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**UNLV RUNNING REBELS**

**LADY REBELS ONE OF TOP SCORING TEAMS IN THE NATION**

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—With only three home games remaining, the UNLV Lady Rebels are now 6-2 for the season and are among the top scoring teams in the nation.

The women have an 89.0 points per game scoring average and though no official statistics are kept for women's basketball, there are only a few other teams with higher averages.

5-10 senior Debra Waddy has led the Rebel scoring effort all season and averages 19 ppg with 5.1 rebounds. Also in double scoring figures are Belinda candler with 16 ppg and 7.6 boards and co-captain Liz Gallaway with 11.1 ppg and 4.8 rebounds.

Top rebounder on the squad is 6-1 center Janice Fuller with 8.6 per game. Fuller is fourth in scoring with a 9.0 average and her aggressive play under the basket has kindled the Rebel fast break.

UNLV won in the opening round of the BYU Cougar Classic over the weekend, defeating the University of Utah 89-44, but lost to Cal State-Fullerton 70-68 in the championship game.

With the cancellation of Thursday's and Friday's scheduled games against Oklahoma State, the Lady Rebels will play only three more home contests while facing an extensive road slate.

In Saturday night action, UNLV takes on the University of Nebraska Lady Huskers, a tough team with a 14-5 record. The Lady Rebels will then leave on Sunday morning for a ten-day exhibition tour of Mexico, participating in the University of Mexico

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Continuing to prove that it is the runningest and gunningest team in the history of collegiate basketball, the 14-1 UNLV Runnin' Rebels have 10 days to prepare themselves for the challenge of setting their eighth NCAA record when they host the University of California, Santa Barbara on Jan. 21 in the Las Vegas Convention Center.

Coach Jerry Tarkanian's Top 10 team has scored 100 or more points in 11 consecutive games, equalling the existing NCAA record set by the University of Houston in 1968. The explosive Runnin' Rebels tied the record this week with a lopsided 132-90 triumph over Northern Arizona University and for the season, UNLV has scored 100 or more points in 13 of its 15 games.

After some inconsistent play during the first part of the season, UNLV has come out smokin' in 1977 and in four games this year is averaging 119.5 points per game while holding opponents to 87.3 points per game for a victory margin of 32.2 points per game (which, incidently is higher than the NCAA record of 30.3 set by UCLA in 1972).

As was the case during the record-breaking 1975-76 season, UNLV is doing it the hard way with seven players currently averaging in double figures and one more just a shade behind. The Runnin' Rebels full court press from the opening tipoff to the final buzzer,

Classic on Jan. 18-20 and the Mexico National Tournament on Jan. 24 and 25. The final two home games follow with Utah State returning on Saturday, Jan 29 for a rematch. UNLV destroyed the Aggies 110-49 a month ago. Weber State will be played out of state, with games in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California.

play an aggressive man-to-man defense, and fast break nearly every time they get the defensive rebound.

After 15 games, UNLV is shooting exactly .500 from the field (656 of 1311), is one of the top four free throw teams nationally with a .783 percentage (339 of 433) is getting 53.1 rebounds per game and is leading the nation again this year with a scoring average of 110.1 ppg.

On defense, UNLV is outrebounding foes by 9.5 per game and has one of the top victory margins in the country, defeating opponents by an average of 24.3 points per game.

Six different players have led the Rebels in scoring at least once, but on top of the list is senior All-American forward Eddie Owens who is currently averaging 21.1 points per game for the well-balanced UNLV squad. Owens, from Houston, Texas, is the no. 2 all-time career scorer in UNLV history and how has 1,838 career points in just over 3 and one-half years with the Rebels.

Hustling senior Glen Gondrezick, from Boulder, Colo., is second in scoring for UNLV with a 15.7 average, which also leads UNLV. Gondo is also in his fourth season with the Rebels and is eighth on all-time scoring charts with 1,080 points.

Senior Sudden Sam Smith has missed three games but is still the team's third leading scorer at 15.0 ppg. The former Clark High of Las Vegas prep All-American is 23rd on the all-time scoring list in less than two seasons with UNLV he has 693 points.

Sophomore sensation Reggie theus, a 6-7 guard from Inglewood, Calif., is averaging 14.9 ppg while making .530 per cent of his shots from the field and hitting on .831 per cent of his free throws. He is also giving off 4.0 assists per game.

Senior team captain and field general robert Smith is also contributing tremendously to the outstanding Rebel season. He is scoring 13.3 ppg, is one of the top five free throw shooters in the nation with his .910 completion rate (61 of 67), and he is giving out an amazing 6.3 assists per game. Robert has already set a career record for assists for UNLV as he now has 344 for his total.

Senior center Lewis Brown is only playing 19 minutes per game but hi is scoring 11.3 ppg and getting 9.6 rpg. Brown, who like Robert Smith is from Los Angeles, is sixth on the all-time UNLV scoring chart with 1,130 career points.

Sophomore reserve point guard Tony Smith has quickly made his presence felt in the Rebel lineup. From Saginaw, Michigan, and a transfer to UNLV from Houston, Tony is scoring 10.6 ppg while handing out 3.1 assists per game.

Junior center Larry Moffet, from Gary, Indiana, who alternates with Brown at the post, is the defensive specialist for the Rebels, but is still scoring 8.6 ppg and getting 9.1 rpg for the rugged West Coast Independent team.

While spending the majority of their practice time on defense, the Rebels are a great shooting team, especially when you consider the amount of running they do in a game and the fact that they take some 87.4 shots per game.

Owens has already set a career Rebel record this season as he has now made 758 field goals, more than any UNLV player before him. Owens has also played in 101 consecutive games, a new mark, and is only five games short of the record for most games played in a carrer.

Robert Smith's current free throw percentage for his career is .865 and it seems unlikely it would slip much below that, giving a career mark in that catagory to go along with the one he has already set for most assists with 334.

Robert's 745 career points also puts him 21st on the all-time UNLV list.

With the toughest games of the season still lying ahead, including a road trip with stops at Bradley, Illinois State and Rutgers, the Runnin'Rebels have certainly accelerated their climb towards peak performance at the right time.

Seven NCAA records already established, one more ready to be broken, its hard to imagine an encore for this great team, but they still have 12 regular season games left and the Rebels seem capable of just about anything.

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