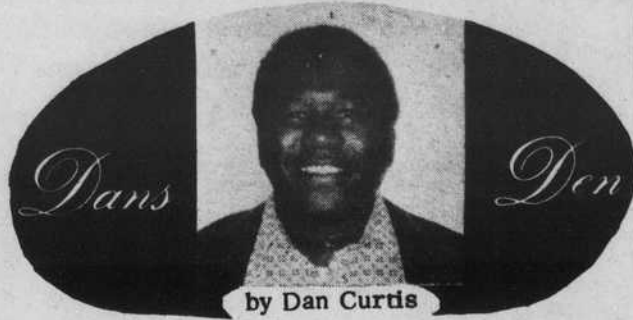


SPORTS



by Dan Curtis

RUNNING REBELS WINNINGEST YET

LAS VEGAS, NEV. -- Helping Jerry Tarkanian maintain his pace as the winningest coach in major college basketball, the Runnin' Rebels of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas ended the 1974-75 season as the finest in the 17-year history of the university with a 24-5 overall record.

The West Coast Athletic Conference Champions were 2-1 in the NCAA playoffs, defeating San Diego State, 90-80, losing to Arizona State, 84-81, and bouncing back to topple the University of Montana, 75-67 for third place in the Western Regional tournament last weekend in Portland, Oregon.

Coach Tarkanian, who now has a seven-year major college record of 166-31 for a .843 winning percentage, commented, "This year's Rebel team has played closer to its potential than any other team I have coached, and, I am very proud that we accomplished what we did with a sophomore team."

Looking forward to becoming an independent Division I team next year after withdrawing from the WCAC as conference champions, the Rebels were led by five sophomores, a junior and one senior to the most victories in the school's cage history.

Senior team captain All-American Ricky Sobers set three UNLV records and three Conference records, but the remainder of the squad is expected

back for the 1975-76 season.

The 6-3 WCAC player-of-the-year has been invited to, and has accepted, to play in the fourth Annual Pizza Hut Classic in Las Vegas on April 15. He leaves UNLV as the all-time record-holder in assists as he compiled 166 this season for an average of 5.7 per game. He also set a new Rebel mark from the free-throw line, converting on 105 of 127 attempts for a superb .828 percentage. He finished his two-year Rebel career with 855 points, good enough for 11th on the all-time UNLV scoring charts.

Heading the list of returning stars for UNLV is 6-7 sophomore Eddie Owens who led UNLV in scoring this past season. Scoring 534 points for an average of 18.4 per game. Easy Eddie has already moved up to 16th on All-Time UNLV scoring charts with 797 points. He still has another two years with the Rebels, too.

Center Lewis Brown, another sophomore this year ended the season with 20 points and 13 rebounds against Montana to finish third in scoring for UNLV and first in rebounding. For the year, he averaged 13.1 points per game and ripped off 11.7 rebounds per contest. He is 24th on the UNLV scoring parade with 557 points after his first two years with the Rebels.

Two more sophomores, Glen Gondrezick and Jackie Robinson, also contributed greatly to the Rebel success story. Gondrezick, who was hampered at the end of the season with a thigh injury, finished with 11.8 points per game and 5.9 re-

bounds while Robinson completed his second year with 11.6 ppg and 9.6 rpg, both promising greater futures.

The best Rebel performance in the NCAA regional in Portland was by 5-10 sophomore Robert Smith, who started both games for UNLV after being the sixth man all during the previous 27 games. Smith, who was named to the All-Regional tournament for his play, scored 25 points in the two games, had 10 assists, four steals, and nearly single handedly broke the Arizona State press as he brought the ball up-the-court nearly all of the time during his complete-game, 40-minute display of ball-handling.

Smith finished the year with 9.5 points per game and 93 assists and was the Rebels leading field goal shooter as he sunk 110 of 213 for a .516 percentage. He also shot a very accurate .818 (54-66) form the charity stripe.

Junior Boyd Batts, who did not become eligible until conference season play started, ended a solid season with 16 points against Montana and a very healthy 9.2 scoring average. Batts was a key factor off the bench for UNLV several times during the season and will return next season as the team's only regular senior.

The Runnin' Rebels were also the best-shooting team in the school's history, hitting .479 from the field (1087 of 2270) and .733 from the charity stripe (467 of 673).

The season also marked the first time for a Rebel team in the NCAA Division I playoffs.

MARCH IS RED CROSS MONTH

U. NEVADA, LAS VEGAS BASKETBALL
1974-75 FINAL STATISTICS (Compiled by Dominic Clark)
RECORD: OVERALL W 24 L 5; WCAC W 13 L 1 (HOME: 15-0; AWAY: 6-3; NEUTRAL: 3-2)

PLAYER	G	FGH-FGA	PCT	FTM-FTA	PCT	REB	AVE	PF-FO	TP	AVE	A
EDDIE OWENS	29	211-427	.494	112-148	.757	140	4.8	77-4	534	18.4	53
WCAC	14	102-210	.486	57-72	.792	57	4.1	37-3	261	18.6	28
RICKY SOBERS	29	209-421	.496	105-127	.828	108	3.7	101-9	523	18.0	166
WCAC	14	102-198	.515	48-57	.842	52	3.7	46-4	252	18.0	88
LEWIS BROWN	28	170-370	.460	27-50	.540	328	11.7	95-3	367	13.1	24
WCAC	13	81-177	.458	7-17	.412	156	12.0	47-0	169	13.0	14
GLEN GONDREZICK	29	135-287	.470	71-92	.772	172	5.9	115-11	341	11.8	76
WCAC	14	76-151	.503	30-35	.857	99	7.1	53-5	182	13.0	39
JACKIE ROBINSON	27	131-264	.496	50-83	.602	260	9.6	67-1	312	11.6	38
WCAC	12	58-110	.527	16-24	.667	115	9.6	35-1	132	11.0	17
ROBERT SMITH	29	110-213	.516	54-66	.818	36	1.2	53-1	274	9.5	93
WCAC	14	55-94	.585	23-28	.821	18	1.3	26-0	133	9.5	41
BOYD BATTS	18	71-155	.458	24-33	.727	74	4.1	59-3	166	9.2	22
WCAC	14	52-120	.433	20-27	.741	57	4.1	43-2	124	8.9	16
DON WEIMER	20	15-43	.349	8-15	.533	53	2.7	48-5	38	1.9	4
WCAC	9	3-12	.250	3-8	.375	20	2.2	18-2	9	1.0	3
MIKE MILKE	15	11-31	.355	10-12	.833	12	.8	9-0	32	2.1	16
WCAC	9	9-20	.450	10-12	.833	5	.6	8-0	28	3.1	10
JOHN FREEMAN	12	9-17	.529	2-3	.667	4	.3	8-0	20	1.7	0
WCAC	7	8-12	.667	2-3	.667	1	.1	6-0	18	2.6	0
MATT PORTER	9	6-13	.462	3-4	.750	4	.4	0-0	15	1.7	3
WCAC	6	6-10	.600	3-3	1.000	3	.5	0-0	15	2.5	3
DON SILCOX	7	1-3	.333	0-2	.000	17	2.4	2-0	2	.3	2
WCAC	5	1-3	.333	0-1	.000	11	2.2	0-0	2	.4	2
JEEP KELLEY	7	8-26	.308	1-2	.500	9	1.3	7-0	17	2.4	4
(TEAM REBOUNDS)						147-58					
UNLV	29	1087-2270	.479	467-637	.733	1364	47.0	641-37	2641	91.5	501
WCAC	14	553-1117	.495	219-287	.763	649	46.4	315-17	1325	94.6	261
OPPONENTS	29	927-2012	.447	464-673	.689	1343	46.3	640-28	2318	79.9	442
WCAC	14	431-959	.449	266-354	.751	599	42.8	294-10	1128	80.6	217

MINUTES PLAYED:
TEAM (5,800)--Sobers (1002), Gondrezick (861), Robinson (855), Owens (854), Brown (796), Smith (659), Batts (370), Weimer (182), Kelley (75), Milke (62), Porter (32), Freeman (28), Silcox (24).

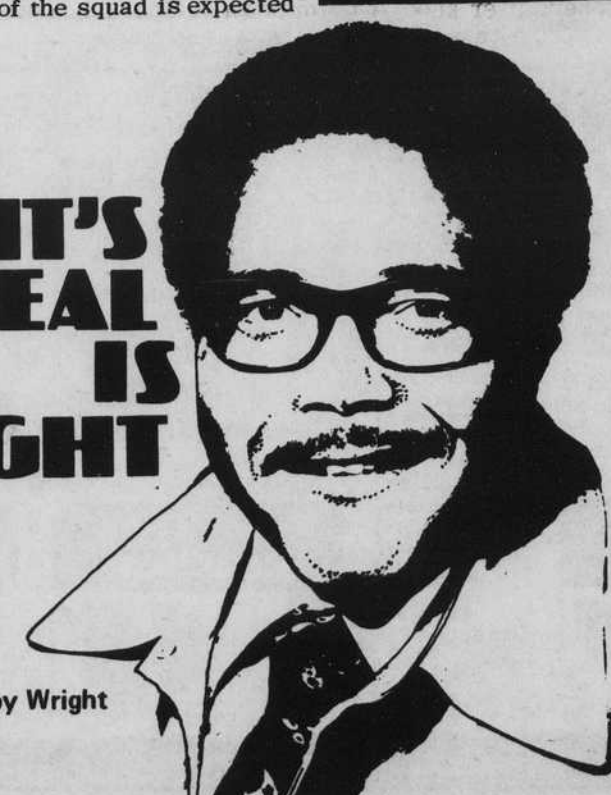
TURNOVERS:
TEAM (483)--Sobers (120), Brown (70), Owens (71), Smith (64), Robinson (51), Gondrezick (48), Weimer (26), Milke (14), Batts (13), Kelley (4), Silcox (1), Freeman (1), Porter (0).

RESULTS:

UNLV	OPPONENT	OPP	LEADING SCORER	TOP REBOUNDER	ATTENDANCE
75	CAL STATE, FULLERTON	56	Sobers-16	Brown-17	5,228
80	U. of Arizona	85	Gondrezick-21	Brown-8	11,123
77	Univ. of Oregon	94	Robinson-17	Robinson-9	10,000 SELLOUT
84	U.C. SANTA BARBARA	81	Owens-26	Owens-12	3,859
94	UNIV. OF RHODE ISLAND	80	Robinson, Owens-20	Brown-12	3,592
101	BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE	74	Robinson-20	Robinson, Brown-9	3,624
99	ILLINOIS STATE UNIV.	88	Brown, Sobers-22	Brown-22	5,981
99	*UNIV. OF SOUTH ALABAMA	80	Owens-30	Robinson, Brown-15	6,257 SELLOUT
80	*FRESNO STATE UNIVERSITY	64	Sobers-23	Brown-14	6,227
78	@Texas A&M University	80	Owens-20	Robinson-17	5,673
89	*Univ. of Hawaii	77	Brown, Sobers-22	Brown-11	8,825
82	*Loyola Marymount Univ.	69	Owens, Sobers-20	Brown-15	2,123 SELLOUT
94	*Pepperdine University	82	Sobers-24	Brown-11	2,950
77	*UNIV. OF SAN FRANCISCO	75	Owens-20	Brown-11	6,257 SELLOUT
100	*UNIV. OF SANTA CLARA	79	Owens-23	Brown, Gondrezick-9	6,257 SELLOUT
126	*UNIV. OF NEVADA, RENO	87	Owens-22	Robinson-13	6,257 SELLOUT
84	*SEATTLE UNIVERSITY	62	Owens-21	Brown-20	6,257 SELLOUT
106	*SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE	94	Sobers-23	Brown-12	6,257 SELLOUT
77	*Seattle University	63	Sobers-20	Robinson-14	3,000
81	*Saint Mary's College	75	Gondrezick-19	Robinson-13	1,800 SELLOUT
103	*Univ. of San Francisco	113	Owens-26	Brown-23	5,488
81	*Univ. of Santa Clara	74	Sobers-31	Brown-9	2,335 SELLOUT
123	*PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY	86	Owens, Robinson-16	Robinson-15	6,257 SELLOUT
93	*LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIV.	81	Gondrezick-26	Brown-15	6,218
98	*Univ. of Nevada, Reno	88	Sobers-30	Gondrezick-12	3,500
114	PORTLAND STATE UNIV.	100	Sobers-32	Robinson-16	6,237
90	+San Diego State	80	Sobers, Owens-21	Brown-12	14,733 SELLOUT
81	*Arizona State	84	Sobers-20	Brown-9	9,797
75	+Univ. of Montana	67	Brown-20	Brown-13	8,534

HOME GAMES IN ALL CAPS
*Las Vegas Holiday Classic *Houston Bluebonnet Classic *West Coast Athletic Conference
+NCAA Playoffs ATTENDANCE: 124,644; HOME: 94,765; HOME AVERAGE: 5,651.

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