

SPORTS



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Down in Tallahassee there's this kid named McRae whose brother, Hal McRae, plays for the Kansas City Royals in the American League. The 'little brother' makes no mystery of his aspiration. He wants to be better and go farther than his brother.

Leon McRae has apparently set high goals for himself but, when weighed against his potential, the projection is that he has displayed the talent to achieve all he's set his sights on.

Leon is of classic proportions for the shortstop position he plays with daring. At 5-9, 165 pounds he's possessed of dizzing speed. It's his bat, however, that's causing all the "ooh" and "aahs" at A&M. Hitting a solid .404, the 19-year-old McRae led Florida A&M to a 25-6 record while also serving notice that he wants to play pro ball.

MAC'S TRACKS



A pair of outstanding juniors have been named by their coaching staff as the offensive and defensive players-of-the-week for UNLV's 48-30 season-opening victory over the University of Northern Iowa last Saturday before 13,885 at the Las Vegas Stadium.

6-3, 195 pound quarterback Glenn Carano, from Reno, and 5-10, 160 pound cornerback Eddie George, from Daytona Beach, Florida, have been given the game ball awards for their respective units for their play in the Rebels opener.

Carano, who played his first game following knee surgery this summer, displayed excellent passing form, picking up where he left off last season by completing 11 of 16 passes for 231 yards and two touchdowns. (In last season's two playoff games he threw for 220 and 315 yards). He also carried the ball five times for 19 net yards and two more touchdowns to account for 250 yards in total offense for UNLV and four touchdowns.

Carano, who last year won his first game ball for his play against Alcorn State University, was praised by offensive co-ordinator Larry Kennan. Said Kennan, "Glenn performed as expected. He has practices well all fall, and, he played exactly as he practices, superbly. I think he showed everyone that his knee is completely sound and healed.

He has prepared himself to be a legitimate All-America candidate."

George, who started for last season's undefeated Rebels as did Carano, has perhaps his finest game in three years at UNLV. He made seven unassisted tackles, assisted on two more, batted down two passes and intercepted a Northern Iowa pass on the Rebel goal line and returned it for 37 yards. His effort gave him 23 defensive production points for the game.

Defensive secondary coach Chris Ault said, "Eddie made some big plays against UNI, but I expect that of him. He came back this year in the best mental and physical condition since coming to UNLV, and it certainly paid off last Saturday. His aggressiveness is without a doubt his biggest improvement from last year."

Playing a football game is hard work. Playing a football game on the road is even harder. Playing a football game on the road against a team which is undefeated and opening its home season is just about as tough as you can get.

The UNLV Rebels have just that task before them as they travel to Pocatello, Idaho to tangle with the Idaho State Bengals Saturday night in the ISU minidome. Scheduled kickoff time is 8:00 p.m. (MDT) in the 12,000-seat facility, which should be sold out.

UNLV defeated ISU 31-7 last year to complete an undefeated regular season, but this year's Bengal team has proven itself to be a lot stronger than that one, especially on defense. Indicative of that is the fact that they allowed WAC opponent Wyoming only one field goal in their game, their game.

As far as the Rebels are concerned, the only lineup change expected is at offensive guard where junior Chris Davis (6-1, 251, JR) is back from a pre-season injury and will get the nod this week at left guard where he started last year.



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REBEL RECEIVERS--Receivers for the 1975 UNLV football team are, from left to right, (front row) Wesley Austin, Jackie Stingley, Mark Richardson, Robert Starbird, Lance Cooper, Kurt Schnabel, and Mike Pry. (Back row) Student assistant coach Craig Bray, Derek Cardwell, Ed McGowan, Brianharris, Mike Haverly, Vic Moore, Marc Papes, Crayton Jones, and assistant coach Gus Gustafson.



REBEL BACKS--Offensive backs for the 1975 UNLV football team are shown here with their two unit coaches Jim Anderson (back) and Larry Kennan (quarterbacks). These backfield delights are, from left to right, Alphonso Williams, Andre Jones, Brian Bethke, Tom Miller, Tony Grantz, Glenn Carano, Greg Spencer, and Henry Vereen. Second row: Anderson, Brian Cobb, Sylvester Spinks, Darrall Moore, Jeff Caldwell, Ken Rogers, Manny Rodriguez, Steve Sullivan, Henry Melton, and Kennan.