

Speaking for Joe Fan

By A. SPECTATOR

To accompany such literary and screen sports gems as "THE LONG SUMMER," Bruce Brown's cinema epic on world-wide surfing, and "BALL FOUR," pitcher JIM BOUTON'S inside on baseball, Rebel coach JOHN BAYER should put together a short story on the past season. We say short story because there wasn't enough substance in the season to make a novel out of it.

John could call it "FORTY MINUTES OF FRUSTRATION" or "HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS; BUT NOT MY BALLCLUB'S." Aw, why kick a guy when he's down. The Rebels booted the ball around pretty well after showing that they could run both Santa Clara and USF out of their own gyms if they wanted. They play like a guy who is too good to come out for the team, you know the kind, the fellow who beats the whole team in a one-on-one drill but never quite makes it when the heat's on.

John "Denny" and his staff are presently beating the bushes throughout the country trying to line up sizeable talent for next season. We have news: It isn't size we need, it's substance!

This season's squad logged the worst record within memory. However, we'll get even next year. Even worse maybe. There's only perennial power South Carolina on the road, Houston (never yet beaten by a Rebel club), Oral Roberts, that's the school, not the preacher altho we're not so sure he couldn't beat us head-up, as well as an all-time Classic and the usual conference mess. Speaking of the conference, much has been written and discussed both before and after the Rebs joined the WCAC. The pendulum seems to be swinging toward getting away again.

For one thing, the Rebs are the biggest draw in the league. This means we lose substantial revenue while on the road. The Boosters could better use the additional revenue that visiting powers such as South Carolina bring in to Vegas than waste time with games vs. Reno, St. Mary's etc. If the financial consideration weren't serious enough, the league itself seems to be falling apart.

Drugs, racial dissension on campuses, and just plain apathy have taken their toll on a couple of our "hated rivals." People are asking why we couldn't once again play a big home schedule, bring in the powers, beat them here, and then get an at-large berth to the NCAA. We don't seem to be close to getting a berth the way it is so what have we to lose? It's also doubtful if the WCAC will get an automatic 2nd round bye in the tourney next year anyway.

Hawaii seems to be doing very well lately as an independent and, as we all know, you can't win over there. The Rebs will have a shot at the Islanders next season.

The All-Conference selections as selected by the coaches surprised some followers, but they shouldn't have. Loyola's placing of two men on the first team smacks of provincialism. How in the world could Duane Williamson be chosen ahead of either BOOKER WASHINGTON of the Rebs or "BIRD" AVERITT from Pepperdine? STEVE SMITH, the other 1st teamer is a fine, steady ballplayer, but certainly isn't sparkling enough to deserve 1st team ranking. While we're at it, how about our BOBBY FLORENCE being named to the 1st team yet having to share sophomore of the year honors with USF's fine KEVIN RESTANI, a lad who wasn't even on the team? This may have been as a result of some coaches voting for JERRY BASKERVILLE as soph of the year. Jerry made the honorable mention team. Sounds like the Rebs were loaded with talent doesn't it?

We'd like to name our selections for some awards before we close the book on the Rebels for another year.

Most Valuable: Very tough decision, but considering his potential, defense, rebounding, great scoring on occasion, and speed, we lean to Jerry Baskerville. Just a few more points on his IQ and less fouling, and this boy could do all Odis Allison ever did and better!

Most Improved: Sorry to hear of internal team problems associated with this big athlete who really loves to play ball (his way), but the young man obviously showed the most improvement on this year's team. There wasn't anyone a close second...WARREN WALK.

Most Inspirational: Again, not a hard choice. If LEN KNOWLES had played more often, he

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may have given chase but hustling AL CLISE gets the award easily.

Biggest Disappointments: Aside from the club as a whole, most fans were let down by the failure of last year's starter, MIKE WHALEY, to deliver this year. Mike finished the season strong but maybe he needs to be a starter to really show his worth. He's worth more than he's shown this year, that's for sure. We also have to give GARY RADUNICH an arm on the trophy, maybe because the fans built him up and we expected so much from this hot dog, but the Rebs never got enough of a lead for coach Bayer to entrust him with the ball. We'll probably never know if Gary could play ball because coach Bayer has already begun praising red-shirt HARRY SHAW, and has begun making ominous noises of bringing in JC ALL-AMERICAN guards from Illinois, etc. and it's doubtful that Gary will ever play at UNLV.

Well, good riddance to another season fans.

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