

UNLV Sports Schedule

A listing of events featuring Rebel sports teams and UNLV facilities

Today
Lady Rebel softball at Cal State Fullerton Pony-Louisville Tournament.

Friday
Men's tennis vs. Arizona, Fertitta Complex 1 p.m.
Women's tennis vs. UNR, Fertitta Complex 1 p.m.
Hustlin' Rebels vs. Pacific, Wilson Stadium 7:05 p.m.
Las Vegas Thunder vs. Phoenix, International Hockey League, Thomas & Mack Center 7 p.m.
Lady Rebel softball at Cal State Fullerton Pony-Louisville Tournament.

Saturday
Hustlin' Rebels vs. Pacific, Wilson Stadium 7:05 p.m.
Las Vegas Thunder vs. Phoenix, IHL, Thomas & Mack Center 1:05 p.m.
Lady Rebel softball at Cal State Fullerton Pony-Louisville Tournament.
Rebel rodeo at Arizona.

Sunday
Women's tennis vs. Oklahoma State, Fertitta Complex noon.
Men's tennis vs. San Diego, Fertitta Complex noon.
Hustlin' Rebels vs. Pacific, Wilson Stadium 1:05 p.m.
Lady Rebel softball at Cal State Fullerton Pony-Louisville Tournament.
Rebel rodeo at Arizona.
SOA intramurals preseason softball tourney.

Monday
Intramurals softball begins.

Tuesday
Las Vegas Thunder vs. Denver, IHL, Thomas & Mack Center 7 p.m.

Wednesday
Lady Rebel softball vs. Cal State Fullerton (DH), Rebel Diamond noon.
Intramurals Evian 4-person volleyball tourney meeting, MSU 201 4 and 6 p.m.

March 31
Lady Rebel softball vs. Hawaii (DH), Rebel Diamond noon.
Hustlin' Rebels at UNR.

April 1
Lady Rebel softball vs. Hawaii (DH), Rebel Diamond 11 a.m.
Hustlin' Rebels at UNR.
Women's tennis at Arizona.
Men's tennis at Pepperdine.

April 2
Hustlin' Rebels at UNR.

April 5
Intramurals ultimate frisbee tourney meeting, MSU 201 4 and 6 p.m.

April 6
Intramurals Evian 4-person volleyball tourney.
Intramurals track meet.

April 7
Hustlin' Rebels vs. New Mexico State, Wilson Stadium 7:05 p.m.
Las Vegas Thunder vs. Minnesota, IHL, Thomas & Mack Center 7 p.m.

April 8
Hustlin' Rebels vs. New Mexico State, Wilson Stadium 1:05 p.m.
Lady Rebel softball at New Mexico State.
Golf at Ping/American Airlines Invitational, Cary, N.C.
Las Vegas Thunder vs. Minnesota, IHL, Thomas & Mack Center 7 p.m.

April 9
Hustlin' Rebels vs. New Mexico State, Wilson Stadium 1:05 p.m.
Golf at Ping/American Airlines Invitational, Cary, N.C.
Intramurals ultimate frisbee tourney.

April 11
Men's tennis at USC.

April 13
Hustlin' Rebels vs. Cal State Fullerton, Wilson Stadium 7:05 p.m.

April 14
Women's tennis vs. UC Santa Barbara, Fertitta Complex 1 p.m.
Hustlin' Rebels vs. Cal State Fullerton, Wilson Stadium 7:05 p.m.
Golf at Thunderbird Invitational, Tempe, Ariz.

April 15
Hustlin' Rebels vs. Cal State Fullerton, Wilson Stadium 1:05 p.m.
Golf at Thunderbird Invitational, Tempe, Ariz.
Lady Rebel softball at Long Beach State (DH).

April 16
Women's tennis vs. Utah, Fertitta Complex noon.
Lady Rebel softball at Cal State Fullerton (DH).

April 19
Lady Rebel softball vs Long Beach, Rebel Diamond noon.

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would have been the next mascot, the pig taking the place of the Shark and Hey Reb. Move over Beauregard, now there's something meatier!

He's human after all.

Nate Yeskie dropped his first decision of the year during the Hustin' Rebs journey to NorCal for the Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic in Fresno.

Yeskie was on the losing end of an 11-0 decision to the host Bulldogs, giving up 10 runs (eight earned) on 13 hits in six innings. His overall stats are still impressive, however, at 7-1, 80 strikeouts in 75 innings and an ERA of 3.12.

The last link to the Tarkanian era was snapped when Reggie Manuel fouled out in the waning moments in the Rebels' Big West Tourney loss to New Mexico State. Manuel played for Tark as a freshman during the Shark's last season.

Manuel's first game in the Thomas & Mack Center came Thanksgiving weekend, 1991, in a sellout win over Shaquille O'Neal and LSU. Five coaches later, it ended with a sparse crowd and the most losses in Runnin' Rebel history. Who knew?

It's always nice to hear of athletes achieving things in the classroom as well as in the arena, especially at an institution with an image as maligned as UNLV's.

And it's especially gratifying when the athlete that combines both brains and brawn is one of your own and can enter the workforce after graduating.

Julie Mroziak is a case in point. Mroziak, 22 and the captain of the Lady Rebel swim team this past season as a senior, was one of 21 student-athletes honored by the Big West Conference along with Rebel football player Howie McGowan.

"It's quite an honor to represent the university," Mroziak said. "A lot of people don't realize that being a student-athlete really means we have two full time jobs — sports and school..."

And as of March 14, she has another job — group sales manager for Nevada Pro Sports, the ownership group of the Arena Football League's Las Vegas

Sting and the Continental Indoor Soccer League champion Las Vegas Dustdevils.

So within a three-week period, Mroziak ended her swimming career, was honored by the Big West and got a job.

"It was really weird making that transition," she said. "But I'm still involved in sports."

It would seem her fortunes have come full-circle. Mroziak was forced to watch from the deck during the 1993-94 season, sidelined after having shoulder surgery. And her father, Walt, went under the knife for a heart-transplant operation.

"It was a tough year," she said. "But again, had I been swimming, I wouldn't have been able to spend much time with my dad."

But she didn't just sit around and feel sorry for herself when she couldn't compete. She stayed active in the sports world, interning in the only marketing



Julie Mroziak

and promotions office while covering the swim team for *The Rebel Yell*.

She graduated Magna Cum Laude with her B.A. last May and is currently in graduate school going after her master's degree in sports management.

So when Mroziak became the fifth consecutive Rebel swimmer to win a Big West Female Scholar-Athlete Award, it really came as no surprise to some.

"My dad was an inspiration," she said. "I didn't have the year I wanted to with my shoulder and all. But at least I finished up. I wouldn't have been able to stand it not knowing (if I could compete)."

I'd be remiss not to mention the celebrities I came across over Spring Break - Gerardo on my birthday at Shark Club; Pauly Shore at Cocomo's, a Havasu

hangout; Will Smith on the beach; and Alphonso Ribeiro, Carlton from "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air," at a Havasu Denny's at 3 in the morning. Former Rebel Yell staffer Joe Martinez even shot hoops with MTV's Bill Bellamy and Ed Lover. Jimmy "Su-

perfly" Snuka, known for his death-defying leaps from way up high, was said to be in Havasu as well.

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