

## BIG WEST CONFERENCE

	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
NMSU	2	0	3	2
La. Tech	1	0	1	3
Utah State	1	0	1	4
No. Illinois	2	1	3	3
UNR	1	1	3	2
Pacific	0	0	1	4
SJSU	0	0	0	5
SW Louis.	0	1	3	2
UNLV	0	1	1	5
Arkansas St.	0	3	1	5

Next up: UNLV's Homecoming game versus Utah State on October 23 at 7 p.m.



### Report Card

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**Defensive backs F** The scarlett and gray defensive backfield has been overworked. And for any of you who saw last Saturday's folly, you know what I mean. The will of several members of the backfield was broken in Reno and killed against Cal State Nobody. Even Rodney Mazion is showing signs that he's exhausted.

**Coaching F** For the second week in a row, Coach Jim Strong and his gang hit rock bottom. The team was once again lacking in motivation and emotion. Strong should have realized a win against the Matadors would have left him 2-4 and only 0-1 in conference play. The Rebels would still have had an outside chance in the Big West race. But the loss to Cal State Nobody is that infamous straw that breaks the Rebels' backs. Jeff Horton, head coach of Nevada, said

the Rebels might not recover from the loss in Reno. He might have been a week premature.

**Overall Grade F** The team that came to Las Vegas and beat the Rebels last Saturday night was not a good one. Week 5's loss at Nevada might have been an embarrassing one, but this takes the blue ribbon. Cal State Nobody was a Division II school last year. Division II!

I even thought of expelling this year's team from College Football 101. But I'm an optimist. But I will tell you that this loss will hurt the UNLV football program more than the Reno debacle in many ways. The Rebels have to win three or four games to gain back some of the respect a Division I-A football team demands. If not, it could be a long winter in Rebel football land.

Until next week pupils: "To never give up is its own victory." *Tony Gwynn*

### Jones

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But Michael Jordan doesn't have a gambling problem. He said so and we should believe him.

Just ask Richard Esquinas. The San Diego businessman released a book in June which said Jordan lost over \$1.25 million in bets on the golf course. Jordan admitted that he did owe Esquinas money from lost bets, but that \$1.25 million was a "preposterous" amount. Jordan talked the debt down to \$300,000 but found a way to welsch on that amount too.

*Like Mike, if I could be like Mike.*

This summer James Jordan, Michael's father, was found murdered in a creek near the North Carolina-South Carolina border. No one had heard from the elder Jordan since he left a funeral on July 22, but the family dismissed this as his normal behavior. After all, don't we all like to disappear for over a month without so much as a phone call?

James Jordan was finally reported missing on August 19 and police found his body soon after. Before anyone could blink, authorities arrested two young men with rap sheets longer than Tobacco Road who would quickly be accepted as the killers by the general public.

The fact that the police have no murder weapon, both suspects deny killing Jordan, and the suspicious circumstances of Jordan's disappearance would normally make one

question the entire affair. Not here. As far as the public cares the two suspects, Larry Demery and Daniel Green, are as good as convicted.

Anyone who questioned the murder's relationship with Jordan's gambling was dismissed as a conspiracy nut or ridiculed for trying to cast America's idol as anything less than perfect.

We mustn't go looking into anything so trivial as murder if it will upset "Air" Jordan and his many fans. Perish the thought.

Last Wednesday, Jordan, a man described by fellow NBA player Charles Barkley as the "most competitive person I know," suddenly decided to retire because, "I don't have the drive right now."

Quitting—the mark of a true competitor.

All that was needed now to make things nice and clean for the Jordan image was the NBA to clear him of any rule violations for his gambling. Would you believe that came Friday, only two days after Jordan's retirement?

NBA Commissioner David Stern told the world that the NBA had completed its probe into Jordan's gambling activities and that "absolutely no NBA rules were broken."

While Jordan may make millions selling products like Gatorade and Nike shoes, it will take a lot more information to get me to buy this load of Bull.

## Former Rebel enjoying NBA success

BY SCOTT GULBRANSEN  
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No, it's not Larry Johnson. It is not even Isaiah Rider, II.

The former Rebel enjoying a successful career in the NBA is Atlanta Journal-Constitution writer Ailene Voisin.

Voisin is a Las Vegas native of sorts who graduated from Clark High School and matriculated at UNLV in 1975. She received her degree in political science and then continued on at the University of San Diego where she obtained her law degree.

"All of the political science professors at UNLV were fantastic," the reminiscent Voisin said. "I was enlightened by all the things I learned in those classes."

Indeed she was.

Voisin not only learned about political science while at UNLV, she learned how to write. Beginning in her sophomore year, Voisin began writing for the *Las Vegas Sun*. She spent 25 to 30 hours a week learning the ways of the newspaper business and

soon after fell in love with it.

Voisin then moved to San Diego and started the long path to obtaining her juris doctor degree.

"My first year in San Diego, I just waited tables," Voisin said. "Then, in 1979, I got hired full-time at the San Diego Union, and that is when it all started."

While at the San Diego Union, Voisin covered the San Diego Clippers for three seasons, before they moved to Los Angeles. She graduated from law school and took a position with the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, covering the Clippers and the Los Angeles Lakers.

"I was really sad to see the *Examiner* fold," Voisin said. "They had a high quality paper, and it's a shame it's not around for everyone to read."

The Writing Rebel then took a position, which she holds now, with the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, covering the NBA beat and the Atlanta Hawks. She also writes a nationally syndicated general-interest column.

Voisin says she enjoys covering the NBA much more than the college

game.

"The NBA is full of intriguing people," Voisin said. "Everyone you come across is educated and accommodating to the needs of the press."

She attributes the success of the NBA to Commissioner David Stern.

"Stern came in and altered the image of the league. At the time he took over it was almost bankrupt," Voisin said. "He promoted the sport and elevated it to where it is today."

Voisin has only positive memories of her days on Maryland Parkway as well. She does feel the university has come along way since the days when she walked its malls.

"Back when I was at UNLV, there was no language requirement," Voisin said. "In retrospect the university is much stronger because they have the language requirement now."

Asked if she was still a fan of UNLV basketball Voisin said, "I am because I like to keep up with the fans. The fans in Las Vegas support that team and university as much as the possibly can. That's something special."

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