

dropped two spots down to No. 12 in Monday's AP poll. This is not bad considering that UNLV lost to Pacific, a school that is not recognized for their strength in basketball.

This year, however, the Rebels have played a strong schedule. They beat 15thranked Marquette (17-3) and then knocked off 17thranked Georgetown (12-6). UNLV completes its nonconference schedule against No. 25 Louisville (13-5). And that doesn't include New Mexico State (17-4) and Long Beach State (14-5), which both defeated national powerhouses. Earlier this season, the

In college basketball, teams have role players and that's a fact. Gibson is one and I'd bet my last letter that every coach in the country would like to have a player similar to Gibson available off the bench. However, don't ever let him

start! Let's face it, he plays 21 minutes a game, runs off and on the bench like a seesaw, and shoots the ball from the outside. To shoot the ball from 19 feet, 6 inches with consistency is no easy task.

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BIG WEST CONFERENCE

Conference Overall UNLV 10 16 Hawaii 14 20 UC Santa Barbara 10 New Mexico State 12 Pacific 12 Long Beach State 12 San Jose State 14 CS Fullerton 13 Nevada 10 15 **UC** Irvine

Thursday, Feb. 11 No. 19 UNLV at Nevada, 7 p.m. UC Irvine at CS Fullerton UC Santa Barbara at San Jose State Long Beach State at Pacific



Saturday, Feb. 13 New Mexico State at No. 19 UNLV*, 7:30 p.m. Long Beach State at San Jose State UC Irvine at Nevada UC Santa Barbara at Pacific CS Northridge at CS Fullerton