

# Cross Country finishes eighth in tournament

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The UNLV cross country team was scheduled to run in the University of California, Irvine Invitational, but due to injuries the Rebel runners were forced to cancel the trip to Southern California.

The team got back on track and participated in the Spartan Invitational at Michigan State University, Saturday.

The competition was comprised of seven midwest schools and UNLV. The Rebels had the opportunity to get a good look at the top teams from the Big Ten Region: Ball State, Central Michigan, Hillsdale College, Indiana, Michigan State, Ohio State and Toledo. Even with this advantage, the Rebels finished eighth in the competition.

UNLV freshman, Michelle Henry, from Scarborough, Ontario placed 30th and was the Rebels' top finisher. Henry ran the 5,000 meters in 19 minutes,

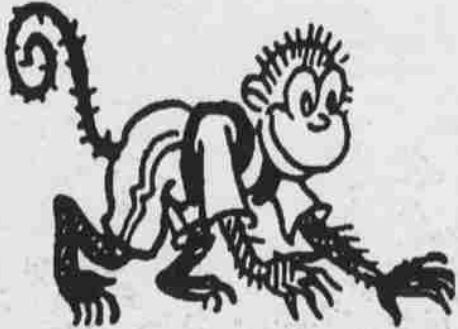
25.89 seconds as UNLV finished last in the 8-team Spartan Invitational. Junior, Katie Durham, from Irvine, Calif. and sophomore Amy Carling, from Reno, finished within the top 40 runners.

UNLV Cross Country Head Coach Karen Dennis, a graduate of Michigan State University began her coaching career with the Spartans. After 11 seasons as the Head Coach of the women's track & field program, she accept-

ed the position at UNLV. While at Michigan State, she guided her team to the 1982 Big Ten Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championship.

As the 1990 District IV Indoor Coach of the Year, she produced many outstanding athletes at MSU, including Judi Brown-King, 1984 Olympic silver medalist in the 400-meter, 12-time Big Ten champion Odessa Smalls, and 10,000-meter All-American and Big Ten champion Mary Shea.

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After being dominated in the first half, the Rebels showed some promise by scoring 30 points in a rally. The points were scored against Cyclone second and third teamers but Horton saw promise in the passing game.

"Our guys haven't quit all season," Horton said. "We play as hard as we can play for the whole game."

Three true freshman made their presence felt, accounting for 67 yards receiving. Carlos Baker caught 2 balls for 21 yards, Amar Brisco caught one for 21 yards and Damon Williams caught 2 balls for 35 yards.

"I was very impressed with their play," Horton said. "They did not drop any balls. It was good to see them have some success. If they keep improving we will be fine."

Fifth year senior Jack Gilmore, who had never caught a pass in his college career, caught seven balls for 62 yards.

The Rebel scoring started

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	Conference					
	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Northern Illinois	2	0	0	1.000	43	41
Louisiana Tech	1	0	0	1.000	28	25
Nevada	1	0	0	1.000	38	14
<b>UNLV</b>	1	0	0	1.000	28	23
Arkansas State	1	2	0	.333	69	73
Pacific	0	0	0	.000	00	00
New Mexico State	0	0	0	.000	00	00
Utah State	0	1	0	.000	17	21
San Jose State	0	1	0	.000	17	18
Southwestern Louisiana	0	2	0	.000	38	63
Overall						
Northern Illinois	2	2	0	.500	77	120
Louisiana Tech	3	1	0	.750	96	121
Nevada	2	1	0	.667	118	87
<b>UNLV</b>	1	3	0	.250	64	169
Arkansas State	2	2	0	.500	83	82
Pacific	1	3	0	.250	63	156
New Mexico State	1	3	0	.250	106	138
Utah State	0	3	0	.000	52	80
San Jose State	0	4	0	.000	64	150
Southwestern Louisiana	1	3	0	.250	113	117

with 50 seconds left in the first half. Senior Mark Valmore blocked a punt by ISU's Marc Harris to set up a one-yard run by Shannon Wilson. The Rebel's completed the two-point conversion and trailed 34-8.

In the third quarter, UNLV had their first long touchdown drive of the afternoon. A seven-play drive that spanned 72 yards was capped off by a 18-yard touchdown pass from Brown to Tony Burton. The successful two point conversion made the score 44-16.

The Rebel's third touchdown was on a three-play drive that started at the ISU 36-yard line. The drive took 47 seconds and was keyed by tight end David White's 44-yard reception. Gilmore got the third score, a 18-yard pass

from Brown.

The final score of the game was a 21-yard pass to Brisco that finished an 86-yard 13 play drive. Williams had a key catch on fourth down that preserved the drive.

UNLV lost its tenth straight non-conference road game dating back to 1990.

"We are trying to get better. I thought we played better this week," Horton said. "I don't ever feel sorry for myself or the team, we just need to get better."

UNLV is 1-3 on the season, but still holds a 1-0 record in conference play.

The Rebels will face Hawaii at home Saturday in a much needed return to Sam Boyd Stadium. The Rainbows lead the series 8-3 and kickoff will be at 7 p.m.

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