Week 6: vs. Louisiana Tech

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The UNLV football program is well on its way to respectability

The Rebels have now won three-straight conference games. That's huge for a program some people wanted cancelled last season.

Overall Performance UNLV did not look as good as it has

in recent weeks. Louisiana Tech really moved the ball well against the Rebel defense but could not put UNLV away. The Rebel offense looked good at times but nothing was clicking. Jason Davis and Randy Gatewood connected to win the game in front of the Homecoming crowd. Going into Tulsa, the Rebels just need to stay healthy.

Rebel Report Card

Offense It seems like Davis is trying to give away the starting job. All the talent is there for him to be a

great college quarterback—he's just not executing.

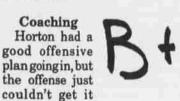
Randy Gatewood did another fantastic job. He caught five passes for over 50 yards and scored the winning touchdown. UNLV really needs to push him as an All-America candidate. He still leads the nation in receiving.

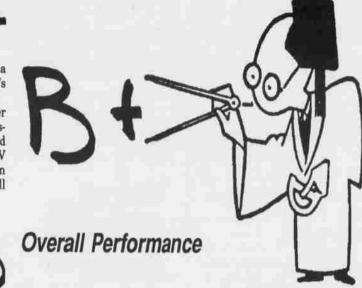
Defense

These guys have saved the last two games for UNLV so a tiny letdown might have been expected.

The defense still came up big in the fourth quarter, stopping the Bulldogs late. Keith Washington and Mark Byers had another fine effort. The Terminator is still on fire!

Coaching Horton had a good offensive plan going in, but the offense just

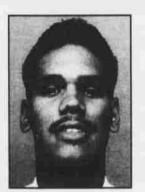




going all at once. A pretty slow and boring game, but a win for the best young staff in the west.

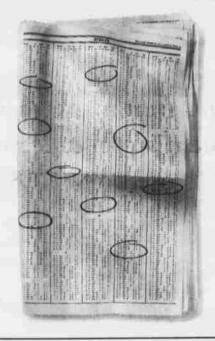
> The Rebel Yell Player of the Week: QB Jason Davis

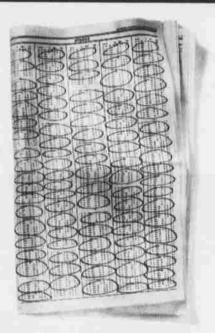
Davis led his team on a masterful 76 yard drive that finished with the touchdown toss to Gatewood. Davis has all the toolsjust use them to the fullest, JD.



Davis

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Tulsa

continued from 17 overall in the Big Eight Conference, lost Saturday to Texas-El Paso 24-17, and will face a confident UNLV team that has won its last three games with fourth quarter heroics.

Tulsa's coach Dave Rader, 32-40-1 overall, is in his seventh season and led the Golden Hurricane to the 1989 Independence Bowl and 1991 Freedom Bowl.

Tulsa opened this season on the road with a 20-17 victory against Big Eight opponent Missouri, but the Hurricane have lost their last four games, losing the home-opener against Mem-phis, 42-18, and then losing on the road against Wyoming, 17-7, Oklahoma State 17-10, and at home to UTEP.

Tulsa is a youthful team with only 25 seniors or juniors. Although there are 37 letterwinners, 14 of them are sophomores.

"Offensively we have a lot of question marks. We lost a real good quarterback in Gus Freotte (Washington Redskins) and a great receiver in Chris Penn (Kansas City Chiefs)," said coach Rader, who will start freshman quarterback John Fitzgerald, 24-43 for 243 yards and one interception vs. UTEP, against the Rebels.

Sophomore tailback Solomon White rushed for 135 yards on 24 carries against UTEP and averages 3.8 yards per carry. Tulsa's primary receiver is Wes Caswell, 10 receptions for 141 yards against UTEP, who is among the nation's leaders in receptions per game, 6.5, and in receiving yards per game, 84. The Hurricane strength is the offensive line with seven returning letter-

The Hurricane defense, which allowed UTEP's tailback Toraino Singleton to rush for 146 yards on 36 attempts, features sopho-more middle linebacker Muadi-anvita Kazdi, who leads the team with 50 tackles.

Corner

continued from 17 instead of staying down the middle, he kind of leaned towards their side to protect himself and the coaching staff. I didn't appreciate that, so I told him exactly how I felt. I thought it was B.S. He explained his situation and that was that."

And just as the Rider cotroversy began, so did the losing.

UNLV has failed to win the Big West Tournament, despite having the conference's Most Outstanding Player (Rider and Kebu Stewart last year) in Massimino's two seasons as coach.

Losing is just not acceptable to a fan-base used to regular trips to postseason play.

The losing, the hypocrisy and the alienation felt by Rebel fans is not the real reason UNLV is looking to buy out Massimino. According to UNLV President Kenny Guinn, it is simply a matter of economics.

"My concern is, what are we going to do about this program when we're not selling scholarships and tickets?" Guinn said. "(Massimino) knows it's a serious problem. He's concerned and he certainly was willing to talk about a buyout aspect.'

Why Massimino is fighting his ouster is a mystery. The fact that he is not wanted here anymore is not. Word is, he doesn't want to be here either. So why the hypoc-

It's as easy as telling the difference between perception and reality.

> -Paul Gutierrez is sports editor at The Rebel Yell.