

Women defeat Aggies, men take second in tourney

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The UNLV men's tennis team lost to San Diego State University, 4-3, Sunday to finish second in the 13th-annual Nevada Bob's Invitational.

The Rebels, 4-6 on the season, reached the finals of the three-day tournament with a win over Weber State in



straight sets, 3-0, and a victory over the University of Utah, 4-3.

The final lasted nearly five hours as the Rebels and Aztecs slugged it out on a cold, frigid night. SDSU's Micheal Sass defeated Pat Boies 2-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 in the deciding match. Boies dominated the first set, but after losing the second set tiebreaker, 7-5, his confidence seemed to wilt.

"He (Sass) was so good in the last set," Boies said. "He didn't miss any shots. I served some big serves and they came back. When a guy plays that good there's not much more you can do."

The Rebels host Idaho State, March 13 at the Fertitta Tennis Pavilion.

Meanwhile, the Lady Rebel tennis team defeated the Texas A&M Aggies 6-3 Saturday to even up their season record at 3-3.

"We were underdogs going into that

match," said coach Ola Malmqvist. "It was a great win for us."

In the tightest match of the day, Rebel frosh Ljiljana Kordic battled for three sets in the wind and rain to beat Marga Valera 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

"It was tough," she said, "because it was so windy, and it was hailing and raining."

Next, the Lady Rebels host Washington State Saturday on the Fertitta courts at 12 p.m.

Conference title is on the line

Rebel swimmers head to California for tournament

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The men's and women's swimming and diving teams finish their conference season this weekend when they compete in the Big West Conference Championships.

The women are the defending conference champions but might have a hard time against UC Santa Barbara and Nevada. The

women have to compensate for their lack in numbers.

"The Lady Rebels have a chance to win every individual event and not win the meet, due to the size of the team," Assistant Coach Vaune Kadlubek said.

The men hope to finally dominate the conference and finish ahead of UC Santa Barbara and UC Irvine.

"This is our best chance to win. We need to get behind each other and go for it," said team captain Colin Direks.

According to coach Jim Reitz,

the excitement level of the team is the highest it has been in years.

"I'm optimistic that the team will do well," Reitz said. "We've put in the work and have had some good swims already this season."

Not only does this meet determine the Big West Champions, but this is the last chance for the swimmers to qualify for the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

The meet starts today and continues on Friday and Saturday at Belmont Olympic Pool in

Rebel Rumble

Hustlin' Rebs to host 14th Annual Coors Desert Classic

The Hustlin' Rebel baseball team will play host to the 14th Annual Coors Desert Classic at Barnson Field today through Sunday.

Eastern Michigan, Utah, and Wyoming join the Hustlin' Rebs in the four-team tourney.

UNLV plays Wyoming today at 1:30 p.m. before taking the diamond at 5 p.m. against Utah. The Rebels face Eastern Michigan Friday at 5 p.m.

Games Saturday will feature the second best record against the third best record at 11 a.m. before the squad with the best mark faces the No. 4 seed at 2:30 p.m. The consolation game is set for 11 a.m. Sunday before the championship matchup at 2:30 p.m.

Northwestern won the tournament last year.

UNLV Judokas Place in Tourneys

Members of the UNLV Judo team competed in competitions recently with several bringing home hardware, said coach Bob Cornely.

The martial artists competed Sunday in the San Diego Judo Classic. Carlos Fletes placed second in the brown belt 209 lb. and over weight class. Ramon Ocegüera took third in the white belt heavy-weight division and George Rodriguez came home in fourth place in the brown belt middle weight division.

Just the day before, beginning judokas competed in a

developmental tourney in town, said Cornely. The UNLV squad swept the heavyweight division as Ocegüera took first, Jason Irwin second, Terry Stoltz third and Ron Barnhill fourth.

Fletes and Rodriguez also placed fourth in the San Fernando Judo Tournament the week before.

Members of the UNLV Judo Club are enrolled in the judo self defense program offered by the university and are a part of the traveling club on their own time, said Cornely.

The UNLV Judokas hope to compete in the Collegiate Nationals which is held in San Francisco Mar. 19, said Cornely.

Women's basketball on the road (and air) again

The 19th-ranked Lady Rebels (20-2 overall, 13-1 in the Big West) will end the regular season with four road games. UNLV will travel to Long Beach State on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m. The Lady Rebels then will travel to UC Santa Barbara Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Next, UNLV will fly to the Aloha State to battle No. 20 Hawaii on Friday at 7 p.m. (HST) and March 7 at 5 p.m. (HST).

The Lady Rebels annihilated Long Beach State this season 94-67 on Jan. 27 and UC Santa Barbara 89-51 on Jan. 30 at the Bolla Bowl.

UNLV will play the Rainbow Wahines for the first time this season. The Lady Rebels swept Hawaii last season at home.

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The last minute became a free throw shooting contest before Rider's last ditch shot at tying the game.

Gaucha Idris Jones led all scorers with 25 points.

Gray contributed 22 points and six rebounds in 26 minutes while Dedan Thomas scored 15 and dished off eight assists. Dexter Boney scored 10, Lawrence Thomas nine, and Manuel three.

The Rebels outshot UCSB from the field, 53.7 percent to 43.1, yet only converted 69.6 percent of their free throw attempts (16-23) while the Gauchos were at 85.2 percent (23-27) from the charity-toss stripe.

UNLV hosts Nevada tonight before closing out the home schedule with a contest against Utah State Saturday night. The Rebels close out the regular season with three road games against New Mexico State (Monday), UC Irvine (March 4) and CS Fullerton (March 6).

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Long Beach State	9	6	17	7
UC Santa Barbara	7	8	14	9
Utah State	7	8	10	13
San Jose State	3	10	6	15
UC Irvine	3	10	5	16
Nevada	3	12	8	15

Thursday, Feb. 25

Nevada at No. 13 UNLV, 8:05 p.m.

UC Irvine at San Jose State

CS Fullerton at Pacific

Utah State at New Mexico State

Saturday, Feb. 27

Utah State at No. 13 UNLV, 8:05 p.m.

CS Fullerton at San Jose State

UC Irvine at Pacific

Nevada at New Mexico State