

SPORTS

'Rebels Travel to test Arch-rival Nevada, Reno'

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas women's basketball team will travel Friday, February 6, the test arch-rival University of Nevada, Reno. UNLV is 17-2 on the season after overwhelming Arizona State, 82-28, and University of Arizona, 117-51, last week in the Las Vegas Convention Center.

All-American candidate 5-10 junior forward Debra Waddy continues her scoring heroics for UNLV with a team-leading 25.4 points per game average on .57 percent shooting from the field. Waddy is second leading rebounder with 8.6 boards per game.

Waddy has had a high game of 42 points this season and has scored 30 or more points in four games.

Junior 6-1 center Jan Fuller is leading the rebounding charts with 13.6 rebounds per game and is second leading scorer with 13.1 points.

Liz Galloway, 5-8 junior guard, is averaging 10.5 points per game and 8.3 rebounds while freshman guard Shelia Powell, 5-5, is just below double figures with 9.5 points per game.

Donna Wick, 5-10 junior forward, is netting 8.7 ppg and collecting 7.0 rebounds each contest.

Teamwise UNLV remains among the highest scoring squads in the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW), averaging 96.0 points per game. Opponents are averaging only 52.6 points.

The Rebels are also among the best rebounding teams, averaging 70.2 boards while opponents are gathering 41.0 rebounds per game.

UNLV coach Dan Ayala reports. "I am really

happy with the solid play of our reserves in recent games."

The Rebels have five players coming off the bench averaging between 5.3 points per game and 7.5 points per game. Three reserve players are averaging 6.5 rebounds each.

The Rebels play again at home on February 14, hosting Utah State University in a 6:00 p.m. Convention Center game before the men's team plays.

KNAP NEW REBEL FOOTBALL COACH

"I am grateful for the opportunity, and I fully realize the challenge before me." With those words, highly successful Tony Knap became the third head coach of University of Nevada, Las Vegas football.

Knap, for eight years the head coach at powerful Boise State University, replaces Ron Meyer, who left UNLV after a three-year tenure and 27-8 record to become the head coach at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

One of the winningest active football coaches in the nation, Knap had a eight-year total at Boise State of 71-19-1, including the last three Big Sky Conference titles.

When accepting the position at UNLV, Knap

announced that he will bring at least three of his assistants from Boise State with him to UNLV. Set to join Knap with the Rebels are Adam Rita, Steve Buratto, and Tom Cruickshank.

Knap, 61, led Boise State to the last three Division II playoffs, and he was the Big Sky Football Coach of the Year in 1971, 1973, and 1974.

Knap's life has been dominated by the sport of football. He first played at Riverside High School in Milwaukee and was scouted by many colleges and universities before deciding up on the University of Idaho in Moscow.

While attending the University, Knap was a three year football letterman.

After a coaching stint in North Idaho, Knap served as a graduate assistant to "Pappy" Waldorf at the University of California in Berkeley. He then moved to Pittsburg, California as football, baseball coach and athletic director at Pittsburg High School. During his 10 year stay, his teams lost only three league games in one of the toughest leagues in the state.

In 1959, when John Ralston became head coach at Utah State, he recruited Knap as his head assistant. Knap became head coach at Utah State in 1963 when Ralston moved to Stanford. and compiled a 26-12 record in four seasons. He spent the 1967 season as a defensive coach for the British Columbia Lions in the CFL.

MAC'S TRACKS



Al McDaniels

Establishing four more team records along the way, the nationally ranked UNLV Runnin' Rebels put their 23-0 record on the line this week as they travel to Malibu, California to play the 13-4 Pepperdine Waves on Friday night at Pepperdine's Firestone Fieldhouse.

Coach Jerry Tarkanian's Runnin' Rebels marched over Northern Arizona University (103-101), and Seattle University (107-77) and swamped Pepperdine (118-101) in a trio of games played in Las Vegas this past week.

During the course of the week, the Rebels set two single game team marks and surpassed one team single season mark as well. Against Northern Arizona University, the 139 points, 57 field goals and 34 assists were all new Rebel single-game standards.

For the season, the Rebels now have 502 assists, surpassing the single season total set last season at 501. And, the Rebels still have six regular season games left to add to that record and surpass others that are certainly within reach.

Junior All-American Eddie Owens moved into fourth on the all-time UNLV scoring charts this past week as he scored 82 points in the three games. Averaging 23.0 ppg this season, Owens has now scored 1327 points in his three-year Rebel career. His current scoring average will place him in the top 15 in the nation in scoring this week.

The Runnin' Rebels have raised their tops-in-the-nation scoring average to 109.1 ppg and their average victory margin of 21.4 ppg is second only to undefeated Rutgers in the national statistics. UNLV has the longest winning streak going in Division I basketball with 24 consecutive victories over a two-season period, and, they are the only team in the country who has already won 23 games thus far in 1975-76.

Owens contributed a career-high 35 points during the Rebels victory over Pepperdine and increased his team-leading field goal percentage to .538 (220 of 409). While Sudden Sam Smith is still the Rebels second-leading scorer with a current 15.4 scoring average, junior guard Glen Gondrezick has moved into third place after four consecutive 20-point-or-better performances. Gondo is scoring 14.2 ppg, a little ahead of reserve center Lewis Brown, who is at 13.5 points per game.

Jumpin' Jackie Robinson is hitting 12.4 ppg for the extremely well-balanced Rebels and senior captain Boyd Batts is chipping in 10.8 ppg. Junior starting point guard Robert Smith is scoring 8.9 ppg but, more importantly, he has 120 assists for 5.2 per game average.

Freshman sensation Reggie Theus is scoring 5.7 ppg and has 105 assists for a 4.6 per game average.

A guard at 6-6, Gondo is the team's leading rebounder at 9.1 per game. Right behind him are Robinson at 9.0 and Brown at 8.6 rebounds per game.



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