

Rebel Rumble

Rebels top Russians, 98-68

The 23rd-ranked Runnin' Rebels defeated the travel-weary, Russia Select Team 98-68 in front of a sparse crowd of a little more than 4,500 fans at Thomas & Mack Center Friday evening.

The Rebels out-scored and out-maneuvered the Russians early with a 16-2 run to start the game. UNLV starting forward J.R. Rider led the Rebels in the first half with a total of 18 points and four rebounds. Rebel Forward Evric Gray nailed 3 three-point baskets also in the starting half.

Russia's Konstantin Nedosekin put up 13 points early in the game. The 1991 Soviet junior champion also had four rebounds and a three-pointer at the half.

"We did not have many very strong players," said Sergey Selivsnov, head coach of the Russia Select Team. The Russians have struggled in their U.S. tour this season and have only won two out of their eleven games played.

Said Selivsnov about the Runnin' Rebels: "(UNLV) is a very good team. Good offense and defense. Very quick players and good long shooters."

Rider led UNLV with 28 points and six rebounds. Gray and center Dexter Boney each scored 16. Russia's Konstantin Nedosekin led the visitors with 21 points.

"Our team had opening night jitters and we made some mistakes," said Rebel head coach Rollie Massimino. "For the first night, we ran good."

Said Massimino: "We're gonna score points. But if we play defense, we're gonna win games."

The Rebels play Marathon Basketball Friday in another exhibition match-up at the Thomas & Mack Center on Nov. 27. Game time is 8:05 p.m.

Football team shoots for 6-5 season Saturday

After UNLV dished out another win against the Montana State Bobcats Saturday at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl, the

Rebels will host Cal-State Fullerton (2-8 overall, 0-5 in the Big West) at home for the season finale. Game time is 1 p.m.

Saturday's kickoff will be the most important one in Titan football. Cal-State Fullerton head coach Gene Murphy will coach his final game with the Titans, ending a 12-year association with the Southern California school. The veteran coach has compiled a 59-88-1 record at Cal-State Fullerton. The game could be the last one played by the Titans as their program stands in limbo. Cal-State Fullerton President Dr. Milton Gordon will report on the status of the ailing school program by mid-December, the *Daily Titan*, the school newspaper, reported.

The Titans have averaged about 4,800 fans for their four home games this season at the school's new on-campus field, Titan Stadium. The stadium holds a capacity of 10,000.

Despite the school's budget problems and lack of interest of football at the Orange County institution, the team's bright spot is junior quarterback Trendell Williams. With the Titans' new option offense, the Compton, Calif. native leads the team with 892 total yards. As a rusher, Williams has compiled 405 yards this season and has thrown for 487 passing yards. The Titan quarterback has thrown three touchdowns, five interceptions, and has rushed for two scores.

Marathon Basketball up next for Runnin' Rebels

For the second consecutive season, UNLV will conclude its exhibition schedule with a game against Marathon Basketball traveling team on Friday, Nov. 27 at the Thomas & Mack Center. Last year, the Runnin' Rebels defeated Marathon Basketball 89-67.

Marathon Basketball is led by Chad Tucker, a 6-8 forward from Butler University, and Todd May, a 6-9 forward from Pikeville College.

The team is currently 1-2 in its preseason tour against Big East schools. Marathon beat St. John's 88-82 on Nov. 18.

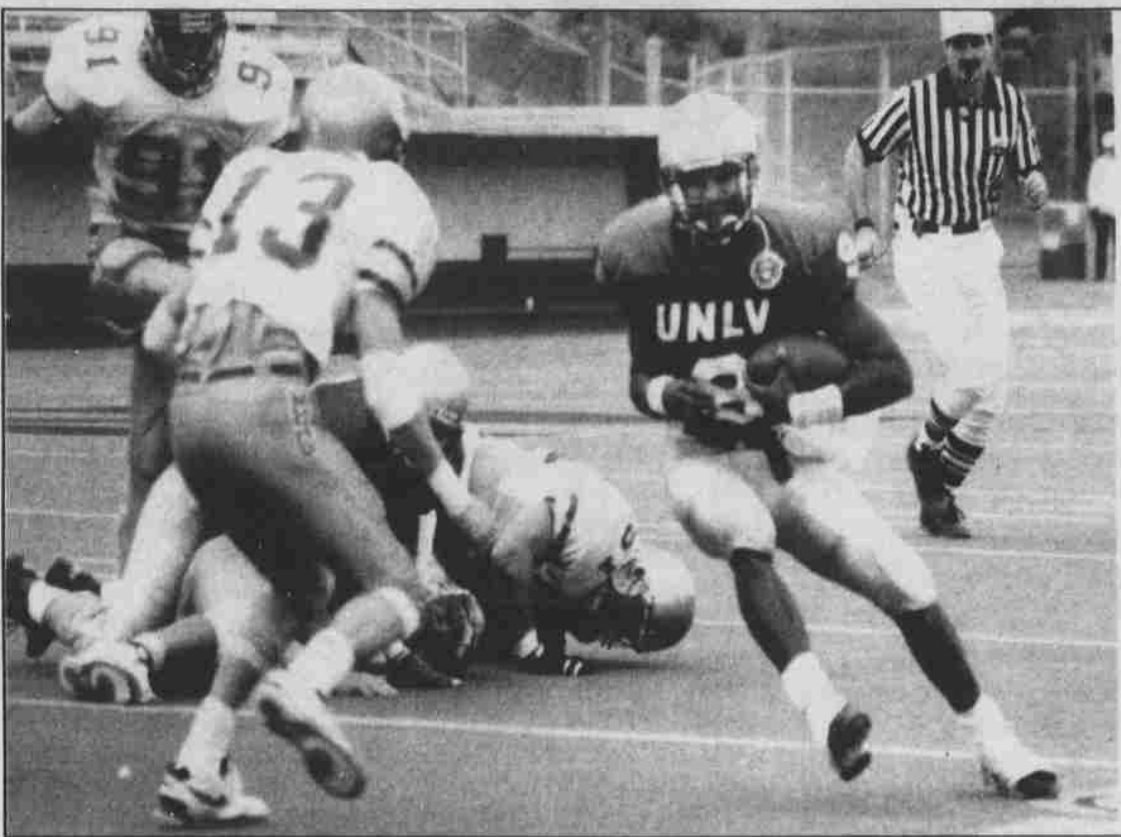


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Freshman Quarterback Jason Davis gets playing time against Montana State Saturday. The Rebels defeated the Bobcats 36-7 at the Silver Bowl. The Rebels close their season Saturday against Cal State Fullerton.

Rebels outrun Bobcats, win fifth

UNLV 4-7 streak comes to a halt

by Nick Haley

Whether it was a talented pool of underclassmen, a weak schedule or just plain good luck, the 1992 UNLV football team accomplished what was certainly one of its goals—winning a fifth game. By defeating the Montana State Bobcats 36-7 last Saturday at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl, the Rebels broke a streak of four consecutive 4-7 seasons.

"We're starting to make a little bit of progress," said head coach Jim Strong. "We're playing for a winning season."

From the start of Saturday's game, UNLV showed its dominance by outrunning the Bobcat defense for a quick score.

Following a 46-yard punt return by wide receiver Henry Bailey, freshman running back Omar Love sprinted 10 yards for a touchdown on the Rebels' first play from scrimmage.

UNLV never looked back. Bailey, who had 221 all-purpose yards, also ran back an 82-yard kickoff return for a



touchdown to open the second half.

"Our kids were fresh," Strong said. "Our legs are back with us."

And so was everything else. The Rebels controlled the game on offense, defense and special teams.

UNLV outgained Montana State in yardage 464-165. Quarterbacks Bob Stockham, John Ma'ae and Jason Davis combined for 228 yards passing on 11 of 18 attempts. Six Rebel running backs combined for 201 yards on the ground, five of whom were freshmen or sophomores. Underclassmen accounted for over half of UNLV's offensive production.

"I'm really proud of our young players on the team," Strong said.

Youth prevailed on defense, too. Of the 21 players who saw time on defense, 11 were underclassmen. Freshman linebacker

Marvin Robinson led the team with six tackles, four unassisted.

The Rebels had their best defensive outing of the season against the Bobcats. Montana State's only score came on a 42-yard drive following a muffed punt return by Demond Thompkins.

The Bobcats netted just 65 yards in the air and their longest play was for 16 yards. With nowhere to go, Montana State was forced to punt 11 times.

Not since Week 2 against Northern Arizona have the Rebels put a team away so quickly. Strong sent in his second squad for much of the second half. With the game in hand, Strong said he wanted to avoid running up the score on the Bobcats.

"I've been on that other sideline before," Strong said. "I know what it's like."

Hawaii and Oregon ran up scores of 55-25 and 59-0 respectively against the Rebels this year.

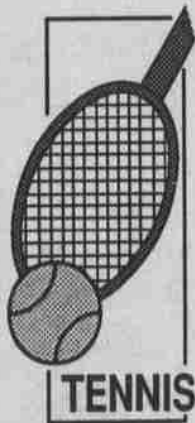
A victory over the Titans would give the Rebels their first winning season since 1986.

Fertitta: the 'T&M' of tennis

by Gregory Quinn

These days the dust isn't kicking up quite as much on the northwest corner of Swenson Street and Harmon Avenue, thanks to some much-needed development of new athletic facilities.

The latest production is a long, flat brownstone dubbed the Frank and Vickie Fertitta Tennis Pavilion. Scheduled for inauguration in January, the building will house the men's and women's tennis teams, as



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well as provide court space for faculty, students and non-students.

At a cost of \$1.3 million, the Fertitta building, built over the obsolete tennis grounds, is considered the "Grand Slam" of tennis buildings.

"We've gone from one of the weakest facilities—

in fact, it was the weakest facility in the conference—to really one of the best in the country," said Larry Easley, head coach of the UNLV tennis team.

Junior Charles Olinger, a member of the team, agrees.

"It's real nice, you know. I think it'll bring out a lot more support from the community, because it's a lot nicer facility, a lot nicer atmosphere."

Enclosed within the L-shaped pavilion are 12 tennis courts, including an impressive 2,000-seat center court; available for reservations starting in January. The field house is comprised of two buildings, one containing locker rooms with showers and bathrooms, a training room with an ice machine, a conference room,

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The \$13 million Frank and Vickie Fertitta Tennis Pavilion is scheduled to be inaugurated in January. The 2,000-seat facility has 12 tennis courts.