

**Commentary**

## And the Records Came Tumblin' Down

In these most apathetic of times, it was no surprise that most of the 8,130 in attendance at Sam Boyd Stadium left following three quarters of blowout football Saturday.

The Rebels were down by 35 points, 45-10, entering the final quarter and the fans' interest was waning. Expect for those who chose to stay and brave the random chants of "I-D-A-H-O, Idaho, Idaho, Go, Go, Go."

Rebel coach Jeff Horton promised exciting things when he was hired. But nobody expected UNLV's football team to start obliterating school and NCAA offensive records in its third game under him.

"It's really amazing," Horton said, matter-of-factly. "We've moved up so quick (in the statistics). We're up to second in passing and 17th in the nation in total offense. It's really a tribute to the kids picking up the system and getting it going."

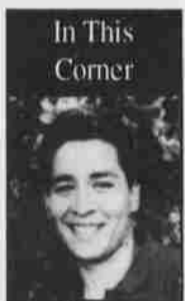
"And really we feel, as a staff, that we haven't touched the tip of the iceberg yet, that we're just kind of still getting things in place."

Imagine the record books (or what's left of them) when the Throwin' Rebels do get things in place. After all, UNLV did break numerous records. Among them: Randy Gatewood setting NCAA records for catches, 23, and receiving yardage, 363 yards... quarterback Jason Davis' 347 yards passing in the fourth quarter eclipsed Andre Ware's 340, set in 1989... Henry Bailey's four touchdowns tied a UNLV mark.

The records came tumbling down in the fourth quarter, long after a majority of the crowd departed the stadium.

"I told people when I came here there was going to be some high-scoring games, don't leave," Horton said. "I've been a member of some of the greatest comebacks in college football history. We can do the same thing here. If people leave the stadium early, then they're stupid because there's going to be

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In This Corner

PAUL GUTIERREZ

# Idaho Vandalizes Throwin' Rebels

**FOOTBALL: Gatewood sets NCAA records for catches, yardage, named SI, BWC Offensive Player of the Week**

BY KEVIN LEWIS  
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The night should have belonged to Randy Gatewood.

But after establishing a slew of NCAA records he stormed off the field disappointed and bewildered, wondering if there was more he could have done to help UNLV avert a 48-38 loss to the Idaho Vandals Saturday before a crowd of 8,130 at Sam Boyd Stadium.

Gatewood shattered NCAA records for most receptions (23) and most receiving yards in a game (363). He was recently named *Sports Illustrated's* Player of the Week.

"I should be enjoying this, but I can't," he said after the Rebels fell to 1-2. "We're better than the way we're playing right now. We just have to work harder."

Gatewood, who now leads the nation in receiving, set a Big West record with 419 all-purpose yards.

UNLV coach Jeff Horton expressed surprise at Gatewood's efforts.

"I had no idea that (Gatewood) had that many passes," Horton said. "He has a good awareness of what we want to do in our offense and he's tough physically. He's in good shape."

But Horton was still disappointed, as he repeated his post game comments from the previous week's loss.

"We're not that good a team to play this kind of football and expect to win," Horton said. "I know it sounds redundant but we really have to emphasize the fundamentals if we want to win the Big West."

The Rebel defense has gone



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LACY  
Randy Gatewood picked up numerous awards with his offensive explosion in Saturday night's loss to Idaho.

MIA, allowing Idaho, ranked No. 8 in Division I-AA, 707 offensive yards.

The Vandals' offensive line allowed quarterback Eric Hisaw enough time to have a buffet while passing for 284 yards and rushing for 122 yards. Idaho built a 45-10 lead after three quarters.

Gatewood wasn't the only Rebel receiver who had a big game. Henry Bailey hauled in nine passes for 159 yards and four touchdowns.

The pass became the Throwin' Rebels' only weapon as the ground game moved in retreat with a total of minus-21 yards rushing, a school record for fewest rushing yards.

But UNLV passed for a Big West record 635 yards.

Horton inserted Jason Davis at quarterback late in the third quarter. Davis ignited the offense by completing 30-of-46 attempts for 381 yards and four touch-

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## UNLV Opens League Against Defending Las Vegas Bowl Champs

BY KEVIN LEWIS  
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The UNLV football team enters the Big West Conference race at 1-2 and hopes to turn its misfortunes around when it invades



the home turf of the Utah State Aggies Saturday in Logan, Utah.

UNLV shattered several NCAA, Big West Conference, and school records against Idaho. After a 635-yard performance against Idaho, the Rebels are second in the nation in passing offense with 398 yards per game.

Randy Gatewood, *Sports Illustrated's* Player of the Week, leads the nation in receiving and will have the immediate attention of the Aggies. Henry Bailey appears back into his groove with a four-touchdown effort against Idaho. The passing game may give the running game an opportunity to establish itself.

The Aggies (1-2) enter league play after winning their first game of the season in a rainstorm at Ohio University, 5-0. The Rebels will be thankful that quarterback Anthony Calvillo, who set a school record with

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# Kickin' Rebels Return to Host Invitational

**SOCCER: 2-4 UNLV faces OSU, Columbia**

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The UNLV soccer team took a beating on Tobacco Road last weekend in the North Carolina Tournament, getting swept in the process. The Rebels lost to the host Tar Heels, 4-0, Friday, before falling in overtime to the College of Charleston, 3-2, Sunday.

UNLV is now preparing to redeem itself this weekend in the UNLV Coors Light Invitational at Peter Johann Field.

The No. 7 Tar Heels wound up with the tournament title.

"The Tar Heels are a solid squad," UNLV coach Barry Bar-

**UNLV Coors Light Invitational at Johann Field**

<b>Friday</b> UNLV vs. Oregon State—7 p.m. Cal State Northridge vs. California—9 p.m.	<b>Sunday</b> UNLV vs. California—noon Cal State Northridge vs. Oregon State—2 p.m.
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to said. "They dominated the game."

The match against North Carolina was the third straight game for the Rebels against a ranked opponent. Fatigue and playing on the road might have been a factor in the team's dismal showing.

"We had trouble converting shots," Barto said.

The Rebels shot themselves in the foot, allowing the Tar Heels to score twice on penalty shots, and losing freshman goalie Dan

Abdalla to ejection at the 65:35 mark on a controversial break-away foul call.

Barto said it was simply a matter of the Rebels beating themselves.

But the Rebels fared much better against the College of Charleston, fighting back to tie the score at 2-all after a scoreless first half. The team rallied behind scores from both junior midfielder Bart Gallia and junior forward James Mitchell. The Cougars took the lead once

again in overtime and thwarted the Rebels' comeback efforts.

"The team played a solid match," Barto said of UNLV. "It's always tough to play on the road."

The Rebels are more than glad to be home this weekend for the UNLV Coors Light Invitational, and the beginning of conference play. The team has looked impressive at home with a win against No. 2 Rutgers in a tournament here two weeks ago.

The Rebels begin play Friday at 7 p.m. against the only undefeated team in the Mountain Division of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, the Oregon State Beavers (4-0-1). UNLV will then host the Cal-Berkley Bears Sunday at noon. Cal has struggled early this season, establishing a record of 0-4-1.

"We hope to do well during this homestand, and build our confidence back up after such a tough weekend," Barto said.