

Hobbs unites Lady Rebel squad

by Daniel W. Duffy

A large bubble emerged from the mouth of Gwynn Hobbs to battle the pre-game jitters prior to the opening game of the Lady Rebel's season.

With a tenacious look on her face, the returning point guard discussed game strategies with Coach Jim Bolla before the ensuing match-up with the Lady Mocs of Tennessee-Chattanooga as part of the Lady Rebel Classic.

As it turns out, little discussion was needed. Hobbs sank a three-pointer to start the Rebel attack and never looked back. She dominated the offensive game for the Lady Rebels scoring a career-high 18 points including four three-pointers.

Hobbs, the spark plug for the team, finished the weekend with a total of 26 points with four assists as the Lady Rebels won the tournament after storming to a victory over the University of Alabama at Birmingham Lady Blazers in the championship game.

"It felt good to go 2-0 with our first two games. It gives us the motivation to keep the record going," Hobbs said. "There's still 25 games to go, though. We're still getting used to playing with each other and looking out for each other."

A sophomore business major in her second season at UNLV, Hobbs started every

game last year. She averaged 10 points per game and led the team in three-pointers.

With Rollie Massimino's slower style of play, Hobbs and the Lady Rebels seem poised to take over the title "Runnin'" from the men.

"We're going to be a running team, because Vivian (Johnson) can run the court and so can Tracy (Titus), with us three (Cherie Hogg, Trudie Hoppood and Hobbs) up at top," Hobbs said.

Mary Ruth Carleton, who handles the color commentary for the Lady Rebels on KENO radio said "the Lady Rebels are going to have to run and gun because they don't have the height. It's not like last year with the taller players, they're going to build the team on speed" of which Hobbs plays an integral part.

Hobbs may be small at 5 foot 6, but her presence is felt on and off the court. As a previous student ambassador for the Navajo Nation, she was featured recently on a United National Indian Tribal Youth organization "Healthy Lifestyles" poster. Fifteen thousand of the posters have been distributed across the country to tribal offices and native youth organizations.

"With the poster going out all across the nation, it gives the Native American the motivation to be somebody if I can do it,"

Hobbs said. She said people of different nationalities can come together and work together as a cohesive unit and she cites this year's Lady Rebel squad as an example.

"If we work together, we can accomplish a lot of things, just like on the basketball court," Hobbs said. "Our team has a lot of international players: I am an Indian, there's the Australians, there's black people, there's whites, Iris (Dinerman) is from Israel."

While playing the point, Hobbs expects to see action at various positions this year during plays.

"Last year, Gwynn was our only guard," Bolla said following the Lady Rebel Classic. He said with the addition of guard Hogg, Hobbs can play multiple positions including shooting guard. "Gwynn can really shoot it," Bolla said.

"Gwynn is probably the best shooter on the team" Carleton said, "And she's going to have more opportunities to score this year."

Hobbs has already shown signs of becoming a bona fide star of women's basketball.

"I already see her (Hobbs) not making the freshman mistakes that we saw last year, I already see a maturity there," Carleton said. "By the end of the season, she's not going to have



Gwynn Hobbs, who posed for the United National Indian Tribal Youth organization (UNITY) poster earlier this year, scored a career-high 18 points in the season opener against Tennessee-Chattanooga.

to play every minute like she did last year. She'll probably have a really good year. In the future, I know they're touting her as All American."

Even though graduation is

a few years down the line, Hobbs is hoping to continue playing basketball in the future. "I was thinking of going overseas to play if I can. If not, I'll settle down and find a job," she said.

Post-season football comes to Las Vegas

by Nick Haley

Already a popular holiday destination, the city of Las Vegas will now offer midwesterners another reason to come West in December—the Las Vegas Bowl. The new tradition begins Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. when Big West Conference Champion Nevada tackles Mid-American Conference Champion Bowling Green in UNLV's own Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

It replaces the old California Raisin Bowl which was canceled after Fresno State went to the Western Athletic Conference this fall. Bringing the MAC and Big West together for 11 years, the California Bowl served as a sort of Rose Bowl, Jr., bringing the Midwest and West together. Bowling Green won the final matchup 28-21 over Fresno State.

Billed as "the season's first bowl game," the Las Vegas Bowl will be packaged as a long weekend of events, running through



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Dec. 17-20 with a luncheon, parade and entertainment slated before and after the game. Promoters hope the event will generate additional revenue as visitors make an extended stay in the city through the weekend.

For the inaugural competitors, however, it will be all business.

Bowling Green comes to the Las Vegas as the unofficial defending champs, having won the annual MAC-Big West bowl game last season. Bowling Green head coach Gary Blackney, in only his second year at that position,

brings his squad in with a 8-0 conference record, 9-2 overall. Under his leadership, they have not lost to a conference opponent. Their only losses were to Wisconsin and Ohio State, both members of the always-tough Big Ten Conference.

Led by quarterback Erik White, the Falcons averaged 26.3 points and 365.9 yards per game. A balanced attack, they scored 18 touchdowns on rushing and 18 on passing. White's 224.3 yards per game is the best in the conference and 22nd best in the nation.

Of Nevada head coach Chris Ault, Blackney said, "Chris Ault's reputation is the finest at the Division I-AA level. In a period of less than one season, making them a champion at the (Division) I-A level is a tremendous feat."

For Nevada, even attending the event is an accomplishment. Having moved up from Division I-AA beginning this season, Nevada won the conference title with a 5-1 conference record, 6-4 overall, but failed to win six games over Division I-A opponents as is required by National Collegiate Athletic Association rules. Shortly before the teams were

announced for the game, however, the NCAA granted Nevada a waiver, allowing them to compete.

"We won the right games," said Ault, of his Nevada Wolfpack. "Whether it's two games or six games, what have you, if you are the conference champion you should go (to post-season)."

Ault expects his team will receive a strong following at the game. Geography will be on his side as the Wolfpack travels some 2,000 fewer miles. The annual UNR-UNLV game drew over 28,000 fans and local support could be a factor. Recruiting, Ault said, will also benefit as a result of playing in Las Vegas.

"Our No. 1 recruiting area is the State of Nevada—North and South," Ault said.

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