



PHOTO BY MIKE LACY
Hustlin' Rebels pitcher Tom La Rosa fires a pitch in the Rebels win over Toledo this weekend. The Rebels took 2 of 3 from Toledo.

Rebels send Rockets into orbit

UNLV pitching continuing their domination over opposing teams

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Toledo starter Denny Stark limited the 25th-ranked Hustlin' Rebels to just three hits Thursday, but UNLV's offense came alive on Friday and Sunday, beating up Toledo 15-0 and 13-3.

Trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the eighth inning Thursday, the Rebels got a rally started when Ryan Hankins walked and Kevin Eberwein was hit by Toledo reliever Brandon Brenner. Ted Wilkes followed with a grounder to Toledo third baseman Doug Merkle who bobbled it and threw to second, and umpire Ken Bayne called Eberwein out. Sean Campbell grounded out to second and that ended the UNLV threat.

"We got a bad call at second base," head coach Fred Dallimore said. "Eberwein was clearly safe. That was a terrible call. He had already hit the base and was coming up when (Bayne) banged him, still we've got to do better."

Toledo jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning after an error by Eberwein and three consecutive hits.

UNLV lefty Mike Bauder retired the next 21 of 23 Toledo batters and allowed only one hit the rest of the game, but couldn't get any offensive help from his teammates. "It felt real good just to keep us in the game," Bauder said. "I thought for sure we were going to come back and all I wanted to do was just keep us in the game."

Bauder pitched 7 2/3 innings giving up four hits and three runs, only one earned, struck out five and walked two.

The Rebels scored their runs when Stark balked home Brian Anthony in the fourth inning and Hankins belted a solo homer, his sixth of the season.

Stark struck out eight Rebels in seven innings and allowed three hits and two runs.

After only a three-hit performance on Thursday, the Rebel bats racked up 17 hits sent the Rockets reeling in the 15-0 drubbing.

Rebel starter Fred Koehne (3-1), who was rocked for 11 runs in 1 2/3 innings in his last outing, hurled a complete game three-hit shutout and grounded the Rockets with seven strikeouts. Koehne retired Toledo in order in the

first six innings and faced only two Toledo batters over the minimum 27 in the game.

"(Koehne) makes them put the ball in play and gets a lot of ground balls," Dallimore said. "By getting lit up last time and throwing a goose egg this time, it brings his ERA down to where it's human and it won't run the batteries out of Jimmy's (Pace) calculator."

Anthony blasted a towering two-run home run in the fifth and was 3-for-5 while driving in four. Hankins and Stacy Kleiner were both 2-for-4.

In Sunday's series finale, the Rebels completed their three game series with Toledo by crushing the Rockets 13-3.

Pitching continued to be a bright spot for the Rebels.

Reliever Chad Barry got the start for UNLV and responded by throwing seven innings, allowing one run on four hits and striking out seven.

The Rebels smacked five singles and Toledo starter Ross Minnich gave up three walks in the third inning, as UNLV sent 11 batters to the plate and scored seven runs.

Scott Vincent led the Rebels going 3-for-4 with 2 RBIs, and Brian Anthony continued to swing a hot bat going 2-for-5 with 3 RBIs. Anthony, who batted .500 in the five games with Toledo (and San Diego State on Saturday), was 11-for-22 for the series.

Rebels split two pitcher's duels against San Diego State

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In two of the best games played this year at Wilson Stadium, the Hustlin' Rebels split a two-game weekend series with San Diego State.

The Aztecs beat the Rebels 2-1 in 11 innings on Saturday and UNLV edged SDSU 1-0 on Sunday.

In the 11th inning Saturday, Aztec second baseman Kalin Foulds led off the inning with a bunt single and stole second. The Rebels then intentionally walked Travis Lee. SDSU catcher David Trentine drove in Foulds with a single to give the Aztecs a 2-1 advantage.

The Rebels had a chance to win the ballgame in the bottom of the ninth inning. With the bases loaded and one out, Stacy Kleiner flied out to shallow center field and Henry Jones, pinch-running for Kevin Eberwein, tagged up and tried to score but was thrown out in a close play at the plate.

Tom LaRosa allowed only four hits in 8 1/3 innings. Rob Luce was the loser for UNLV pitching the final 2 2/3 innings.

SDSU pitchers Brian Scott and Jeff Dufek combined for 10-plus innings, giving up only one run and allowing seven hits.

The Rebels manufactured one run in the first inning of a double header on Sunday, and that was all starting pitcher Tista Perri would need. Perri stifled the Aztec offense for the complete game, giving UNLV a 1-0 victory.

Perri (2-2) gave up only five hits, walked six and struck out four in a game that only lasted one hour and 59 minutes.

Designated hitter Chris Adolph led off the game with a walk and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Paul Tanner. Adolph reached third on a ground out by Ryan Hankins. Brian Anthony, who was 3-for-4 on the afternoon, drove in Adolph with a single to right field for the games only run.

Upcoming Sporting Events

Thursday
Rebel Softball vs. New Mexico State, noon, at Rebel Diamond.
Hustlin' Rebels vs. Southern Utah, 7 p.m., at Earl E. Wilson Stadium.

Friday
Rebel Softball vs. Utah State University, noon, at Rebel Diamond.
Lady Rebel Tennis vs. Idaho State, at Frank and Vicki Fertitta Tennis Complex.

Saturday
Rebel Softball vs. Utah State, noon, at Rebel Diamond.
Hustlin' Rebels vs. Southern Illinois, 1:05 p.m., at Earl E. Wilson Stadium.

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