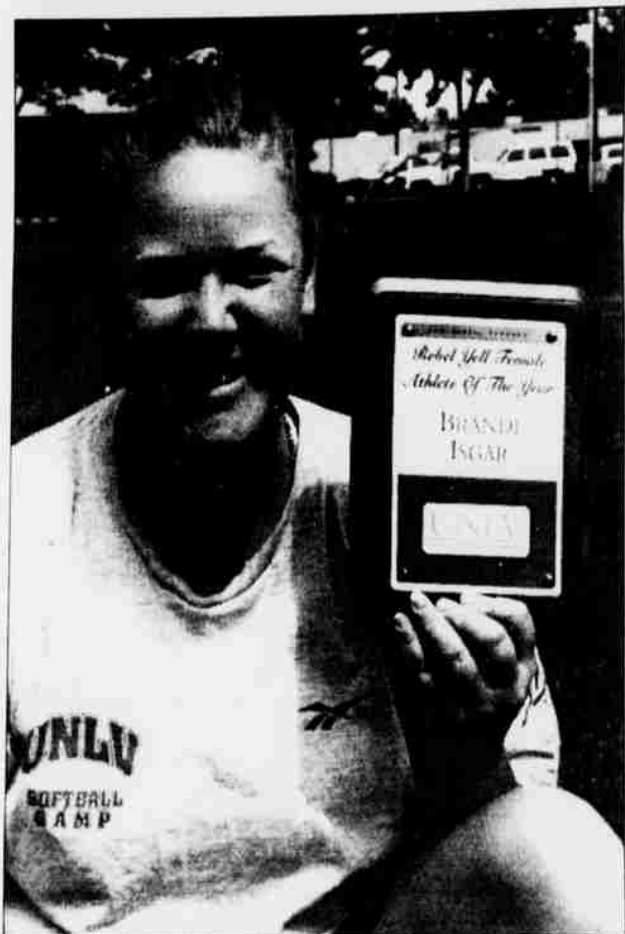


END OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Anderson named male athlete of year



UNLV softball player Brandi Isgar was named the Female Player of the Year.

UNLV golfer Jeremy Anderson has been selected as this year's Rebel Yell male athlete of the year in the publication's second annual end of the year contest.

Anderson, a sophomore, was the leading point get a survey conducted by the Yell that included editors at the paper and email votes by student readers.

Others receiving votes were Ryan Ludwick, Scott Patten and Tyrone Nesby.

But, hands down, Anderson is the clear cut winner.

Anderson, who is ranked

No. 3 in the nation by the MasterCard Collegiate Rankings, has won two individual titles this year in leading the Rebels to a No. 1 national ranking.

"Having two wins is a great accomplishment and I am very happy with that," Anderson said. "At the same time there are some things this year that I have to work on."

Anderson had a record setting year for the Rebels. He has finished in the top-10 in seven out of 11 tournament this season and five out of the last six.

He leads the Rebels in stroke average 71.81.

He won the GolfWorld Invitational with a 70-65-86—203 back in the fall and the BELLSOUTH Yellow Pages International with a score of 67-72-71—210.

Still, Anderson knows he can do better.

"I can improve on my closing. I'm not playing well in the final round," he said. "One of the things we pride ourselves in is finishing up strong."

The Yell congratulates Anderson for his accomplishment.

Isgar selected as '97-'98 Rebel Yell Female Athlete of the Year

Isgar beat out tennis player Gee Gee Garvin for the honors. Isgar spoke about the honor.

"It is surprising, it feels really nice to be recognized," Isgar saigled and were ineffective as a team some times during the year," Isgar, a senior, said. "But this team will gain a great deal of experience and will grow and be a very good team next year."

"We have been through a lot this year and it feels good to get this award."

Softball head coach Shan McDonald talked about her star pitcher's performance in an overall tough year.

"Brandi has done an incredible job, especially with how the team has struggled, we haven't done much to help out

her stats," McDonald said. "She has done everything you can ask for, but we have still fallen short as a team. But she toughed it out and had a great year."

Isgar had an overall record of 13-20 on the year, and had an earned run average of 2.49. She started 25 of the team's 49 games, and completed 21 of them. Isgar threw four shutouts, with one against Western Illinois, San Diego State, Colorado State and Pacific.

While at the plate this season, Isgar hit .263 in 80 at-bats, she had five runs batted in and also scored five runs.

"I had a pretty consistent year, probably the most consistent I have ever had," Isgar said. "Last year I was pretty up and

down the whole year. But I didn't really like the way I pitched, I wish I was more consistent last year."

McDonald talked about Isgar as a student and as a person.

"She has really grown as an individual and also as an athlete," McDonald said. "She is a real tough competitor and also a very good person."

Although the team struggled to a 19-30 record and 11-19 in the WAC, they are still a young team.

"We just struggled and were ineffective as a team some times during the year," Isgar, a senior, said. "But this team will gain a great deal of experience and will grow and be a very good team next year."



by Erik Thompson / The Rebel Yell

The golf team was again team of the year.

UNLV golf wins team of the year

Was there ever any doubt? The UNLV golf team enters the NCAA West Regional as the nation's top ranked team.

The team has won six tournaments this year and have dominated the competition.

In it's last outing, the Rebels were shocked at the WAC Tournament Championships, but were

still able to hold on to the top spot by plenty over the University of Arizona.

The Rebels were second at the WAC Championships, after winning its previous outing at the BELLSOUTH Yellow Pages Intecollegiate in Cary, N.C. It capped off a great season of tournament wins for the Rebels, but

they're not done yet. The NCAA's still await.

The team also boasts The Rebel Yell's Male Athlete of the Year, Jeremy Anderson.

The UNLV Runnin' Rebel basketball team and the women's tennis team also received votes, but the golf team was clearly the best team on campus this season.

Brewer's Clubhouse

A year to remember, forget for Rebels

By Ray Brewer
Sports Editor

The good and the ugly. Boy, was it sure ugly.

As another academic year dwindles away, the UNLV athletic department has again given a journalism student plenty to write about.

Talk about hands on experience.

The headlines this year were horrific.

Quarterback Jon Denton, suspended once, then twice and maybe next year for good. Keon Clark and Kevin Simmons suspended 11 and 14 games respectively for taking an

illegal trip to Florida with a sports agent.

Clark, after having a below average year upon his return, suspended a second time for violating unspecified team rules.

With Denton and Clark, drugs could have been the reason behind the suspensions, which ironically happened on the same day.

You can only imagine how the office fax machine was full of activity that afternoon in the Yell. One suspension and while making phone calls to get further information, another happened.

Before going any further into the year full of allegations, one more take on the suspensions.

I believe Clark couldn't have cared less about his teammates or his actions. He knew he had NBA potential and took advantage of what he had on campus. No one remembers how he came up short on his associate arts degree from Dixie Junior College before coming to UNLV.

Remember, that delayed his arrival one year.

But, I do.

He came up short then and further disappointed me this year. I guarantee you he will come up short in the NBA, that is if he makes it.

Sure, Clark has talent, but he is built like a noodle. He'll need to work hard in the league to be a suc-

cess and he has proven here not be a hard worker.

Did he improve from his star junior season to his senior season?

You tell me.

Sure, Clark will have millions this time next year, while I'll be writing another end of the year column and collecting my meager pay.

I truly believe that Denton has the potential to take the Rebels to the next level in the 1998 season. The Rebels have a tough schedule and Denton thrives against quality competition. He plays good against the best and plays down to the worst.

Plain and simple, the Rebels need him, because back up Kevin

Crook is a below average backup at best. He proved that the two games Denton missed this season.

Mark my words, Denton will be back and the Rebels will give Northwestern and Wisconsin two close games. They finish with only one win after the fast start as the defense gives up over 40 points a game for the 100th straight season.

And yes, Jeff Horton, who in my eyes is a great man, will be fired. He can't coach and his record supports that.

All of the Horton supporters say that give until the fifth year when his first recruiting class is

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