

Trojans

from pg. 11 times). On the Trojans side, they give it up 16 times per game while taking the ball away 15.5 times per game from the other team.

UNLV has faced USC only

once, though, and it was played at the Thomas & Mack in the NIT tournament with the Trojans smacking the Rebels, 90-74.

Over the semester break, the Rebels will be facing some tough teams, including two in the top 25. UCLA on Dec. 23 at the T&M is currently ranked

23rd in the nation, and Michigan on Dec. 28 at the T&M is ranked 15th in the country.

On Dec. 18, against Charleston Southern University, UNLV will also be retiring the jerseys of former Rebel greats Stacey Augmon and Larry Johnson. The ceremonies will start promptly at 8 p.m.

Commentary

Sports Heros and Zeros

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In the sporting world there are heros and zeros, all of which deserve to be recognized.

The ultimate hero is Babe Ruth, who hit a home run for a death-bed-ridden child who asked him to do so. After the game, Ruth visited the boy at the hospital.

Ruth is the classic hero who literally rescued the game of baseball.

The lowest zero belongs to the country of Colombia.

After scoring a goal against his own team in the 1994 World Cup, Andres Escobar was killed by his own countrymen. His miscue gave the U.S. their biggest win in soccer history, but it wasn't worth his death.

Below is a list of some of the other heros and zeros in sports:

•Curtis Joseph: hero; an ex-NHL star and current Las Vegas Thunder goalie, gives his salary to the children's hospital here in Vegas.

•Don King: zero; the legendary boxing promoter is a convicted murderer and is currently on trial for stealing over \$100,000 in insurance money from his fighters.

•Chris Ault: zero; the UNR football coach ran up the score against UNLV to avenge the turmoil between him and Rebel coach Jeff Horton.

•Grant Hill: hero; a current forward with the De-

troit Pistons stayed in school an extra year rather than jumping to the NBA for the money. Speaks to youth in Detroit on staying in school.

•Gabriel Ruelas: hero; donated the pay-per-view money from his last fight to the children of boxer Jimmy Garcia, who died after a Ruelas fight last May. Told Garcia at his death bed that he'd give him the championship belt if he survived.

•Rollie Massimino, Robert Maxson and company: zeros; why waste space on writing about all three of them. UNLV's budget problem can be blamed on this threesome. Anyway, where is the money coming from to pay off Massimino's secret contract? Maxson, you personally are to blame for UNLV losing Tark, Las Vegas will never forgive you, you back-stabber.

•Damian Smith: hero; stayed a Rebel through all of the controversy, proving to everyone that he is a true Runnin' Rebel.

•David Rice: hero; Member of the 1990 championship squad has come back to his alma mater to help rescue a sinking program. Can anyone say loyalty?

•David Butler, Anderson Hunt, and Moses Scurry: zeros; nice hot-tub photo with you fellows and "The Fixer" Perry. Scurry is currently in the state pen, hopefully for


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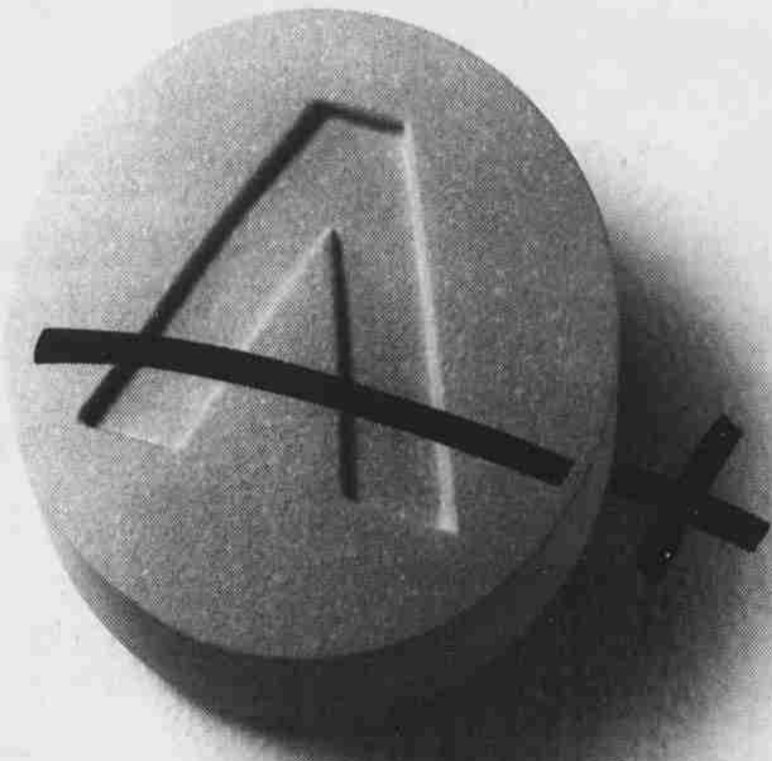
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