

SPORTS

PLAYER OF THE WEEK -- Chaparral High senior Johnny Thompson is Stop & Go Markets "Player of the Week" based on his outstanding performance in the Cowboys game against Clark High that put Chaparral in undisputed possession of the first place in the Sunset Division.

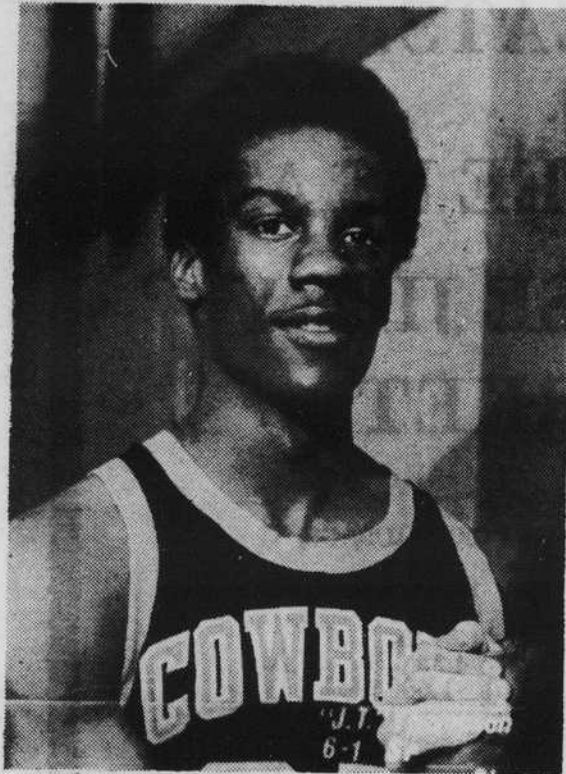
LAS VEGAS, NEV. -- After winning four games in a row, the 6-4 UNLV baseball team heads to Arizona for five tough games over a five day period this weekend. Coach Fred Dallimore's Rebels, fresh from a four-game series sweep over Northern Arizona University, will play Lubbock Christian twice and host Grand Canyon once on Friday and Saturday, rest on Sunday, and then play powerful Arizona State University in a pair of single games on Monday and Tuesday.

The Rebels used solid hitting to knock off the Lumberjacks by scores of 10-2; 3-2; 8-5; and 8-4 in a pair of doubleheaders played at the UNLV campus field.

UNLV continues to swing solid bats and after the first 10 games of the 1977 season have a team batting average of .324, including seven regulars who are currently hitting .303 or higher.

Leading the Rebel hitting parade is outfielder Yob Yount. A senior, from Lakewood, Colo., Yount has a .441 batting average with 15 hits in 34 trips to the plate.

Also over .300 for the Rebels are catcher John Freitas (.375), firstbaseman Mike Guerra (.343),



BASEBALL

LAS VEGAS, NEV. -- The original Runnin' Rebels, five of them to be exact, will close their home collegiate careers on Tuesday as the 23-2 UNLV Running' Rebels host the University of Hawaii at the Las Vegas Convention Center. A special Senior Tribute for Lewis Brown, Glen Gondrezick, Eddie Owens, Robert Smith, and Sam Smith. The special pre-game presentations will begin at 8 p.m. and tipoff is still scheduled for the normal 8:15 p.m.

Coach Jerry Tarkanian's Runnin' Rebels are fresh from a convincing 99-82 road triumph over the University of Denver in a game which saw UNLV score 62 second-half points.

This game with Hawaii, which has a 9-15 record, will be the final home game of the 1976-77 season and UNLV will be gunnin' for its 59th consecutive home court victory. This group of UNLV seniors has a home court record of 66-2 in four years and is 96-15 overall going into the battle with the Rainbows.

All-America forward Eddie Owens is the all-time career scorer in UNLV history and the Houston star has scored 2,057 points in his UNLV career to this point.

Owens leads this year's Rebels with a 21.4 per game average.

Gondo, the hustling forward from Boulder, Colo., has scored 1,234 points in his Rebel career and his fifth on the all-time charts. This season he is scoring 15.6 ppg and is leading the Rebels in rebounding with 11.7 per game.

Big Lew, from Inglewood, Calif., is the other Rebel who has been here in Las Vegas for four seasons. Brown is sixth on the all-time scoring charts with 1,227 points and this year is scoring 10.6 ppg and getting 9.0 rpg.

Team Captain Robert Smith, the 5-11 dynamo who is in his third season with UNLV and is from Los Angeles, is 14 on the scoring charts with 856 points. Robert is scoring 12.4 ppg this year and has 159 assists (6.4 per game), and needs only eight more to break the single-season record of 166 set by Ricky Sobers in the 1974-75 season.

Sudden Sam, a Las Vegas Rebel and in his second year with the program, is 16th on the scoring charts with 848 points and is scoring 15.2 per game this season. Smith is coming off a great shooting performance against Denver where he made 11 of 14 second-half field goal attempts, five of which would have been three-point plays under the old ABA 30-foot-line rule. Sam had 30 points for the night to lift his average.

Over the last four seasons, the Runnin' Rebels have compiled an enviable record which includes eight NCAA scoring records and 50 times the Runnin' Rebels have scored 100 or more points.

In 18 home games this season, UNLV has averaged 110.3 points per game and has scored 100 or more in 15 of the 18 games prior to the Hawaii contest.

UNLV closes out the regular season on Saturday in Malibu against Pepperdine U.

AUDITIONS
Actors and actresses age 10 or older are invited to audition for roles in "Land of the Dragon", a Chinese fairy tale, from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 5 in the Little Theatre at UNLV.

The theatre is located in Room 125 of Grant Hall.

Jody Johnston Childers, the Children's/Youth Theatre which will present the play in April, says that nine women and three men will be needed and there are a large number of roles for teenage children.

Previous experience is not a requirement and Childers welcomes all members of the community.

She also suggests persons auditioning wear comfortable clothing.

Further information may be obtained by calling the UNLV Department of Theatre Arts.

secondbaseman Vance McHenry (.343), shortstop Ron Mears (.333), outfielder Mike Randolph (.333), and thirdbaseman Bill Robison (.303).

Freitas, a junior from San Lorenzo, Calif., leads the Rebels in doubles with six, while sophomore Guerra, who is from North Las Vegas, is leading the Rebels in homeruns with five and in runs batted in with 13 so far.

As a team, the Rebels are averaging 10.7 hits per game, but fielding has been a problem thus far as UNLV has committed 30 errors in the first 10 games.

The Rebels pitchers have been struggling a bit also, with a team earned run average of 4.34. Five men have picked up the team's six wins, led by sophomore Dan Fischer's 2-0 record with a 1.99 ERA. Junior Monte Mendenhall is 1-0 with a .79 ERA.

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