

The West Coast's Best Kept Secret

Runnin' Rebels: Despite being named the league's MVP, Kebu Stewart toils in anonymity

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Kebu Stewart can't understand it.

He's put up the numbers, won numerous awards and was named the Big West Conference Player of the Year his first season in the league. Yet, he is not known nationwide. But that's okay with the Rebels' junior center.

"I know where I stand," Stewart said. "I know where I stand with myself and with my teammates. I don't get a chance to play against the big-time players. But when we do play against

them this year, we've got a lot of good non-league teams, I'm going to show them who Kebu Stewart is."

His stats speak for themselves. As a sophomore last season, Stewart averaged double figures in both scoring and rebounding with 18.9 ppg and 11.6 rebounds. His figures were even more impressive in Big West play, averaging 20.8 ppg and 11.9 rebounds.

The numbers that stand out the most are his high school figures. As a senior at Our Savior Lutheran High in the Bronx, N.Y., Stewart averaged 36.2 points and 17.2 rebounds per game. It was enough to gain the attention of LSU, St. John's, and Florida State. But when he chose UNLV and former coach Rollie Massimino, Stewart became a lightning rod of controversy in the Tark-Maxson Feud.

If Massimino was brought in to replace Tarkanian by Maxson in an effort to "clean up" the program, some would say, then why was Massimino's first big-

Big West men's coaches' poll

1. New Mexico State	92 (6)	5. UC Santa Barbara	54
2. UNLV	83 (2)	7. UNR	44
2. Utah State	83 (1)	8. Pacific	32
4. Long Beach State	77 (1)	9. San Jose State	20
5. UC Irvine	54	10. Cal State Fullerton	11

time recruit a Prop 48 casualty?

Hypocrisy in the administration seemed to be more evident when the NCAA declared Stewart ineligible for the first six games last season. The reason: Stewart's acceptance of a plane ticket to New York when he was sitting out his freshman year because of the Prop 48 requirements.

"You should never judge people on the negative things they've done," Stewart said. "I've proved that I'm a good person. I've proved that I've put the negative things behind me. Everything (comes out) on the floor and on the court. I showed that last year."

New Rebel coach Tim Grgurich said Stewart is integral to his plans.

"He's our biggest guy," Grgurich said. "He can be a guy we go to an awful lot. We try to emphasize that to him."

"He's our center right now. He's going to have to work on his perimeter skills. We try to take time with him in the post and we also take time with him on the outside, trying to get him to shoot his jump shot and work on his outside moves. As you move up a level, the guys his size have to learn how to play out on the floor also."

And Stewart said Grgurich has helped him with his defense.

"It was a weakness in my game," he said. "He helped me a lot on my feet and everything so it's going to be a big improvement."

Enough for continued success?

"I think I'm one of the top two players on the West Coast," Stewart said, "the top big man on the West Coast. I know when it's



Kebu Stewart

time for me to play a big game, I'm going to show up." And that's no secret.

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YYY	8	Hawaiians	0
Las Cucarachas	7	Delta Sig	2
Mad Hatters	1	ATO	F
Kappa Sig	6	SAE	4
The Team	6	SAM	4
Sigma Chi	10	C and E	5
3 Peat	8	Rodman's Revenge	0
Lambda Chi	2	Phi Delt	1

WOMEN

Sigma Kappa	5	ADPi	0
AGD	8	Hughes	0
Mixed Nuts	5	Solsters	0
Island Girls	9	FASA	2

Runnin' Rebels Schedule

November

17 vs. Verich Reps (exhibition), 7:35 p.m.
22 vs. Mexico (exhibition), 7:35 p.m.
28 at Marquette

December

11 at Seton Hall
17 vs. Cal State Fullerton*, 7:35 p.m.
22 at Louisville
28 at Miami
30 at Central Florida

January

5 at UC Santa Barbara*
7 vs. UC Irvine*, 7:35 p.m.
12 at Cal State Northridge
16 at New Mexico State*
19 at Nevada*

21 at Utah State*
26 vs. Pacific*, 7:35 p.m.
28 vs. San Jose State*, 7:35 p.m.
30 at Long Beach State*

February

2 at UC Irvine*
4 at Cal State Fullerton*
11 at William and Mary
12 at Virginia
16 vs. Utah State*, 7:35 p.m.
18 vs. Nevada*, 7:35 p.m.
20 vs. New Mexico State*, 7:35 p.m.
25 at San Jose State*
27 at Pacific*

March

2 vs. UC Santa Barbara*, 7:35 p.m.
4 vs. Long Beach State*, 7:35 p.m.
9-12 Big West Conference Tournament at Thomas & Mack Center
*Denotes Big West Conference games
All home games in Thomas & Mack Center

Lady Rebels Schedule

January

3 vs. Long Beach State*, 7:30 p.m.
5 vs. UC Santa Barbara*, 7:30 p.m.
8 at Cal State Fullerton*
10 at UC Irvine*

14 at New Mexico State*
20 vs. San Jose State*, 7:30 p.m.
22 vs. Hawaii*, 2 p.m.
27 at Pacific*
29 at Nevada*

February

3 vs. UC Irvine*, 7:30 p.m.
5 vs. Cal State Fullerton*, 2 p.m.
11 vs. New Mexico State*, 7:30 p.m.
17 at Hawaii*

19 at San Jose State*
24 vs. Nevada*, 7:30 p.m.
26 vs. Pacific*, 2 p.m.

March

2 at UC Santa Barbara
4 at Long Beach State
7-9 and 11, Big West Conference Tournament at Thomas & Mack Center
*Denotes Big West Conference Game
All home games in South Gym except Showboat Shootout

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