

Race

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needed offense to regain the lead. With Eberwein on second and Scott Vincent on first, Scott Campbell came up with a base hit up the middle to score Eberwein. Wilkes then reached first on a fielder's choice, and with two on and two out Chris Adolph pulled a double down the left field line, scoring both Vincent and Wilkes.

Adolph was originally sitting out this game, but was called upon in the first inning when Zac Miller pulled a muscle in his rib cage, fouling off a pitch in the first inning.

Adolph finished up the game going 2-for-3 with two doubles, two RBIs and a run scored.

"Adolph wasn't starting tonight," Dallimore explained. "But he came off the bench for us and delivered two big hits."

Although the Rebels worked hard for the Friday night win, the Thursday night game was the true battle. Coming off three straight losses to Fullerton, UNLV was looking for new life in the conference and LBSU gave it to them.

With the win blowing in, the game figured to be a pitcher's duel. Tom LaRosa went for the Rebels and went nine-plus innings for his club. He threw 128 pitches and allowed a run on six hits. He also struck out six and walked six.

The Rebels clung to a 1-0 lead until the sixth when the 49ers tied it up on a Jason Hodges homerun over the 375 sign in right center field.

Both teams then began to miss opportunities or were plagued by suspect umpiring.

In the seventh, with Vincent at third, Paul Tanner was caught looking at the third strike, stranding the runner at third. In the eighth it was more of the same when Wilkes took the count to 3-0 and struck out, then with the bases full of Rebels, Vincent whiffed on a Rocky Biddle pitch.

For LBSU in the ninth, it was the umpires who halted the 49er rally. Keith Cowley led off with a double into the gap in center field. Cowley was then picked off second by Kleiner, who fired a strike to Tanner. Tanner blocked second and laid the tag on Cowley. Head coach David Snow ran out to argue with first base umpire Leonard Gainey and consequently was thrown out of the game.

The game went extra innings with the 49ers not scoring in their half. The Rebels led their half of the inning off with back-to-back hits by Ryan Hankins and Kleiner. Brian Anthony then sacrificed both players over and Wilkes received an intentional pass to load up the bases. Eberwein then stepped up to the plate and after fouling off pitch after pitch, took a 3-2 slider and banded it into left field for the game winner.

"Everything he was throwing me was going outside," Eberwein said. "But I knew he was going to come in with the slider eventually, but I just didn't know when. That was the first slider I hit all season."

UNLV was in action against Loyola Marymount on Monday, however, scores were not available at press time. They face LMU again today at 3:05 p.m. at Earl E. Wilson stadium.

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scored on a Stacy Kleiner base hit. Sean Campbell then drove a Kirk Irvine pitch into the left field corner for a ground rule double, scoring Kleiner.

In the fifth the Rebels struck again. With Ryan Hankins reaching on a base hit, Anthony hitting a double and Kleiner getting a walk, the Rebels had the bases full for Scott Vincent. Vincent struck out, but Kevin Eberwein received a walk which brought in Hankins. Campbell then followed up by grounding out, therefore ending the Rebel rally.

Tom LaRosa went the distance for the Rebels, allowing 10 runs on seven hits, striking out three and walking seven.

In front of 1,599 fans at Titan field on March 30, the Rebels mounted a ninth inning rally but still fell short as the Titans pulled out a 4-2 victory.

With the help of a couple of UNLV miscues in the second inning, Fullerton was able to build a 3-1 lead, with most of the offensive help coming from their seventh, eighth and ninth hitters who were 5-for-9 with three runs scored and two RBIs. Rebel starter Tista Perri was able to keep Jason Giambi and Mark Kotsay, the Titan big guns, in check, allowing Kotsay an infield single.

In the ninth inning, the Rebels loaded the bases with two outs, against Titan closer Mark Chavez. Kleiner came in on Campbell's base hit to right field, and the bases remained loaded with Ted Wilkes at the plate. The Titans then changed pitchers, using left fielder Kotsay to record the final out.

Kotsay worked Wilkes to a 3-0 count before turning it around and striking out the Rebel right fielder for the final out of the game.

In the series finale, a big 10-run sixth inning helped launch the Titans past the Rebels for the sweep of the BWC series.

Things began to fall apart for the Rebels when Kotsay



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Sean Campbell and UNLV couldn't stop the onslaught of CSF.

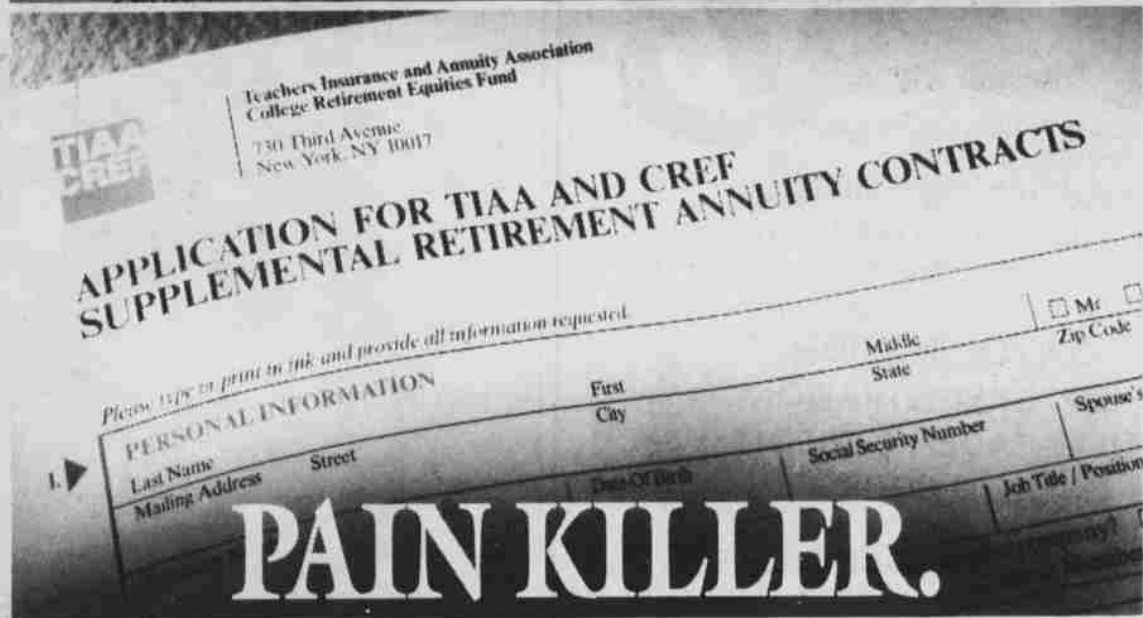
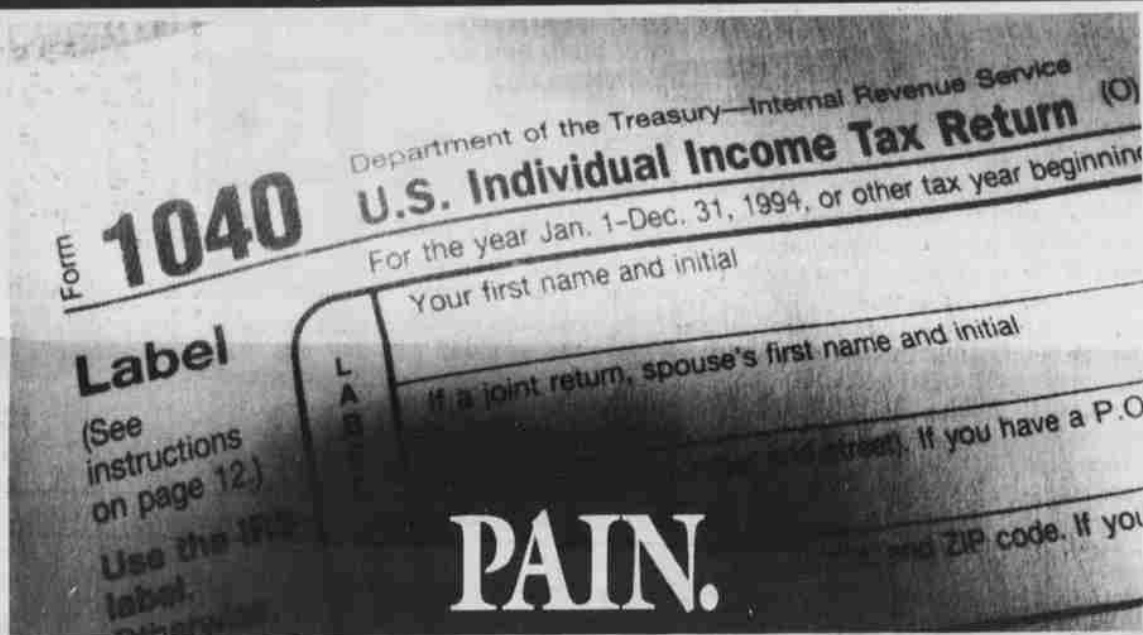
poked a three-run homer en route to the big sixth inning and a 20-11 pounding. The Rebels added to the Titan fire by creating more opportunities with errors in the field.

The Rebels climbed back into this one, down 6-0 in the fourth inning when they scored three, then five more in

their half of the fifth inning.

Mike Bauder picked up his third loss of the season, going 5 1/3 giving up 10 runs on 12 hits. Kleiner had four hits in the battle and Vincent drove in five runs to help the Rebel offense.

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