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## Tark strikes back

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### SPORTSTALK

Jerry Tarkanian never liked to lose - his record shows it.

In 19 seasons as head coach of the men's basketball team at UNLV, Tarkanian compiled a sterling record of 509 wins and 105 losses. His teams made the NCAA Tournament 14 times, including back-to-back Final Four appearances in 1990 and 1991. He took UNLV basketball from nowhere to national prominence, reaching the top of the game when his Rebels won their first National Championship in 1990. What Tarkanian accomplished on the court can never be forgotten and for the years of success he brought to UNLV we are thankful.

But Tarkanian's latest action in court will do nothing but hurt the university. By filing a lawsuit against UNLV President Robert Maxson, legal counsel Brad Booke, ex-athletic director Dennis Finrock, UNLV, the university system and nine members of the Board of Regents, Tarkanian has shown that he has no concern for the 20,000 students who are the lifeblood of his former home.

Tarkanian has been away from the Rebels for well over a year, yet he is unable to stop fighting the university. He has cited the above mentioned parties with charges of "breach of contract, harming his overall economic well-being, libeling him in the media and community and inflicting emotional and physical distress upon himself and his wife, Lois", who is also a plaintiff in the suit.

I won't even attempt to judge the guilty or innocent in the Tark vs. Maxson feud. That argument is old and will never be settled to the satisfaction of both sides. But I will question what Tarkanian is after, namely, "an unspecified amount of compensatory and punitive damages," according to the Associated Press.

Tarkanian made a great deal of money while coach-

ing at UNLV, both from salary and other endorsement opportunities that come with being a god in the Las Vegas community. He is entitled to miss his huge checks from the university, but Tarkanian's "overall economic well-being" should only be damaged if he kept his money in one of Neil Bush's savings and loans.

His endorsement opportunities don't appear to have dried up in the community either, or else that must be someone else going by the name "Tark" on those Las Vegas Thunder hockey commercials that are on TV every 10 minutes.

His economic well-being would have been more stable if he had lasted in the NBA for more than 20 games, but that doesn't seem to have crossed Tarkanian's mind. Did UNLV damage Tarkanian's ability to keep his position as head coach of the San Antonio Spurs or was he done in by his 9-11 record. It's surprising he didn't sue Spurs owner Red McCombs for firing him and doing "emotional distress" to his ego.

Removed from his lofty perch in the limelight, Tarkanian is an unhappy and bitter man.

He is attempting to extract the only revenge possible, damage to the reputations of the university hierarchy who, justified or not, took away his job as basketball coach. While he knows that no amount of fighting will ever get him reinstated, the status quo has Tarkanian the loser and that is one thing he can't accept being.

Like a true warrior, Tark fights on for the status and money he feels were taken from him. Whether or not he needs the money is inconsequential - although it's obvious he's doing alright. What

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## UNLV hosts Chippewas

Rebels hope to tally their 18th home opening victory over Central Michigan

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The UNLV football team opens its home schedule this Saturday night as they take on the Chippewas of Central Michigan.

The Chippewas are a member of the Mid-American Conference whose champion meets the winner of the Big West Conference in the Las Vegas Bowl. CMU is coming off a win at Ohio where they beat the Bobcats 38-0.

UNLV (0-2) vs. Central Michigan  
at Sam Boyd Silver Bowl (7 p.m.)

Central Michigan is an explosive team on offense that can score at will. They are led by strong-armed quarterback Joe Youngblood. His favorite target is tailback Eric Johnson and together the two have connected for over 200 yards in just two games.

Johnson was selected Player of the Week in CMU's loss to Akron on Sept. 4. He caught three passes for 104 yards, one of which was a 50-yard TD. He also carried the ball six times for 35 yards and another score.

CMU's defense will be

without the services of Darall Stinson, who suffered a knee injury. The three-year starter is CMU's starting strong safety and is out indefinitely.

The Rebels will try to capture their first victory of the season after a heartbreaking loss at UTEP. Bobby Stockham appears to have settled into the starting quarterback position and will try to exploit the thin Chippewa defensive backfield.

The game begins at 7 p.m. at UNLV's Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

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### About Central Michigan

This is the first meeting between the schools...Central Michigan (1-1) is a member of the Mid-American Conference...The school is located in Mount Pleasant, Mich...The Chippewas are coming off an overall 5-6 season...Central Michigan shut out conference rival Ohio University 38-0 last Saturday...The Chippewas lost their season opener to the Akron Zips 23-13 on Sept. 4...Head coach is Herb Deromedi and has an overall record of 106-50-10 in 15 years with the team...This season, the Chippewa offense is averaging 501 yards per game

Source: UNLV Sports Information

## Rebels drop two in Coors Light Invitational; host tourney Friday

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The UNLV soccer team (1-3) came into this weekend's tournament on a winning note, but walked away with a pair of losses. The Rebels lost their first home-opener since 1986 when they fell to San Diego. Ironically, that streak ended Friday against the same school, when San Diego defeated UNLV 3-1.

The Toreros took the lead mid-way through the first half when All-America sophomore midfielder Guillermo Jara knocked a misplayed throw-in off the hands of Rebel keeper

Jeremy Angelo.

The Rebels knotted the game before the half as sophomore forward Bart Gallia dribbled down the field and fed to Richie Louis. He juked the Torero goalie and kicked it into the right corner of the net.

San Diego recaptured the lead in the second half and never looked back when Toby Taitano threaded the needle on a direct free kick from 25 yards out. Taitano later scored again to clinch the victory.

Sunday wasn't any better for the Rebels as they lost to the San Jose State Spartans, 4-3.

UNLV took the lead early on with an indirect kick scored by senior forward Daniel

Packer.

The lead changed hands throughout the first half until Rebel forward Richie Louis dribbled through Spartan defenders and scored giving UNLV the lead going into the second half.

The Rebels entered the second half looking lethargic. San Jose State took total control of the game with two unanswered goals to preserve their victory.

The Rebels will host the UNLV Umbro/Ethel M. Chocolates Rebel Classic starting on Friday at 7:00 p.m. against Navy. They play Creighton Sunday at noon.