

Rivalry

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forward Michael Griego, who has 13 points on the season with six goals and an assist. Sophomore goalie, Dan Abdalla, will probably get the nod from coach Barry Barto to start in goal for the Rebels. He is 3-4-3 on the season with a 1.95 goals-against average and two shutouts.

Friday night's game against Fullerton will start at 7 p.m. while Sunday is an afternoon game and will start at 1 p.m.

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Well, last week I went 1-2 in the football picks. You have to give me credit, though. For spending most of my life on the sports pages of the *Rebel Yell*, I didn't do half bad. Those two losses could have gone either way. If San Diego wouldn't have blown it in the final seconds of that Monday Night disaster, the Monkey could easily have been 2-1. Also, if the Rebels would have only given up half of that 62 to Northern Illinois, then maybe they would have had a chance. Well, maybe not, but the embarrassment level would have been way down than what it is now.

All right, enough of the chit chat, here are this weeks picks:

UNLV at San Jose State
The Rebels are going to try to overturn a four game losing streak that started way back on Sept. 16. They allowed, on the average, 48 points per game this season, and in the last three

games the defense gave up approximately 1,500 yards rushing. On the other hand, the Spartans have the worse rushing offense in the NCAA and their defense is not much better. The Rebels are last in rushing defense, so something has to give. Look for the Rebs to hold San Jose State to under 250 yards rushing. Shannon Wilson will get back to a pounding style of running and rush for 100 yards this game. **Rebels slap a tourniquet on the bleeding, win 28-24.**

No. 6 Tennessee at No. 12 Alabama
This is going to be one of the biggest games of the season, as well as one of the best. Both squads have proven to have top rated offenses this year, now it will be time to let the defenses shine. Tennessee, for the most part, have had an easy season. Last week was the first real test for the Volunteers, who chewed up No. 18 Arkansas. 'Bama is coming off some big wins against North Carolina State and Georgia, where their air at-

tack was the final factor in the two wins. Watch for the quarterbacks (Peyton Manning for the Volunteers and Brian Burgdorf of the Crimson Tide) to have good games, with Alabama squeaking this one out. Next to the Ohio State-Penn State match-up last week, this could be the best game of the season. **'Bama wins, 24-23.**

Cleveland Indians vs. Seattle Mariners
The perennial doormats of baseball have slipped into the league championship series this season. The Tribe has not been to the post season in 41 years, and the Mariners have entered uncharted area. After dropping the first game of the series, the Indians will live up to their billing as the sure thing. The pitching matchups tilt in Cleveland's favor and the relief pitching is not comparable. The Tribe has Jose Mesa, who saved 45 games in a season that was 20 games short. Looking up and down the lineups, there is not one Indian hitter a pitcher can pitch around, they will all hurt you; the Mariners first six batters are their bread and butter, but once they are past, its a hodge podge of rental players. The Mariners won't make many mistakes in the

field, while the Tribe has been sketchy at times with the glove, but will that be enough to win a pennant? **Nope ... Cleveland in six.**

Cincinnati Reds vs. Atlanta Braves
This may be the best playoff series in this decade. Although the Braves have the fire power to win games with one swing of the bat, they have struggled in the post-season along with most of September. The pitching staff is tired and the Reds are a team that could exploit something like that. The Reds are a scrappy team that wins by manufacturing their runs, much like the '88 Dodgers or '86 Red Sox. It will all depend on who has the most effective bullpen and pitching staff, right now, it looks to be the Reds. Greg Maddux was ragged against the Rockies, and the Braves couldn't keep the Rockies from scoring late. Reds and Braves go the full seven, with the **Reds taking it.**

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