

## Rebel golfers finish fifth in Arizona

Edward Fryatt shoots a career-best 206 to lead UNLV to fifth place.

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The number five seems to follow UNLV's golf team as they finished fifth overall at last weekend's Sun Devil Invitational at the Karsten Golf Course in Tempe, Ariz.

At the end of March, the UNLV golf team finished fifth at the Morris Williams Intercollegiate Touney and seemed to be making improvements in its game. Last week the Rebel duffers placed third at the Ping Invitational in Cary, N.C.

The latest performance might be a slight disappointment but UNLV seems to be picking up steam as they move closer to the Big West Tournament which takes place in Las Vegas, May 3-5.

The Sun Devil Invitational is one of the country's biggest collegiate tournaments and UNLV did relatively well. The Rebels shot an 860, which kept them close to tournament winner Arizona which won with an 850. Arkansas finished in second with a three-round score



Fryatt

of 854.

The highest finishing Rebel was Honorable Mention All-American Edward Fryatt who shot an impressive 209 to tie for second place. Fryatt started well, shooting a 73 in his first round and then lit the course on fire with second and third round scores of 67 and 69 respectively. The second place finish was Fryatt's highest since he placed third in 1992 at the Morris Williams tourney.

The three round score of 209 was his career best as a Rebel.

The Rebels' next competition is April 23-24 as they travel to Utah for the BYU Cougar Classic.



### Did you know..

Edward Fryatt won the Nevada state golf championship in 1989 at Chaparral High School with a 3-under-69, earning AAA Golfer of the Year Honors.

## Lady Rebs take four from Hawaii

BY NICK HALEY  
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UNLV softball coach Shan McDonald has found what she believes is the key ingredient to her team's success—versatility.

The Lady Rebels used a variety of offensive gimmicks to overbear visiting Hawaii, 2-1, 3-1, 5-2, 6-5.

Locked in a battle for Big West supremacy, UNLV (27-11-1 overall, 17-4-1 BWC) retained the conference lead over the weekend by taking four straight from the Rainbow Wahines. The Lady Rebels have won six straight since coming home to Rebel Diamond and are currently in sole possession of first place in the Big West.

Said McDonald: "The biggest plus is the team has got speed and we've got good enough bat control at the plate that we can put the hit-and-runs on and we can put the steals on. It gives us the opportunity to set up plays."

"The other strength of our team is that we don't have a lot of depth on the bench but we've got some kids that can come in and play a very specific role and do a great job in that role."

Typifying that remark was reserve player Alyson Henderson. Aside from being one of three pinch runners McDonald used, Henderson was sent in for outfielder Sara Mallett in the seventh inning in Sunday's closer and produced the game-ending double play.

With UNLV up 6-5 and runners on second and third with only one out in the final inning, Henderson caught Wahine third baseman Cheyene Thompson's fly to left and immediately launched it back home to catcher Kim Fritts, thereby cutting off the tying run. Fritts in turn threw to second where Tricia Reimche was waiting to catch Wahine runner Richlyn Tada off base.

The double play extinguished Hawaii's last hope of pulling a victory out of the two-day trip.

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PHOTO BY WRAY HALTERMAN

Heather Markowitz took one deep in Saturday's nightcap at the Rebel Diamond. UNLV improved to 27-11-1.

## Markowitz hits UNLV's first at-home round-tripper

UNLV freshman Heather Markowitz accomplished Saturday what no other Lady Rebel before could accomplish. In Saturday's Game 2 against Hawaii, Markowitz hit UNLV's first-ever homerun at Rebel Diamond.

The two-run shot was the winning margin in the nightcap of Saturday's twin-bill, breaking the 1-1 tie, 3-1.

Ironically, the pitcher floating the ball to her was former teammate Jill Endi-

cott. A year ago, the two college freshman played together at Thomas Downey High School in Modesto, Calif.

Markowitz said the pitch was just where she likes it—inside.

"I didn't think she'd throw me that," she said. "I know how she throws and she knows what pitches I like to hit so I was surprised that she threw me that."

—Nick Haley

## UNLV athletics in full gear; a Sap's perspective II

BY JAY SAPOVITS

UNLV has been a very busy place athletically over the last two weeks. Let's catch up to speed on the situations that concern the university instead of just directing attention on one subject or sport.

First, there are positive and negative ways at looking at sports. The optimist thinks everything is good and neglects to discuss the business side. The pessimist goes as to never talk about sports, focusing solely on the business side. Both extremes are wrong. In a variety of subjects today the sports and business sides of UNLV will be discussed.

Last Sunday in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, the UNLV Athletic Department placed a full-page advertisement honoring its student athletes. To appear on the page you had to be an athlete and have a 3.0 or better grade point average.

It is hypocritical honorings like this that permeate the athletic office. Just two weeks ago the entire Thomas & Mack Center screamed about the NCAA's Buckley Amendment allowing students a right to privacy. Now anyone who

wants to know how these students stand academically can simply look at this ad.

This proves that the Buckley Amendment, as well as the university, only protects sub-par students which keeps them from taking public ridicule. Good students don't care who knows their grades. It's just another bragging point.

UNLV softball pitcher Kim Smith is 17-2 this season. She currently is tied with former pitcher Lori Harrigan for most wins in a season with 25. In fact, she has a 75.6% winning percentage as a Lady Rebel.

Harrigan and Smith are the only Lady Rebels to win a College World Series game. Harrigan won three, Smith one.

According to Shan McDonald, head softball coach, Smith throws the ball around 60 miles per hour.

Every former UNLV basketball player in the NBA is on a playoff contending team except Armon Gilliam of the Philadelphia 76ers. Larry Johnson and Sidney Green, Charlotte; Greg Anthony, New York; Elmore Spencer, L.A. Clippers; and Stacey

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If the Orlando Magic

have a draft pick in the low-first round, look for them to select Evric Gray.

He gained the physical toughness the NBA requires by playing against taller opponents all season. That will be well respected on draft day and the Magic desperately need someone to replace an average Tom Tolbert at small-forward.

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Jon Polson leads the baseball team with 10 home runs. He also leads the team in stolen bases with 21.

He transferred to UNLV from Arkansas-Little Rock in his final season of eligibility to be with a winning program. That hasn't happened but he's still having a great season.

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The spring football game is less than one week away. This coming season should be Jim Strong's best as the Rebel head coach. It is also his last, regardless of the team performance.

As bad as the team had been in Strong's previous three years a better ultimatum could have been reached. Imagine UNLV having a 10-1 record, winning the bowl game and then

surrendering the coach who took the squad there.

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Here is a list of the highest rankings each athletic team has seen during their respective season. softball, No. 3; men's basketball No. 9; Lady Rebel basketball, No. 17; golf, No. 3; soccer, No. 12.

The Rebels got it done on the field last season.

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J.R. Rider has stopped going to class. He now just works out and shoots hoop at the UNLV gym. Don't blame Rider for that, he's permitted to. He has no reason to attend school anymore.

The problem exists with President Robert Maxson and Athletic Director Jim Weaver for allowing athletes to major in one thing at UNLV—eligibility.

Rider has no more need for his major. Until Maxson and Weaver stop allowing this to happen, the university will continue to be mocked and laughed at academically. Albeit, by people who don't know that UNLV is a quality institution.

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