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UNLV REBELS

LAS VEGAS, NEV. — With less than three weeks before their season opener on Feb. 18 and 19, the UNLV Rebel baseball team has eight returning lettermen and five additional squad members back from last year's record-setting 31-25 team to help form a nucleus for Fred Dallimore's fourth season as the Rebel Head Coach.

The Rebels open their official season schedule with a three game series against Brigham Young University in Las Vegas on Feb. 18 and 19.

Dallimore is impressed with his squad's determination and ability at this point, saying, "We have a lot of talented baseball players this year, maybe more than any of my previous three seasons here. They are working hard and the old and new players are blending well into a fairly solid unit."

The former All-American pitcher is a realist, however, and after again looking at his rugged 61-game schedule with such powerhouse foes as the University of Southern California, Arizona State University, the University of Oklahoma, Washington State and the University of Hawaii, has cautious optimism about his chances this season.

Comments Dallimore, "The ability is there to win a lot of games this year, but we must maintain our mental consistency and not have very many breakdowns to come out a winner against this schedule. We're pretty confident, though, and with a few breaks and a lot of hard work, we will have a successful season."

Leading the group of eight returning letterman for the Rebel diamond men is rightfielder Mike McLellan, a junior from Denver, Colorado. McLellan, wh made

the all-tourney squad for the Best-of-the-West tournament last year at ASU, hit .315 last season with 47 hits in 149 at bats and 21 runs batted in.

Senior Bill Robison, who played as a starter last season as well, is back at third base after hitting for a .300 average with 60 hits, 14 doubles and 34 RBI.

Bob Yount, a senior from Lakewood, Colorado, is an outfielder who played a lot as the Rebels designated hitter and finished with a .288 batting average with 49 hits and 28 runs scored and 20 RBI.

Speedy junior leftfielder Mike Slavenski also returns with a .280 batting average last season with 61 hits in 219 at bats, 48 runs scored, nine double, five triples, 28 RBI, and 16 stolen bases.

The other four returning lettermen for UNLV are all pitchers, topped by senior righthander Manny Abeyta, from Las Vegas. The former Clark High hurler had a fine year for the Rebels last season, compiling and 8-4 record with a 3.16 earned run average with 62 strike outs in 94 innings pitched.

Junior Monte Mendenhall is back and is currently recovering from an arm injury. Last season he was 3-2 with a 3.59 ERA for 52 2/3 innings pitched and 46 strikeouts.

The other two tosses back were both freshmen last season. Kirk Jones compiled a 2-1 record with a fine 1.23 ERA in 22 innings pitched with 17 strikeouts and Dan Fischer was 0-1 with a 9.13 ERA for 22 2/3 innings pitched.

Dallimore has a host of new prospects on his 25 man roster, and combined with this returning lettermen, the Rebels could be on the verge of their finest season ever on the diamond.

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I, Eugene Collins, am running for President of the Las Vegas Branch NAACP because I feel that there is a need for change. Changes can only be brought on by doing. Doing means caring enough to act.

I have been a native of Las Vegas for 15 years or more. I am married and have three children. I am presently employed at the Nevada Test Site as a Journeyman Wireman.

For the past couple of years, I feel that the NAACP has failed to live up to its commitments made to the community; thus, causing the black people to lose interest in the organization. Before the interest is completely lost, we as minorities, will have to reorganize. Reorganize so that we can reestablish our claim as a proud race of people, capable, willing and skillfully enough to obtain and maintain high positions in any employment field.

If I am elected President of the Las Vegas Branch NAACP Chapter, I will see that justice is done in our community. I have seen and know what the problems are in our community. I believe that all people should be treated equally. I will see that equality is carried out. I will go into the hotels and see that minorities are there. I am willing to listen and help our minorities that have failed in the future to get anywhere.

I attended Coahoma Junior College in Clarksdale, Mississippi. I majored in Physical Education. I also attended which is presently the University of Las Vegas, Nevada. I went to school as a Drill Help Trainee through the Operation Engineering. I attended school for five years to become an Electrician.

When you go to the polls on February 27, 1977, please remember Eugene Collins.