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No. 25 Sunshine Smith dribbles past a Michigan defender, en route to a career high 24 points.

Yo-yo

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•Dec 28 vs. No. 19 Michigan — The Rebels played probably their best basketball of the year against the Michigan Wolverines. The Rebel played with a tenacious defense which fed the offense.

Down by two at the half, 41-39, the Wolverines went on a 6-0 run to start the second half. With the help of treys by Johnson and Smith, the Rebels surged to an eight point lead, 60-52, late in the half.

Jermaine "Sunshine" Smith had a career game with 24 points and Johnson dished in 18 of his own. The Rebels came out with the improbable upset, as they held off the final charge by the Wolverines, 66-64.

•Dec 30 vs. Central Florida — UNLV, still riding an emotional high from the UCLA and Michigan games took on a 2-7 Central Florida team and started looking like the Rebels of old. They held CFU to just 36 percent shooting from the field and forced 23 turnovers.

Rosegreen proved he still was the chairman of the boards with 12 rebounds, while "Sunshine" Smith had another 20-point game, serving up 21 for the Rebels. Tony Lane also helped out with 13 points as the Rebels routed CFU, 74-

•Jan 4 vs. Utah State — In their first BWC game of the season, the Rebels had to battle back in the second half to reclaim the lead. Shooting at a 38 percent mark in the game, the Rebels had to work harder on the boards, nabbing 40 to the Aggies 29.

Rosegreen had 13 rebounds while Smith led the scoring with 17. UNLV polished off the top ranked BWC team,

•Jan 8 vs. Pacific — With everyone in the Las Vegas Valley talking about the new Runnin' Rebels, Pacific came in to town looking to quench the Rebel fire. A career game for Adam Jacobsen did just that, as he put away 28 points, including 8 from the three

Although Smith had 17, Rosegreen finishing up with another double-double (12 points, 10 rebounds) the Rebels could not keep up with the Tigers and lost by 20, 88-68.

•Jan 10 vs. San Jose St.
—Still reeling from the loss to
Pacific at the Mack, the Rebels
visited San Jose St. in hopes
to regain their offense.
Johnson had 18 second half
points to add to his game high
21, but the difference was a
missed shot with time running out that spelled the
Rebels second straight loss,
66-64.

 Jan 13 vs. Long Beach St. -BWC front runner, Long Beach St., paid a visit to the T&M and hit a team that was on a mission. The Rebels worked hard on the defensive side of the court which fed an offense had been starving in the last couple of games. Both Johnson and Rosegreen came away with double-doubles (18 points, 12 rebounds for Johnson, 13 and 10 for Rosegreen), and Sunshine led the Rebels in scoring with 21 points as the Rebels knocked off first place LBSU, 85-72.

•Jan 15 vs. UC Santa Barbara — Rosegreen had a career high in boards with 19 and Sunshine had 23 points as the Rebels battled through an uninspired first half to take charge in the second half and beating the new first place BWC team, 64-55.

•Thursday vs. CS Fullerton—On the road once again, the Rebels continued with their homesickness as they dropped their fourth road game of the season to the Titans. Lane, who had been fairly quiet throughout the season with the other Rebel center, Eddie Corbett, dished up 19 points to lead the Rebels. Rosegreen followed up his 19 rebound game with another 13, but neither was enough as they fell to CSUF, 64-61.

•Saturday vs. UC Irvine
—The Rebels stayed in Southern California to take on another BWC team, UC Irvine,
and, as the rest of the road
games have gone this season,
the Rebels had trouble away
from the Mack. Lane came
through for the Rebels with
18 points and Johnson had 15
while Rosegreen collected 11
boards in the Rebels loss to
the Anteaters, 66-61.

Up next for the Rebels will be a matchup against New Mexico St. in Las Cruces on Saturday. Their next home game will be Monday against UNR at 8:05 p.m. inside the T&M.

Track narrowly beaten in UNR meet

BY JEREMY MARTIN SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The UNLV indoor track and field team took its first of three trips to Reno to compete in the Silver State Invitational at the Livestock Event Center on Saturday and the Rebels All-Americans were narrowly beaten out in the women's 400-meter event.

Judy Fraser and Cheryl Allen finished second and fourth in the event, respectively, behind Juan Ball of the Southern California Cheetahs and Patrice Woods of Washington University. Ball finished first with a time of 55:42, Fraser came in second at 55.84, Woods clocked in at 56.96 and Allen had a time of 58:44. The UNLV women also finished first in the 4 x 400 meter relay

race with a time of 3:53.15.

Sophomores Amy Carling and Sarah Feliz finished second and third in the women's 3000 meter race. Carling had a time of 19:56.4 and Feliz had a time of 20:28.8.

In the women's 200 meter race, two UNLV runners placed. Harris came in second with a time of 25:11 and Tamarra Archibald finished seventh at 26:10.

Freshman Michelle Henry finished second in the mile run with a time of 5:28.48. She was almost a full 25 seconds behind Lisa Myles, who was competing independently.

Francis Sealy finished fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 37' 7".

Next the Rebels will compete in the UNR Bill Cosby Invitational on Feb. 3.

Tennis Opens Season With Road Losses

BY RAY BREWER SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Coming off a productive fall season, the 36th ranked UNLV men's tennis team traveled to Malibu, Calif., looking to beaf No. 7 Pepperdine.

Pepperdine won its 34th consecutive home match, Friday, as the Blue Wave rolled over the Rebels, chalking up an impressive 6-1 victory.

UNLV's only point came from 17th-ranked, two-time Big West player of the Year Roger Pettersson. Pettersson defeated No. 14 Simon Aspelinin in three sets, 2-6, 7-6, 6-0.

Luke Smith, who won the fall season singles championship at the America West Challenge Cup, lost in three sets (0-6, 6-1, 7-6). Tim Blenkiron was blanked by Chris Hill in straight sets 6-2, 7-6.

In their first competition as Rebels, freshmen Asaf Tisher, Rob Howarth, and Dominic Boulet all fell.

Pepperdine also swept the three doubles matches, to earn them one point. UNLV (0-1) returned to

UNLV (0-1) returned to the courts Saturday for a showdown against second ranked UCLA.

The game at UCLA was the team's second consecutive road game versus a top ten opponent on their two day road adventure.

The Rebels extended their 1996 woes by getting beat 6-1 by UCLA

UNLV received it's only singles victory when freshmen Asaf Tishler defeated Bruin Matt Breen in straight sets, 6-3, 6-2. The Rebels did get their

first doubles win of the year, when Smith/Tishler beat Eric Lin/Jason Thompson, 8-2, but it did not matter as the Bruins took the other two doubles matches.

UNLV's No.1 singles player, Pettersson, was defeated in straight sets, 6-2, 6-1.

The Rebels will be in action again on Saturday when they face top ranked Stanford Cardinals, in Stanford.

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