

	Conference	Overall
Utah State	8-2	14-4
New Mexico State	7-3	16-6
Long Beach State	7-3	11-6
Pacific	6-4	11-7
UNR	6-5	10-9
UC Santa Barbara	5-5	10-8
UNLV	5-6	8-9
Cal State Fullerton	4-7	6-13
UC Irvine	4-7	8-10
San Jose State	0-10	1-16

On the Road Again

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The UNLV men's basketball team continues its season odyssey this weekend as they invade the state of Virginia to battle William & Mary and No. 17 Virginia.

The Runnin' Rebels (8-9) face William & Mary (6-12) going into Wednesday night's game against James Madison) at 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

The Tribe, 4-4 in the Colonial Athletic Conference, are led by senior guard Kurt Small, averaging 18.1 ppg and 4.7 rpg.

Other tentative starters include senior guard David Cox (10.2 ppg, 4.3 apg), center David Cully (7.2 ppg, 9.6 rpg), junior forward Carl Parker (14.0 ppg, 7.1 rpg) and freshman forward Christopher Horne (3.6 ppg, 1.5 rpg).

On Sunday, at 1:00 p.m., the Rebels try to avenge last year's 59-39 home loss to the Cavaliers.

In that game, on Jan. 3, UNLV shot just 27.6 percent from the field, while the 39 points were the fewest ever scored by a Rebel team.

Kebu Stewart, Sunshine Smith and Dedan Thomas combined to shoot 4-35 from the field for the Rebels.

Senior forward Junior Burrough leads the Cavaliers (13-6) heading into Wednesday night's game against North Carolina State, 6-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) by averaging 17.7 ppg and 8.2 rpg.

Other expected starters include sophomore forward Jamal Robinson (5.3 ppg, 2.7 rpg), junior center Chris Alexander (2.7 ppg, 3.8 rpg), junior guard Cory Alexander (17.5 ppg, 5.7 apg) and sophomore guard Harold Deane (15.6 ppg, 3.6 apg).

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D. Smith had a career-high 24 points to lead UNLV. Savoy chipped in with 14, Johnson had 12, while Lee had a career-high nine points.

Stewart had his worst game as a Rebel with three points and four rebounds.

Hustlin' Rebels Sweep Lobos

Baseball: UNLV improves to 4-2

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This year's UNLV baseball team was supposed to be led by its pitching and speed, not by its power.

It seems no one gave the Hustlin' Rebels the news.

Last weekend, coach Fred Dallimore's club combined good pitching, speed and power to sweep New Mexico in a three-game series at Earl E. Wilson Stadium, 7-2, 6-0 and 9-8.

"We were thinking sweep," Dallimore said. "And we scored a lot of runs. We swung the bats pretty good."

Sophomore right-hander Nate Yeskie (1-0) gained Friday's victory after pitching eight strong innings, allowing one unearned run on eight hits. He struck out eight while walking none. Freshman Bill Scheffels pitched the ninth inning.

"Nate pitched great," Dallimore said. "He was throwing four pitches for strikes."

The Rebels pounded out 13 hits, including five for extra bases.

First baseman Brian Anthony led the charge with two hits, including his second home run, and a stolen base. Catcher Travis McClendon supplied two hits, including a double, and two stolen bases.

Shortstop Stacy Kleiner and third baseman Ryan Hankins also contributed two hits apiece towards the victory.

Hank Crosby and Ted Wilkes each hit their first home run of the season for the Rebels.

On Saturday, Denny DeMartini and Erik Oliver combined on a seven-hitter to shut out the Lobos 6-0.

It was the Rebels' first shutout

since March 26, 1993, when Kirk Kline defeated Northern Colorado 7-0. It was the first home shutout for UNLV since March 29, 1992, when Tory Miran beat Cal State Northridge 5-0.

DeMartini (1-1), a junior left-hander, threw eight innings, allowing six hits and three walks, while striking out six. Oliver struck out one in a scoreless ninth.

"Our pitching was just dominating," Dallimore said. "DeMartini pitched great."

Center fielder Scott Vincent keyed the Rebels' offensive attack by delivering two hits, including his second home run of the season, and a stolen base. Vincent also knocked in two runs, scored twice and walked twice.

Hankins, a freshman, continued to lead UNLV in batting, through Saturday, by supplying two more hits. They pushed his average up to .435.

Wilkes, a junior transfer from Saddleback Junior College in Mission Viejo, Calif., hit his second home run of the series, supplying two RBIs.

On Sunday, the Rebels won 9-8 on Crosby's ninth-inning, one-out single, which scored pinch runner Ryan Plughoff from second base.

"I've got all the confidence in the world in Hank Crosby at the plate," Dallimore said. "He battled (Lobo pitcher David Meng). Hank's a good guy to have up there."

UNLV held an 8-4 lead after eight innings, but relief pitchers Joel Garber and Oliver failed to nail down the win and allowed four runs on five hits in the top of the ninth.

The big blow for New Mexico was Mark Wulfert's two-out, bases-loaded, blooper triple to shallow-right field that barely eluded Anthony's over-the-shoulder attempt.

Wulfert ended the game with three hits and four RBIs. Daniel Sousa had three hits for the Lo-

bos, including a home run, and two RBIs.

The Rebels only got eight hits, but made them count by gaining a hit in only one inning in which they didn't score. Four Lobo errors helped UNLV's cause.

The Rebels also scored their first six runs of the game with two outs.

"We got tired of that (against Loyola Marymount) when we gave up 16 runs with two outs," Dallimore said.

Besides Crosby's game-winner, he also had a double, and ended up with two RBIs.

McClendon had a double and a three-run home run for the Rebels. Anthony went 2-4 to raise his average to a team-leading .417. He hit his third home run of the season, and scored three times in the game.

Wilkes continued his power surge by supplying his third home run of the series, knocking in two. They are his only hits on the season. He also walked twice, scored three runs and stole two bases.

Oliver (2-0) gained the victory in relief. Tom LaRosa started and pitched 6 2/3 innings and gave up four runs, all earned, on seven hits. He struck out one batter and walked four.

"(LaRosa) hasn't really pitched like Tommy's capable of pitching," Dallimore said. "He pitched real good in spurts, but he just didn't have the real great command on his fastball."

Garber pitched two innings and allowed four runs, all in the ninth inning, on five hits.

The Hustlin' Rebels' 4-2 record is their best start since 1989, the last year they made the NCAA tournament.

UNLV takes on No. 25 Kansas this weekend at Wilson Stadium. Yeskie is scheduled to pitch against the Jayhawks Friday, DeMartini is scheduled to throw on Saturday and either LaRosa or sophomore Mike Bauder will start Sunday.

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UNLV	6-5	7-11
Pacific	5-5	12-9
Cal State Fullerton	5-6	8-10
Hawaii	2-8	4-13
UNR	2-8	4-16
San Jose State	2-9	4-16

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