

Rebels drop to 1-2 in blow-out at Eastern Michigan

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The Rebels continued their inability in non-conference road games Saturday losing their ninth straight in a 51-6 loss to Eastern Michigan University at Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti, Mich., in front of a record crowd of 25,009.

Mistakes are becoming an all too familiar part of the Rebel offense. Five UNLV turnovers were a major factor in what became the third worst loss in school history and the worst in the Jeff Horton era.

The usually confident and upbeat Horton seemed somber in his weekly television show.

"We were out coached and out played," Horton said. "From the outcome of the game it is evident I didn't have the team prepared."

EMU Eagle's quarterback Charlie Batch abused the Rebel secondary, completing 15 of 23 passes for 223 yards and one touchdown.

The Rebels had six more first downs than the Eagles, 10 more passing yards and led by more than eight minutes in the time of possession category. Missed opportunities resulting from inexperienced players resulted in the second blow out of the season.

"We are still making critical mistakes that we cannot make," Horton said. "We need to straighten them out."

After throwing two interceptions, starting quarterback Jared Brown was replaced by Jason Davis. Brown finished with 47 yards on 7-of-16 passing. Davis threw for 160 yards on 11-of-29 passing.

"It felt like we needed to make a change and try to make

something happen," Horton said.

Redshirt freshman Kevin Crook, the Rebels possible quarterback of the future going into the Western Athletic Conference, got a chance to play in the blow out. Crook completed 3 of his 4 passes for 26 yards.

In his weekly show, Horton expressed concern over the quarterback situation and said that it was not too far fetched of a possibility that Crook might see an expanded

role in the Rebel offense this season.

Running back Shannon Wilson, who had 200 yards last week against Arkansas State University, excelled again as one of the lone stars of the UNLV offense. Wilson ran for 126 yards on 29 carries.

The kicking game was the only other bright spot for the Rebels. Kicker Marshall Mathews booted kicks from 47 and 46 yards out. The kicking game was a big question mark coming into the season

but Mathews' performance may have won him the job for the season.

The Rebels fell to 1-2 on the season but are still undefeated in conference play.

UNLV will try to snap their string of unsuccessful non-conference road losses when they travel to Iowa State of the Big Eight Conference Saturday at 11 a.m.

The Rebels are 0-3 lifetime against the Big Eight with two losses to Kansas State and one to Nebraska.



Tight end Randy Brewer was a walk-on for the football team and later received a scholarship to play at UNLV.

Memorial service for Brewer set

A memorial service for slain former Rebel football player Randy Brewer will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Interfaith Student Center on the UNLV campus.

The service, put together by the UNLV Sports Information Office, will be led by UNLV football team chaplain, Dr. T. Starkes.

The Interfaith Student Center is located on the UNLV campus, 4765 Brussels Ave., just north of Tropicana Ave. The public is invited to attend.

Soccer has Dr. Jekyll, Mr. Hyde Syndrome

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The UNLV soccer team improved their record to 3-2-2 as they defeated Cal State San Bernardino 5-2 on Sunday and tied Cleveland State University 1-1 on Friday.

Against a weak CSU squad, the Rebels scored first off of one of their 13 corner kicks, giving them a 1-0 advantage.

However, CSU answered back with a goal of their own, knotting the game up at one.

The rest of the game was well-balanced, with the Rebels playing at the lower CSU division level.

After defeating Seattle-Pacific 3-0 on Wednesday, the Rebels looked to cruise by a struggling CSU team, but found the going tougher than they anticipated.

"In the first game, we came out flat, and figured it would be an easy game. We were overconfident," said freshman midfielder Kiko Medina.

Preceding this disappointing draw, the Rebels faced another Division II program, the Cal State San Bernardino Coyotes. Again, the Rebels came out flat, looking extremely sloppy in their style of play.

The Coyotes struck first in the ninth minute, as San Bernardino caught the Rebel defense napping, when Andy Peterson headed in across from Michael Cantu.

At that point in the match, the Rebels were looking like a high school team. They had bad passes, horrible trapping, no movement, and no commu-

nication. On several instances, they were literally stumbling over the ball.

In the 35th minute, the Rebels got the equalizer when JC transfer Scott Graham netted for the first time this year. This goal came off a Reine Akebrand corner kick, giving the Rebels two goals off corner kicks for the tournament.

Despite the Rebels effort to tie up the match, the Coyotes came right back. In the 36th minute, Cal State Bernardino caught the Rebel defense sleeping again as Jason Barich came right down the field and scored.

On this unassisted goal, the Coyote player went directly through the Rebel backfield untouched.

The Rebels went into the locker room behind 2-1. Coach Bill Barto's half-time speech was successful, as the Rebels came out a new squad.

UNLV immediately scored as Akebrand scored off a Medina throw at the beginning of the second-half, making the score 2-2.

Five minutes later, the Rebels got the go-ahead goal as Michael Griego slotted off a Barto assist. The Rebels got two goals within five minutes, gaining control of the tempo of the game.

In the 59th minute, the Rebels received a break, when Griego was taken down in the penalty area. This foul gave the Rebels their first penalty kick since 1993. Medina put away the free kick, giving the Rebels a demanding 2-1 lead.

Around the 71st minute, the

Rebels put the nail in the Coyote coffin, when Medina scored on a floater from outside the penalty area. This goal was off a dead-ball restart where the Rebels caught their opponent's defense napping.

After a strong second half, the Rebels earned the nickname "Dr. Jekyll, Mr. Hyde." In the first game, they played below their potential. In the second game the team was dead, experiencing defensive lapses and constant mental mistakes.

"We have to take every team as if they are a top five ranked team," said Medina. The squad was lackadaisical and their efforts needed to be revived by Barto at the half of Sunday's game.

"We had plenty of chances in the first half," said Barto. "At half-time, we changed our game plan, and picked-up our level of play."

Barto summarizes the viewpoint of the entire Rebel soccer team: "We didn't play well this weekend. We're happy to get through it, and look forward to next weekend."

On a more positive note, the Rebels absolutely wore out the weaker Coyotes. "We got really tired in the first half, they wore us out," said San Bernardino player Ayub M'Nour.

The Rebels look to constantly remain on the positive of their Dr. Jekyll, Mr. Hyde syndrome when they take on Texas Christian University and Northern Illinois in the UNLV Coors Light Invitational Sept. 22-24 at UNLV Peter Johann Memorial Field.

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