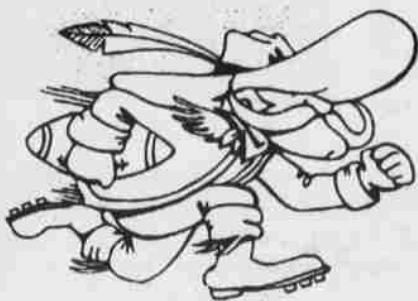


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"I threw the pitch that cost us the World Series."

—Mitch "Wild Thing" Williams

## Tyson on the move

Mike Tyson is not a happy camper. Perhaps the fact that he's currently camping in an Indiana prison has something to do with it.

Needless to say, the former heavyweight boxing champion

of the world is hoping for a quick change of residence. It's where he plans to move that may surprise you.

Tyson, who grew up in New York, has decided he will move to Africa upon his release from prison— whenever that may be.

"Maybe I should consider settling there since America has become an asylum, especially for blacks," Tyson said in an interview with Zimbabwe's *Herald* newspaper.

"Look at what they have done to me," Tyson continued. "I am rich and powerful, suddenly I have become a rapist."

The "they" Tyson referred to is later defined as white America.

Sorry, Mike, but white America cannot be blamed for your incarceration. Neither can black America, yellow America, or any other America you wish to blame. Only one person is responsible for Tyson being locked up.

That person is Mike Tyson.

It was America that helped make Tyson rich and powerful. He would have been any other street thug with a great uppercut—in essence a nobody—if it

were't for the thousands of fans who paid to watch him fight. America made Tyson famous by putting him on an endless number of videos, commercials, Nintendo games, and children's toys. Only in America can an athlete rise from the worst poverty to earn millions of dollars.

It was Tyson who married Robin Givens; Tyson who hired Don King as manager; Tyson who lost the heavyweight title to Buster Douglas because of under-training; and Tyson who felt he could fondle and rape a teenage girl in an Indianapolis hotel without any repercussions.

All of these decisions led to the ruin of Tyson's career. Who exactly made these decisions? (Hint: his initials are M.T.)

The idea of blaming someone else, especially a group as vague as "white America," for Tyson's troubles is ludicrous. Tyson needs to accept the fact that he alone is responsible for where he is today.

If Tyson feels he needs to leave the country to live a happy life, fine. Let's hope his life in Africa won't lead him along the same destructive path he followed in the U.S.

But if Tyson does end up in an African jail someday, who will he blame?

Certainly not Mike Tyson.



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## Late rally comes up short as UNLV falls to Aggies, 33-26

Rebels turn ball over seven times

By SCOTT GULBRANSEN  
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The UNLV football team did not win its homecoming game, but it might have won something far more important— self-respect.

Although the Rebels lost Saturday's contest to Utah State, 33-26, they finally got their offense on track. UNLV quarterback Bob Stockham threw for 425 yards, becoming the first Rebel to throw for more than 300 yards since Randall Cunningham accomplished the feat in 1982.

"I would have taken 125 yards passing if we could have just won the game," Stockham said. "You would usually say we could build off games like this, but it's a little too late for that. Personally, I think I made some bad decisions tonight."

Rebel Coach Jim Strong felt the Rebels had the right game plan.

"I thought we had a great game plan going in," Strong said. "I don't know what more I can do to help these kids win. Protecting the football is a basic fundamental."

After the first quarter and a half of the game, it looked as though the Rebels might climb back into the winning chair. Utah State took the opening kickoff 63 yards for a field goal. The Rebels responded with a 59-yard drive that ended in a Nick Garritano kick from 32 yards out. UNLV then held on defense and took possession on the Aggies 45-yard line.



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Demond Thompkins made a one-handed grab Saturday.

Stockham hit Demond Thompkins with a 24-yard pass that Thompkins made an incredible catch on. DeJohn Branch then ran it in from a yard out to give the Rebels the lead, 10-3.

That would be the Rebels' last lead.

The Aggies scored 30 unanswered points and held the Rebels scoreless until the fourth quarter. Utah State Coach Charlie Weatherbie said his team was happy to escape with the win.

"We'll take the win," Weatherbie said. "That was a very hard-fought game. The difference was our kids found a way to win a close one."

Early it looked as though the Rebels might roll over Utah State. Leading 10-3, UNLV defensive tackle Stephen Anderson forced Utah State quarterback Anthony Calvillo to fumble and Mark Byers recovered it for UNLV on their

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## Rebels crush Gauchos, 7-2

All five UNLV seniors score in their last game at Johann Field

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It was Senior Day Sunday, and the UNLV soccer team put on a massive display of scoring power against visiting UC Santa Barbara.

UNLV blew out the Gauchos 7-2 in the final home game of the 1993 season. Ironically, all five of the outgoing Rebel seniors scored.

The Rebels improve to 3-3-1 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play, 6-9-1 overall with the win over the Gauchos.

UNLV jumped out to an early lead as senior forward Danny Packer dribbled well into the penalty box. Drawing defenders, he then dished a pass out to Richie Louis who fired a shot from the top

of the penalty arch. It went into the back of the net. But that wasn't the last of Packer's contributions, as he assisted on three goals in addition to netting his own.

The Rebels never looked back after that first score.

"We put them away early," Rebel Coach Barry Barto said. "We got a few breaks and created plays which allowed us to score goals."

UNLV took a 3-0 lead into halftime.

And in the second half, senior Joe Cormany scored his first career goal as a Rebel. By the time the game had ended, each of the five Rebel seniors scored in their last game at Peter Johann Field.



Ben Erickson scored in his last game at Johann Field.

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