

# 16 RECRUITS INK REBEL PACTS

LAS VEGAS, NEV. -- Hoping to bolster his team in needed areas, University of Nevada, Las Vegas football coach Ron Meyer announced the names of 16 new recruits who have inked national letters-of-intent to play football for the Rebels this fall.

Myers reported, "We feel we have done a commendable recruiting job and the addition of these out-of-state recruits, combined with the already-released instate recruits gives us a good selection of talent for our 1975 Rebel team."

The Rebels, undefeated in 11 games during the 1974 regular season and 12-1 overall, have 46 returning lettermen and 18 starters returning to join with the new prospects to give UNLV a balanced and talented team, on paper, at least.

Linemen head the list of new talent for the Rebels with seven, followed by three running backs, two wide receivers, a pair of quarterbacks, one fullback, and one linebacker.

Defensive secondary coach Chris Ault landed five recruits during the recruiting season, led by CIF 4-A Player-of-The-Year, Brian Bethke, from South Hills High School in West Covina, California. Bethke, 5-10, 182, guided his team to the 4-A Southern Section championship with a 13-1 overall record. Not only did he run for over 1,000 yards, he also place-kicked as well. His longest field goal was 37 yards. He was an All-American selection as a prep.

The Rebels also landed, through Ault's efforts, two of Bethke's talented teammates, Mark Vargas and Dough Smith. Vargas is a 6-2, 225 pound middle guard, who was selected as the All-CIF 4-A Defensive Player-of-the-Year. Current Rebel defensive whiz, Randy Rizo was also the CIF 4-A defensive player-of-the-year in 1973.

Smith, 6-3, 200, will play at defensive end for the Rebels after a two-play prep career at fullback and linebacker. He was also an All-San Gabriel Valley pick, like his teammates, and like Bethke, was a high school wrestler, earning all-league honors in that sport as well.

Alphonso Williams, 6-1, 215, is an all-city fullback from Banning High School in Wilmington, California. He is considered as an excellent blocker and did run for 650 yards last season for his 7-2 team.

A very strong prospect for the offensive line will be 6-4, 225, Jeff Dill, from Redlands, California High School. Dill also plays tight end and for three years earned All-CIF 4-A honors. He also competes in track as a 50feet plus shot putter.

Another five talented newcomers have been recruited by offensive co-ordinator Larry Kennan and receiver coach John Chura. A tall quarterback is 6-2, 185, Tom Miller, from Burrough's High School in BURBANK, California. He led his team to a 12-1 season record running for 500 yards and passing for 1,500 more. His team was CIF 3-A semifinalist and he will share the quarterbacking with Bethke for the North team in the prep Shrine game this summer.

A pair of running back hopefuls signed by Kennan are Willie Russell, 5-11, 205, and Jeff Caldwell, 6-0, 195. Russell ran for 1,300 yards at Redwood High School, Visalia, California and Caldwell is an all-conference player from Capital High School in Boise, Idaho. Both have been clocked in 9.9 in the 100 yard dash.

Wesley Austin is a very talented player from Compton High School, in Compton, California. He was all-league twice and has played split end, defensive safety, and linebacker. Split end will probably be his position for the Rebels.

Assistant head Rebel coach Doug Carder has brought in four future Rebels, all considered very good prospects for college football. Gerald Scott is an all-league tackle from Berkeley High in Berkeley, California. Scott is 6-6, 250, and is the largest of all the Rebel recruits this season.

A 9.7 running back from Ellis High School in Richmond, California, is prep All-American Eddie Miller. All-Northern California and All-East Bay, Miller, 5-9, 180 ran for 1,250 yards his senior season. It is very possible he will be a wide-receiver for the Rebels.

Mike Duckworth is a 5-11, 185 running back from Oakland High School in that California city and has been clocked in 9.8 seconds for the 100. He was also All-East Bay, honorable mention Prep-All-American as he toted the pigskin 150 times for 1,175 net yards his final high school year.

A candidate for the center of the offensive line is 6-3, 225, Jack Concannon. From Hayward, California High, he was a definite all-league pick and was also honored as team captain his senior season. He should help the Rebel offensive line as a freshman this fall.

UNLV defensive co-ordinator Steve Sidewell has brought in three more Colorado players. The new Colorado Rebels, who will join 13 others on the UNLV roster, are all from the Denver area and were each selected as all-league and all-Metro selections.

Randy Ramsey, 6-2, 215, is a lineman with excellent 4.8 speed in the 40 and appears to be a scholar-athlete as he is carrying a 3.4 grade point average at present. He also plays basketball and was fourth in Colorado in the shotput as a junior. He is from Westminister High School.

A new linebacker for the Rebels is 6-0, 218, Greg Spencer. Spencer was injured in the first game of his senior season but has recovered according to his doctors and coaches. He is a league champion wrestler (two years) and was second in the same state track meet in the shotput that Ramsey was in as a junior. He is from Lincoln High.

Russ Strecker, 6-3, 210, is a 4.7 defensive tackle also from Lincoln. He was all-league and all-Metro in football and could possibly play several defensive positions for the Rebels.

The Rebels now have 27 recruits for 1975, and Myer is confident that the Rebels will ink the allowable three more for a total of 30 between seasons. Heading the list of 11 instate recruits are All-Staters Henry Vereen from Clark High, Manny Rodriguez from Bishop Gorman and Darrell Beavers from Rancho High School. Vereen is a speedy running back, Rodriguez is a fullback-linebacker and Beavers is a linebacker.

The new recruits will report for the fall practice, which begins August 20, but the returning Rebels will have Spring practice, March 31 through May 2. The Rebels will workout on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays on campus and have scrimmages at the Las Vegas Stadium on Saturday mornings during the Spring drills. The Spring practice will culminate on May 2 with the third annual UNLV Varsity-Alumni game at the Stadium.

The Rebels will open the 1975 season at home on September 13 when Northern Iowa University visits. UNLV will have seven home and four road games during the 1975 regular season.



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