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Rebel Brian Anthony swings and misses a Utah pitch during this weekend's series.

Rebels split two-game set

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The Hustlin' Rebels lost the opening game of the series on Monday against Fresno State, but came back strong in the finale on Tuesday and beat the Bulldogs 8-6 to bring their record to 5-3 on the year.

Down by four going into the bottom of the ninth inning, the Rebels put forth a valiant comeback effort, but fell to the Bulldogs 9-6.

Paul Tanner, who had the game-winning hit on Sunday against Utah, came to the plate once again in the bottom of the ninth inning with the bases juiced and two outs. Tanner rapped an infield single that scored Ted Wilkes, but Fresno caught Brian Anthony napping between second and third to end the rally and the game.

"That was stupid on my part," said Anthony, who was 4-for-5 on the day with a home run and two RBIs. "... (third base coach Rod

Soesbe had his hands straight up saying for me to stop, I just got too excited or too aggressive."

Head coach Fred Dallimore said he was pleased with the near-comeback of his team.

"It shows you our character. We battled back. We got the bases loaded. We got one (run). We made a base running mistake that took us out of it to end the game," Dallimore said.

Only trailing 5-4 going into the top of the eighth inning, the flood gates opened up for Fresno State. With four walks by UNLV pitchers Chad Barry and Rob Luce and a two run single by Fresno's right fielder Derek Ferramisco, the Bulldogs scored four runs to take a 9-4 lead.

Scott Navarro was the winning pitcher and Mike Powell picks up the save for the Bulldogs (4-5).

UNLV's Tista Perri pitched seven innings allowing six runs, four earned, and walked four in a losing effort.

Catcher Stacy Kleiner added a solo home run in the ninth for UNLV, and third baseman

Ryan Hankins was 2-for-4. On Tuesday, the Rebels got 11 hits from their first five batters in the order, and were helped by an impressive performance by reliever Fred Koehne to muzzle the Bulldogs 8-6.

Koehne relieved starter Tom LaRosa and pitched five innings and allowed only one unearned run on two hits to earn the victory.

UNLV scored four runs in the final three innings to break a 5-4 Fresno lead.

Freshman Kevin Eberwein led the Rebels, going 2-for-3 with a double and a home run and three RBIs. Ryan Hankins was 3-for-4 and Paul Tanner went 2-for-5. Stacy Kleiner parked his second home run of the season in as many games and was 2-for-5 with two RBIs.

UNLV squares off against University of New Mexico tomorrow through Sunday, and faces BYU in a single game on Monday and a double-header on Tuesday at Earl E. Wilson Stadium.

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but the Lady Rebels gave it up in the last 10 minutes of the game.

It was also a game where five of the Lady 49ers contracted food poisoning, yet still were able to beat the hapless Lady Rebels.

So who's to blame? The players, who although they try to give their all, have shown many different faces during game time. Or is it the coach? Bolla has stuck around for 14 years, and for the first time in his career he is facing a season where his team is struggling.

Overall the Lady Rebels are shooting 38 percent from the field for the year. They have averaged 40.5 rebounds per game while also hitting the charity shots at a 64 percent rate. While these aren't signs of a struggling team, the statistics do not tell the story of

players who are unhappy with the situation.

Bolla has been the head man for the Lady Rebels for 14 years and has brought the program up to the same respect level that the men's program once had. In his first year as head coach Bolla, along with Strike, led the squad to a 24-4 record.

From then on, Bolla continued on with 11 20-win seasons, nine of which were consecutive. There have only been three seasons where the Lady Rebels did not win at least 20 games, and this will be the only season in Bolla's career where they will not win 10 games or more.

But for what it's all worth, Bolla has done a fine job with this program. Regardless of the rumors of him hitting one of the players, or players not giving 100 percent, Bolla has worked hard at getting the UNLV women's basketball program to be recognized as a top program.

The highlight of his career may be to get that 300th win, but right now it would probably be the No. 2 ranking the Lady Rebels received in the 1989-90 season, the same year the Runnin' Rebels took it all in the NCAA tournament.

Among active coaches, Bolla ranks 16th in the winningest Division I women's coaches and has made it to the NCAA tournament seven times.

There are only two UNLV coaches who have been around longer, Fred Dallimore in baseball and Jim Reitz in swimming, so Bolla has become somewhat of a staple in the athletic core of UNLV.

It will be tough to replace the figures Bolla has put up over the 14 years he coached here, even harder will be trying to replace a coach who has given so much to his program.

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Softball-playing twins win lawsuit against Louisiana State

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All Cindy and Karla Pineda wanted to do was play softball.

The amiable twins have reason to celebrate—they've just won a battle with Louisiana State University to start a female softball team at their school, but the dream to play ball in college has been cut short for both women.

Cindy and Karla will graduate before the season even starts.

"I'm very disappointed that I won't be able to play," Cindy said. "But at least we've helped out the softball teams in the future."

The lawsuit brought against LSU concerned Title IX of the

Education Amendments of 1972, a law that prohibits sex discrimination at institutions which receive federal financial aid.

LSU's failure to provide adequate athletic opportunities for females led to the Pineda struggle and many others.

Last year, a federal court ruled that Brown University discriminates against female athletes. Similarly, in Alabama, female students sued Auburn University and won, setting a precedent for students like the Pinedas to take action.

At schools where football and basketball receive the most funding, female athletes

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1995-96 BIG WEST MEN'S BASKETBALL STANDINGS

Conference	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away
UC Irvine	9	3	.750	6-1	3-2
Long Beach St.	9	4	.692	5-2	4-2
UC Santa Barbara	8	5	.615	4-2	4-3
UNR	6	6	.500	3-2	3-4
Utah St.	6	6	.500	4-1	2-3
Pacific	6	6	.500	4-2	2-4
New Mexico St.	5	8	.385	4-3	1-5
San Jose St.	5	8	.385	4-2	1-6
UNLV	4	8	.333	4-2	0-6
Cal St. Fullerton	4	8	.333	4-3	0-5
Overall	W	L	Pct.	Home	Away
UC Irvine	13	7	.650	8-2	4-5
Long Beach St.	14	8	.636	9-2	5-5
UC Santa Barbara	11	10	.524	6-4	5-6
UNR	13	9	.591	7-2	5-6
Utah St.	12	12	.500	9-2	3-7
Pacific	10	10	.500	8-2	2-6
New Mexico St.	8	13	.381	7-5	1-8
San Jose St.	6	15	.286	5-6	1-7
UNLV	7	13	.350	7-5	0-7
Cal State Fullerton	5	15	.250	4-6	1-9

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