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Runnin' Rebels get hog tied

■ UNLV unable to contain Arkansas' two big guns

By Michael Melissa
Staff Sports Writer

The Rebels used their strongest key Wednesday to hold Arkansas in the first half: defense.

But the weariness of a red-eye flight after a war with Hawai'i on Monday, and very little preparation for the 19-12 Razorbacks, weakened UNLV's ability to sustain the pressure it applied to Pat Bradley and Tarik Wallace in the first half.

The Rebels fell to Arkansas, 86-73, in the third round of the National Invitational Tournament.

"We were just exhausted," UNLV Head Coach Bill Bayno said. "We did a great job contesting their three-pointers in the first half. In the second half, we just wore down. They broke our back when they hit those threes."

The Rebels took a 33-31 lead into halftime and were able to push it up to a 37-31 lead early in the second half.

Then Arkansas came alive and began sinking the three-pointers. Using a 32-15 run over an eight-minute span, the Razorbacks hit six treys, including three by Wallace and two by Bradley. And just like that, UNLV was down 63-52 with less than 12 minutes left to play.

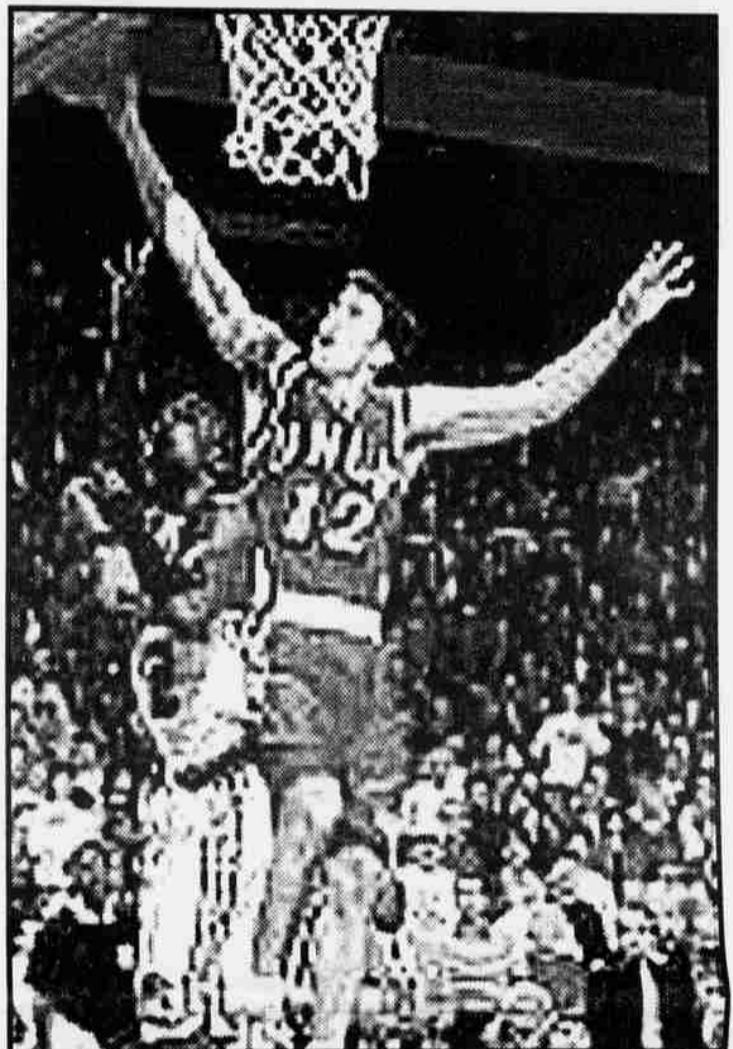


A 12-4 run began the Arkansas burst and they pulled ahead on a pair of three-pointers by Wallace and Glendon Alexander, making it a 49-44 game.

"We didn't get out to contest their threes in the second half," Bayno explained.

UNLV hung close to the Razorbacks for the next couple of minutes, but the Rebels weren't able to keep up the defensive pressure as Wallace and Bradley began to light up the Rebels from behind the three-point line. The Rebels pulled within six a few times during the final seven minutes—but that was as close as they could get.

The Rebels had a few chances to pull within four with less than two minutes to play and Arkansas



Rebel Kevin James (right) fouls Kareem Reid while going up for a block. James had 10 assists in UNLV's loss to Arkansas.
Photo: Associated Press

RUNNIN' REBELS, PAGE 2

NV legislators consider proposal for prepaid college tuition

Associated Press

CARSON CITY—Lawmakers have been urged to consider a state-run program that would let parents prepay college tuition for their children.

Under the proposal presented by Don Hataway of the state Budget Office, parents would be able to make a lump-sum or monthly payments into a state-run fund beginning as early as the child's birth. Then, when the student was ready to attend college, the state would pay his or her tuition.

Hataway told the Ways and Means Committee the difference between what the parents paid into the fund and the cost of tuition and fees would be covered by interest income earned by the fund. He said another fund could also be set up to cover books and other expenses.

Using Florida's program as an example, he said a parent would pay a different amount monthly or as a lump sum, depending on

how long it would be until the child is college-aged.

For example, he said a fifth-grader expected to graduate in 2003 would cost parents a single payment of \$5,792, or \$83 a month until college.

There are about a dozen states that have already started such programs or are developing them.

"My research indicates this would be a success in Nevada, that we could raise between \$50 and \$75 million in endowments in this state," Hataway said.

State Treasurer Bob Seale said the fund would be managed by his office. He said the key to the fund is that the state would guarantee payment of whatever the actual college tuition would be when the student is ready to attend college.

He also said the success of the fund depends heavily on accurate estimates of how much those costs will go up and management

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Students plan for Spring Break

By Jaymes Aimetti
Staff News Writer

Spring Break is just a few days away and UNLV students are ready for fun and relaxation as they head out of town to the various "hot spot" getaways made famous by Spring Breakers for years.

While a majority of students on campus said they will be heading home for Spring Break, others said they will be hitting the beaches in California.

Jenn Rossana, a sophomore majoring in music, said she will be soaking up the sun at a Santa Monica beach.

"It's my favorite spot in California," said Rossana. "The carnival is great and the people are nice."

Inter-Campus Programs, a travel consulting agency, reports the most famous hot spots for students on Spring Break are Daytona Beach, Panama City Beach and Cancun, Mexico.

ICP revealed Daytona expects more than 200,000 students nationwide to invade its 23 miles of beach this year. These students will be able to participate in the various free concerts and pool deck parties.

Some UNLV students, like Hillary Real, a junior majoring in theater, and Todd Hadley, a sophomore music major, said they won't be visiting any of these hot spots. Instead, they will return home to New Mexico and San Diego, re-



Students flock to Daytona Beach every year for Spring Break.

spectively, to spend the week with their families.

Many UNLV students cited Lake Havasu, Az. as being the most popular Spring Break vacation spot for college students.

Tricia Bosarge, a sophomore recreation major, said she is among those who will spend Spring Break at the lake.

Bosarge plans to stay on an Indian reservation, hiking and relaxing.

Hotel administration major Casey Mines said she will also re-

lax in Lake Havasu, where she said she will enjoy boating and the beach.

While several UNLV students will head to Mexico on a trip offered through the College of Hotel Administration, others agreed Lake Havasu is a more convenient getaway because of its close proximity to Las Vegas.

Others cited Lake Havasu as being an inexpensive alternative.

For more information on Spring Break hot spots, call Inter-Campus Programs at 1-800-327-6013.

*** Last day to drop is Friday ***

Remember the old days you quit attending? How about the nightmare you bombed? It's not too late to drop. Friday is the final day to drop or will drop from classes. Students dropping classes can do so via the TOUCH registration system. Drop fees will drop to \$0. No fee permitted after Friday at 5 p.m. even with instructor consent. Friday is also the final day to change your class status from credit to audit, except for certain staff courses.

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