

Knight's decision is a wise one

by Jay Sapovits

Arizona State recently showed interest in hiring Dwaine Knight, the fifth-year UNLV head golf coach. Before the interview process began Coach Knight opted to stay as the Rebel coach. Because it's golf, most people glanced over Knight's decision without thinking about the ramifications of his actions.

Word association works well to explain what Knight turned away. Miami: football, Duke: basketball, Arizona State: golf. UNLV's golf program has excelled under Knight. It has had an All-American each of the last three seasons. As a team they have proceeded far into the NCAA tournament the last two seasons. In the polls this week the Rebels are ranked fourth. The Sun Devils are first. Fourth's no shame, but the best is still the best!

By staying in Las Vegas, Coach Knight displayed something our former marquee coach never did—allegiance to the university.

Before all the Jerry Tarkanian supporters start crying, look up the word "university" in any Webster's Dictionary. I'll save you the time. It means "an educational institution of the highest level." Surely it can't be argued that a coach (Tarkanian) with a sub-50 percent graduation rate cared about the student in student-athlete. I think we've cleared out all those non-caring coaches through Athletic Director Jim Weaver.

When Larry Johnson made a statement saying he is disassociating himself with UNLV, this came to my mind: Whoever

associated him with this school? Students run this school, not athletes.

Commentary

Larry is a mercenary basketball player as many of the "Shark" players were. First with Odessa Junior College, then with the Rebels, and now with Charlotte. Any example used to counter this argument can be disputed using Lloyd Daniels as an example.

George Ackles signed a contract with the Continental Basketball Association last week, proving that the skills he acquired in college were valuable in the everyday decision making process of the real world. Last season the Miami Heat offered him the 12th position and a contract on the team. He refused it, went to play overseas, and now the NBA looks as far away as it did in his junior year of college ball.

Even if UNLV sports information director Joe Hawk has to step down, I still think he did a great job. As SID, all media relied on the information he dispensed and for two years none has done it quicker and with more accuracy than Hawk and his staff.

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Aggies top the Rebels, 48-8

UNLV eliminated from Las Vegas Bowl picture

by Nick Haley

UNLV football's good fortune ended as quickly as it began. After a surprising 35-31 upset of San Jose State, the Rebels lost to the Aggies of Utah State 48-8, Saturday night in Logan, Utah. It was the second time this year that UNLV was blown out by an Aggie team, the first coming on Oct. 10 when the Rebels lost 40-10 to the New Mexico State Aggies.

Utah State led the entire game, scoring on three of their first four possessions. Utah State amassed a total of 511 yards on offense. Anthony Calvillo completed 25 of 38 passes for 358 yards and three touchdowns. Calvillo added another touchdown on a keeper from 29 yards out.

Running backs Abu Wilson and Tai Gordon rushed for touchdowns from 15 and 18 yards out respectively. The duo averaged just under six yards a carry. Wilson finished with 83 yards on 14 carries.

UNLV's offense showed signs of life, but turnovers allowed the Rebels only one trip to the end zone. UNLV quarterback John Ma'ae, Bob Stockham and Jason Davis combined for five interceptions and a fumble.

The Rebels squandered three trips inside the Utah State 25-yard line, two ending on downs and one on an interception. The first blown opportunity came when UNLV, with less than three minutes to go in the first half, went for it on fourth and goal only to have Ma'ae's pass fall incomplete.

Near the end of the third, the Rebels came close once again. After sustaining a 53-yard drive, Stockham threw an interception to Aggie linebacker Jermaine Younger.



photo by Wray Halterman
Omar Love (shown here against San Jose State) was one of the Rebels' few bright spots in their 48-8 loss at Utah State. Love carried 20 times, gaining 123 yards and scored UNLV's only touchdown.



UNLV's closest no-show came on their next possession. The Rebels drove 74 yards to the Aggies' 6-yard line, but lost the ball on downs when Stockham's completion to flanker Demond Thompkins came up one yard short.

Freshman running back Omar Love was the only major producer for UNLV, netting 123 yards on 20 carries for the Rebels'

only touchdown. Love capped off a 44-yard drive with a six yard run late in the game. Robert Gi's rush gave UNLV the two-point conversion.

The loss was UNLV's third in the Big West Conference and officially eliminated the Rebels from the Las Vegas Bowl race. UNLV is now 4-5 overall and 2-3 in conference play.

UNLV's next matchup will be at home on Nov. 21 against the Bobcats of Montana State. A win would guarantee the Rebels an improved season over the previous four years, in which the Rebels had consecutive 4-7 seasons.

ASU dominates swimming and diving season opener

by Mary Alice Torgerson

The UNLV swimming and diving teams had a hard time competing against nationally-ranked Arizona State Saturday. Both the men and women lost their first dual meet of the season.

UNLV faced the deepest and strongest ASU squad in history. Despite the loss the team was in good spirits.

"I'm happy with the consistency, the morale of the team, and the level of performance throughout the meet," Coach Jim Reitz said. He added that the men showed great leadership from the upperclassmen.

After taking last year off to train for the Japanese Olympic Trials, senior Takuo Henmi

showed he was ready to compete against some of the top distance swimmers in the country. Henmi won the 1,000-yard freestyle and placed second in the 500-yard freestyle.

Junior Matt Westphal won the 200-yard breaststroke and finished second in the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard freestyle.

Sal Castro out touched Sun Devil Eduardo Pccinini to win the 100-yard butterfly. Castro sprinted to a second-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle.

Colin Dircks, a 1992 NCAA qualifier, won the 100-yard breaststroke.

The UNLV women lacked depth in comparison to ASU. Many women had to swim events they usually wouldn't swim.

"The girls were tough," Reitz said. "They are very unselfish and swim where they are needed."

Senior Mari Kasvio edged out an NCAA All-American in the 400-yard individual medley on Friday. Kasvio raced to a second place finish in the 200-yard freestyle on Saturday.

1992 NCAA qualifier Julie Mroziak won the 200-yard backstroke.

Team captain Tara Clark out touched ASU's Lisa Urban to win the 100-yard butterfly.

Kristina Lutes won the three-meter diving event and qualified for the NCAA Regional Pre-Qualification Meet.

The men and women face BYU and Utah this weekend.

1992-93 UNLV Men's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
3	Reggie Manuel	G	6-3	195	So.
5	Clint Clausen	G	6-3	195	Sr.
11	Dedan Thomas	G	6-0	170	Jr.
12	Lawrence Thomas	G	6-1	165	Fr.
14	Jason Brooks	G	5-11	170	Sr.
20	Ken Gibson	G	6-3	190	Jr.
22	Damian Smith	G	6-2	160	Fr.
23	Evric Gray	F	6-7	235	Sr.
24	Dexter Boney	G/F	6-4	185	Sr.
31	Danny Griffin	F	6-9	215	Jr.
33	Sean Loughran	G	6-5	190	Jr.
34	J.R. Rider	G/F	6-5	215	Sr.

Head Coach: Rollie Massimino (1st year) Assistant Coaches: Tom Massimino, Jay Wright, Darwin Cook, Tom Pecora

1991-92 Results

Overall: 26-2

Big West: (18-0) 1st