

Where are they now?

## Located: Kenny Mayne; Football 1980-81

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In the early 80's, Kenny Mayne was throwing bombs for UNLV as a quarterback.

Now instead of throwing the football, the ex-Rebel is throwing out his words of wisdom on sports to the viewing audience of ESPN2.

Mayne, an anchor for "the duece," is a graduate from the broadcasting program here at UNLV, where he credits Dr. Al Padderud as helping him make it to where he is today.

Dr. Padderud, an associate professor in communications, passed away last fall.

"As a tribute to Dr. Al, I used one of his lines on the air. They rolled the wrong tape or something, and I said things are 'Bombing on Mars,'" Mayne said.

'Bombing of Mars' was a favorite saying of Dr. Padderud that Mayne attributed to him upon his death.

Not a celebrated athlete at UNLV, Mayne's name is not even in the record books. He did, however, earn his varsity letter in 1981.

A junior college walk-on, Mayne was a backup quarterback to starter Sam King.

"I wanted to go there (UNLV), worse than they wanted me," Mayne said on his days with the Rebels.

His fondest career highlight was a start he had against Long Beach State in the 1981 season, a game in which the Rebels won at home, 32-31.

"It's good to be involved in that level of play," Mayne said on his experience playing Division I football.

Despite his lack of college game experience and exposure, Mayne received a try-out with the Seattle Seahawks out of college.

"I signed with Seattle, but failed the physical," Mayne commented.

A broken leg, which haunted Mayne in 1980, came back to spoil his would



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be professional career. Against the University of Oregon, Mayne suffered the leg injury, which caused him to redshirt the 1980 season, and eventually miss out on the NFL.

Turning a negative into a positive, Mayne stayed in Seattle and got his first job in the broadcasting business at a Seattle station. In his stint in Seattle, Mayne started as a gaffer, and made it all the way to the airways before his departure from the network.

From there he started doing free-lance work for ESPN under no contract. Finally, after some persistence, Mayne was hired on to do work with ESPN2.

After being under no contract with the station for four years, Mayne received his chance to work with the new ESPN format, because anchor Keith Olberman was transferred to ESPN Sportcenter.

After taking a position in sales to make ends meet, and being out of television on a regular basis, Mayne's goal was reached, as he was hired on by ESPN.

"It was a weird route actually," Mayne said of his stepping stones to the top.

Mayne currently holds a position envied by all, and it all started here, as a Rebel.

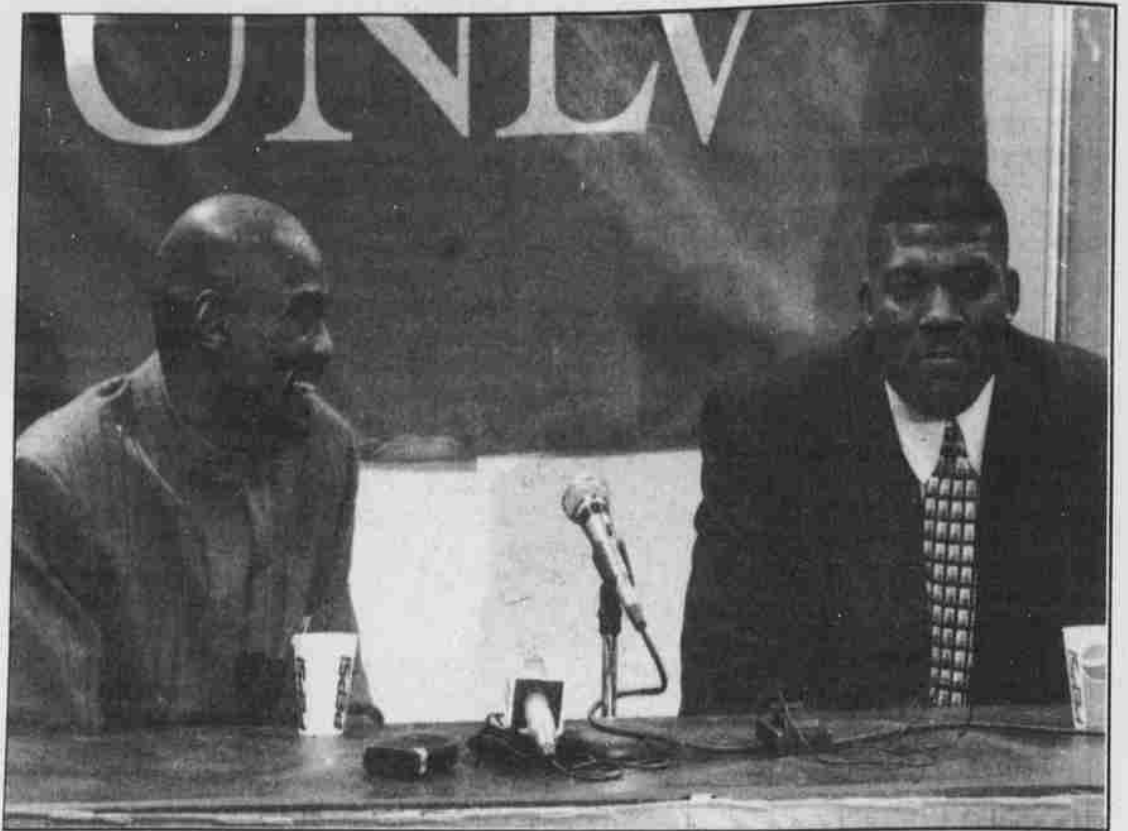


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Stacey Augmon (L.) and Larry Johnson (R.) had their jerseys retired on Dec. 18.

## A season like a yo-yo

### Consistency has been elusive for Rebels

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It seems like no matter how hard coach Bill Bayno jerks on the yo-yo string these days, he can't keep the yo-yo (in this case the Runnin' Rebels) up.

UNLV, 6-9 overall and 3-4 in the Big West Conference, started the season by dropping five of their first six ballgames before upsetting No. 19 Michigan at the Thomas & Mack.

"The biggest thing we said in that huddle was that we've been working too hard," Bayno explained after the win against Michigan. "All we've been getting is bad break after bad break and I told them that the hard work was going to be paid off, that something good was going to happen, and it did."

The Rebels were 5-8 over winter break, and in their last nine games they are 5-4. Here is a break down of each game that happened while we were away from UNLV:

•Dec. 10 vs. USC—Tied at 40 at halftime in the Great Western Forum, the Rebels were worn down in the second half, being outworked on the

boards and outplayed. Trojan center, Avondre Jones, had five blocked shots, and the Rebels were out-rebounded, 45-26, and only grabbed eight offensive boards.

Clayton Johnson led the Rebels with 17 points and freshman Ben Sanders, dumped in 14 points. Warren Rosegreen had his first double-double of the year, with 12 points and 11 rebounds. The Rebels also had five players in double figures with points, but it did not matter as the Rebels fell to the Trojans, 82-72.

•Dec. 16 vs. Ball State — Facing the team that almost beat them in the 1990 NCAA tournament, the Rebels found themselves down by nine at the half, 31-22, and was forced to once again play catch up basketball. Shooting 34 percent from the field in the first half and 42 percent in the second half did not help the Rebels' cause along with 16 turnovers.

The Rebels did have two players with double-doubles, however, as Johnson (19 points, 11 rebounds) and Rosegreen (14 points, 13 rebounds) provided the majority of the offense for the Rebels. They lost their third straight, 60-51.

•Dec. 18 vs. Charleston Southern — Pregame ceremonies were held for former Rebel greats, Stacey Augmon and Larry Johnson, whose jerseys were retired in front of

8,924 fans, including many of their Rebel teammates and former Rebel coach Jerry Tankanian. The pair received two standing ovations during the ceremony and were received warmly by the Rebel faithful.

The Runnin' Rebels could not ride the emotion of the pregame festivities, though, as they could never seem to get it all together during the game. A sluggish, uninspired performance led to the Rebels fourth straight loss. They out-rebounded the Buccaneers on both sides of the boards but only shot at a 35 percent clip from the field.

Rosegreen nailed down his third straight double-double, finishing up with 12 and 13 rebounds while Johnson dished 20 of his own, but it was not enough, the final score: 63-55.

•Dec. 23 vs. UCLA — In a nationally televised game, the Rebels battled back from a 17 point deficit in the second half to pull within nine. The Rebels needed a little something more, though.

Damian Smith had 21 points and sunk five threes, while Johnson came up big with 26 points. Rosegreen had his fourth straight double-double with 19 points and 14 rebounds. Somehow, though, the Rebels could not find the basket enough, they lost in the Mack once more, 89-82.

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## Coach Dallimore banking on Big West championship

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After a disappointing finish to last season, the Hustlin' Rebel baseball team is expected to contend for the Big West title this year.

"That's one of our goals as a team, to win the Big West our last year in it," Head Coach Fred Dallimore said.

The pitching staff will be bolstered by top returning starters Nate Yeskie, and Tom LaRosa. Yeskie compiled a record of 11-5, with an earned

run average of 4.36, earning First team All Big West honors. LaRosa finished the year with a record of 3-5 and an ERA of 5.73.

"I think our pitching is going to be very good," Dallimore explained. "We don't have the balance you look for as far as right- and left-handed pitchers, but once we identify the roles for those guys to compete in I think we're going to be fine."

According to Dallimore, newcomers Paul Tanner, Henry Jones and Sean Campbell

will help secure the middle infield, and with returning first baseman Brian Anthony and third baseman Ryan Hankins, the infield will be much improved.

"I think the one thing we needed to shore up from last year was our defense. We're going to have a pretty solid infield," Dallimore said.

Behind the plate the Rebels will be led by Stacy Kleiner, Bobby McNeil and John Meyer, Dallimore said.

"We think we're in pretty good shape," Dallimore stat-

ed. "We honestly feel that with McNeil backing up Kleiner to start with, we're going to be a pretty solid ballclub."

Roaming the pasture in the outfield will be returning starters Zac Miller in right field, Ted Wilkes in center field and Scott Vincent moves from center to left field.

"Outfield play we're real solid, we're eight deep out there and we feel we've got some quality guys," Dallimore said.

The Rebel bats will be solidified by 1995 freshman All-American Ryan Hankins, who

batted .383, with 12 home runs and 49 runs batted in. Also adding some punch to the lineup will be First Team All-Big West first baseman Brian Anthony (.313-13-49), catcher Stacy Kleiner (.315-7-54) and outfielder Scott Vincent (.294-6-33).

The season swings into action on Feb. 2, when the Hustlin' Rebels travel to UCLA for a three-game series. UNLV opens their home schedule with a 32-game homestand beginning on Feb. 9 against Utah at Wilson Stadium.