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Defensive back Carlos Hilliard intercepts an NMSU pass in Saturday's loss.

Rebels drop final Big West game

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The Rebels lost their last game as a member of the Big West Conference Saturday 58-34 to New Mexico State University at Sam Boyd Stadium in front of 4,472 fans.

The game marked the last time 16 seniors will don the scarlet and gray.

It was a record setting day for NMSU quarterback Cody Ledbetter who set the school mark for passing with 34 completions for 546 yards.

NMSU also became only the eighth team in Division I-A history to have a quarterback pass for over 3,000 yards, a running back run for over 1,000 yards and a receiver to catch for over 1,000 yards. Ledbetter, freshman running back Dennis Manns and receiver Lucious Davis were the three-punch combination.

In all, NMSU racked up 721 yards of total offense against the Rebel defense. Aggie run-

ning back Kirk Compton rushed for 135 yards on 21 carries.

UNLV true freshman receiver Damon Williams broke Henry Bailey's freshman receiving record for receptions with 41 on the season. Bailey caught 37 passes as a freshman and went on to become UNLV's all-time leader in that category with 156.

After three touchdown passes from Ledbetter, the Rebels got on the board with a 21-yard touchdown pass from Jared Brown to fellow quarterback Jason Davis, who was lining up as a wide out. The catch was Davis' first career reception.

In the second quarter running back Tony Burton had touchdown runs of one and 65 yards to pull the score to 28-21. But that was as close as the Rebels would get.

Ledbetter had one more touchdown pass and Compton had four touchdowns in all.

The Rebels finished the sea-

son 2-9 with a 1-5 Big West Conference record. NMSU improved to 4-7 overall and 3-3 in the BWC.

It has been an up and down season for the Rebels who had more pitfalls than highlights.

The low point in the season was a six-game losing streak that saw the Rebels give up more than 50 points in each loss.

The Rebels looked to turn around their season when they travelled to Reno to face the powerhouse UNR Wolf Pack. UNLV was a huge underdog and surprised critics with a hard-played game that saw the Rebels as close as a field goal late in the game. UNLV lost but followed with a big homecoming win against the North Texas Eagles.

The Rebels will join the Western Athletic Conference starting next season and will take on a brutal schedule that starts with an Aug. 31 visit to play top-five Tennessee.

End-of-season football awards given

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Running back Tony Burton was named the team's most valuable player during the 1995 UNLV Football Awards Banquet Sunday in the Avalon Room at the Stardust Hotel and Casino.

The banquet featured guest speaker Matt Blair, who was an all-pro linebacker for the Minnesota Vikings. Blair told the team and guests how he overcame obstacles in life and went from being a virtual unknown at Iowa State University to becoming a second round pick in the National Football League draft and an eventual All-Pro.

The ceremony started with awards given to the team captains. Seniors Jared Brown, Robbie Morrison, Paul Carrillo, Rossie Johnson and junior Jermaine Webster were honored for keeping the team unified during tough times.

Players of the week in the Rebel's two wins came next. For the Arkansas State win, running back Shannon Wilson, special teams player Jamie Handley, and Charles Fisher received plaques. For the homecoming win against North Texas Burton, place kicker Alan De Lio and line-

backer Marvin Robinson were honored.

Linebacker Kevin Bass was given the Bill Morris Most Inspirational Award for his work on the line. The award is given annually to the player who shows the most intensity, commitment and inspiration to his teammates.

Freshman quarterback Jon Denton received the Kodak Offensive Player of the Year Award. Denton redshirted this year but worked hard in practice. Freshman defensive lineman Roderick Jones received the Kodak defensive award.

Senior awards were then given to the departing 16 seniors.

A new award, the Randy Brewer coaches award, was given to linebacker P.J. Tyler. The award was named after the former Rebel tight end who was tragically slain in September outside of a local night club.

The "Terminator" and "Bad to the Bone" awards, which are self-explanatory, were given to Robinson and Johnson, respectively.

Defensive back Jabbar Thomas captured the Most Improved Player on Defense Award and true freshman receiver Carlos Baker received the offensive honor.

The Special Team's Player of the Year Award went to Darin Lovat, who was the Rebels long snapper.

The "Fireman" Award for a player who can change the course of a game, was given to Wilson for his rushing efforts.

Morrison received the "Tough as Nails" Award for his exceptional play for the offensive line.

The Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award was given to Bret Gilbert for his work in the classroom and on the football field.

Senior tight end David White received the "Doc" Tolbert award that is given to the senior football player who brings the highest credit to himself and the university.

Wilson raked in another plaque when he received the Rene Arceneaux Award, given to the senior football player who has done the best job of balancing on-and-off the field demands.

The Robert Cline Award, given to the senior who has demonstrated the strongest commitment to his team, university and community, was awarded to Morrison.

Center Jose Gonzalez was named Offensive Player of the Year and Robinson was named Defensive Player of the Year.

Golf hit with lawsuit

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Former UNLV golfer David Lee has filed a federal lawsuit against two UNLV golf coaches and the University and Community College System of Nevada.

In the lawsuit Lee accuses assistant golf coach Jim Higgins of making racist remarks towards Lee and his Korean nationality.

Head coach Dwaine Knight was named in the summons for not stepping in and resolving the so called "name calling."

For a university all too familiar with athletic controversy, this lawsuit just opens a new chapter into a novel of conflicts.

Lee's attorney's, Dan Siegel, told a Las Vegas Sun reporter "We would have to convince a jury that, among other things, not only was David offended and hurt by these comments, but also it was reasonable for him to

do so."

The lawsuit does not state the amount of damages Lee is seeking, but Siegel stated they are first of all looking for an apology.

During Lee's tenure with the Rebels, Higgins commented on various occasions that Koreans eat cats, and even referred to Lee as a "nip."

Lee withdrew from the University as a result of the harassment and is currently attending the University California, Berkley.

The golf program, the defendants in the case, have decided not to comment on the issue until being officially served the subpoena.

One UNLV golfer told *The Rebel Yell* that there are racial remarks made on the links, but they are made in fun, and never to meant hurt anyone's feelings.

For a program on top of the college golf world, this case could be devastating.



PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN

No. 23, Ben Sanders, flies up for a layup in Thursday's 79-76 win over Marathon in the Rebels first exhibition game.

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respect for him."

Bayno's relationship with the kids has been strong, and he is looked up to as the Rebel leader.

His playing days were on the UMass team as guard for both Tom McLaughlin and Ray Wilson from 1980-82. Bayno was also named All-County, All-City and Daily

News All-Star while playing for John S. Burke Catholic High School.

After college, Bayno was invited to the 1985 New York Knicks rookie camp as a free agent.

With the new season only a matter of days away, the coaching staff of a once unstable program has become quite solid and the future is beginning to look bright in the eyes of the new UNLV Head Coach Bayno.