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With so many Badger fan's at the game, it is hard to believe that Rebel fans could make a noticeable impact. But they did. It might have been that the Rebel crowd didn't want to be outdone by the raucous Wisconsin fans because the home fans were noticeably louder than usual.

Still, Wisconsin fans outnumbered Rebel fans. UNLV sports marketing reported more than 300 student tickets returned unused. The visiting crowd was expected to motivate UNLV students to represent their university but the outcome fell short of the estimates. According to Stallworth, around 4,000 UNLV students attended.

Overall, the game was a great success. The Rebels gained experience playing against a Big Ten powerhouse, which will help them down the road. When UNLV lines up against teams like San Jose State and Fresno State later in the season they will seem mortal when compared with the likes of Wisconsin.

Head Coach Jeff Horton joked that he might put a picture of the red crowd in the recruiting guide to aid recruiting efforts. He said might use a blurry picture, however, because the cheese heads are unmistakable.

## guest column

Intramural action continues Tennis wraps up; Volleyball, Oozeball on deck

By Eric Gruzen Staff Sports Writer

The intramural season got off to an exciting start with the always competitive tennis tournaments. With highly contested singles and doubles competitions and the traditional rivalries between various Greek organizations, most matches became more than just a simple game of tennis; they became personal.

This reporter was able to get a first-hand view of the action at the Fertitta Tennis Complex. I entered the men's intermediate tournament and was soundly beaten in the finals but still had fun and enjoyed the competition.

Many losers, including myself, argue that the score and the victor aren't important, that having fun is all that matters. However, if we had won, the attitude would probably be quite different. Sure, there were fits of violence, rackets were thrown and profanities were screamed, but it was all in good fun and sports-

The winners took the high road, smiling and shaking the hands of their fallen opponents,

fighting to hold back the laughter as they said, "Good game,

The awarding of the championship tee shirt to each winner was like winning a gold medal in the Olympics. Second-place finishers received nothing and were quickly ushered off the court by an intramural official.

The following are the results from the finals of each bracket:

In the women's independent division Melodi Kaneshiro defeated Tram Duong. James Thurber defeated George Kweyama in the men's beginner division, while Karimm Abu-Said defeated me, Eric Gruzen, in the men's intermediate division. In the men's advanced division Robert Aguilar defeated Michael

In doubles competition, Jerry O'Meara and Drake Remington defeated Michael Wichman and Kevin Newton in the men's division. The mixed doubles team of Imran Anwar and Kris Karstenson outlasted Tram and Oai Duong.

In Greek action, Alpha Delta Pi faced off against each other in the finals with Mandy Mancina beating Kim Baker. In women's doubles, FASA defeated the team from Alpha Delta Pi.

Fraternitiy competition is ongoing. Semi-finals are scheduled for this week with the finals scheduled for next week.

Players remaining in the singles division include Matt Chavez, Rick Detisch, Tyler Barton and Darren Atkinson. The doubles teams are Detisch and Anwar against Bottaglia and Atkinson, and Chavez and Pierotti against Whitaker and

Volleyball action is underway with Oozeball signups beginning tomorrow in the Moyer Student Union room 201.

It was announced last Wednes-

day that the Rebel football team has made the top-25, of the toughest schedules, that is.

With non-conference opponents like Tennessee, Wisconsin and BYU, the Rebels clocked in as the 25th hardest in Div. I-A.

The Rebels also have been given the toughest schedule in the Western Athletic Conference, according to the rating system.

UNLV's opponents, which include four teams that played in a bowl last year, had a combined record of 73-58-2 last season for a winning percentage of .556.

Last year the Rebels had the nation's weakest schedule, ranked

"Moving from the 100s into the top-25 in just one year is a remarkable step up in competition," said NCAA Statistics Coordinator Richard Campbell, who releases the annual list. "Entering the new conference and having teams like Tennessee on your schedule will do that."

The UNLV In-Line Hockey Team will vie for the first national collegiate roller hockey championship during the National In-Line Hockey Association's Tournament and Trade Expo at Cashman Field Center beginning Thursday.

UNLV will open the doubleelimination tournament against El Camino College. The Rollin' Rebels' second game will begin at 5 p.m. Friday. The finals will be played on Saturday at 8 a.m., noon,

and 3 p.m. Participating teams include ECC, the University of California, California Polytechnic university, UC Santa Barbara, Purdue, Texas A & M, Kansas and Truman State University.

A \$5 fee will be charged at the door for all who want to attend.

Junior wide receiver Derick Charles has quit the Rebel football team, according to Head Coach Jeff Horton. Horton said that he was not given any explanation and that Charles did not show up at practice last Tuesday.

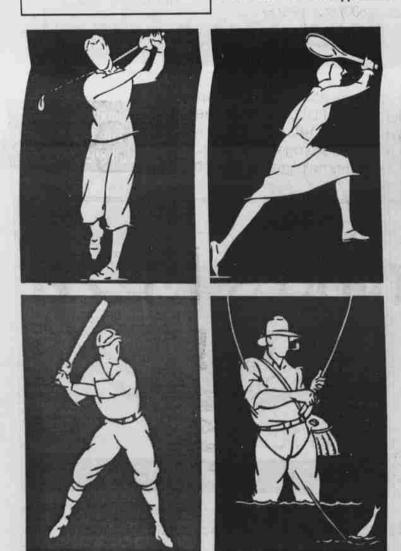
Charles transferred from Washington State after one redshirt season there. He was expected to see quite a bit of playing time this season with the Rebels' young receiving corps.

Charles dropped a pass in the end zone of last week's WAC game against Air Force.

Running back Dahrin Footman suffered a bad ankle sprain in Saturday's loss to Wisconsin and will likely miss Saturday's game against Colorado State, Horton said. Linebacker Dan Martin also suffered an ankle sprain and is listed as questionable for this week's game.

Defensive tackle Mac Smith might be healthy enough to return this weekend, Horton said.

"We are loosing two players and getting one back," Horton said. "We are in pretty good shape (injury wise) after playing three tough teams."

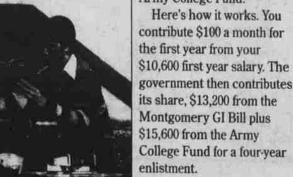




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