

UNLV softball falls to Long Beach

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The last time the Rebels dropped both ends of a doubleheader at the Rebel Diamond was May 9, 1991 against Cal State Fullerton.

It happened again Wednesday.

The No. 6 UNLV softball team battled Long Beach State for the second time in a week and dropped both games of the twin bill, 5-2 and 5-4.

The Rebels (27-14-1, 10-6-1 in the BWC) finished up a road trip over spring break, ending their tour at Long Beach State (24-16, 12-5) where they split the two game set, winning the first game 2-0, and dropping the night cap, 7-3.

After the series, the 49ers found themselves in sole possession of first place, with the Rebels falling down to second by two games.

Once again it was a lack of offense on the Rebels' side of the plate in the first game, where they scored just two runs on five hits. As a team this season the Rebels are batting .266 in 41 games, in comparison to last season's squad who batted .305. However, the Rebels are holding the opponents to .266 as well.

The game started off quickly for UNLV as center fielder Sara Mallett reached first base on LBSU pitcher Tammy Dietrich's error. She later scored on shortstop Kim Rondina's triple. Rondina then came in on a base hit by catcher Heather Siegal.

Long Beach State claimed the lead in the fourth inning, and were up 4-2 in the fifth when the Rebels threatened to reclaim the lead.

Left fielder Amy Alves walked with one out in the fifth inning. First baseman Julie Crandall then came up and hit a shot at 49er second baseman Amanda Favorite, who opted to get Alves at second.

Rondina was then hit by a pitch and catcher Heather Siegal was walked to load the bases. This brought up third baseman Heather Markowitz, who is



Rebel Kim Rondina awaits the throw from the pitcher for a force at second. The Rebels lost 5-2 in the first game.

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fourth on the team in RBIs with 20 but is also second on the Rebels in strikeouts, with 29. With the bases full of Rebels, Markowitz fouled out to the third baseman to end the rally.

It was a similar situation in the sixth inning for the Rebels as well. With two down, second baseman Andrea Long made it aboard on an error and moved to second on a walk to right fielder Ronnie Salcido. But Mallett struck out, leaving the tying runs on first and second.

The 49ers added one more in the seventh inning to make it 5-2, which

became the final score.

Teresa Branch got the start for the Rebels and went the distance, giving up five runs on eight hits with three strikeouts and a walk. With the loss she dropped her record to 16-8 on the year.

There was even more excitement in the second game, where the Rebels lost a 2-0 lead in the 49er half of the seventh and finally succumbed to the 49ers in the 11th inning.

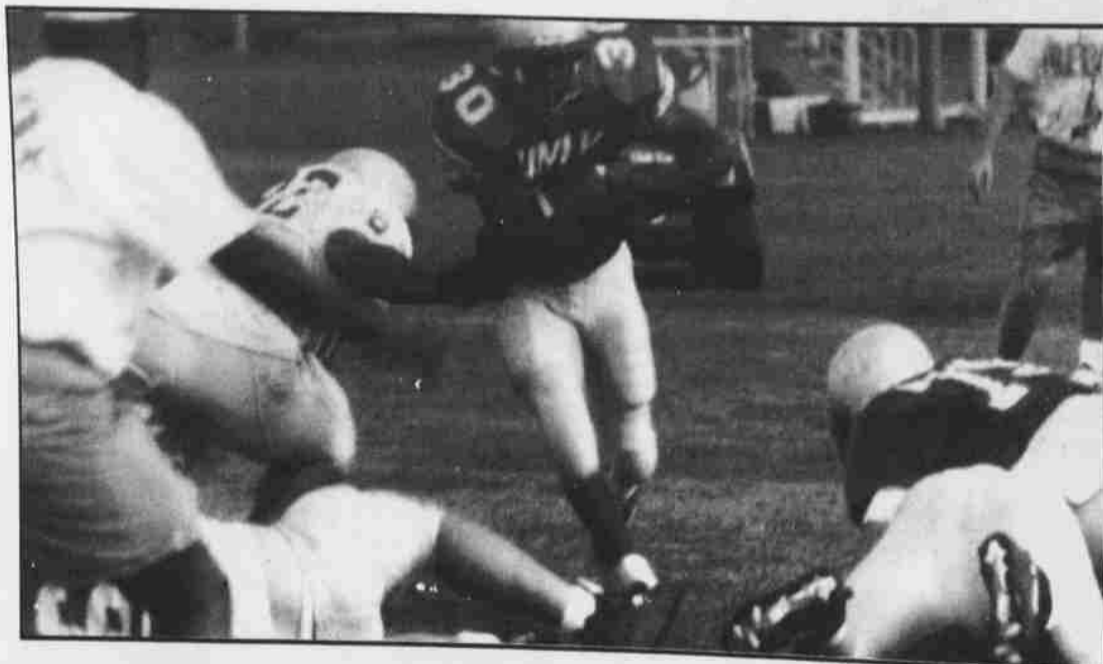
Tiffany Blood led the charge in the seventh inning with a one out base hit to left field, then moved to second on a

Tanya Edwards wild pitch. Edwards then walked Amanda Adams, putting runners on first and second with two outs.

Tucker played hero for the 49ers then with a double that just missed being snagged by Long at second. Both runners scored, sending the game into extra frames.

Both teams had a chance to win the game in the eighth inning. The 49ers loaded up the bases but were unable to put anything across, and the Rebels

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Javon Seymour, No 30, looks for an opening during a drill in Rebel football Spring practice.

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Football opens spring practice

Many new faces in new places for Coach Horton

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UNLV opened its first Western Athletic Conference spring practice on Monday with a light workout and a big surprise.

Runnin' Rebel forward Warren Rosegreen shocked every-

one when he showed up at practice wearing a football jersey.

Rosegreen, a star receiver at Dillard High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., was heavily recruited by big-time football schools like Clemson, Florida and Miami. He will be using the three-week spring camp to decide if he really wants to play as a member of the Rebel receiving corps.

"He has been out for quite a while," head coach Jeff Hor-

ton said. "He has to keep on learning. He has a chance to make the team if he stays with it. He could be a big help to us."

As Runnin' Rebel forward, Rosegreen was the Big West Conference's leading rebounder last season.

Rosegreen was not the only new face in Rebel camp. Two new coaches, three junior college transfers and a fresh-

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Rebel track dominates

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The Rebels dominated the 1996 UNLV Invitational on Saturday at Myron Partridge Track & Field Stadium as they defeated both visiting schools in outdoor events.

UNLV ran away with the meet by beating Cal Lutheran University 103-15 and Southern Utah 91-46. The Rebels took 10 first-place finishes in various events.

Three Rebel sprinters took control of the women's 400-meters. Sophomore Angela Harris earned first-place honors with a mark of 53.52, Cheryl Allen finished second at 54.23 and Judy Fraser took third at 54.87. Harris finished second in the 200-meters at 23.84 and Fraser was third at 24.69. Donielle Twitty finished third in the 100-meters at 11.92.

In distance events, the Rebels also made an impact. UNLV had the top three finishers in the women's 3000-meters. Katie Durham took first with a mark of 10:50.04, Amy Carling captured second with 11:12.20 and Sarah Feliz rounded out the top three at

11:18.51. Carling and Feliz also finished first and third in the 5000-meters, respectively, at 19:28.38 and 19:39.91. In the 1500-meters Michelle Henry finished first at 4:44.57 and Durham came in third at 4:47.23. Henry also finished second in the 800-meters at 2:14.93.

In the women's 100-meter hurdles, Francis Sealy captured first place with a time of 14.03.

Success in jumping events earned the Rebels some valuable points as well. Sealy came in first in the women's long jump with a mark of 18-11 and Christine Arroyo finished third at 16-6.5. Arroyo topped the competition in the triple jump with a mark of 35-0.5. LeAnn Kazmer and Shannon Brick earned second place honors in the women's high jump with a 5-2 mark.

The Rebels were also strong in throwing events. Safiya Ingram won the women's shot put event by posting a mark of 40-11.75. She also claimed the top spot in the discus event with a mark of 151-5.25.

The Rebels will be back in action this weekend at the Mt. San Antonio College Relays.