

Commentary

He's still intimidating

He walked into the press room with an air about him that was reminiscent of his early championship days.

He looked determined, intimidating and downright mean.

Which is a typical look for Mike Tyson.

Off the Bench

MICHAEL MELISSA

It will be the second fight in what is being called his "Road to the Championship 2." Tyson is set to take on USBA Champion Buster Mathis, Jr. on Nov. 4 in the MGM's Grand Garden.

"In my lifetime there have been three great comebacks that come to mind," said Carl King, promoter and a spokesman for Don King Productions. "The first one was in 1970, when Muhammad Ali fought... The next one came in 1987, when after a 10-year sabbatical George Foreman started his road to the World Championship. The final comeback started in 1995 when Mike Tyson came back after three years and knocked out Peter McNeeley in 89 seconds."

Tyson was his usual, congenial self in Friday's press conference, walking in with a stoic face and surveying the room with a mistrustful eye. It appeared all Tyson wanted to do, from the moment he walked in was to leave.

The final question asked of Tyson was not even squarely answered, instead Tyson told the horde of media personnel that "to be honest guys, I don't even want to be here. I just want you guys to ask your questions so I can get out of here."

It was said quick, and matter-of-factly and he got his point across quickly. That basically concluded the days events as Tyson was ushered out of the room by three rather large body guards.

Tyson last held the title on Feb. 11, 1990, when he fought James "Buster" Douglas. The fight, which is now being hailed as the biggest upset in pro boxing, was Tyson's only loss in his career. In one fight, Tyson lost three titles that night and the edge which made him feel invincible.

When the champ walked into the ring he immediately intimidated his opponent with his

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Rebel soccer split the deuce weekend

UNLV loses to No. 2 UCLA, ties with UC Irvine

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The UNLV Soccer team was handed its fifth consecutive loss, Friday, as they were demolished, 7-1, by No. 2 UCLA.

At the beginning of the season, the Kickin' Rebels looked upon the UCLA game and the season opener against Virginia, as a measuring stick to test their progress. After a 3-0 de-

feat to No. 1 Virginia and a 7-1 thrashing by No. 2 UCLA, it seems as if the Rebels have failed.

However, the UCLA match wasn't as bad as the score indicates. UNLV was only behind 1-0 when Reine Akerband received a red card ejection, leaving UNLV short one player.

"Friday was difficult, we played short-handed. That physically affected us for Sunday's match, where we had numerous chances to win but were too tired," Coach Barry Barto said.

Bart Gallia scored the lone Rebel goal in the 77th minute to cut the Bruin lead to 5-1.

However, UCLA answered back with two goals in the final 10 minutes to secure the Bruin victory.

With the loss, the Rebels surrendered any slim playoff chances they had.

Looking to pick up at least one victory in Southern California, the Rebels traveled to UC Irvine for a Sunday afternoon contest.

The Rebels had beaten the Anteaters 16 consecutive times in their previous meetings. UNLV was almost certain to earn a victory against the UC Irvine soccer squad.

The Rebels seemed to dictate the play of this match, and scored the first goal in the

56th minute. On this go-ahead goal, senior James Mitchell netted off a pass from midfielder James Guerrero.

When the Rebels seemed to have this one locked up, it happened again. Just like in the Northern Illinois and Washington match, UNLV yielded another late goal.

This time in the 86th minute of play, Irvine attacker Bret Cowan slotted on an unassisted goal, knotting the game at one.

The Rebels, 3-7-3 overall and 0-1-1 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation's Pacific Division will host Cal-State Fullerton at 7 p.m. on Friday.

UNLV elected to College Football Association

BY JEREMY MARTIN
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UNLV has been elected to the prestigious College Football Association, the organization announced Monday.

Joining San Jose State and Northeast Louisiana as new associate members, the Rebels will become active members of the 70-team organization on July 1, 1996, the same date

UNLV will become members of the Western Athletic Conference.

The application process was organized by UNLV Athletic Director Charles Cavagnaro. CFA Executive Director Chuck Neinas met with boosters and administrators during a visit to campus last month.

The CFA was established in 1977 to provide an active voice

for college football.

The group acts as a mediator between its members and broadcasting agencies. It also acts as an advocate of issues unique to college football. It conducts surveys of its members and sponsors NCAA legislation on issues regarding college football.

The CFA also presents the annual CFA Academic Achievement Award to the

school that has the most success in graduating players.

Members of the group come from conferences such as the Atlantic Coast, Big East, Big Eight, Southeastern, Southwest, the Western Athletic Conference and major independents such as Notre Dame.

"I think being accepted to the CFA is significant to the development of our football program," Cavagnaro said.

UNLV gets rocked at Northern Illinois

BY JEREMY MARTIN
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The Rebels suffered their third-worst defeat in school history Saturday when they fell 62-14 to the Northern Illinois Huskies at DeKalb, Illinois.

The loss, in front of a homecoming crowd of 22,805 at Huskie Stadium, was UNLV's fourth consecutive loss by over 50 points and its fifth loss in six games.

The Rebels defense, who was ranked last in the nation in rushing and scoring defense going into the game, gave up 456 yards on 60 attempts on the ground.

"Obviously, we have been very poor in that area," Coach Jeff Horton said. "We have not been playing physical and we are not tackling well. We have been mismatched in size because of our age.

"Defense is all about attitude and we are not playing with attitude," he said.

UNLV has now given up nearly 1,500 yards on the ground in the last three games.

The defeat was the third-worst in team history, with only a 69-0 loss to Houston in 1989 and a 59-6 loss to Oregon in 1992 being worse.

The Rebels continued their inefficiency early in the game. They have not scored in the first quarter in any of their six games.

"We didn't execute on either side of the ball," Horton said. "We had been playing better but we went backwards on Saturday."

Now 1-5 on the season and 1-1 in conference play, UNLV will have a tough time win-

ning the conference with NIU 3-0 in league play and an Oct. 28 collision with the UNR Wolf Pack to contend with.

The game started off the same as the previous five, with the Rebels playing catch-up ball.

With 43 seconds left in the second quarter UNLV finally scored on a 21-yard touchdown pass from Jason Davis to Todd Floyd, the Huskies had already scored 31 points.

The Rebels other score was a 1-yard plunge by Shannon Wilson in the fourth quarter.

UNLV had some success on the ground, gaining 177 yards on 44 attempts. Tony Burton was the leading rusher with 79 yards on 16 carries and Wilson gained 51 yards on 13 attempts.

The Rebels passing game sputtered.

Jason Davis, who Horton named as the starter only one day before the game, went 9 of 23 for 141 yards. He also threw one interception.

Jared Brown, who has been the starter in four games this year, relieved Davis late in the game and completed only one pass out of seven attempts.

Redshirt Freshman Kevin Crook also saw a series but didn't see a completion in his two attempts.

In all, the Rebels threw for only 156 yards.

Rebel kicker Marshall Mathews missed field goal attempts of 52 and 40 yards.

The Huskies, who have an Offensive line averaging over 300 pounds, wore down the Rebel's undersized defensive front. This gave the NIU runners big holes and plenty of running room.



PHOTO BY RON HIBBLE

Katie Durham, 51, finished eighth at the UNLV Cross Country Invitational Saturday at Sunset Park.

Cross country team places third in UNLV Invitational

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The UNLV women's cross country team placed third overall in a field of 10 teams Saturday in the UNLV Invitational 5,000-meter race. The Rebels finished with 100 points for the invitational.

Michelle Henry finished fifth with an individual time of 18:49.28, and Katie Durham placed eighth at 18:58.01. Amy Carling placed 19th, Sarah Feliz finished at 29th while Judy Fraser completed the Rebel "A" team squad at 39th.

The University of Hawaii finished first with 44 points, while the University of Nevada, Reno came in second, and Long Beach State University finished fourth.

UNLV ran two teams at the meet, the Rebel "A" team and the "B" team. The "B" squad finished last with 345 points, but was primarily made up of track and field runners who were participating in the invitational for conditioning reasons.

The team will be running again at the Arizona State Invitational this Friday.