

Women's Basketball Preview



Rebel Yell Pre-season Poll

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3. Long Beach State
4. UC Santa Barbara
5. Pacific
6. New Mexico State
7. UC Irvine
8. CS Fullerton
9. Nevada
10. San Jose State

2. Hawaii
Record in 1992: 25-7 overall/13-5 conference
Nickname: Rainbow Wahine
Home: Klum Gym, Honolulu, Hawaii
Coach: Vince Goo (97-50, six years)
Starters returning: Jenny Kaeo, guard; Valerie Agee, forward and Jennifer Hurt, center.
Starters lost: Alicia Pontious, center and Kalei Namohala, center
vs. UNLV (1991-92): Feb. 25, 1992—UNLV 65-58 (A); Feb. 26, 1992—UNLV 71-67 (A)
Schedule vs. UNLV (1992-93): (H) Mar. 5, Mar. 7
Coach Goo's strategy: "We will play a basic type game, full court pressure, and fast breaking."

3. Long Beach State
Record in 1992: 21-10 overall/13-5 conference
Nickname: 49ers
Home: The Gold Mine, Long Beach, Calif.
Coach: Glenn McDonald (21-10, one year)
Starters returning: Marsheela Harriston, forward
Starters lost: Trise Jackson, guard; Kari Parriott, forward; Bolivia Gaytan, center and Kellie Bennett, forward
vs. UNLV (1991-92): Jan. 29, 1992—LBSU 91-81 (H); Feb. 29, 1992—LBSU 80-77 (A)
Schedule vs. UNLV (1992-93): (A) Jan. 27; (H) Feb. 27
Coach McDonald's outlook: "This year, I'm going to have to do a whole lot of coaching."

4. UC Santa Barbara
Record in 1992: 27-5 overall/16-2 conference
Nickname: Gauchos
Home: Events Center, Santa Barbara, Calif.
Coach: Mark French (76-67, six years; 175-183, 14 years)
Starters returning: Cori Close, guard and Becky Brown, center
Starters lost: Barbara Beainy, forward; Lisa Crosskey, guard; Erika Kienast, forward and Susie Matthews, center
vs. UNLV (1991-92): Feb. 1, 1992—UCSB 78-61 (H); March 2, 1992—UCSB 72-67 (A)
Schedule vs. UNLV (1992-93): (A) Jan. 30 (H) March 1-
French says about UNLV: "UNLV has the most talented player returning in Teresa Jackson, who could easily be a Kodak All-American."

5. Pacific
Record in 1992: 13-15 overall/11-7 conference
Nickname: Tigers
Home: Alex Spanos Center, Stockton, Calif.
Coach: Melissa DeMarchi (49-65, five years)
Starters returning: Tine Freil, guard; Annette Dirac, forward and Jacklyn O'Connor, guard
Starters lost: Natasha Norris, forward, and Charlotte Soeberg, center
vs. UNLV (1991-92): Jan. 23, 1992—UNLV 83-70 (A); Feb. 22, 1992—(OT) 66-63 (H)
Schedule vs. UNLV (1992-93): (H) Jan. 21 (A) Feb. 20
Coach DeMarchi's words of wisdom: "We will start the season using more of the perimeter game, due to the lack of inside experience, but will look to the inside once our newcomers have more experience."



6. New Mexico State
Record in 1992: 16-15 overall/9-9 conference
Nickname: Roadrunners
Home: Pan American Center, Las Cruces, N.M.
Coach: Mike Peterson (first year at NMSU; 65-48 four years)
Starters returning: None
Starters lost: Andrea Kabwasa, guard; Tracey Goetsch, forward; Meridith Sanders, center; Collette Flack, guard and Tammy Hickman, forward
vs. UNLV (1991-92): Jan. 4, 1992—UNLV 97-79 (H); Feb. 13, 1992—(OT) NMSU 99-94 (A), March 11, 1992—NMSU 87-86 (Big West Tournament)
Schedule vs. UNLV (1992-93): (H) Jan. 2 (A) Feb. 13
Coach Petersen says about his team's offense: "I plan to keep the run in Roadrunners again this year."

7. UC Irvine
Record in 1992: 5-22 overall/1-17 conference
Nickname: Anteaters
Home: Bren Events Center, Irvine, Calif.
Coach: Colleen Matsuhara (5-22 one year; 51-66 four years)
Starters returning: Yvonne Catala, forward; Karie Yoskioka, guard and Jinelle Williams, forward
Starters lost: Genine Hobbs, center and Kathy Lizarraga, guard
vs. UNLV (1991-92): Jan. 16, 1992—UNLV 95-60 (A); Feb. 6, 1992—UNLV 94-44 (H)
Schedule vs. UNLV (1992-93): (H) Jan. 11 (A) Feb. 4
Coach Matsuhara's prognosis: "I think we need some tutoring or group therapy or something."

8. CS Fullerton
Record in 1992: 11-17 overall/6-12 conference
Nickname: Titans
Home: Titan Gym, Fullerton, Calif.
Coach: Deborah Ayres (first year at CSF)
Starters returning: None
Starters lost: Claudette Jackson, forward; Joey Ray, guard; Kisa Hughes, center; Cheryl Hightower, forward and Lianne Ishizawa, point guard.
vs. UNLV (1991-92): Jan. 10, 1992—UNLV 74-49 (A); UNLV 69-57 (H)
Schedule vs. UNLV (1992-93): (H) Jan. 9 (A) Feb. 6
Coach Ayres' outlook: "We have a whole new look this year."

9. Nevada
Record in 1992: 8-18 overall/5-11 in the Big Sky
Nickname: Wolf Pack
Home: Women's Gym, Reno, Nev.
Coach: Tommy Gates (13-40, two years)
Starters returning: Ann Barry, forward
Starters lost: Virginia Green, guard; Nicole Smith, guard; Karin Davidson, forward and Michon Echave, guard.
vs. UNLV (1991-92): did not play in 1991-92
Schedule vs. UNLV (1992-93): (A) Jan. 16 (H) Feb. 11
Coach Gates on competing in the Big West: "It is a quality conference with great tradition and fine coaches."

10. San Jose State
Record in 1992: 2-25 overall/1-17 conference
Nickname: Spartans
Home: The Event Center, San Jose, Calif.
Coach: Karen Smith (first year)
Starters returning: Hulett Brooks, forward and Sherry Yudt, guard
Starters lost: Pam Pember, forward; Kim Skaggs, forward/guard; Karen Smith, center.
vs. UNLV (1991-92): Jan. 25, 1992—UNLV 95-55 (A); Feb. 20, 1992—UNLV 72-60 (H)
Schedule vs. UNLV (1992-93): (H) Jan. 23 (A) Feb. 18
Coach Smith speaks about Spartans: "I've erased the past and am starting fresh."

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