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Rebel swimmers wade way through a tumultuous season

The men and women's swimming and diving teams ended their season recently at the NCAA Championships.

Both teams had one representative at the NCAA Championships. 1992 Big West Swimmer of the Year Mari Kasvio placed 22nd in the 400-yard individual medley while Colin Direks placed 26th in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Both teams finished their conference season as runners-up behind US Santa Barbara. With nine new men this year,

"After what we dealt with, we learned to keep the world in a little better perspective. There's more to life than swimming."

UNLV Coach Jim Reitz.

the men gave UCSB a great fight. The meet was close until the last night. And although the women's team was small, they also held

their own by challenging the Gauchos the entire weekend.

The Rebels didn't come home with a conference championship, but the weekend in Long Beach proved to be very rewarding.

Jim Reitz was named Men's Coach of the Year and Mary Alice Torgerson was named Women's Co-Swimmer of the Year.

While the awards were going up, the records were coming down.

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Knight builds national powerhouse

Rebels tie for fifth on Texas links

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Imagine if the Runnin' Rebels had lost Evric Gray, Dexter Boney and Dedan Thomas in the middle of last season.

UNLV head golf coach Dwaine Knight knows how it feels to lose three top-notch players. After the 1991-92 season, Knight lost three seniors that played a pivotal role in UNLV's 4th place finish in last year's NCAA Championships.

"It's tough anytime you lose three players of the caliber we did," said Knight, who enters his sixth season as the Rebel's head coach. "We filled one of the three spots when we signed Chris Riley but the other two spots remain open."

The recruitment of Riley was perhaps the biggest one yet for Knight.

"Once we signed Warren (Schutte), the nation began to realize UNLV had elevated to the next level," said Knight of the two-time All-American. "When we signed Riley," the nation's top high school player

last year, "we elevated the program yet another step."

Success is nothing new to Knight. As a student-athlete at the University of New Mexico, Knight played on the 1967 Lobo team that captured the Western Athletic Conference crown. That same year he finished ninth overall in the NCAA individual championships.

Knight spent five years on the PGA tour. He won his first tournament, the Southwest PGA Championships, in his second season. After his tour days had ended, Knight returned to his alma mater where he coached for 10 years before coming to UNLV.

In the six years he has been at UNLV, Knight has taken the golf program from unranked to fourth in the nation in 1992. Knight is quick to give recognition to others involved in the success of Rebel golf.

"The facilities we use here in Las Vegas, as well as community support, have played an important part in our success," Knight said. "We've raised over \$2 million for the UNLV Golf Foundation."

Since Knight's arrival in 1988 the UNLV endowment status has grown from a mere \$290,000 to a



Coach Knight

new high of over \$2 million.

When speaking of this year's squad, Knight seems very satisfied. "We played extremely well during the fall but this spring we've been a little inconsistent," he said.

In last week's Morris Williams Intercollegiate Tournament in Austin, Tex. the inconsistency beast reared its ugly head. After one round the Rebels were close atop the leader board. But the second and third rounds turned out to be fatal as they slipped into a fifth-place tie.

UNLV's top three golfers are as good as any in the country, Knight said. Schutte, honorable

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Junior Edward Fryatt was named honorable mention All-American.

Winners and losers in the arena of sports; a Sap's perspective

BY JAY SAPOVITS

Usually UNLV athletics take center stage in this column but I'll spout off about a variety of subjects in the world of sports.

You will be rewarded with my selection to win the NCAA Tournament, the individual division championships in baseball, politically correct sports and many, many more subjects. So stay on the edge of your seat as my knowledge of sports will guide you through the next few months of sports action.

The Kentucky Wildcats will not be denied the National Championship. When they win, Rick Pitino would have pulled off the greatest turnaround in college athletics. Two years ago the Wildcats were banned from the tournament, television and scholarships. They lost Chris Mills to the Arizona Wildcats. Think he'd like to reassess his decision now?

Just think, if J.R. Rider

hadn't been discovered cheating in his English 102 class, UNLV may have just played their final game of the NIT. Instead, a team the Rebels blew out, Georgetown, got all the post-season glorification.

Eliza, a three-year-old filly, will run in the Santa Anita Derby. The last filly to win the Kentucky Derby prep, went on to win the run for the roses. Her name was Winning Colors, she did it in 1988.

Jessie Jackson isn't happy with the limited number of "minorities" in upper management positions in Major League Baseball. He went as far as threatening an attendance boycott by black patrons. When the season opens in Baltimore the reverend will be picketing outside Camden Yards, where the president, or the First Lady, will throw out the first ball.

Is Jackson going to selectively ask for quotas in Major League baseball or is he going to be thorough in all sports, both on and off the field? If he is really interested in equality, surely he'll ask

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the NBA to put more white players on the teams. Hockey should also be coming under some criticism as well.

Political correctness has ventured into sports. On the field the best person is selected for the job, no matter his race. Off the field the same should apply. If it doesn't, then equal both sides of the equation. Set quotas everywhere or nowhere!

The Maine Bears will play Michigan tonight in the NCAA Hockey Final Four. The winner will play Saturday against either Boston U. or Lake Superior State in the championship. If the Bears win they'll finish with a miraculous record of 40-1-2 overall.

These will be the headlines around the nation in late September:

Phillies narrowly win the National League East.
Braves handle the National

League West.
Yankees shock the American League East.

Rangers surprise the American League West.

I'm still trying to get over *Street and Smith* picking the Phillies to finish behind the Marlins this season.

Lou Piniella, Seattle's new manager, has the capacity to attack his own players, kick dirt on umpires and throw a base into the outfield at any time. So be careful at Cashman Field this weekend.

How are former Rebel basketball players doing in the pros? The following is a points per game list: Larry Johnson, 22.3; Stacey Augmon, 14.2; Armon Gilliam, 13.2; Greg Anthony, 7.2; Elmore Spencer, 2.3.

Lloyd Daniels doesn't belong on the list, so don't even think about it.

J.R. Rider hasn't been in the news all week. That in itself is news.

You can hate the Knicks all you want but when they win the NBA Championship they'll have the last laugh.

Phoenix is soft, Barkley or not. They always were and when they get beat down in the NBA Finals, the "bandwagon bellywhos" will be crying.

I can't picture how Calbert Cheaney received the Eastman Award. Bobby Hurley was the most valuable player in college basketball.

What a shock, the Padres traded a high-price player, Darrin Jackson, for two inexpensive prospects. As far as living conditions go, Jackson got shafted. He has to move from sunny San Diego to cold Toronto.

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