

Commentary

Green Acres, End of an Era and Spring Break Revisited

Just sitting around the office, peeling from the sunburn suffered down at that madness called Spring Break '95 at Lake Havasu. Yet again, it's notes d a y herein T h e C o r n e r.



In This Corner

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As The Rebel Yell went to press, Jerry Green of Oregon was the latest to turn down the position of Runnin' Rebel coach. He has a reputation as a rebuild-er of tattered programs. Not only did he lead the Ducks to respectability with an invitation to the NCAA Tournament (Oregon fell to Texas in the first round), Oregon was also one of two teams to beat top-ranked UCLA this season. And Green was an assistant at Kansas under Roy Williams from 1988-92, rebuilding a program under NCAA sanctions.

It would seem that he fit the criteria set by President Kenny Guinn and Director of Athletics Jim Weaver.

But then again, so did UCLA assistant Lorenzo Romar, Utah State coach Larry Eustachy and Utah coach Rick Majerus.

By the time the dust clears, the job may land in the lap of another Green, Sidney.

El Sid has been lobbying heavily for the job and flyers are making their way under windshield wipers and people are wearing T-shirts supporting him in his quest to be hired. Green has said that he will bring in an assistant that has more experience than any of the other coaching candidates — Stan Albeck.

It's probably a good thing Jerry Green turned down the job. What would the UNLV pep band have played in his honor?

"Jaws" was used for both Jerry Tarkanian and Tim Grgurich while Gerg also had "Happy Days Are Here Again." Rollie Massimino had "The Godfather."

The Rebel musicians could have tuned up for "Green Acres." After all, his last two jobs were at Oregon and Kansas. No word yet on if Arnold Ziffel

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Down & Out

Basketball: Rebels' season comes to an end in the BWC Tourney's second round

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The UNLV men's basketball team's season of turmoil ended abruptly March 10 when it lost in the second round of the Big West Tournament to New Mexico State, 96-76.

The loss gave the Runnin' Rebels a record of 12-16, their worst since the 1958-59 inaugural team finished 5-13.

UNLV carried a 37-34 lead into halftime after Reggie Manuel capped an 8-0 run with an NBA-range 3-pointer.

Rebels' center Eric Lee stretched the lead to 39-34 after he opened the second half with a 10-footer in the lane. *

After that, it was all Aggies. Coach Neil McCarthy's club went on an 18-0 run over the next 5:21 to build an insurmountable 52-

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PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN
Outgoing senior Patrick Savoy dunks for a deuce in his final game as a Runnin' Rebel. UNLV finished with an overall record of 12-16.

Rebels Back in the Swing of Things

The UNLV golf team saved its best round of golf for last Tuesday.

The Swingin' Rebels, currently ranked at No. 7 with Arizona State in the latest *Golf Week Magazine* poll, came from eight strokes behind No. 3 Texas to win the prestigious Morris Williams Intercollegiate in Austin, Texas.

UNLV SHOT 286-292-289-867 to win the tournament, five strokes ahead of Texas, which shot 280-290-302-872. No. 11 Oklahoma was third at 289-288-296-873 while No. 6 Georgia Tech and No. 4 Texas Christian tied for fourth with a total of 877.

No. 1 Oklahoma State was sixth with a score of 880 and No. 10 Arizona finished seventh at 882. No. 5 Florida was eighth at 885 and ASU was ninth at 887.

The top nine team finishers are ranked in the top 11 according to the poll.

The win was UNLV's third of the year and first of the spring season. It comes on the heels of a 10th-place finish at the Golf Digest Invitational in Houston

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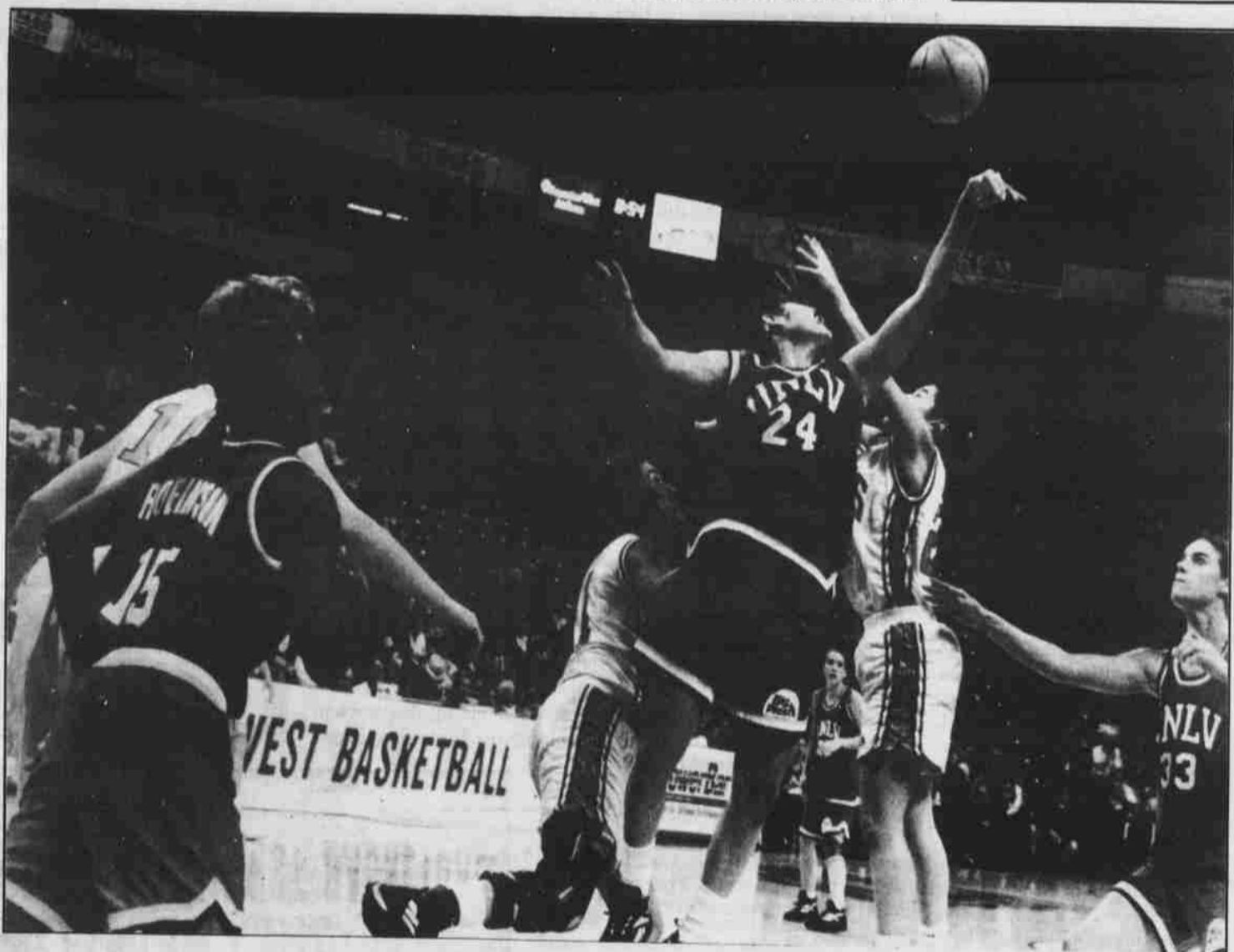


PHOTO BY MICHAEL LACY
Outgoing seniors Celeste Robinson, Gwynn Hobbs and Tracy Titus battle for a loose ball against Pacific in a barren T&M.

Lady Rebs Fall in BWC Quarterfinals

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The Lady Rebel basketball team's season ended March 8, with Gwynn Hobbs' last-second layup effort rolling off the rim.

The miss allowed the Pacific Lady Tigers to steal a 58-57 victory in the Big West Tourna-

ment quarterfinals at the Thomas & Mack Center.

UNLV faced elimination with nine seconds remaining and possession at midcourt and a one-point deficit.

"We wanted to get into a two-man game with Gwynn using the pick-and-roll, and she just went with it one-on-one," coach

Jim Bolla said. "We don't have that kind of team that we can get away from our game and go one-on-one."

The play broke down after LeAnn Kazmer set a screen for Hobbs, who then made a desperate drive toward the basket before time expired.

"Hey, let's give credit to Pacif-

ic," Bolla added. "I just feel bad for our seniors. It's not how I wanted them to end their careers."

The Lady Rebels trailed at the half 34-28, but tied the score at 48-all with less than 11 minutes left before getting cold from the

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