

Lady Rebel stringers end season with loss to Pacific

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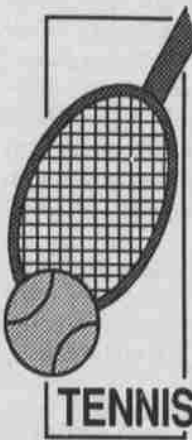
The Lady Rebel tennis team was upset by the University of Pacific, 5-4, at the Big West Conference Championships in Ojai, Calif. The Lady Rebels end their season with a record of 12-8.

UNLV, seeded second in the tournament, split the six singles matches, with Suzi Agassi, Janelle Barr and Liljana Kordic posting wins. The match came down to the doubles portion where Pacific won the No. 1 and No. 2 slots. UNLV's Kordic and Becky Markosian won the Rebels' lone duopoint at No. 3 doubles.

Thursday, the local ladies defeated New Mexico State, 5-1, in the quarterfinals of the championships. Rachel Clark, Shiera Stuart, Agassi, Barr and Kordic won in singles to clinch the victory.

The Rebel men ended Friday's first round of Big West matches tied for second place.

All matches in the men's



section are grouped according to individual seedings. Pat Boies, Roger Pettersson, Matt Rivera, Charlie

Olinger and Matt Hennessy all won their singles matches in straight sets.

Boies and Pettersson won at No. 1 doubles as did Olinger and Wayne Boyer at No. 3 doubles. On Saturday, Irvine led the field of eight teams with 36 points followed by UNLV and Pacific with 30 each. UC Santa Barbara was fourth with 27. Nevada and San Jose State had 18, New Mexico State 12, and Utah State 9.

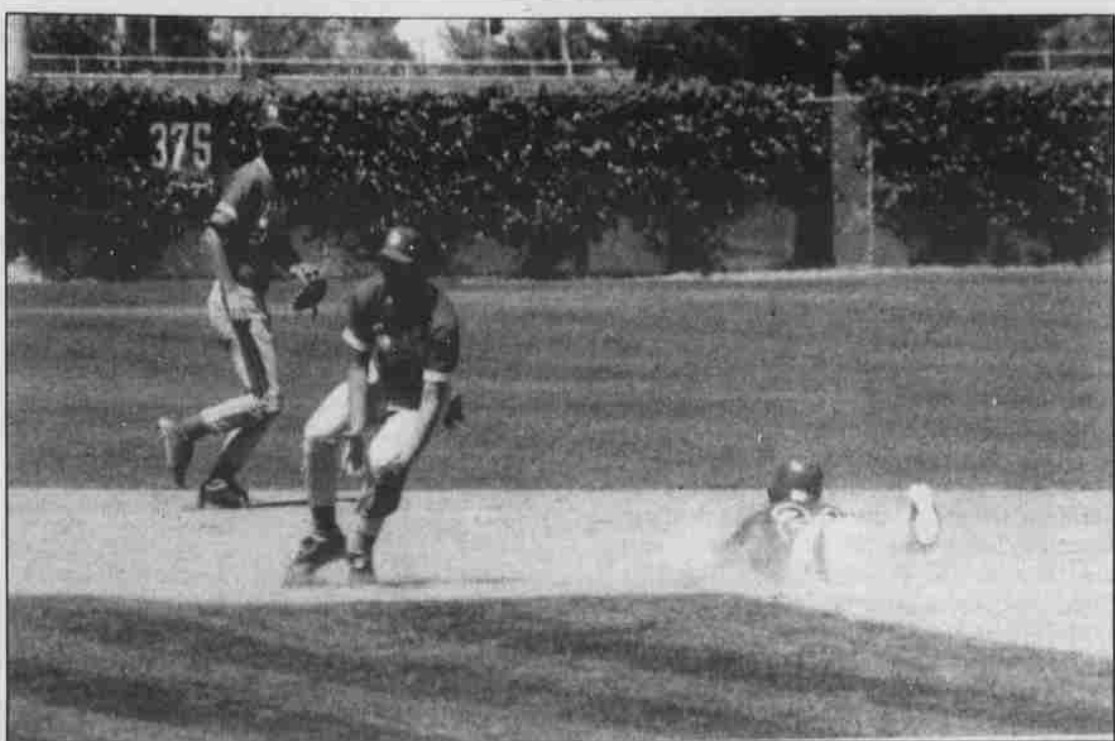


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Rodney Mazion steals second base Sunday afternoon en route to scoring the first Rebel run.

Hustlin' Rebels salvage third game of series against UCSB

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The UNLV baseball team halted a four-game losing skid with Sunday's slugfest 11-10 win over visiting UC Santa Barbara.

The Rebels had dropped four straight dating back to mid-week losses at Arizona State before falling in the first two of the weekend series against the Gauchos, 13-8 and 7-5.

The Rebels now stand at 18-22 overall, 5-10 in Big West Conference action.

Sunday, UNLV had to overcome deficits of 6-0 in the second and 7-2 an inning later.

The Rebel comeback started in the third with Rodney Mazion gaining a walk. Mazion then promptly stole second and scored on Jon Polson's single. Polson would cross home plate on a John Coats ground out.

The Gauchos added another score in the fourth to up the ante to 7-2 before the hosts answered.

Mike Hubel got things going

by legging out a double before Ryan Plughoff homered to left-field for a two-run shot. Demond Thompkins followed suit with a double and would score on a Mazion ground out. Steve Biermann supplied yet another UNLV double and scored on a Polson single.

UNLV knotted things up at 7-all in the fifth on Brian Anthony's ground out to short which plated Lino Diaz, who had walked.

The Gauchos responded and regained the lead in the sixth with a solo tally but the Rebels would grab their first lead of the afternoon in the bottom of the frame. With one out and Biermann on second courtesy of an error and subsequent stolen base, Polson was hit by a pitch. A balk moved both runners up 90 feet before Coats singled in Biermann. Both Polson and Coats would score to give UNLV a short-lived 10-8 lead.

Rebel Coach Fred Dallimore, using a two-inning per pitcher rotation, lifted Dennis DeMarti-

ni in favor of Byron Klemaske to start the seventh. Doug Smaldino greeted the Rebel reliever with a homer to left. Klemaske struggled throughout the seventh, loading the bases with two outs, but he managed to get out of it with the score tied at 10 apiece on a ground out.

The hosts scored the winning run in the ninth courtesy of three sacrifices.

Hubel singled to start things off and moved over to second on Blake Feeney's bunt. Plughoff then layed one down and Hubel moved to third. Thompkins lined out to center and Hubel tagged from third with the winning run.

Hubel paced the Rebel offense with a 3-for-3 day at the plate and Klemaske went three innings to pick up the win an improve to 5-4.

UNLV travels to upstate rival Nevada-Reno this weekend and hosts New Mexico State May 7-9 in its final homestand of the year.

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TIME: 10 pm
LOCATION: MPE—South Gym

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The UNLV preliminary co-ed 4-on-4 competition began on April 5 and will run through April 29 in the McDermott Physical Education Center. Top performing teams across the nation will advance to the Evian SpikeFest Championships at each university. These "Final Four" events will be played in conjunction with Spring Fling programs during April and May nationwide.

The UNLV Evian SpikeFest Championship will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 10 pm at MPE South Gym and will be presented by KUNV 91 FM. For more information contact B.J. Burris in the Intramural Sports Office (895-3221).



"Volleyball is one of the most popular sports on college campuses," noted Peter Kaplan, President of National Media Group, Inc., organizers of Evian SpikeFest. "Similar to last year's event, we look forward to providing students with competitive volleyball in a fun environment."

Winning teams will earn prizes including cases of Evian Water and Evian SpikeFest sweatshirts, t-shirts, caps and inflatables.

Parus

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in her likeness— Cyndi Parus.

While hesitant to acknowledge any comparison, the numbers thus far are fairly comparable between the two. Though Parris was probably the better slugger,

Parus has been the more timely hitter. In 41 games this season she has had eight game-winning hits—two more than Parris had in 67 games.

"She's a great player, one of the best hitters UNLV's ever had," Cyndi said of Christine. "It shows by all the record she holds."

Cyndi, however, has a few records of her own to show.

While she doesn't consider herself the long-ball hitter that Parris was, Parus has averaged more doubles in her second season and is pacing almost twice as many RBIs. In fact, with 10 games remaining in the regular season, the sophomore first baseman has already eclipsed Parris' season RBI record (35) at 37, has set a new single-game RBI record (seven) and with 58 ribbies, she is only six short of setting a new UNLV career mark.

But Parus maintains it's been easier for her than her predecessor. In particular, the new neon-yellow ball used in NCAA softball has allowed her to dramatically improve her stats.

Without the new ball she said, Parris' old mark would still

stand.

"Basically, it's the change of the ball," Parus said. "If she was playing with this (neon-yellow) ball, I wouldn't have broken her record."

"The ball is good for me. For hitters, it's opened the game up a little. It pops off the bat a lot more than the white ball. There's a lot more singles because it gets through the infield more."

It's those singles that she counts on. Batting third in the line-up behind two speedsters, Parus knows putting the ball in play frequently means putting a run on the board.

Said Parus: "I think I'm more of a base-hit person. Anything in the gap, anything through the infield is good for me, depending on where the pitch is."

The new, more aggressive outlook of the team has also benefited Parus.

"(McDonald) does a lot more hit-and-runs this year, a lot more bunt-and-runs instead of just bunts," Parus said. "She lets us swing away."

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