

Lady Rebels tally two wins over the weekend

Jackson leads the way past UC Irvine 100-71

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In the same week she was named *Sports Illustrated* Player of the Week, Teresa Jackson demonstrated how she earned the award.

In the South Gym, Jackson scored a career-high 33 points and added seven rebounds as the Lady Rebels topped UC Irvine 100-71 Thursday night. It was a battle between the Big West Conference's first and last place women's basketball teams.

"The little, short jump shot was going for me," Jackson said.

And so was everything else. Shooting 13 of 17 from the field and 7 of 8 from the free-throw line, Jackson—who ranks 19th nationwide in scoring—began yet another bid for Big West Player of the Week. The award has eluded her all year despite her national achievements.

"We've been pushing Teresa to win Big West Player of the Year," women's basketball coach Jim Bolla said, "and she hasn't even won Big West Player of the Week."

But with herself and her teammates riding a 13-game winning streak dating back to a Dec. 11 loss at Tulane, Jackson is finding it easy to forget about solo gains and focus on team goals.

"It's nothing that I really dwell on," she said.

If anyone, it's probably the rest of the conference dwelling on Jackson's rampage. She is the leading scorer on a team that has blown out all but one opponent and has no serious takers until a double-header showdown at Hawaii to end the regular season.

Until then, the Lady Rebels face a string of weaker opponents, like UCI, and need only to stay focused—or face breakdowns like they did in the first half against the Anteaters last week. Frequent baseball passes led to several early turnovers by



Teresa Jackson scored a career-high 33 points in UNLV's 100-71 rout of UC Irvine.

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the Lady Rebels.

"We were trying too hard early in the game," Bolla said. "Instead of making the simple pass we were trying to make the spectacular. We were trying to be too fancy."

Thanks in part to a 23-12 first-half rebounding margin and 60 percent shooting from the field, it took UNLV less than 20 minutes to lead by 20 points, going to the half with a 54-32 advantage.

Keeping the first team in most of the second half, the Lady Rebels found themselves up by 42 points before Bolla began retiring his starters. Gwynn Hobbs withdrew with 15 points and five

assists. Vivian Johnson sat down with nine points and eight rebounds while Tonia Carter, who has seen increased playing time, added six points, all from the field.

The Australian guards, Cherie Hogg and Trudie Hopgood, scored 15 and 14 respectively, and combined for 14 rebounds and 12 assists. Center Iris Dinerman got the triple-three—rebounds, points and assists.

"We play with seven people and we need to get those seven some quality (playing) time," Bolla said.

With the game well in hand and 6:42 on the clock, Bolla sent in his second unit with one goal remaining—to reach triple figures for the first time all year. It took over five minutes for the Lady Rebels to reach the goal—barely. With 1:05 left, Mary Guinan's free throws gave UNLV its first 100-point game since the end of the 1990-91 regular season when the Lady Rebels knocked off Pacific 102-76.

UNLV approached the halfway point in its Big West schedule with a perfect conference record (15-1 overall, 9-0 Big West).

Titans crushed, 86-48; "Bolla's Brigade" continues winning streak at 14.

BY TONY LLANOS
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The Lady Rebel scoring machine butchered yet another Big West Conference sacrificial lamb at home this season.

The victim? Cal-State Fullerton (4-13 overall, 2-9 in the Big West), which had no idea what had hit them last Saturday at the Thomas & Mack Center.

UNLV (16-1, 10-0) continued its conference dominance with an 86-48 victory over the reeling Titans to close out an undefeated, four-game home-stand and to extend their winning streak to 14 games.

The Lady Rebels have accumulated an impressive, 25-4 winning record against Fullerton. The victory was UNLV head coach Jim Bolla's 254th career win.

After UNLV guard Gwynn Hobbs and forward Teresa Jackson scored the game's first four points in opening minutes, the Titans mounted a minor comeback sparked by the offense of Fullerton forward Danielle Bryce.

In that first-half stretch, Bryce drilled a couple of easy lay-ups and a long jump-shot, the Titans had a seemingly convincing, 16-7 run. The Titan scoring spread was aided by two technical foul shots by Titan guard Allison Jackson courtesy of the UNLV bench.

After Rebel guard Trudie Hopgood nailed an easy jump-

er and three-point extraordinary Gwynn Hobbs drilled a long one from the outside, the Rebels stormed back with a 20-5 scoring frenzy to end the first period with a 42-29 lead.

But the Rebels could have scored more if they were able to pull down several rebounds in the first half. Fullerton pulled down 24 rebounds against the Rebels' 13

"We were really getting out-rebounded in the first half," said coach Bolla. "In the second half, we told ourselves to rebound the ball and get it into some outlets and it led to some lay-ups."

With a decisive 18-4 run sparked by a stunning lay-up by Teresa Jackson to start the second half, it was the Lady Rebels' defensive effort which pleased the Rebel Coach.

Said the Rebel head coach: "We also took advantage of those (Fullerton) turnovers."

The woeful Titans gave away 31 turnovers and shot 29.5 percent from the field in the entire game. UNLV, on the other hand, made 32 out of 64 field goal attempts including seven three-point baskets from Cherie Hogg and Gwynn Hobbs.

Hobbs led the Rebels in scoring with 24 points while Teresa Jackson added 22 with 12 rebounds. Trudie Hopgood added 17 points and eight assists and Hogg tallied 17 in the UNLV victory.

The Titans' Allison Jackson and Danielle Bryce each had 10 points to lead their team.

The Lady Rebels travel to Nevada Thursday with an evening match-up against the Wolf Pack.

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Rebels appealed third base, contesting that the Lewis-Clark baserunner never touched third base. UNLV won the appeal and the score remained tied at 5-5. The Warrior head coach re-emerged to argue the call which automatically draws a forfeit.

As the beleaguered, Lewis-Clark coach prepared to leave Barnson Field, Cheff then jawed at UNLV head coach Fred Dalli-

more. A brief melee ensued, and both benches emptied. However, no punches were thrown in the brief, ten-minute stand-off.

During the exchange of lineup cards on Sunday, Cheff was ejected again. The Warriors responded with nine runs in the top of the seventh inning to defeat the Rebels, 11-9.

On Friday, the Hustlin' Rebels host the New Mexico Lobos at Roger Barnson Field. Game time is 3 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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