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REBELS WIN WCAC

Everyone including coach Jerry Tarkanian, thought the West Coast Athletic Conference championship would be considered by the final games of San Francisco College and The UNLV Rebels.

UNLV's win over Pepperdine 123-86 and Loyola 93-81 in their Wednesday and Thursday night games enabled them to take sole possession of first place in the WCAC. St. Mary's upset San Francisco Thursday night 86-83 making the Rebels undisputed champions. This is the first time in the history of the school, the Rebels have won a Conference championship.

The Rebels wrapped up their league play Tuesday night against the University of Nevada, Reno, before closing out the regular season next Monday, at the Convention Center against Portland State University. From there it's on to Tempe, Arizona and the NCAA Regionals.

The Rebels are now 20-4 for the season. A win over UNR, and Portland, could give the Rebels a school record of 22-4. Former Rebel coach, Roland Todd, had 22 victories in 1967-68, but the Rebels lost seven games that season.

Statistically, there is still a chance for two Rebels to finish on top of the WCAC in individual categories. Robert Smith, the 5-10 guard, is second in the league in field goal percentages and has a shot at overtaking Seattle's Reggie Green, although it is a slim one.

UNLV Center, Lewis Brown has an opportunity to help himself in the close race for the league rebounding crown. Reno's 6-8 Pete Padgett, thanks to a recent surge, has taken over the top spot with a 12-9 average. Padgett pulled down 33 rebounds in two games last week. Brown with one less game to play than Padgett, is in third place, one rebound behind USF's Marlon Redmond. Brown is averaging 12.2 rebounds per game. It would take a super effort for Brown to overtake Padgett in the final league game for both.

Monday night UNLV vs PSU. Game time is 8:15 p.m. Tickets are still available for the game. See you all at the game.



Rebel's Ricky Sobers (40) picks up a foul as Herman Powell (24) lends a hand.

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