

Rebel Report Card

Week 2: vs. UTEP

D+

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Professor Gulbransen hangs his head in shame as his pupils drop a heartbreaker to that little school in South Texas. Hold on and get ready because here is this week's card:

Quarterback: B Sure Bobbarino threw three interceptions but two were when he got hit hard. Stockham looks like he's beginning to settle into the starting position. Now if his line blocks the entire game, he might earn an A.

Offensive Line: D What happened? These guys looked like the Washington Redskins offensive front in the first half. The line is a solid one and I do not expect to give them this low of a grade again. Hang in there guys!

Running Back: C No one has stepped forward. Omar Love looked to be ready to steal the starting slot. He seems to have fumbled it away. Stay tough Omar. DeJohn Branch is on the brink of capturing the starting position.

Tight End: A+ RANDY GATEWOOD FOR PRESIDENT!! Who is this guy and where has he been? Coach Strong better keep throwing his way. What a coming out for the transfer from California. He earned the A on his own.

Wide Receivers: C A pretty quiet day for this bunch. You cannot blame them though, their quarterback was being killed! Kudos to Demond Thompkins for his 59-yard TD reception.

Defensive Line: D A football game is four quarters long. The Rebel defense seemed to quit in the third quarter. That is something championship teams do not do.

Linebackers: D Good job in the first half but the second was brutal. Not much to say except better luck next time.

Defensive Backs: D - This is the most talented group on the Rebel club. But they seemed to follow the lead of the rest of the defense in the

second half. They did account for one interception.

Coaching: C- A coach has to motivate his players. Jim Strong motivated his to a 17-7 halftime lead. What happened after that is a question for the ages. Strong continues to use good judgement in his play calling but his players let him down this week.

Overall Grade: D+ The Rebels should have won this game. There is no question about that. They need to pick up the pieces and go on with the rest of this season. A strong home opener is what they need.

My Rebel of the Week is Randy "My Door won't open but my" Gatewood. Randy caught five passes for 79 yards and two touchdowns. Keep your eye on him.

Until next week students: "In great attempts it is glorious even to fail."

-Vince Lombardi

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Intramurals Corner

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The UNLV Intramural Sports Official's Association is unheralded. In the call of duty, the referees often receive more jeers than cheers.

Intramural Coordinator B.J. Burris decided to change things. Burris has provided the officials with recognition by presenting three awards to outstanding officials: most valuable referee, most improved referee, and rookie of the year.

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- Jerry Lloyd
Most Improved Official

The 1992-93 winners were Craig Jelinek (most valuable), Jerry Lloyd (most improved) and Dave Rankine (rookie of the year). They were selected from more than 25 officials a year ago.

Jelinek was a 1993 UNLV graduate while Lloyd and Rankine returned for their third and second years of officiating, respectively.

The awards, which were selected by Burris and Campus Recreation Director Jeff

Wells, have been given out the past two years.

"I decided to give the awards for working above the call of duty," said Burris, who is in her third year as coordinator. "It's important to give the referees incentive other than pay."

"It also allows the officials to get recognized by their peers."

The criteria for the awards were more complex than simply having a good eye for balls and strikes.

"I took more than good officiating into consideration," Burris said. "We also considered attending meetings, adhering to the rules, and working well with students."

Lloyd, named most improved in his second year, looks favorably on the officiating awards.

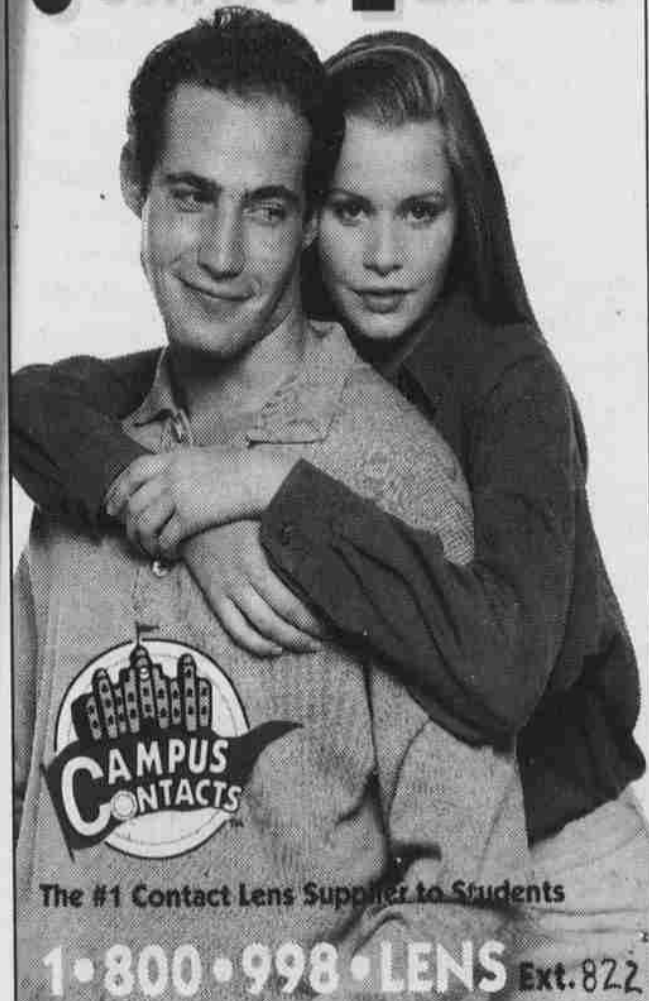
"It gives the referees something to work for," he said. "It's an honor having my peers feel that I did a good job."

And with Burris planning on issuing the awards again this school year, Lloyd has something to look forward to again - MVP.

"I'll definitely work toward it," he said.

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