

Commentary

More Notes

It's over! It's over! Hallelujah! It's over!

So what's O.J. Simpson going to do next? He's going to Cabo San Lucas (it sure beats the heck out of going to Disneyland)...

At first, I thought they were acquitting Simpson of shooting Mr. Burns, then I realized I was watching the wrong Simpson trial...

O.J.'s next appearance in court: next month when he has to visit traffic court. He got nailed for speeding on the 605 freeway back in June of 1994. That's why all those cops were around him that day. Plus, he did not have any proof of insurance in the Bronco. Hey Juice, opt for traffic school, it will wipe it off your record...

Sorry, that's all I got for Simpson stuff. Do you need more?

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Speaking of UNLV soccer, the screaming that has been heard throughout the Las Vegas Valley, on a regular basis I might add, was from Coach Barry Barto when he watched the Rebels give up two goals in the final minutes against Northern Illinois and Washington...

Barto was able to save his voice, finally, when the Rebels dropped their fourth straight to Portland, 3-1...

Something I have been waiting to see from the soccer squad this season is a little teamwork, and I am now seeing it. Trust me guys, teamwork is a good thing...

The teamwork has become too generous, though. In the Northern Illinois game, a Huskie forward kicked a shot which went off the crossbar, and Rebel goalie Dan Abdalla's butt. Credit the goal to the Huskie forward with an assist from Abdalla...

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What do you get when you cross a boxer and a hitter? Oscar De La Hoya? Ask 17 of his 19 opponents, they will tell you...

Pound for pound, the best boxer out there—De La Hoya...

Pound for pound, the best hitter out there—Mike Tyson...

Off the Bench

MICHAEL MELISSA

Rebels to face NIU Saturday

BY JEREMY MARTIN
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The Rebels will try to get back on track at 1 p.m. Saturday when they travel to DeKalb, Illinois to face Big West Conference foe Northern Illinois University at Huskie Stadium.

The Rebels, coming off three consecutive losses where the opponents scored more than 50 points, have a chance to rectify their season while entering the conference part of their schedule. Five of the Rebels last six games will be against conference opponents and three of the six will be at Sam Boyd Stadium.

Despite a 1-4 overall record, UNLV is still 1-0 in conference play and only one half game behind the league leading NIU Huskies in the Big

West Conference standings.

A strong late-season surge can put the Rebels back in the hunt for their second straight division championship.

"We have as good of a shot as anybody," Coach Jeff Horton said. "We have a five game season left to play. We have to approach it one game at a time. We are getting better and that is the key."

The Huskies, who are 2-3 overall and 2-0 in the BWC, are a team that likes to run the ball. This aspect of the NIU offense may spell disaster for the Rebels who have given up 1022 rushing yards in the last two games. UNLV ranks dead last in rushing defense in the Big West, giving up an average of 341.6 yards a game.

The Huskies will try to dominate the Rebels with their

physical style of play. The NIU starting offensive linemen average over 300 pounds and the Huskies have two big runners in 221 pound fullback Anthony Griffin and 229 pound tailback Charles Tallenty.

"They (NIU) run the ball really well and are really big up front," Horton said. "They are big and physical much like the Central Michigan team was a year ago."

"They are real good at trick plays," Horton added.

The Rebels are in a first quarter scoring drought that has lasted all season long. Horton has stressed the importance of playing all four quarters to the players in practice this week.

"We need to play it a quarter at a time and win each quarter that way to be success-

ful."

UNLV has had trouble on the road lately. They have lost five straight on the road and their last road win came October of last year when they beat New Mexico State in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

The Rebels will try to keep their offense going this week at DeKalb. UNLV is averaging 400.4 yards of offense per game, which is fifth in the conference. The Rebel's rushing offense is the league's second best with an average of 186.6 per game.

UNLV is 0-2 lifetime against the Huskies and Saturday's game will be the clubs' first meeting as conference rivals. The Huskies and the Rebels will leave the Big West next year, going to the Mid-American Conference and the Western Athletic Conference.

Soccer hoping to upset UCLA

BY MICHAEL MELISSA
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The UNLV soccer team will try to put the brakes on a four game losing streak when they travel to UCLA this weekend.

The Rebels (3-6-2, 0-0-0) will have upset on their minds since the Bruins are ranked No. 2 in the nation (8-1-0, 1-0-0) and have beat the Rebels five straight and have not lost in the last nine meetings.

UNLV is 2-14-2 against the Bruins overall.

Chances for the Rebels to make the Mountain Pacific

Sports Federation playoffs will rest this weekend on how well they do against the Bruins on Friday and UC Irvine on Sunday. If they lose once against any division team they could lose their chance to see post-season play.

The last time the Rebels beat the Bruins was 1984, when they blanked them 3-0. The Kickin' Rebels are 1-8-0 when playing in Los Angeles. The Kickin' Rebels have never lost to UC Irvine in 16 matches.

PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN
P.J. Roberts and the rest of the Rebel team face No. 2 UCLA.



Junior Gilberto Morales helps to drive an already talented Rebel golf team to the top ranking in the college golf polls.

Golfer shines in a shadow

Morales making a name for himself as No. 2 golfer

BY RAY BREWER
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When you think of UNLV golf, you think of one golfer — Chris Riley. However, it takes a team effort to be the top ranked golf team in the country.

Helping Riley lead the Swingin' Rebels is Venezuelan native Gilberto Morales. After finishing second overall, and first on the Rebel squad in the William H. Tucker tournament to start the season, Morales has proven to be a consistent golfer and team leader.

"Gilberto is one of the players on the team who's capable of winning the individual national championship," coach Dwaine Knight said.

Morales comes to UNLV with several junior achievements under his belt. "He came to us with great credentials from junior golf," Knight said.

As a junior golfer, Morales captured two World Championships and the Rolex Tournament of Champions championship in 1993, where he

shot a six-under 282. In the 1992 Junior World Championship, Morales defeated junior golf sensation Tiger Woods at the Torrey Pines South Country Club. Against Woods and many other top golfers, Morales shot a nine-under 279.

One of Morales' best tournaments came at the Doug Sanders World Junior Championship in Aberdeen, Scotland, where he shot a remarkable 16 under par, 272. His last round of the tournament he pulled in a round of 65.

Morales was named South American Junior Player of the Year after winning the 1992 South American Junior Championship in Peru. He is the No. 1 amateur in his native homeland Venezuela.

"I had a real good junior career, the sacrifice really paid off," Morales said.

Morales, a communications major, is not only at UNLV to golf, he is here to get an education. "Academics first, I want to graduate and get my degree before I start any golf career," Morales said.

"Gilberto is doing very well this year in school and that has made him focus on golf," Knight said on the academic success of his star golfer.

Morales credits the golf program to pushing him in

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