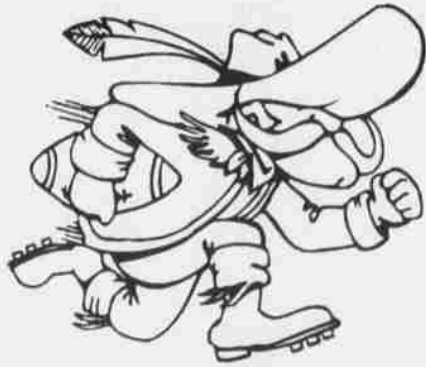


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"Sports do not build character. They reveal it."  
- Heywood Brown

## Turmoil-ridden Northridge shocks floundering Rebels

Rebels lose 24-18 to Division I-AA Matadors

BY SCOTT GULBRANSEN  
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The 1993 UNLV football season has become one long broken record. The Rebels dropped another game in what is turning out to be a year of futility.

Perhaps the best thing about Saturday's game was the weather. A cool and quiet 75 degree night which turned into a horror show for the Rebels, who lost their third straight game, fifth overall, and are quickly sliding into college football's abyss.

The Cal State Northridge Matadors were coming off a week in which players boycotted a practice to protest the cost-cutting methods of the university. The players were fighting for one meal a day from the \$140,000 the university received in guarantee money from playing San Diego State and UNLV.

Sound like the makings of an upset?

The upset-minded Matadors pounded the Rebels into submission with a ground attack reminiscent of those in the Big 10. Matador running back Robert Trice ran for nearly 300 yards and carried his team to victory over a Rebel team that looked ready to call it a season.



Hyun-Ho Han

The Rebels ran into a stacked deck against the matadors last Saturday, as did running back DeJohn Branch on this play.

CSN 24

UNLV 18

CSN Rushers: 281 yds  
Robert Trice 35-278 yards  
CSN Passers: 235 yds  
J. O'Laughlin 18-35-212 yards

UNLV Rushers: 106 yds  
Omar Love 21-103 yards  
UNLV Passers: 198 yds  
B. Stockham 14-33-171 yards

Trice began his ground assault early in the first quarter as he rattled off runs of 21 and 4 yards, the last being a touchdown.

"It looked like a wide open field," Trice said. "They (UNLV) seemed to be real slow coming off the ball. I just took it from there. Hell, it was like they were giving us yards."

Once again, the Rebels had trouble getting their offense on track. Jason Davis drove the Rebels to the Matador 7-yard line, only to fumble the ball on the 3-yard line. Northridge recovered and never looked back.

The Rebels could not mount a touchdown drive until midway through the fourth quarter when Omar Love pulled the Rebels momentarily within seven.

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- Robert Trice  
Matador Running Back

UNLV's defense did not fair much better. The Matadors gained over 500 yards in total offense on a Rebel defense that has given up almost 1300 yards—closing in on one mile—in two games.

The Rebels have a bye week next Saturday before coming back on Oct. 23 to play Utah State in UNLV's Homecoming game.

## Don't buy Jordan's story



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By now it's old news—Michael Jordan retired from basketball last week. The game's best player got tired of all the pressure and attention, lost his desire to play, and quit at age 30 so he could mow his lawn.

Sure.

Everything about Jordan's leaving the Chicago Bulls is too clean, too perfect, and far too unbelievable for anyone with a mind to take at face value. While his fans may choose to turn their eyes away from reality, Jordan has a shady past and it's impossible not to see the connections between his gambling problems and the events surrounding his retirement.

Saint Michael of Chicago's fall from grace began two years ago. Jordan admitted to writing a

check in the amount of \$57,000 to James "Slim" Boulter to cover golf and poker debts. Boulter, who is currently serving a prison sentence for money laundering and gun violations, also pleaded guilty to the possession and sale of cocaine in 1986.

At the same time, authorities found copies of checks from Jordan totalling \$108,000 in the briefcase of Eddie Dow. Before Dow was found shot to death in Gastonia, North Carolina, in 1992, he told his brother the money from Jordan was to cover gambling debts.

You can almost hear the Gatorade commercial. *Be like Mike. Yeah, kids, lose huge sums of money and hang out with drug dealers. Like Mike.*

In May of this year, questions about Jordan's gambling habits once again came to national prominence. Jordan was spotted in the early morning at an Atlantic City casino, just hours before the Bulls' playoff game against the New York Knicks. Jordan showed questionable judgement in being out all night before a crucial game and one can't forget that Jordan didn't go to the Boardwalk to see the divers on the Steel Pier. He went to gamble.

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## Rebel Report Card

Week 6: CS Northridge

No words can describe the disappointment I felt as I watched the last few seconds tick off the Silver Bowl clock as my students lost to Cal State Nobody. Sure we lost to Reno but Cal-State Nobody? They could barely afford the bus fare from Los Angeles. Yet they managed to beat the Rebels on their own turf. Pretty disgusting. It is not pretty but here is the card for Week 6:

**Quarterback D** Jason Davis started at the QB spot and did not last long. Coach Strong pulled Davis way too early. If Davis is one of the QBs the Rebels have in their future plans, why not give him four quarters to flop or succeed? Stockham took over and was shaky but still managed to move the Rebels to a couple of scores. Stick with one guy, win or lose.

**Running Backs B** Omar Love continues to be one of the bright spots in a dark season. He pounded at the defensive line of Cal-State Nobody and managed to score twice. The problem was that the rest of the

Rebel team was so bad his performance went unnoticed, except by the Professor!

**Wide Receivers F** Henry Bailey is one of the best wide-outs in the Big West but he continues to struggle. It could be that the rest of his team is dragging Bailey down on the sinking Rebel ship. He is a genuine talent and should rebound. The rest of UNLV's receivers dropped passes that were right in their hands. Maybe it's time to go to LensCrafters.

**Tight Ends Incomplete** Once again the tight ends were not involved in the game. Strong went to them in early games at Clemson and UTEP but has not since. Why? It seems as though they are capable of being productive. We might never know how good they really are.

**Offensive Line C** This bunch rebounded a bit from their horrific performance in Reno. As with the rest of the Rebel team, the "O" line seemed to be somewhere other than the Silver Bowl. They provided good run blocking and respectable

pass protection as well.

**Kicking B+** Brad Faunce has to be getting tired. He is not only the best punter in NCAA football, but he is also the most used. If he kicks anymore his leg might fall. That would be sort of a self-inflicted leprosy.

**Defensive Line F** Robert "Not once but" Trice left the UNLV defensive line looking like roadkill. If you had just tuned in you might have thought you were watching a Heisman Trophy candidate. Trice is a good back with decent speed but the UNLV line made him look better than he is. I really cannot figure out this group. They have all the talent in the world but do not seem to use it from game to game.

**Linebackers D-** Roadkill Part II. Trice also ran over the Rebel linebacking corps. The Rebel linebackers did have a few solid hits that I could hear all the way from the press box. Work, work, work.

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