

Rebel Report Card

Week 3: vs. Idaho

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If you were one of the about 4,000 fans that left Sam Boyd Stadium when UNLV trailed 45-10, you missed perhaps the most exciting quarter in Rebel football history.

Horton's Bombers may have lost the game, but the Rebel offense arrived—in a big way!

Overall Performance

**B-**

The professor is usually hard on the students when they lose but this is a major exception. The performances of Randy Gatewood, Henry Bailey and Jason Davis will go down in Rebel history as well as NCAA history.

UNLV also showed character coming from a 45-10 deficit to cut the lead to 14 points.

The offense stacked up more than 600 yards passing! Something is up!

Offense

**A+**

This incredible group broke four different NCAA records. Jason Davis proved once and for all who should be the Rebels' starting quarterback. Randy Gatewood woke up America

Overall Performance

and has now captivated pro scouts. And finally, Henry Bailey is doing what everyone thought he was capable of.

The forgotten man is Jared Brown. Brown did a good job but could not rally the troops like Davis. He can run the option very well, but UNLV is not that kind of team. Feel proud Jared, you did well.

Defense

**D-**

The Rebel defense was a porous unit against the Vandals passing game. After a strong effort against Eastern Michigan, it's been downhill ever since. Keith Washington continues his incredible run as he had two more sacks for UNLV. Rodney Mazion continues to play hard as he has for the past three years.

The only reason this unit did not receive an F was due to its strong effort down the stretch.

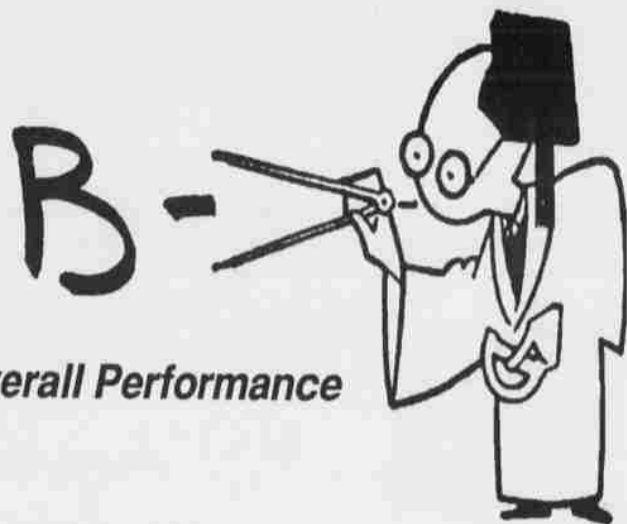
Coaching

**A**

Horton and his offensive coaching staff had the perfect game plan—it's too bad it didn't click until the fourth quarter. Horton promised exciting football when he took the job, and he has delivered. He needs to elevate the play of the defense if UNLV wants to run at the title.

The Rebel Yell Players of the Week: Randy Gatewood and Jason Davis

That's right! A co-player of the week. No need for an explanation. Just read these guys' statistics!



Commentary

NHL In Town For Challenge Cup

Edmonton Oilers general manager/coach Glen Sather said this summer that Las Vegas would make an ideal site for an NHL team.



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Sather cited numerous factors, including a growing population loaded with eastern transplants. The off-ice success of the International Hockey League's Las Vegas Thunder last year had to influence what he said.

While the NHL has yet to consider Las Vegas as an expansion site, the city joins the NHL for three days beginning tonight as the Thunder host the Chicago Blackhawks at 7 p.m. at the Thomas & Mack Center to kick off the first NHL Challenge Cup.

Fans may be disappointed to learn that Chicago All-Star center Jeremy Roenick may not play against Las Vegas because his wife is expecting a baby. He will likely play against the Boston Bruins Saturday at 7 p.m.

Sather's Oilers are also in the preseason event. The Oilers and Boston Bruins meet Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday, the Oilers face the Thunder at 2 p.m.

The Chicago and Edmonton games against Las Vegas do not count in the NHL preseason standings because the games are against a non-NHL team.

While the NHL teams are the marquee attraction, the Thunder provides plenty of intrigue. If Radek Bonk, the third overall pick in this year's NHL entry draft, performs well against Chicago and Edmonton, will he up his contract demands with the Ottawa Senators, the team which picked him?

It was rumored shortly after the draft that the Senators wouldn't be able to afford Bonk, and they would trade his rights. But so far, Bonk is a holdout, returning to where he won the IHL's Rookie of the Year award.

The big spectacle will occur Saturday, as Las Vegas will start female goaltender Manon Rheume against the Oilers. The spectacle here comes from watching her play and the crowd's reaction to her play.

While some will cheer her every save, the narrow minded will probably shout "Did you break a nail sweetie?" and other chauvinistic remarks.

The Challenge Cup represents a huge step up in class for the Thunder. While Las Vegas finished last year with the best regular season record in pro hockey, an NHL doormat like the Oilers are much better than any IHL team, regardless of how much talent the IHL team has brought in.

Las Vegas should be able to give the Blackhawks and Oilers a run, as the Thunder have 11 players who have played in the NHL.

Regardless of the outcomes this weekend, the Thunder should be well prepared for its season opener Oct. 1 at Phoenix.

The Challenge Cup won't be the only chance Las Vegas will have to see NHL hockey this season. The MGM Grand Garden will host a pair of regular season neutral site games in February and March.

On Feb. 9, the St. Louis Blues meet the Anaheim Mighty Ducks while on March 2, the Blues play the Los Angeles Kings.

The NHL made one prior appearance here, when the Kings and the New York Rangers played an exhibition at an outdoor rink at Caesars Palace in September of 1991.

Not bad for a city where five years ago, you couldn't even go ice skating because there wasn't a rink.

—John Santana is a sports writer at The Rebel Yell.

Posse Keeps Prices Down for UNLV Students, Faculty

The Las Vegas Posse of the Canadian Football League is again offering UNLV students and faculty reduced rates for Saturday night's game.

All tickets are on sale for \$5 to

those with a valid UNLV ID.

To get the price, present your ID at one of three locations—the Thomas & Mack Center Box Office, the Posse Box Office or at Sam Boyd Stadium on game day.

Tickets are for best available seating.

The Posse (4-7) hosts the Hamilton Tiger-Cats (3-8) at 8:05 p.m.

Golfers Fourth in New Mexico Tourney

After placing fourth last weekend in the William H. Tucker Invitational in Albuquerque, N.M., UNLV's golf team was ranked No. 7 in GOLF WEEK Magazine's 1994-95 preseason rankings.

Junior Chris Riley, last year's Big West Player of the Year, was named to the magazine's first team preseason All-America team, while sophomore Gilberto Morales was second team and sophomore Mike Ruiz was honorable mention.

The Rebels opener in New Mexico was a three-round stroke total of 881 on the University of New Mexico course. UNLV finished 17 strokes behind tournament champion No. 2 Oklahoma State.

Morales tied for sixth with No. 4 Arizona State's Scott Johnson at 1-over-par 217. Both finished nine strokes back of No. 1 Stan-

ford freshman Tiger Woods, the individual medalist.

Woods, a former UNLV recruit who was playing in his first collegiate tournament, sealed the win with a 4-under-par 68 in Saturday's final round.

Ruiz finished a stroke back of Morales and Johnson. Ruiz did have one of the tournament's better rounds, shooting a second round 67 Friday.

Newcomer Chad Campbell tied for eighth with four other golfers at 219. A final round 72 helped him finish in the top ten.

The Rebels compete in the Preview Invitational in Columbus, Ohio Saturday and Sunday.

UNLV was ranked No. 6 in last year's preseason poll and finished tied for seventh at the NCAA Championships after winning a third straight BWC title.

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