

Rebs sweep BWC dual matches

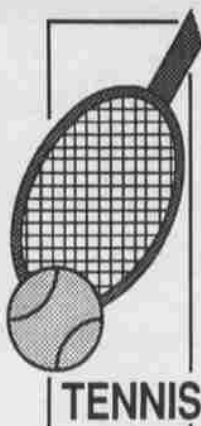
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UNLV men's tennis closed out the 1992-93 dual-meet season with weekend wins over Big West Conference rivals Utah State, 9-0; Nevada, 5-2; and New Mexico State, 5-2.

All three preliminary matches helped to determine seedings for the Big West Championships, April 22-25 at Ojai, Calif.

It also improved UNLV's season record to 11-10.

The Rebels' Pat Boies and Roger Patterson were unbeaten in both singles and doubles matches as they breezed past their opponents without drop-



No. 2 players, into the 2 and 3 slots, respectively, and sacrificed their bottom player to Rebel star Boies. DeCarish beat No. 3 Rebel Charlie Olinger 6-2, 7-5, and Ojer fought No. 2 Rebel Patterson

ping a single set.

On Saturday's game against New Mexico State, the Aggies tried to throw the Rebels by shuffling their lineup. It nearly worked.

The Aggies inserted Ojer and DeCarish, their No. 1 and

before losing 6-2, 7-5.

"I don't know the (New Mexico State) players too well," Boies said. "A lot of teams sometimes play the lineup that works the best for them. They'd rather be a little stronger on the bottom."

"This is a good preparation for the conference," said Larry Easley, UNLV's head tennis coach. "These are conference matches, so they're important for our seedings."

Despite the successful close to the regular season, Easley remained guarded in his post-season predictions.

"We're certainly not the best team," he said. "Irvine, Pacific, Santa Barbara, UNLV. That'd be my guess," he said.

Rebel Rumble

Sowerby impresses in Invitational

UNLV Track & Field Assistant Coach Fred Sowerby downed some of the finest collegiate talent to win the Men's 400 meter Saturday.

Sowerby, running for the DC Masters, clocked a 48.59 time, outdistancing Southern Utah's Cory Anderson (50.82), and Roger Melvin (51.02), unattached Paul Hortman (51.30) and Southern Utah's Justin Jepson (54.62).

Lady Rebels win one of three in Utah

The No. 5 Lady Rebel softball team won the finale of three games at Utah State this past weekend.

USU won the opener Friday, 4-0, before the two schools split a

double header Saturday. UNLV took the nightcap, 2-1, after the hosts won the opener by the same score.

Kim Smith singled in the bottom of the eighth with the bases loaded to give the Lady Rebels the win.

UNLV, 21-10-1 overall and 11-3-1 in conference, plays a home game today for the first time in a month with a double header against Pacific at 1 p.m. The Lady Rebels host Hawaii Saturday and Sunday.

Cheerleaders to hold tryouts

Auditions for the 1993-94 cheerleaders, songleaders and mascot will be held this week from Monday to Friday between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the South Gym. For more information, call 895-3846.

Invitational

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because I get to work out with a few people on the team such as Trevaia Williams and Stephanie Saleem," Irving said.

It is with the help of those two that Irving's 4x100 and 4x400-meter relay teams continue their string of victories. At the UNLV Invitational, Atom's posted a new stadium record in the women's 4x400, 3:38.46. Atom's 4x100 won a two-team contest against UNLV, coming in 45.58, almost a second ahead of the Lady Rebels. Individually, Irving won the women's 800 meter in 2:11.56, narrowly edging out UNLV's Michele Brown.

The fact that Irving is running this fast is of no surprise to her. What does impress is how early in the season her speed has come.

"I'm two months ahead of schedule," she said. "Last weekend (at Arizona State's Sun Angel Classic)...I ran a 51.72 and it was pretty easy."

By comparison, Williams, a bronze medalist in the 1992 World Games, finished first in the 400 meter with a time of only 52.79. The NCAA qualifying time is 53.2. Irving was not in Saturday's 400 meter.

But with no more NCAA meets to go to, Irving is hoping she can take her race elsewhere.

"A couple of us are trying to go to Europe so we can make some money," she said. "We're gonna try to go over for a month or so to

compete over there and gain some experience against top competition."

For now, however, Irving continues the routine she established when she arrived at UNLV. Though her college eligibility ran out last month, little has changed. She attends class just as she has for the past five years. She trains everyday on the same track as her former college teammates. And as UNLV track coach Karen Dennis' student assistant, she still contributes to the success of the UNLV program that contributed to her own.

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