

Preview on the Runnin' Rebels last game; Jerry Tarkanian's finale?

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Runnin' Rebels go for 22 in a row Saturday at Fresno State

The seventh-ranked Rebels will make their final road trip of the season tonight as they travel to Fresno, Calif., to take on the Bulldogs at 7:30 p.m.

The Big West Conference champion Rebels boast a 24-2 record that even Jerry Tarkanian could not in his "wildest dreams" think of having at this point in the season. After the Rebels' victory Saturday over New Mexico State, Tarkanian said the win, from a psychological standpoint, was perfect for the team.

"I'm happy with 19 wins, I had no idea they would play like they did. This team has been absolutely amazing,"

Tarkanian said.

This week the Rebels broke into the top 10 for the first time this season. The Rebels and ranked seventh; they received three first-place votes.

"No. 7 is good to see. The top 10 is a good feeling. I'm shocked three people voted us No. 1," Tarkanian said.

The Rebels are led by J. R. Rider who is averaging 20.8 points per game. Rider has led the Rebels in scoring 17 out of 26 games this season. The Rebels are being led on defense by the play of guard Dedan Thomas.

"It's tough but we pulled it off. We've surprised a lot of peo-

ple," Thomas said about the team's play and conference title.

The Bulldogs are 6-5 in the conference and 15-12 overall, led by guard Wilbert Hooker who averaged 15.6 points per game this season.

The last time the two teams met, the Rebels were 58-50 winners with Dexter Boney leading the way for the Rebels with 16 points.

The Rebels will close out the season by hosting Utah State at the Thomas & Mack Center Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

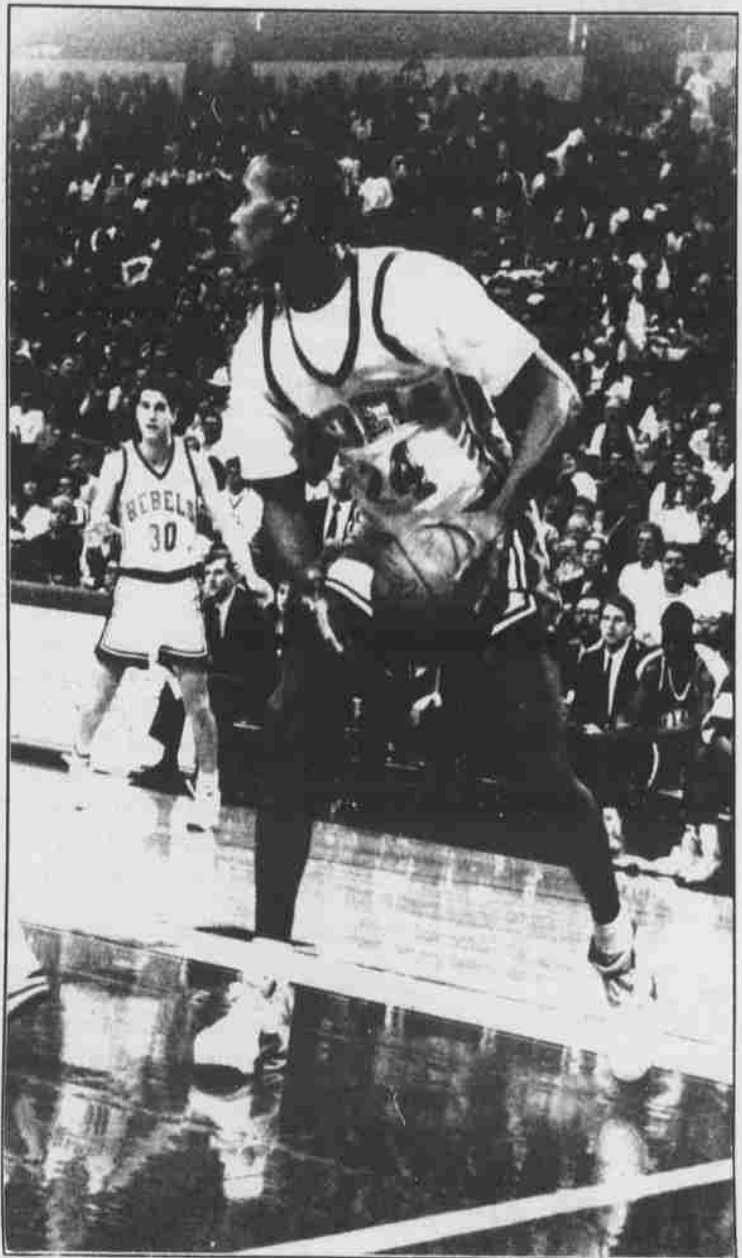


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Dexter Boney and the Runnin' Rebels face Fresno State Saturday.

Hustlin' Rebels split doubleheader

Utes give Rebs first home loss

by Nick Haley

Hustlin' Rebel baseball finished a three game series against the University of Utah

Utes with a split of Monday's doubleheader at Roger Barnson Memorial Field. The opener went to Rebel pitcher Kirk Kline (1-0). Aaron Turnier (1-1) took the loss for the Rebels in the nightcap. The loss was UNLV's first at home this year

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photo by Wray Halterman

The UNLV baseball team will host the Coors Desert Classic today through Sunday at Barnson Field on the UNLV campus. This year's field includes Northwestern, Oregon State and Southern Utah.

Softball holds spring fling

The Lady Rebels will tune up for the Spring Fling by hosting the Toledo Rockets today at the Lady Rebel field at 2:00 p.m.

The UNLV softball team will host its annual UNLV Spring Fling Softball Classic Friday through Sunday at Cheyenne Park in North Las Vegas.

The classic will consist of 11 teams. UNLV, Oregon, Southern Utah and Southwestern Louisiana will be in pool 1. Cal State Fullerton, Oregon State, Toledo and Utah will make up pool 2. Pool 3 will consist of Cal-Poly Pomona, Cal State Northridge and Utah State.

National champion UCLA has won the event three times. They have won the last two years, tying with Cal State Northridge last year.

Keep students, ban boosters

by Richard Munson

COMMENTARY

Enough is enough when it comes to these boosters. They are the only ones spewing off at the mouth and escalating the Tark-Maxson debate.

Students should be wearing shirts that say, "KEEP STUDENTS" and "BAN BOOSTERS."

Granted, it's not the issue of the century or even as important as the Board of Regents voting on the budget cuts today (in case you didn't know) but someone needs to come forward with a student point of view and tell these boosters to stop their stupid antics.

At the "Fight for Tark" press conference there was only one student in attendance. The crowd was full of the eccentric over-gold, Gucci shoe-wearin', silk-shirted, Mercedes-drivin' boosters who would rather desecrate the university with childish T-shirts so they can keep their "Gucci row" and

plaza seats and say to hell with what the students want.

These so-called boosters, misguided by money, are passing out lists of names and numbers of the Board of Regents members so they can have people call and voice their opinion in favor of Tarkanian. I can only imagine what they could be saying after spending some time with them—act your age and not how many rings you have on your fingers.

Without these boosters who keep antagonizing the situation, the university could go on and make it on the "real" U.S. and News World Report list of colleges who have made it, instead of making it on the "wanna be" up and coming list. These boosters have overlooked the students for their own fortune and glory.

The continued arguing will only make the public think less of the university. It hurts the students by lowering the value of their degrees as the general public gets a worse and worse impression of the university.

Even this group that came from California didn't come to campus. They went to a lounge. A majority of the students on campus are under 21 and couldn't get into the lounge even if they had a fake I.D. made by the students in Dorm C.

I say let the boosters cry all they want and if they keep crying maybe they can get a car at a cut-rate deal on a car from a local car dealership or a strawberry shake at Jack in the Box.

Look at reality. Tarkanian is only a man, and he, or now the courts, will decide if he can stay. This is a campus of students, not boosters. Let the students be the ones who cheer "KEEP TARK" while the boosters call each other on their cellular phones.