

Lady Rebel rally falls short

by Tony Llanos

The Lady Rebels (15-8 overall, 13-4 in the Big West) could not cash in on several Long Beach State turnovers and could not convert on key free throws down the stretch as the 49'ers (17-8 overall, 11-5 in conference) defeated UNLV 80-77 in a nail-biter at the South Gym Saturday night.

The defeat snapped the Lady Rebels' five game winning streak and hampered their slim hopes to another Big West Conference title. UNLV dropped to second place in the conference, only percentage points behind the streaking Gauchos of UC Santa Barbara.

UNLV center Merlelynn Lange dazzled a capacity crowd of 1500 at the South Gym or the "Bolla Bowl," with her inside shooting in the first half as she connected on several turn-around jumpers and easy layups. Lange ended the first half with 17 points. However, her offense in the second half

was virtually non-existent as the 49'er defense limited the 6-5 UNLV center to only five points with 22 overall.

Somehow this inconceivable trend happened similarly to UNLV's Teresa Jackson. The Lady Rebel forward made only one out of seven field goal attempts to finish a horrific first half. But Jackson fought through adversity as she cross-eyed the 49'er defense and scored 18 points in the second half and 20 overall.

However, UNLV Coach Jim Bolla was not amused about his team's hide-and-seek offense after the contest.

"We can't continue to have people show up for half a game," said the disappointed coach after the loss. Added Coach Bolla, "Teresa Jackson did not show up to play in the first half."

The Lady Rebs, who were down 42-35 at the half, appeared to have struck gold in the middle of the second half. Overcoming a huge 11 point

deficit, Jackson lit up the boards with her brilliant fade-away jumpers and freshman forward Gwynn Hobbs drilled one of her four 3-point baskets of the evening in an impressive 15-4 UNLV run and tied the game at 62-62.

The Lady Rebels took the lead, albeit briefly, with a Jackson lay-up following a LBSU free throw conversion at 64-63 with 6:13 left in the game. But the 49'er offense came away with the shooting of LBSU guard Trise Jackson and dampened any hopes of a Rebel victory.

Forty-niners' coach Glenn McDonald was concerned about the Lady Rebel run in the second half. "Our defense broke down," said the LBSU coach. "Nothing in our defense worked as Teresa Jackson got hot."

But late in the game, the 49'ers pulled together as they converted several free throw attempts as the hard luck Rebels blew several "gimme"



photo by Wray Halterman

Gwynn Hobbs drives against Long Beach State in the Rebels 80-77 loss.

jumpers by forwards Iris Dinerman and Tracy Titus. LBSU guard Jackson and forward Danielle Scott led their team

with 18 points. Jackson nailed two crucial free throws with four seconds left in regulation to secure the 49'er victory.

Rebs win doubleheader over Oregon, Southern Utah

by Ed Bierman

The UNLV Hustlin' Rebel baseball team got off to a winning start in the Coors Desert Classic, Thursday at Roger Barnson Field. The Rebels defeated Oregon State in the opener 9-6, then came back to beat Southern Utah State 17-0 in the second game.

In the first game, T.J. Mathews pitched six plus innings to run his record to 3-2 on the season. Byron Klemaske

then came in and pitched until the ninth inning when he gave way to Aaron Turnier. Turnier struck out all three batters he faced to pick up his third save of the season.

The Rebels started slow and were down early due to a two-run home run by Oregon States' Eric Lovinger. Oregon State added another run to lead 3-0 in the second inning. Then the Rebels took control starting with a two run home run by second baseman John Coats,

his first of the season. The Rebels then tied the game in the third thanks to a sacrifice fly by Nick Kuster.

UNLV then took the lead in the fifth inning as Mike Hubel singled and was quickly brought around to score on a triple by Tory Miran. Kuster then collected his second RBI with another sacrifice fly. Steve White then walked and stole second. White scored on a double by Dan Madsen giving the Rebels the lead for good.

UNLV went on to score two runs in the sixth including John Coats second home run of the game. UNLV ended up with 14 hits with Coats and Miran leading the way. Coats went three for three with two home runs and three RBI's.

"I've been having trouble with the outside pitch," Coats said. "I tried to be patient and wait for a pitch on the inner half of the plate."

Miran also contributed with a four for four performance

with a triple and two RBI's. Nick Kuster also had three RBI's to lead the Rebel attack.

In the second game UNLV played a Southern Utah State team which won only four games last season. The Rebels dominated from start to finish as Tory Miran pitched five innings and gave up one hit in the 17-0 blow out. Nick Kuster led the hitting attack with two doubles and three RBI's. UNLV pounded out 16 hits in all, seven of which were extra base hits.

Stewart throws no-hitter

by Nick Haley

The Lady Rebel softball team played a near-perfect defense and exploded on offense in the fourth and fifth innings to defeat the Lady Rockets of Toledo, 8-0 Thursday at the Lady Rebel Softball Diamond. Freshman pitcher Amie Stewart tossed her first collegiate no-hitter, improving her record to 2-0.

Both teams had difficulty at the plate through the first three-and-a-half innings of play. Infielder Tricia Reimche made the first hit of the game in the bottom of the fourth, ignit-

ing the Lady Rebs to a six-hit, four-run inning.

"The pitcher wasn't as tough as the pitchers we've been facing," said Stewart, who batted two for three, scoring two runs.

The fifth inning would be no better for the Lady Rockets. Lady Rebel infielder, Cyndi Parus, stole home on a wild pitch, extending the lead, 5-0. Two throws later, outfielder Kenda Leffler turned a Toledo error into a three-run, inside the park home run, automatically ending the game.



photo by Wray Halterman

The Lady Rebels defeated Toledo, 8-0, Thursday.

"We've got a lot of potential up at the plate," said Lady Rebel Coach Shan McDonald of the fourth and fifth inning.

The win makes the Lady

Rebels 5-2 on the year. Their next homegame is Wednesday at 1 p.m. when they begin Big West Conference play against Long Beach State.

Tennis teams complete successful weekend

Boies leads upset

by Robert Vinson

Patrice Boies' upset of 5th ranked David Decret sparked the Rebels to a dramatic 5-4 victory over 21st rated UC Santa Barbara Sunday at the

Fertitta tennis complex.

In addition to Boies' victory, other individual winners were #4 Lorin Entzel, #5 David Hostalek, and in doubles, #2 Entzel and Eric Aanes and in the clinching match, Hostalek and Wayne Bowyer.

Head Coach Larry Easley indicated that Boies' win set the tone for the triumphant day, "Pat really got into his

match and by him beating such a highly ranked player, he just gave us a tremendous lift."

"I made my passing shots and stayed on top of him. Overall, it was probably my best collegiate match," Boies said after the match.

The Rebels overcame a bit of adversity in defeating their bitter Big West rival said Eas-

ley. "We had Wayne out with a virus and he wasn't supposed to play, but his replacement got hurt in singles, so we had to take Wayne off of his deathbed and he and Hostalek ended up winning the deciding match."

The Rebels, 1-2 on the season, next play in San Diego March 8-9 against San Diego State and Iowa State.

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Rebels continued to roll with a 5-2 victory. Individual winners were Agassi, Barr, Stuart, and Laudenschlager in singles. Becky Markosian and Rachel Clark provided the clincher in doubles.

Sunday, the final team to get run out of town was San Jose St. as the Lady Rebs administered a thorough thrashing to the Lady Spartans, 9-0. Winners were Markosian, Clark, Agassi, Barr, Stuart, and Laudenschlager in singles and in doubles, Markosian/Clark, Agassi/Laudenschlager, and Barr/Stuart.

The Lady Rebels own a sparkling 10-1 record with their only defeat coming against 3rd ranked UCLA.

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