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By refusing to go to backup quarterback Vince Evans, Shell not only cost his team the Cleveland game but jeopardized their chances for the rest of the season. Hostetler, who signed as a free agent from the New York Giants, is the first Raider quarterback since Jim Plunkett capable of leading the team to a championship. Why risk Hostetler against a great pass rush that had already hurt him? The offense was going nowhere because he couldn't run and Evans is more than capable of playing, especially with a 13-point lead. If Hostetler had

been severely injured, the team could write off the rest of the season. It was just too much to risk. When their offense is working, the Raiders eat up the clock like no other team in football. But without a functional QB, their offense wasn't working. The Raiders barely had the ball before having to punt it back. By leaving the offense essentially stuck in neutral, Shell left it up to the defense to win or lose the game. That's normally a safe gamble, but on Sunday he relied on the defense too many times, and because of that his team lost. If the Raiders hope to reach the late rounds of the

THE REBEL YELL playoffs (which many expect them to do), this kind of indecisive coaching can't continue. The Cleveland loss should never have happened, and Shell has two weeks to think about it before the Raiders play again. Shell won Super Bowls as a player so he knows what it takes to win. He should demand nothing but the best from his players, but he should also make sure they don't lose any more games from the sidelines. One loss like Sunday's is too many. No more Shell games. The fans in L.A. want playoff games.

Kickers on the road

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The Rebels ended their longest homestand of the season by going 1-3-0. However, UNLV, on the rebound will be heading to the Air Force Academy Invitational in Colorado Springs. The Rebels will begin the two-day tournament on Friday at 1 p.m. against George Mason (3-4) and finish the competition on Sunday facing the tournament host Falcons (3-1-1). This will be UNLV's first trip to the Academy since 1981.

The Patriots of George Mason are one of the powers of the Colonial Athletic Association. On offense, they are led by se-

nior forward Tamir Linhart, who has 16 points on six goals and four assists. Heading the defense is senior goalie Ricardo Leite, who has posted a 1.86 goal-against average with two shutouts.

The Air Force Academy Falcons opened the season in a rough way, tying Navy 1-1 and losing to Army 2-1. Since then, the Falcons have won three straight. On offense, The Falcons are commanded by junior midfielder Scott McDonald, who has tallied on four goals. In the nets, junior Brett Rosenberger and sophomore Matt Mennell are splitting time. Mennell is 2-0-1 with a 0.73 GAA, while Rosenberger is 1-1-0 with a 2.40 GAA.

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provement every time he touches the ball. Although his two first starts ended in Rebel losses, Stockham has shown poise at the position.

"I'm really getting better with each game," Stockham said. "That's really the only way to build your self-confidence is to play."

On any team there is usually a leader. Many times it is the starting quarterback because he runs the offense. Stockham denies he or anyone else is a singular leader on the Rebel football team.

"We're all leaders," Stockham says with enthusiasm. "In the huddle, no one person is the leader. We all work together toward our common goal—winning."

When you ask Stockham about this year's Rebel football squad, his eyes widen and a smile comes across his face.

"We have exceptional talent on this team," Stockham said of his mates. "That's why the losses have been disappointing. When you know you're good and you lose, it's much harder to live with."

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both 2-0 in the Intra-Fraternity Council Division.

SPS (2-0) and the Hawaiians (1-0) are still perfect in the Men's A Division.

In the Men's B Division, Team FASA (3-0) and Rodman 3 (2-0) have started quickly.

The Latter Day Saints Students Association (2-0) and Diggin' It (1-0) top the Women's Division.

Each division has seven teams. Matches are played every Tuesday and Thursday night at the South Gym.

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The Sports Officials Association Preseason Flag Football Tournament is penciled in for Saturday, Oct. 2, while the regular season will start Oct. 4.

Mandatory captain's meetings for both the tournament and regular season will be held Tuesday at either 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. in Lounge 201 of the Moyer Student Union.

A \$20 entry fee per team is required for the one-day tourney while a \$40 entry fee/forfeit fee must be paid for the season at the mandatory meeting.

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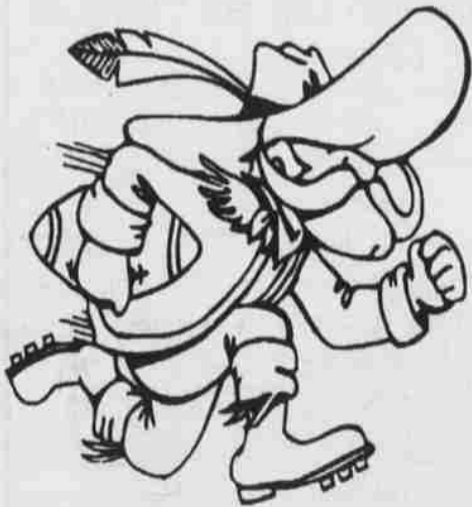
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