

# Lady Rebels host 49'ers on ESPN

Big West foe Long Beach State next opponent

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Unlike their male counterparts, the Lady Rebels (12-1 overall, 5-0 in the Big West) have not beaten their next opponent, Long Beach State, since an 80-75 decision in the 1990-91 season.

Before a national, television audience on ESPN, the Lady Rebels will strive for conference dominance when they host the 49ers at 9 p.m. Wednesday in the South Gym.

Long Beach State has beaten UNLV 20 out of the 25 games the teams have played since the Lady Rebels' 1974-75 inaugural season.

This season, the rains of southern California have more than dampened the spirits of the 49ers (4-10 overall, 3-4 in the Big West) who have started off



**LADY REBEL BASKETBALL**  
WHEN: WED., JAN. 27, 9 p.m.  
WHERE: SOUTH GYM, UNLV  
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slowly.

Long Beach State lost four starters to graduation at the start of this year's campaign: 5-foot-6, point guard Trise Jackson; 6-foot-2 forward Kari Parriott; 6-foot-4 center Bolivia Gaytan; and 6-foot forward Kellie Bennett.

Jackson was the high scorer in both of the games against the Rebels last season with 30 and 18 points, respectively.

In order to compensate for the losses of last year's starters, the tall, dominating style will be re-

placed with a quick, uptempo offense.

Marsheela Harriston, the lone, returning starter from last year's, 21-10 team, will lead the 49ers this season. The 5-foot-10 forward from Wasco, Calif., started 20 games with an average of 8.3 points and 4.8 rebounds per game last season.

"I'm expecting a lot from her as far as leadership," said second-year head coach Glenn McDonald about the 49ers All-America candidate.

Said McDonald: "Marsheela has shown in practice that she is ready to be the kind of leader that I am expecting."

Harriston averages 11.8 points and 8.3 rebounds this season.

Joining Harriston is junior college transfer Neisha Williams. The 5-foot-6 guard posted a career-high 29 points against Nevada this season.

Williams leads the team in scoring with a 14.3 average.

## Georgetown

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UNLV scored its final points of the day with three minutes left in regulation courtesy of a Reggie Manuel trey and the Rebels led by 29, 96-69. With 2:26 left in the game, Massimino elected to remove his five starters and put in all substitutes. The Hoyas shut the Rebels out the remainder of the contest while pulling to within 16 points.

"The exposure is great," said Gray, the lone Rebel remaining from the 1991 Final Four squad. "It feels pretty good to be back in the spotlight."

"I think this game was for respect," Gray said of the Georgetown victory. "This win gives us respect around the country. This year, it's us against the world because we're so little. I can't wait to get to the tourney and surprise some people."

"It seems like UNLV is back," said Rider regarding the Rebels' role as a national power. "We're not Larry (Johnson), we're not Stacey (Augmon), or Greg (Anthony). But we're exciting."

Boney followed Rider's 40 with a 21-point effort while Gray con-

tributed 13 points and three rebounds. Gray also had a good day on the defensive side of the ball, limiting Hoya freshman phenom Harrington to 20 points.

The Rebels shot 56 percent from the field compared to Georgetown's 48 percent. UNLV converted 12 of 16 free throws while the Hoyas were 19-30 from the charity stripe. The Rebels also knocked down six trey attempts while Georgetown had five.

The No. 15-ranked Rebels, 11-

1 overall, 4-1 in Big West action, hit the road for a three-game road trip and face upstate rival Nevada Thursday in a conference clash. The Rebels return home Feb. 6 against UC Santa Barbara.

### BIG WEST CONFERENCE

	Conference		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
New Mexico State	5	1	13	4
UNLV	4	1	11	1
Long Beach State	6	2	14	2
CS Fullerton	4	3	9	5
Utah State	3	3	6	8
Pacific	3	4	7	8
UC Santa Barbara	2	4	9	5
Nevada	2	5	7	7
San Jose State	1	4	4	9
UC Irvine	0	5	2	10

Saturday, Jan. 23

No. 15 UNLV 96, No. 18 Georgetown 80  
VCU 95, No. 25 Long Beach State 61  
New Mexico State 85, UC Irvine 81 (OT)  
CS Fullerton 72, UC Santa Barbara 68 (OT)  
San Jose State 73, Nevada 70  
Pacific 86, Utah State 79

## Rebel Rumble

**Lady Rebels sink Pacific, shut down San Jose State**  
UNLV swept two conference games in northern California as the Lady Rebels defeated Pacific Friday night 67-54 and San Jose State Saturday night 84-69.

Against the Tigers, senior forward Teresa Jackson led the Lady Rebs with 22 points and five assists. Junior forward Vivian Johnson earned a double-double with a 14-point, 11-rebound performance.

Guard Gwynn Hobbs added 12 tallies, but sank only one of her seven three-point attempts.

At San Jose, Gwynn Hobbs scored 26 and Teresa Jackson tallied 11 rebounds in the Lady Rebels 18th consecutive victory over the Spartans.

### Tennis team trampled in Westwood

UNLV men's tennis lost 9-0 to the racquets of fifth-ranked UCLA in Los Angeles. It was the Rebel's first dual meet of 1993.

Former Las Vegas prepster Matt Rivera lost 7-6, 6-2 to Sebastien LeBlanc in the No. 1 singles match.

### UNLV senior wins Saturn Shootout

For the second straight year, Doug Van Sickle has won the use of a Saturn automobile for a year a la the Saturn Shootout. With a sell-out crowd of 18,723 Thomas & Mack fans cheering him on, Van Sickle hit a layup, free throw, three-

pointer and a half-court shot. Van Sickle needed only two chances to hit the improbable, long distance basket that gave him a repeat of his victory last year in this contest.

Van Sickle, 22, is a UNLV senior.

### Rebel baseball, softball open seasons next month

Feb. 5 marks the beginning of the 1993 season for UNLV men's baseball and women's softball.

The Hustlin' Rebels, with 20-year head coach Fred Dallimore, will play a three-game series Feb. 5-7 at Roger Barnson Memorial Field against Lewis-Clark State. Dallimore will attempt to keep alive his 17-year streak of 30-victory seasons.

1993 will be the last year Rebel baseball fans spend on the grassy knoll of Barnson Field. At the completion of this season, construction will begin for the 3,000-seat Earl E. Wilson Stadium. The facility is expected to be open in time for the 1994 season.

The Lady Rebels will begin their exhibition season on the same date, playing three games against five-time defending junior college national champions Central Arizona College on Feb. 5 and 6.

Regular season play will begin Feb. 13 for the Lady Rebels, when they play host to UC-Santa Barbara in a Big West Conference matchup.

—Nick Haley

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## Rollie

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Nova then put out the feeling that perhaps the round-robin format be cut in half. As a result of this situation and may be fueled by a tad of jealousy, Philly loyalists howled the displeasure and aimed it all at Coach Mass, though he says it was an admin-

istrative decision.

Hey, hey, hey, goodbye.

So when it was announced on April 1 of last year that Mass was coming west, the sports world thought it was the mother of all April Fools' jokes, being that he was never really considered a candidate for the job. Another beautiful day in the desert indeed.



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