

# Former Rebels named to Olympic softball squad

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On Wednesday, former UNLV All-American pitcher Lori Harrigan was selected for the U.S. Softball Olympic team.

Harrigan, who competed on the 1995 gold medal Pan American squad, is one of 15 players to be named to the first ever U.S. Olympic Softball team.

"It was a great honor for Harrigan to be named to the U.S. team and it means a lot to the UNLV softball program. There are only 15 players chosen and there are a ton of

quality players out there," said Carol Spanks, associate head coach.

"She was picked on her ability and a process, there is a seven-person selection committee who go off of compiled statistics," Spanks said. "For three years she has played on numerous teams, national teams. She performed well at these events and that earned her the spot."

At UNLV, Harrigan was an All-American for the 1991 and 1992 seasons. During her four-year Rebel career, she won 83 games, ranking her first among all-time Rebel hurlers.

In the 133 games she start-

ed, Harrigan recorded 725 strike outs in over 1034 innings. She also pitched 123 complete games over her career. Harrigan also nailed down a UNLV record five no-hitters, one of them being a perfect game against Missouri on March 24, 1992.

Harrigan led the Rebels to the 1991 Women's College World Series, striking out 223 batters and recording 14 shut-outs during her 24-win season.

Although she has been out of Rebel softball for three years, Harrigan remains very supportive of the program. Spanks added that she is still

around, when not playing on a national team, and is always at the games rooting the Rebels on.

Also named to olympic squads this year were two other former Rebels. Christine Parris, a first baseman for the Rebels, has been named to the Canadian Olympic team. Parris was named to the All-American team (third team) and the All-West Regional team (second team) in 1991.

Over her two-year stay at UNLV, Parris has topped many of the record boards. She holds season record for slugging percentage (.583), and is second in batting average (.398

in 1990).

Prior to last season, when Kim Rondina and Cyndi Parus shattered many of the previous records, Parris remains near the top in most career statistics as well. She has a .377 career batting average, 19 triples and 20 doubles as a Rebel.

Named to the Puerto Rico Olympic squad was former Rebel catcher Sheree Corneil. In four years as the Rebel backstop, Corneil was in the top ten on a few career record boards. She has 60 RBI's, seven triples and 16 doubles over her career.

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Mike Bell, Kwame Coleman, Todd Floyd and Jason Toohey are all expected to see time this year as wide receivers, but of this crew only Coleman and Bell have seen time on the starting line.

Last year at this time the Rebels were near the top in the conference in passing, after a record-breaking game with Idaho, with a 398.0 pass-

ing average. In the meantime, the Rebel ground attack floundered in mediocrity as they gained only 192 yards on the season (64.0 YPG).

This season the roles have been reversed. The Rebels, who still contend that the excitement is in the air, is leading the Big West and ranked 19th in the nation in rushing, averaging 246.0 yards per game. However, UNLV is wallowing in the cellar with their passing game, where they average 157.0 yards in the air.

In the two games this season, not one receiver has caught more than three passes and nobody has gone over the 100 yard mark.

It sounds like the question of where the excitement is this season has been answered — anywhere on the Rebel field.

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