

Rebel tennis has good showing

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Rebel tennis players Roger Pettersson, Luke Smith, and Marianne Valin had strong performances at the Rolex Indoor National grand slam event last weekend, despite final losses.

Pettersson and Smith lost in the finals of the doubles play, and Valin was defeated in the quarterfinals.

Valin, ranked 10th in the nation, was victorious in her

opening match as she cruised by No.18 Nicole Strnadova of Syracuse University, 6-2, 6-4.

The eighth-seeded Vallin continued her brilliant play as she downed No.16 Katie Kocsis of Southern Mississippi 6-3, 0-6, 6-2.

The two victories moved Vallin into a quarterfinal showdown against unseeded Dawn Buth of Florida. Last fall, Buth was ranked second in the nation.

After a hard-fought first set which Vallin lost in a 8-2 tie-breaker, Vallin was defeated

6-2 in the second set, eliminating her from the tournament.

"She put in a good effort, and played two good matches," women's head coach Ola Malmqvist said. "She didn't play her best tennis in the quarters, and still had a chance to win."

The duo of Smith and Pettersson advanced to the finals before being ousted by Chris Mahony and Pablo Mahony of Tennessee, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.

The Mahony brothers' victory over the Rebel tandem

kept UNLV from registering their first Grand Slam title in school tennis history.

Pettersson and Smith, ranked third in the nation, had a cumulative record of 3-1 for the weekend.

In the first round, they opened with a 6-1, 6-0 pounding over 11th-ranked Matthieu Ballay and Mattias Karlsson of Mississippi State.

Next, they hung on to win an emotional thriller, 7-5, 7-5 over the No. 7 pair of Mitch Sprenglemeyer and Bruce Li of Clemson.

In the semi finals, the Rebel duo barely defeated Paul Goldstein and Jim Thomas of Stanford, earning them a trip to the finals where they were eventually defeated.

In other singles action, 17th-ranked Pettersson was eliminated in the quarters when he fell 6-4, 6-4 to fourth-seeded Jeff Salzenstein of Stanford.

UNLV men's tennis will be back in action this weekend as they host the eight-team UNLV Invitational at the Frank and Vicki Fertita Tennis Complex.

California basketball star returns to action after suspension

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After a 14-game NCAA suspension, University of California basketball star forward Tremaine Fowlkes returned on Jan. 25 to help the Bears defeat Washington State University, 87-79.

Scoring 12 points in his first game back, Fowlkes said he felt good about returning to action.

"I thought I was pressing a little too hard... But I got over some of the anxiety of

being out there," he said. "It's going to take some adjustments though."

Fowlkes, a sophomore from Los Angeles, was forced to sit out the first half of the season after accepting \$1,800 from a former sports agent in order to purchase a new Chevy Blazer.

He was originally suspended for the entire season, but Cal officials strongly contested the severity of his punishment and his sentence was subsequently reduced to only 14 games.

Fowlkes said he does not regret the terms of his suspension. "The rules are fair

right now. I wouldn't change anything."

At 6-foot-7, Fowlkes was the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year last winter, contributing an average of 13.4 points and 6.7 rebounds per game.

Cal head coach Todd Bozeman said Fowlkes is a better player this year and has become stronger and more patient as a result of waiting out this NCAA suspension problems by the opposing crowds.

"That stuff's just a part of college basketball," he said. "You just have to have fun and laugh about it."

Lawsuit

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ics are often deprioritized. Cindy Pineda said she hopes that the negative publicity her school received from the lawsuit will cause other schools to restructure their athletic pro-

grams. "(LSU) gives so much money to male sports," Cindy said. "The figures I've seen are above outrageous. That's not fair for those really talented female athletes."

According to the ruling that found LSU in violation of Title

IX, women made up 49 percent of the university's student body but only 29 percent of its varsity athletes.

LSU officials are appealing the federal court order to comply with Title IX immediately or else submit a plan to do so within 20 days.

Rebel Sports Event

Thursday
Runnin' Rebels @ Pacific, 9 p.m. on ESPN.
Lady Rebel Softball @ Arizona at ASU Coca Cola Classic.

Friday
Rebel Tennis @ UNLV Invitational at Frank and Vicki Fertita Tennis Complex.
Lady Rebel Tennis @ UCLA.

Hustlin' Rebels vs. University of New Mexico, 3:05 p.m. at Earl E. Wilson Stadium.

Lady Rebel Basketball @ UC Irvine, 7:05 p.m.

Lady Rebel Softball vs. Florida St., noon at ASU Coca Cola Classic Tournament.

Lady Rebel Softball vs. Oregon, 2 p.m. at ASU Coca Cola Classic Tournament.

Saturday
Runnin' Rebels vs. Cal State Fullerton, 8:05 p.m.,

at Thomas & Mack Center.

Hustlin' Rebels vs. University of New Mexico, 1:05 p.m., at Earl E. Wilson Stadium.

Lady Rebel Softball vs. Purdue, 10 a.m., at ASU Coca Cola Classic.

Lady Rebel Softball vs. Arizona St., 4 p.m., at ASU Coca Cola Classic.

Rebel Tennis at UNLV Invitational at Tennis Complex.

Sunday
Lady Rebel @ Cal State Fullerton, 3 p.m.

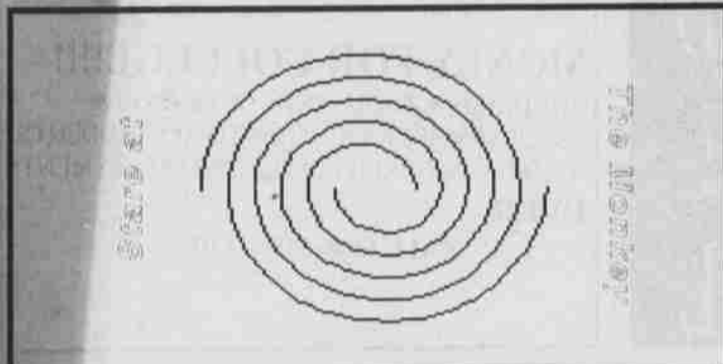
Hustlin' Rebels vs. University of New Mexico 1:05 p.m., at Earl E. Wilson Stadium.

Lady Rebel Softball vs. Washington, 9 a.m., at ASU Coca Cola Classic.

Rebel Tennis at UNLV Invitational at the Tennis Complex..

Monday
Runnin' Rebels vs. UC Irvine, 8:05 p.m., at Thomas & Mack Center

Hustlin' Rebels vs. Brigham Young, 3:05 p.m., at Earl E. Wilson Stadium



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