who have played one more game

than the Rebels. The Rebels will try to move up the standings when they host the Matadors this Friday at 7 p.m. at Peter Johann Memorial Field, then travel to California Sunday to play the UC Santa Barbara Gauchos.

"We're in charge of our own destiny," says UNLV goalkeeper Dan Schell. "Every game from here on...I'd have to say (means) playoffs. The games we play have to be stepping stones."

Friday's matchup is crucial.

A loss for either team would hurt any chances of postseason play. CS Northridge (8-4-0, 2-1) is led by senior forward Danny Daniels (five goals, six assists) and junior midfielder Armando Valdivia (six goals, three assists). The solid Matador defense is anchored by junior goalkeeper Louie Mata (1.08 goal-against average).

The Rebels are favored Sunday against the rebuilding UC Santa Barbara Gauchos (2-8-0, 0-3-0), who are in the midst of a

four-game losing-streak. They're led by midfielders Patrick Griffin and Kendall Fargo and defender Stefan Gudmundsson.

Schell remains dutifully cautious in his assessment of this weekend's opponents.

"They (the Matadors and the Gauchos) never let up," he said. "They don't quit coming."

To win, Schell says, UNLV will have to "play the game for 90 minutes," which has been their problem all year.

If UNLV wins their remain-

ing conference games, they can do no worse than tie for first place, which will send them to the MPSF tournament. Easier said than done, considering their toughest games remain against first place Cal-State Fullerton and New Mexico, which recently upset powerhouse UCLA.

"We haven't peaked yet," says Schell. "When we do, things are going to start rolling."

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