

Commentary

It's finally over

The Rebel football season could be summed up in one play this season against Utah State.

With the Rebels down in the game, freshman receiver Amar Brisco caught a pass from

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quarterback Jared Brown and was heading in for an apparent touchdown.

The operative word here was apparent.

With the end zone only a few yards away, Brisco began his touchdown celebration early, at about the five yard line, when an Aggie player came up from behind and knocked the ball loose from his hand.

And all Brisco could do was watch it go out of bounds.

That's kind of what the season has been like for the Rebels this year, a feeling of being out of bounds and not able to get back in. After surprising just about everyone in the Las Vegas Valley and Nevada last season, the 'Throwin' Rebs struggled like no other team in the NCAA ranks.

They were 2-9 on the year, and getting those two wins were a battle in itself. They beat Arkansas State in the first home game of the season, 28-23, then won the Homecoming game against North Texas, 34-24, in a game that witnessed many Rebel firsts for the season.

If they weren't having troubles scoring in the first quarter (they only did that in two games) then they were giving up 50 points to weak-sister opponents, like Northern Illinois (62 points) or Iowa State (57 points). And while allowing the points they also gave up yards-o-plenty to the opposing offense.

...There was the 302 yards rushed by Iowa State's Troy Davis in the Rebel's loss to the Cyclones. Davis did that in just three quarters, but in the Rebel's defense they were missing one of their defensive captains in Rossie Johnson.

...In a preview of a future WAC foes, the Rebels were whacked twice, by the Rice Owls, 38-0, and the Hawaii Rainbow Warriors, 58-30. And still the question remains, how can you lose to a team nicknamed the Rainbow Warriors?

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Bayno era hits with a bang

Basketball: UNLV beats Northridge in first season game

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It's not home sweet home for the UNLV basketball team just yet.

"These rims are not home rims and this is not a home court to us," Head Coach Bill Bayno said after the game against the Mexican National Team on Nov. 21.

The Rebels have practiced in the Thomas & Mack six times this year, and they have been on the ball since the beginning of November. Also, a week before their season opener against Cal State Northridge, the Rebels were not slated to practice inside the T&M due to Las Vegas Thunder games, and it has begun to wear thin on Bayno.

"We were supposed to practice in there last week, but they had problems with ice," Bayno said. "It's like when we played at the Springfield Civic Arena when I was at UMass, (the T&M) is a neutral court to us."

However, after the Cal State Northridge game the T&M was the Rebels' home once again.

"We don't want anyone to come here and beat us in our home," Bayno said after beating the Matadors, 80-56, Saturday night at the T&M.

In front of 7,981 fans, the Rebels struggled to a first-half lead, 38-36, before turning it into a dunk-a-thon in the second half.

The run-and-gun style had been missing in the Rebels previous two exhibition games, but once the defense pressured the Matadors in their own zone, the gates were

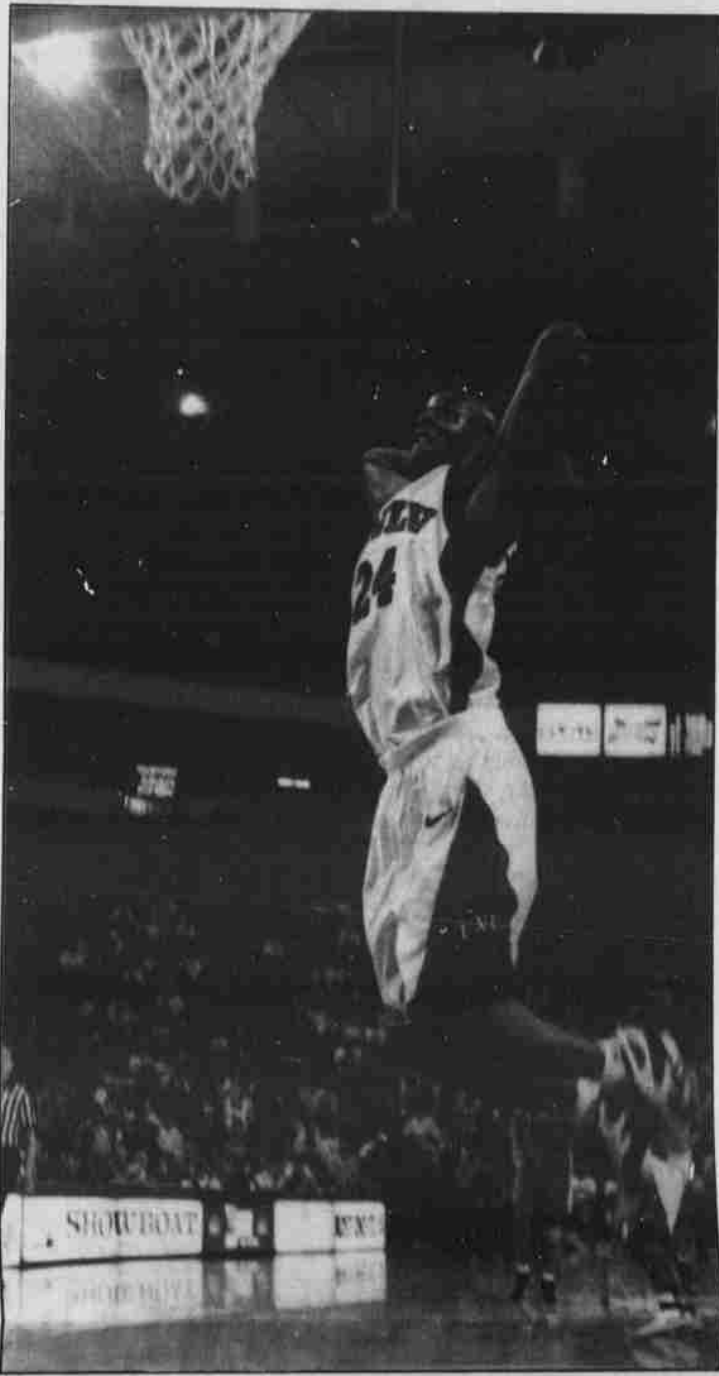


PHOTO BY HYUN-HO HAN
No. 24, Clayton Johnson, goes up for a slam in Thursday night's contest against the Mexican National team.

opened up for the Rebels. At one point in the half the Rebels went on a 23-3 run over a period of 9:23, putting the Rebels up 71-47 with 5:19 remaining.

"Credit the defense," senior Clayton Johnson said. "We did

a good job containing and holding them off, which opened our offense up."

The Rebels started the game much like they started against Marathon and the Mexican National team: timid and flat. The Matadors beat the Rebels

Retiring the past

Stacey Augmon's and Larry Johnson's jersey will be retired on Dec. 18 at the Thomas & Mack Center, in a ceremony prior to the Charleston Southern game. Augmon, who wore No. 32 as a Rebel and Johnson, who donned No. 4 played for Head Coach Jerry Tarkanian, who now coaches Fresno State.

Johnson played for two seasons, '89-'91, and Augmon played four seasons, '87-'91.

Johnson, the 1991 No. 1 draft pick, is eleventh in scoring at UNLV. Augmon is the third top scorer overall. Together they led the Rebels to a NCAA national title in the 1989-'90 season, the only national collegiate basketball championship title UNLV has.

To see the historic moment, fans and students should arrive before the 8:29 p.m. tipoff.

—Hyun-Ho Han

inside the zone and forced some turnovers, and were up by as much as nine in the early going of the game.

But it did not last. The Rebels looked like a new team after halftime. They were off and Runnin', leaving CSUN in their wake.

Johnson forced a couple of turnovers in the Matadors zone and turned them into four easy points, slamming them both in. One dunk was a 360

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Where are they now?

Located: Glen Gondrezick Basketball 1973-77

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Former Runnin' Rebel legend Glen Gondrezick is still a Rebel team member. This time around it's the UNLV Rebel Broadcast Team. Gondrezick and broadcasting teammate Ken Korach are in their fourth season of Rebel basketball broadcasts.

"I don't consider myself as a member of the media, I see it as a player first," says Gondrezick.

Most Runnin' Rebel followers know Gondrezick by his nickname "Gondo." Gondo is the Rebels 13th all-time leading scorer with 1,311 points and seventh on the all-time leading rebound list with 831.

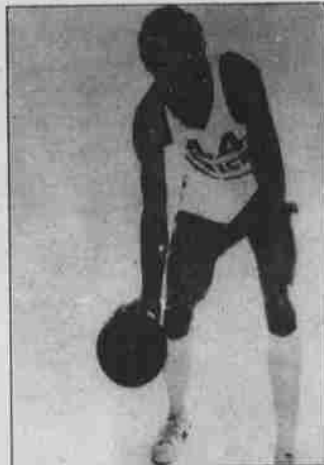
Gondo was a crucial member of the Rebels first Final Four team in 1976-

77, where he averaged 14 points per game. He led the team in rebounds that same year with 347.

Gondo was the leader of the Final Four team, which was nicknamed "hard-way eight." This talented team had six guys drafted into the NBA, the most in the history of the draft.

"We had a talented team that averaged 111 points per game without the three-point line," Gondo said.

He was a 1977 All-American and 1987 inductee to the Rebel Athletic Hall of Fame.



Glenn Gondrezick is part of the Rebel broadcast team. He was a Rebel from 1973-77.

Gondo is also a member of the Runnin' Rebel 1,000 point club.

"Being inducted into the Rebel Athletic Hall of Fame was an unexpected surprise," Gondo said. "The 1977 team was inducted on the same night, so that was extra gratifying."

After his days with the Rebels, Gondo was drafted in the second round of the 1977 NBA draft by the New York Knicks.

"It was a nice place to play, they treated me well, and the fan support was excellent," Gondo said.

He spent six seasons in the NBA playing for the Knicks from 1977-79, and concluded his professional career with the Denver Nuggets from 1979-83.

His most productive NBA season was in 1981-82 when Gondo averaged 8.3 points, 5.3 rebounds, and 1.9 assists per game.

Along with broadcasting all the Rebel basketball games, Gondo is employed as the vice-president of RLW, Inc., a food and beverage company in McCarran International Airport.

As for this year's team, Gondo believes that Coach Bill Bayno is taking the team in the right direction.

"I have pride in the school and the basketball program," Gondo says.