

1997-98 UNLV RUNNIN' REBEL SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	TV
Sat., Nov. 1	7:35 p.m.	USDBL#	-
Sat., Nov. 8	7:35 p.m.	Melbourne#	-
Sat., Nov. 15	7:35 p.m.	Loyola Marymount	-
CHASE NIT:			ESPN
Wed., Nov. 19	8:59 p.m.	Eastern Michigan	
Fri., Nov. 21	6:30 p.m.	EMU/UNLV winner vs. W.Kentucky/Kansas winner	
Wed., Nov. 26	5:30 p.m.	NIT Semi-Finals at Madison Square Garden	
Fri., Nov. 28	4:30 p.m.	NIT Championship Game at MSG	
Tue., Dec. 2	TBA	at Southern California	KUPN
Sat., Dec. 6	10:00 a.m.	at Michigan	KUPN
Sat., Dec. 13	4:00 p.m.	at Rhode Island	ESPN2
Wed., Dec. 17	7:35 p.m.	Chicago State	
LAS VEGAS SHOOTOUT:			
Sat., Dec. 20	7:00 p.m.	Colorado vs. Massachusetts	ESPN2
	9:30 p.m.	Syracuse vs UNLV	ESPN
Tue., Dec. 23	7:35 p.m.	UC Irvine	
Sat., Dec. 27	9:30 p.m.	UCLA	ESPN
Tue., Dec. 30	7:35 p.m.	Nevada, Reno	
Sunday, Jan. 4	TBA	at Tulane	ESPN2
Sat., Jan. 10	7:35 p.m.	Air Force*	
Thurs., Jan. 15	6:05 p.m.	at New Mexico*	KUPN
Sat., Jan. 17	TBA	at Texas-El Paso	ESPN2
Thurs., Jan. 22	7:35 p.m.	BYU*	
Sat., Jan. 24	TBA	Utah*	CBS
Mon., Jan. 26	7:35 p.m.	Chaminade	-
Thurs., Jan. 29	6:00 p.m.	at Colorado State	KUPN
Sat., Jan. 31	6:30 p.m.	at Wyoming*	KUPN
Thurs., Feb. 5	7:35 p.m.	at Air Force*	KUPN
Sat., Feb. 7	7:35 p.m.	Wofford	
Sat., Feb. 14	7:35 p.m.	Texas-El Paso*	
Mon., Feb. 16	9:00 p.m.	New Mexico*	ESPN
Sat., Feb. 21	6:05 p.m.	at BYU*	KUPN
Mon., Feb. 23	9:00 p.m.	at Utah*	ESPN
Thurs., Feb. 26	7:35 p.m.	Wyoming*	
Sat., Feb. 28	7:35 p.m.	Colorado State*	
Tue.-Sat., March 3-7		WAC Tournament at Las Vegas, Nevada	

KEY - * denotes WAC games, # denotes exhibition games, All times Pacific

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1997 UNLV Runnin' Rebels Basketball schedule released

Staff Report

The UNLV Athletic Department released the 1997-98 UNLV Runnin' Rebel basketball schedule. The schedule, under third-year head coach Bill Bayno, features the Preseason Chase NIT on Wednesday, Nov. 19, against Eastern Michigan at 8:59 p.m. (ESPN) at the Thomas & Mack Center. UNLV needs to win two games to advance to Madison Square Garden for the NIT Championships on Wednesday and Friday, Nov. 26 and 28. A total of 16 games during the regular season will be televised by either CBS, ESPN, ESPN2, or KUPN. That total is the most since 19 games were televised during the 1990-91 regular season.

The second annual Las Vegas Shootout will take place on Saturday, Dec. 20, at the Thomas & Mack Center. Colorado will face Massachusetts at 7 p.m. on ESPN2 and the Runnin' Rebels will face Syracuse at 9:30 on ESPN.

UNLV will play 16 homegames (also two exhibition

games) and 11 road games (which doesn't include any NIT games that could be played on the road). The schedule highlights are non-conference games at the PAC-10's USC Trojans on Tuesday, Dec. 2 and at the Big 10's Michigan on Saturday, Dec. 6, at 10 a.m., which will be televised on ESPN. UNLV's top non-conference home games are against Syracuse and the PAC-10's UCLA Bruins on Saturday, Dec. 27.

"The television exposure is a great opportunity for our fans to see Rebel basketball," said UNLV Athletic Director Charles Cavagnaro. "The increased TV exposure is a true indication that this program is moving in the right direction."

The 1997-98 basketball season marks UNLV's second season in the 16-team Western Athletic Conference, the nation's largest NCAA Division I league. The WAC men's and women's basketball divisions rotate annually. UNLV is a member of the Mountain Division and the schedule features home-and-

home games with Air Force, BYU, Colorado State, New Mexico, Texas-El Paso, Utah and Wyoming. The WAC schedule will have teams playing 14 games.

"This schedule is probably the toughest in the WAC," said Bayno. "It's certainly one of the toughest schedules this school has ever had. Hopefully, our team can meet the challenges and position ourselves for success in not only conference play, but for the postseason."

The WAC Tournament, featuring 12 teams, will be played on March 3-7, at the Thomas & Mack Center.

UNLV's first day of practice is less than two months away beginning on Saturday, Oct. 18.

All Rebel games will be broadcast on KXNTAM-840 radio. KUPN Las Vegas 21, Cable 2, will televise seven road games. Every away contest will be televised back to Las Vegas by either ESPN, ESPN2, or KUPN.

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