

## Anderson shines for UNLV golf team

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UNLV golfer Jeremy Anderson has perfected the juggling act that so many student-athletes can't handle.

Anderson, a sophomore from Lake Mary, Fla., who is a big reason why the Rebels are ranked No. 1 in the nation, is also a star in the classroom.

This business management major earned a spot in the UNLV academic top-30 for the fall semester while at the same fighting for a spot in the top-10 of the individual national rankings.

So, how does he do it?

Hard work. Dedication. Time management.

"I just try to keep up with the work," Anderson said. "When I get behind, the teachers I have had are real understanding. Then, I have to manage my time when I am here."

UNLV assistant coach Casey Whalen sees this desire.

"He does a good job of obviously managing his time," Whalen said. "When he needs to buckle down, he does it."

His effort in the classroom carries over to the golf course. In the latest edition of the MasterCard Collegiate Rankings, Anderson was ranked third in the nation.

He has won two tournaments this season, the GolfWorld Invitational back in November and the BELLSOUTH Yellow Pages Intercollegiate two weeks ago.

The individual title last week helped UNLV win its record setting sixth tournament of the season.

Anderson opened the tournament with a five-under par 67 and cruised to the victory, shooting a second-round even par and closing out the event with a one-under 71 for a total of 210.

"My way of thinking when I play and am in the lead is to always pretend someone is beating me," he said. "I stay aggressive and try to get as many birdies as I can."

With his latest win, Anderson became the first Rebel golfer to win more than one tournament in a season since Chris Riley (3) and Edward Fryatt (2) accomplished the feat in 1993-94.

He has won the Western Athletic Conference Golfer of the Week award on two separate occasions. He first won the award on Feb. 18 and then again last week.

Anderson was named College Golf Foundation's national Golfer of the Month and the WAC's Golf Athlete of the Month for November after capturing the individual title at the GolfWorld Invitational.

A lot of these awards can be credited to his dominant putting game.

"Jeremy does everything well," Whalen said. "I think his strong suit is when he gets the putter going. He has good putting ability...When he gets the putter going, it is something to watch."

Anderson agrees that putting is one of the reasons for his great season.

"I would say putting is my strong point," he said. "Another is my ability on the course to not let much bother me and to stay focused on what I need to do. I am a fighter and that's the most important because it makes the bad days less painful."

He has recorded top-10 finishes in seven of 11 tournaments this season, which includes five of the last six. He has a scoring average of 71.81 in 32 rounds this season with a low-round of 65.

Anderson is one of the Rebels' leaders in their quest for the school's first-ever golf NCAA National Championship.

"He leads by example rather by being a vocal leader," Whalen said.

Winning the national title will take a total team effort.

"To win the national championship, you have to be on top of your game for four days straight," Anderson said.

After finishing second overall in the national tournament two seasons ago, the Rebels failed to make the cut at last year's event.

"We don't have to change anything," Anderson said. "It doesn't matter what you change. We just have to keep working hard and whatever happens, happens."

If everything happens the way Anderson visions, he'll leave UNLV in two years with his hands full. In one hand will be his business management degree and in the other, a national championship.

## The Final Six

### Women's soccer prepares to finalize roster

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The pieces of the puzzle are finally starting to come together for the UNLV women's soccer team as final cuts were made after three months of tryouts.

Over 30 aspiring soccer players came out and showcased their talents for new head coach Staci Hendershott. The tryouts were two hours a day, twice a week for three months, a period of time that gave Hendershott a good gauge of the players talent level.

The final cuts were made and six girls were left standing. Among them were Jennifer Wintermute, a fifth year senior, Kristin Puhl, a sophomore, Angie Parchomenko, a junior, Thyre Brooks, a sophomore, Amy Scala, a sophomore, and Kelly Hartung, also a sophomore.

These six girls knew that being selected to participate on UNLV's first women's soccer team was no small feat.

"It's definitely an honor," Puhl and Parchomenko said simultaneously.

"We are kind of like making history," Parchomenko said. "But its not like they are going to retire our jerseys, but it is something that we all will remember. We are going to set the standards for a lot of years to come."

"We want to get respect for the UNLV women's soccer team," Wintermute said.

"We are going to be on the first team ever, we want to set the tone for UNLV soccer and get the program established, and get some national recognition hopefully," Scala said.



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Ami Scala (left) and Kelly Hartung (right) practice for UNLV's first women's soccer team.

Making the short list of six, while over 30 other girls were not able to, meant a lot to these hard working young women.

"It is rewarding to know that we went through the three months worth of tryouts and made it out of the 25 or 30 girls that tried to make it," Puhl said. "It feels great to know that we made the final six."

"We went through so many practices and we are out here running all day and working so hard, and it is really rewarding to have finally made the team," Scala said.

With UNLV now having a women's soccer program, the visibility of the sport will grow.

"A good thing about this program is that a lot of people in Las Vegas haven't seen Division I women's soccer, so it is good to get the sport out there," Parchomenko said.

"There are a lot of good women soccer players in this

city and they play in high school, but they don't have anywhere to go, but now they do," Puhl said.

After three months of tryouts and now the prospects of waiting until September until their first game, these young women are looking forward to some competition, even though first year teams traditionally have some difficult times occasionally.

"We are going to win some and lose some, but it is all a learning experience," Puhl said. "We are going to work hard, it is not going to come easy, it all starts from the ground up."

There are about 15 to 17 recruits that Hendershott will be bringing in, but they will not be playing with these girls until August. But they are looking forward to meeting their teammates.

"We are definitely looking forward to practicing with them

and playing some games," Scala said. "It is getting pretty tough practicing with just six girls."

"Plus we are getting pretty sick of each other already," Puhl joked. "We just want to see what every one else can do and so we can get our roles on the team down."

They talked about their coach, and how she has been helpful in the few months they have known each other.

"I really like the coach. I really like her for another reason and that is because I have never been coached by another woman in my whole life," Parchomenko said. "It is definitely good, because she understands us more than a male coach would. Plus she has played soccer and knows what she is talking about."

Coach Hendershott is excited about her group of six players.

"These girls are great athletes, we are continuing to work on little things like ball control and stuff like that," Hendershott said. "But I think we have a very good pool of players, since we have been out here practicing. These girls are very dedicated, they have been working in the weight room and practicing very hard. They have just as good a chance as the girls coming in to start and have an impact on this team. Plus their experience at UNLV will help them out too."

The UNLV women's soccer team will begin their first season on September 1st when they travel to Malibu, Calif. and play Pepperdine University. Their home opener will be on September 13 against Michigan State, Hendershott's alma mater.

## Hustlin' Rebels on road

By Adam Hill  
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The UNLV Hustlin' Rebel baseball team hits the road this weekend and will try and solidify its place in the Western Athletic Conference post-season tournament.

The Rebels travel to Houston, Texas to take on the Rice Owls, who are ranked No. 14 in the country.

It will be an important series for the Rebels as they try to qualify for the WAC tournament.

"This is a big series for us. We've got to keep ourselves in the playoff picture," coach Rod Soesbe said. "The season is winding down and we can handle it ourselves. If we can win, we don't have to rely on other teams losing to get us in."

The WAC is structured differently for baseball then it is for other sports. Because there are 12 teams, they are divided into three divisions.

UNLV is in the South division with Rice, TCU, and New Mexico. The winner of the south division automatically qualifies as do the winners of the West and North divisions.

The three teams with the best records that don't win a division also qualify. If the season ended today, UNLV would be in as a result of having the second best record of non-divisional winners.

Right now, the Rebels stand at 28-17 overall and 11-10 in WAC games. Two teams, San Jose St. and San Diego State are each a half game behind the Rebels.

All three of the teams know that there is only two spots left, realistically. Rice has clinched the South division. Grand Canyon has pretty much sewn up the north, as has Fresno St. in the West.

TCU sits two games ahead of the Rebels for the first wild card slot. After the three game series at