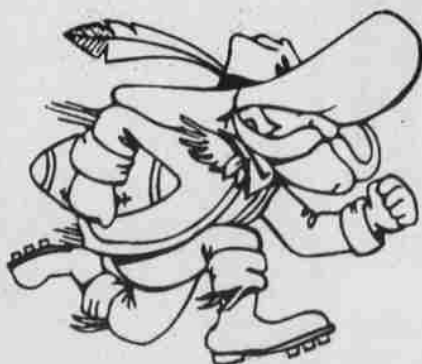


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"Fatigue makes cowards of us all."
- Vince Lombardi

Rebels falter in the Sunflower State

UNLV loses third non-conference game on the road

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In front of 25,817 screaming Kansas State fans, UNLV self-destructed and handed the host Wildcats a 36-20 victory Saturday.

The Rebels played well enough to win but committed 11 penalties for 106 yards.

"We made some crucial mistakes, and when you play on the road, you can't afford to have a lot of self-inflicted mistakes," Head Coach Jim Strong said.

The Rebel defense was thwarted several times by personal fouls and encroachment penalties. But even with the mental breakdowns, the Rebels kept the contest close with the Big 10 Conference representatives.

Just how close of a contest was it? Kansas State outgained the Rebels by only 15 yards offensively - 342 to 327.

The first Rebel score came when quarterback Bob Stockham hit Demond Thompkins with an 8 yard pass that left the Rebels trailing the Wildcats 10-7.



The Rebels travel to Reno to face the Wolf Pack this Saturday for the Fremont Cannon. NICK HALEY/REBEL YELL

The Rebels began the second quarter by driving 80 yards for a score on nine plays, capped off by an Omar Love touchdown run of two yards.

UNLV ended the first half with their most impressive defensive stand of the year.

The Wildcats drove down to the UNLV 2-yard line and were denied on four straight

downs. UNLV entered half-time with the lead, 14-10, and momentum.

But the second half would be a completely different story.

Kansas State took its first possession in the second half and converted a 45-yard field goal, but the Rebels still had the lead.

Then on the next Rebel

offensive series quarterback Bob Stockham threw an interception.

Kansas State quarterback Chad May then fumbled the pitch to his running back J.J. Smith.

UNLV linebacker Jason Medlock tried to scoop up the ball and run with it rather than falling on it. He couldn't do it

and lost the ball back to KSU.

"That changed the momentum," J.J. Smith said. "The pitch was behind me and I saw (Medlock) try and pick it up and run the distance with it. Instead, that gave us three more chances to score. I think that was biggest play of the game."

Medlock agreed that he should have fallen on the ball.

"I was just trying to help my team win," Medlock said. "I was just trying to get upfield because I wanted to win so bad. I know we're better than Kansas State."

The Wildcats then went on to score 26 unanswered points.

UNLV added a late touchdown as Stockham hit Gatewood that closed out the scoring for the road-weary Rebels.

"We had some breakdowns, I made some bad passes, but I really think we got too conservative in the second half," Stockham said. "They made some adjustments on us, but it wasn't anything we couldn't handle."

Stockham finished the day completing 17-of-31 attempts for 223 yards and three interceptions. Love was once again the leading Rebel rusher as he gained 64 yards on 24 carries including a touchdown.

The Rebels travel to Reno Saturday to battle the Wolf Pack for the Fremont Cannon. Nevada lost to Northern Illinois, 46-42.

Does Bo know retirement?



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didn't matter though - after nearly two years of doubt, surgery and intense rehabilitation, Vincent Edward Jackson was back on the field.

As the season wore on, the euphoria faded and doubts began to spring up as to whether or not Jackson should have returned to baseball. He has played in only 75 games this season, losing at-bats to mere mortals like Ivan Calderon and Dan Pasqua.

Men who once watched Jackson in awe see him idly sitting on the bench today. When he has cracked the lineup, the hits have been few and far between. Jackson has shown occasional glimpses of his astounding power by hitting 14 home runs, but he will never again be the All-Star player he was for the Kansas City Royals in the late '80s.

This season's struggles have made it easy to forget how great a player Jackson once was. From Day 1, Jackson was one of a kind. He was the first modern athlete to play

two professional sports—football and baseball—simultaneously. Jackson in his prime was never just another player, he was a highlight film.

As a baseball player, Jackson possessed skills which will likely never be seen again. His combination of speed, power and an amazing throwing arm made him one of the game's best. He was such an attraction that opponents would routinely stop everything before games to watch Jackson take batting practice.

On the football field, Jackson was the prototypical NFL running back. Strong, heavy and exceptionally fast, Jackson gave the Los Angeles Raiders one of the most devastating weapons in the history of the league. Although he never played an entire season, he came close to rushing for 1,000 yards twice and carried the Raider offense to the AFC Championship game in 1990.

That's what set Jackson

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Intramurals Corner

WITH YOUR HOST:
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With one week remaining in the UNLV Intramural regular season, four of 28 volleyball teams remain undefeated.

Team FASA (4-0) is beginning to pull away from the pack in the Men's B Division with the Giants (2-1) and Latter Day Saints Student Association (3-1) still in the hunt.

In the Men's A Division, the Hawaiians (3-0), Orion (4-1) and SPS (3-1) top the standings.

Diggin' It (3-0) leads the Women's Division. Latter Day Saints Student Association and Zeta Tau Alpha have 3-1 records.

Sigma Chi (4-0), Kappa Sigma (4-1) and Tau Kappa Epsilon (3-1) are setting the pace in the Intra-Fraternity Council Division.

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

The Sports Officials Association Preseason Flag Football Tournament is scheduled for Saturday while the regular season begins Monday.

Mandatory captain's meetings for both the tournament and regular season will be held today 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 day-long tournament while a \$40 entry fee/forfeit fee must be paid for the season at the mandatory meeting.

MEN'S A VOLLEYBALL

1. Hawaiians	3-0
2. Orion	4-1
3. SPS	3-1

MEN'S B VOLLEYBALL

1. Team FASA	4-0
2. LDSSA	3-1
3. Giants	2-1