

SPORTS WORLD

Dans Den

By Dan Curtis



After disposing of Loyola on Friday, 82-69 the Rebels came back Saturday night to defeat Pepperdine 94-82.

Both Loyola and Pepperdine proved to be of no challenge for a highly regarded Rebel squad.

Any team that can defeat its opponents by 12 or more points on the road is definitely a contender for the West Coast Athletic Conference title.

By winning both road games, this gives UNLV a 10-3 overall record for the season. In Conference the Rebels are 2-0.

The Rebels zone defense proved too much for Pepperdine, which is the third-ranked scoring team in the nation. Both nights, the Rebels shot well over 50 percent. Shooting over 50 percent is exceptionally well for any team especially on the road. Playing before a packed

crowd of 2,950 at New Firestone Stadium, the Rebels showed great poise in defeating Pepperdine 94-82, in WCAC game of the week.

At one point in the game the Waves came within 3 points with the score 75-72, but the Rebels managed to stall them off by scoring at will in the last four minutes of play.

Ricky Sobers and Robert Smith, provides two of the finest guards in the country. Ricky, the (magician) on the court, played his usual cool game of fancy ball handling and sharp shooting. R. Sobers was highpoint man with 24 points.

Robert Smith played splendid ball in scoring 14 points, after coming off the bench. No team in the country could want a better number six man than Robert Smith.

Big Lewis Brown seems to be finding himself in the early stage of

the season. At one time there was doubt in many individuals minds about the playing ability of L. Brown. Judging by his las eight performances coach Jerry Tarkanian feels, he has landed a super-star in Big L. Brown.

By watching Boyd Batts perform over the week-end, the Rebels have a excellent number seven-man. Batts shows lots of hustle, something which the Rebels lack. Batts, at 6'7" could also help on the boards and provide greater defense for th Rebels. After being ineligible most of the season, the fans can expect great things from Batts.

The Rebels have so many great players, one has a tendency to overlook some of it's talents. Let's not forget our (crowd pleaser) Eddie Owens. Back in his home of Texas. He is referred to as (steady) Eddie. He is as smooth as glass

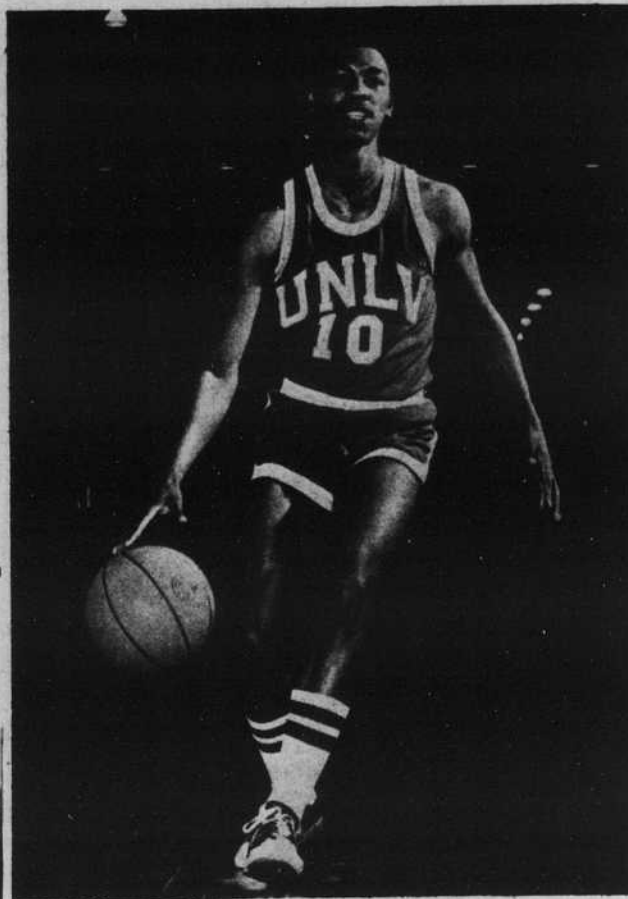
and should be anybody's All-American by his senior year. In the triumph over Pepperdine, Eddie scored 19 points.

The Rebels return to the Convention Center January 17, to take on San Francisco State, at 8:15 p.m. San Francisco is the number one contender to win the WCAC. Get out and support the Rebels. See you all at the game.

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