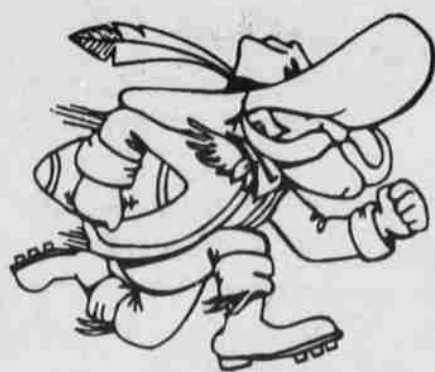


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"Just when you think you know all the answers, I change the questions."  
- "Rowdy" Roddy Piper

## Bailey one to watch Rebels kick way to split in Indy

BY CHRIS JONES  
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There is one department where UNLV athletics is almost never lacking exciting players.

From the scrambling of Randall Cunningham to the powerful dunks of Larry Johnson and J. R. Rider, some of the country's most talented players have entertained fans in Las Vegas. This year is no exception. Henry Bailey is the most exciting Rebel in football pads.

By no means the largest or strongest athlete on the field, the 5 feet-10-inch-180 pound wide receiver is without a doubt the most valuable weapon in Coach Jim Strong's arsenal.

In only his third year with the Rebels, Bailey is already seventh on the UNLV career list for all purpose yards. He'll move up that chart rapidly, however. Bailey picks up yardage in bunches, so much so that the only returning player in college football to gain more yards last season was Heisman

Trophy favorite Marshall Faulk of San Diego State.

In 1992 Bailey averaged close to 20 yards per catch. His abilities didn't stop at catching passes though. As a kickoff/punt returner Bailey ranked among the nation's best as he topped 1,200 yards in total returns. Bailey was so adept on the grid-iron that last season he became only the third Rebel to earn all-conference honors at two positions.

The Rebels don't play a home game until September 18, and by that time you will have heard Faulk's name on ESPN a billion times. It's doubtful that you'll hear much about Bailey, even in Las Vegas. The UNLV football team doesn't get much attention and that's a shame. There are only a few players in college sports who make the game fun to watch, and we have one playing at our university.

A few examples:

Last Halloween, Bailey earned Big West Offensive

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## Team hosts Coors Light Invitational this weekend

BY JOE A. MARTINEZ  
STAFF WRITER

The UNLV soccer team (1-1-0) is back in its 20th season as an intercollegiate athletic program.

The Rebels fell to host Indiana, 1-0, in the first round of the Adidas/MetLife Classic Saturday. No. 2 Indiana scored with less than four minutes remaining in regulation. Despite the low scoring, it was a fast-paced game.

Indiana had five 1-on-1 scoring chances rejected by UNLV goalkeeper Jeremy Angelo. The Rebels also had several chances, but couldn't seem to put the ball in the net. At the 86:14 mark, Indiana's Craig Ginsberg fired a low hard shot from 25 yards out into the net, which resulted as the game winner.

The Rebels rebounded the next day with a hard fought and well deserving 1-0 win over the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, who beat

Rutgers the previous night, 4-1.

UNLV rallied for its first goal of the season midway through the first half when

Invitational. UNLV, New Mexico, San Diego and San Jose State will partake in the two-day competition to be held at Peter Johann Memorial Field at 7 p.m.

UNLV faces Creighton Sunday at noon.

### Ninth Annual Coors Light Invitational

#### Friday

UNLV vs. San Diego 7 p.m.  
New Mexico vs. San Jose St. 9 p.m.

#### Sunday

UNLV vs. San Jose State 12 noon  
New Mexico vs. San Diego 2 p.m.

senior midfielder Ben Erickson brought the ball down the right side and crossed it to senior forward Tom Miller. He beat the Irish goalie to the right post. Notre Dame never really posted a threat as Angelo and the Rebels picked up their first shutout and win of the season.

The Rebels battle 1992 national runner-up University of San Diego Friday in the Ninth Annual Coors Light



## Football star puts baseball career on hold, returns to Rebels

BY SCOTT GULBRANSEN  
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Could Rodney Mazion be the next Deion Sanders?

That remains to be seen. One thing is certain though, Mazion's future looks bright.

While most UNLV football players worked or attended summer school, Mazion was playing baseball for the New York Mets organization. Mazion was selected in the 15th round of last summer's Major League Baseball amateur draft. He spent the summer playing for New York's Rookie League affiliate in Pittsfield, Mass.

"Playing pro baseball over the summer taught me a lot about policy," Mazion said. "I couldn't believe how many rules they had. They had more rules than the NCAA."

Mazion was a two-year starter for both the Rebel football team and the Hustlin' Rebel baseball team. He was

not expected to return to UNLV for the 1993 football season.

But Mazion made a promise to himself that he would finish his degree at UNLV.

"My main reason for returning to UNLV was my education," said the articulate two-

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-Rodney Mazion

sport star. "The support I have received from the community of Las Vegas also played a pivotal role in coming back to UNLV."

Mazion's stats for his first season in professional baseball were not bad. In 46 games he batted .266 with 18 RBI and 23 stolen bases. A good foun-

datation on which he can build.

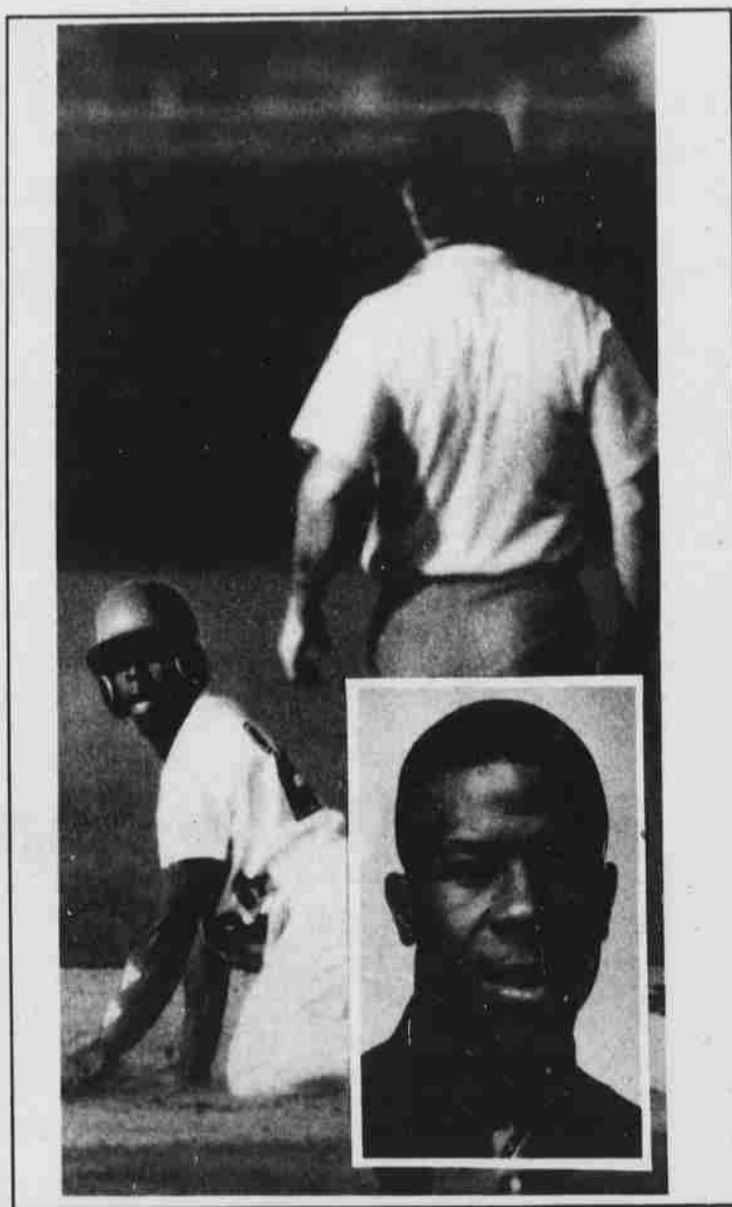
"I would love to play baseball for the Mets again but it depends if they invite me back again," Mazion said when asked if he would play again next season. "It's kind of up to the Mets right now."

Mazion's return to the Rebel football program was a welcome relief for Coach Jim Strong. The Rebel backfield missed the presence of Mazion at free safety.

Mazion was rated by several pre-season prognosticators as a first-team All-America selection. In his career at UNLV, Mazion has excelled in the defensive backfield. He has accumulated 95 total tackles and five interceptions.

His career for the UNLV baseball team was also impressive. Last spring he batted .299 with 22 RBI and 23 stolen bases. Those stats got him a shot at the major leagues.

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Mazion batted .266 for the New York Mets' Rookie League affiliate.