

# Pitching

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had a let down on Sunday, losing their final game to Cal State Northridge, 4-3.

Edwards started on the hill, but was chased in the fifth, after getting shelled for eight hits, which led to three runs in the inning.

The Rebels took a commanding 3-0 lead in the first, but couldn't hold on for the victory.

Heather Markowitz led the offense with a double and two RBI's. Mallet went 1-for-2 with two walks, one run scored, and a single.

The Matadors tied the game at three in the fifth inning, and eventually pushed their final run across in their last at bat, defeating the Rebels.

The Rebels will be back on the attack today at noon as they host New Mexico for a double header at the Rebel Diamond. Then, they host Utah State for two games on Friday and Saturday. Both games begin at noon.

# Bench

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acter, and its been that way all year."

But the ties between Bayno and UMass have not been severed. Instead, both Bayno and UMass support one another as if nothing is different. Maybe the only difference is the fact that now Bayno has moved over one seat while one seat is vacant behind Calipari. However, the view must be extremely different when you put on that head coach's title.

"As John Calipari always said (when Bayno was at UMass) sitting one chair over is a whole new experience," Bayno said. And he found that out this season.

But the roots which formed Bayno's early coaching years at UMass have not cut him loose. Anytime the Minutemen staff and players have a chance to watch Bayno, and UNLV, they are tuned in and they watch, as Calipari explained it, with all the best intentions for UNLV in mind.

"You guys played USC and we have a satellite dish and a big screen TV in our locker room," Calipari said at a recent Athletic Club luncheon. "We were listening and the manager came over and said 'UNLV is on TV,' and the entire team and the staff ran out of the weight room and came in and watched the end of the game.

"But the people out here want to know what's going on, and always ask how's he (Bayno) doing. And you got a

lot of people out here rooting for you, Billy, and wanting you to do well," Calipari continued.

"You know I'm pulling for you and tell the guys I love them all and I miss you," Bayno replied. "Just keep a spot open for me out there in three or four years, you just never know what's going to happen out here."

Bayno quipped off that last part, but all indications point to Bayno being quite settled in his new environment.

And why not, when he possibly has the top recruiting class in the nation coming in to play next season.

Although he has been griping about getting a point guard signed for UNLV, Bayno's second recruiting class for UNLV will look as solid as a 1976 Chevy Nova chassis.

With a 6-foot-11 center coming in from Dixie College (Keon Clark), a top five center at 6-10 and also ranked in the top 30 of all prep recruits (Isaiah Epps), who needs a point guard? These guys will then also be meshing with 6-10 Eric Lee, Damian Smith, Sunshine Smith and Warren Rosegreen.

With the new faces joining the Rebels, look for Bayno to start juggling his lineup and maybe moving either Sunshine or Ben Sanders to the point to alleviate the missing link of his recruiting class.

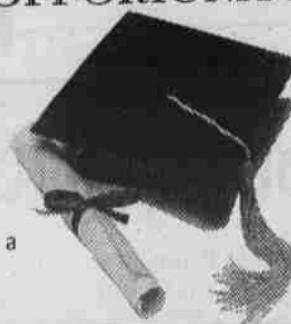
So since the season is over for Bayno and the Runnin' Rebels, what will Bayno do with his time?

Probably watch a UMass national championship on TV.

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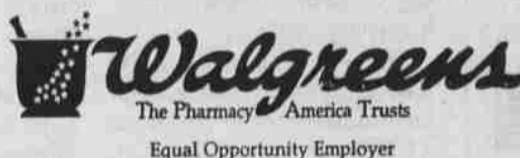
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