

## Rebels survive Spartan scare

Dexter Boney scores 14 second-half points as UNLV wins 54th in a row at home.

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When men's head basketball coach Rollie Massimino said prior to the beginning of the season that there would be a lot of close games, few thought he included Saturday's game with San Jose State, winners of just two games last season, on that list.

After all, this is a team that has been in the Big West's cellar for the last four years. Furthermore, UNLV came into the contest with a perfect 23-0 record against the Spartans and rarely had any close games.

The Runnin' Rebels squandered a 44-30 halftime lead early in the second half allowing the Spartans back into the game. After trailing 72-70 with 4:30 left, Dexter Boney hit a three-pointer putting the Rebels on top to stay, leading to a 84-77 victory over San Jose State at the Thomas & Mack Center. UNLV, ranked 17th last week, is now 9-1 overall, 4-1 in the Big West Conference.

"We won a close game. I'm very glad we preserved the win," Massimino said. "Dexter Boney had a tremendous basketball game."

After a quiet first half, Boney scored 14 of his 16 points in the second half, including six at down the stretch as the Rebels recovered from the 2-point deficit. Boney led the team with eight rebounds and four steals.

Massimino cited a team breakdown as the reason why the Spartans were able to get back in the game.

"We got somewhat out of sync," he said. "When you get out of sync, things like that happen."

Both teams were also getting out of the game. Literally.

Ken Gibson, who hit all three of his three-point attempts—and hasn't missed one in two games—fouled out midway through the second half.

The Spartans lost two players, Jason Allen and Daryl Scott in the last six minutes and nearly lost two more.



PHOTO BY WRAY HALTERMAN

Dexter Boney scores two of his 16 points in the Rebels' 84-77 win over San Jose State Saturday at the T&M.

In addition, J.R. Rider, who led the Rebels with 31 points, played much of the second half with four fouls, including a technical for spinning the ball on the floor after a play. It was Rider's second straight outing with over 30 points. An injury kept him out of the starting line-up, but Rider came off the bench for 18 first-half points. When the game tightened up it was Rider that Massimino looked toward to pull the Rebels out.

"Down the stretch we wanted to have Evric Gray and J.R. Rider get the ball," Massimino said.

Gray, who had seven points and five rebounds, did get the ball down the stretch, sinking two free throws with four seconds left but the game was already in hand.

The victory was No. 400 for Massimino, who credited the excellence of assistants and players for his coaching success.

"It's a very, very special night," Massimino said. "I've been involved with so many assistant coaches and great players over the years."

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## Lady Rebels sack Wolf Pack, 99-66

Point guard Gwynn Hobbs ties school record with six three-pointers.

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For Gwynn Hobbs, starting point guard of the UNLV women's basketball team, less has been more. Hobbs, who averaged 10 points and almost five assists in 37 minutes a game last season, has had significantly less playing time this year owing to the arrival of teammates Cherie Hogg and Trudie Hopgood. But according to Hobbs, sharing the backcourt has only helped her.

Case in point: Hobbs scored 21 points in 30 minutes of action Saturday night as UNLV crushed in-state rival Nevada, 99-66. Hobbs made 6-of-9 from three-point range, tying the school record for three-point field goals made. Hobbs also had four rebounds and five assists, both higher than her averages last year. Less playing time, thus far, has translated into better numbers for Hobbs.

"It feels good," Hobbs said. "They (Hogg and Hopgood) come in and take my place when I'm tired."

But not always. With solid guards in Hobbs, Hogg and Hopgood, head coach Jim Bolla opted Saturday night to start all three. The result was a team that had numerous outside shot opportunities against the Wolf Pack.

"We have four players that are very good three-point threats," Bolla said. "If we move the ball three or four passes against the zone, we'll get open for the three and we'll take it."

And with the Lady Rebels shooting over 50 percent from the perimeter, who can blame

them? The Lady Rebels hit over 53 percent from three-point range—almost 6 percent better than two-point range.

According to Hobbs, it was the Wolf Pack that decided where UNLV would shoot. When UNR closed in to protect the inside, it took pressure off the perimeter.

"They left us open outside," Hobbs said. "That's what we wanted them to do."

But despite the added pressure inside, forwards Teresa Jackson and Vivian Johnson, had little difficulty in the key. Jackson scored 19 points; Johnson had the game's only double-double, 11 points and 11 rebounds.

An open perimeter benefitted Hopgood as well, who scored 18 points despite passing off numerous shot opportunities.

"(Hopgood) missed her first couple shots and talked herself out of taking shots," Bolla said.

Hopgood led both teams in assists and steals with eight and three respectively. She also provided a number of loose-ball saves, often dodging through heavy opposition. Bolla commended Hopgood's court awareness.

"If there's a loose ball and two people are there for it, she's not one to say 'the other player's got it,'" Bolla said. "She'll make a run for it."

With the win, UNLV improved to 4-0 in the Big West, 10-1 overall. With a string of blowouts, the Lady Rebels are now inching toward The Associated Press Top 25.

"We had to beat this team (Nevada) by 20 in order to be ranked," Hobbs said. "I think we should be, but it doesn't really matter as long as we NCAA's (Tournament). That's all that matters."

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