

SPORTS

Marina Wed. Night Fight

Daniel Hong, Los Angeles, beat Guillermo Gonzales, Los Angeles, in a 6 round preliminary. Daniel is a former kick boxer and is an unorthodox fighter.

Nicky Perez, Tucson, won over Jose Luis Veiya, Tijuana, in the featherweight preliminary. Perez was decked twice in the first round, but came back for a unanimous decision.

Ruben Moncada, Mexico City, won over Carlos Perez, Los Angeles, by a KO in the 3rd round.

The main bout was between Harvey Arnold, Gardnerville, and Tony Martinez, Las Vegas. Arnold floored Martinez twice in the fifth round of an eight round bout, then went on to win.

Arnold and Martinez would each give Johnny Lira a good fight. Hope to see either or both of them in a round with Lira.

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UNLV Football Season Starts

They have been called many things over the years. At one time they were known as "Sweathogs", another year it was the "Iron Wall". This season, the UNLV offensive line will be known as Ground Crew.

Why Ground Crew? Well, offensive line coach Ron Smeltzer puts it this way. "We think its fairly obvious why we will be called the Ground Crew this year. We have to take ground from the defense and secure in order for our offensive plays to work."

In 1977, five-year veteran coach Smeltzer and his assistant offensive line coach--Scott Schuhmann, will be working with 18 candidates for the five O-line positions, but four talented starters are gone from last season's NCAA playoff team which compiled a 9-3 record.

The Transition Season is at hand at UNLV as the Rebels advance to major college status and to help the offensive line make the move, Smeltzer has 18 prospects, nine upper classmen and nine underclassmen.

While there is some security in numbers, the Rebel offensive line does have a very severe problem to overcome. As Smeltzer puts it, "We're very young so we will have to work harder to help overcome our tremendous lack of experience. We're also not as strong physically as we have been in the past units, even though we have a much larger and more intricate offensive package for them to learn."

The lone returning full-time starter for the Rebels is senior Rick Behrendsen. Behrendsen (6-4, 278), came in a bit overweight but he still has the talent to get the job done and is playing well. He is a three-year starter at right tackle and is backed up by junior college transfer Fred Pryor (6-2, 258), freshman Delroy Shigematsu (6-4, 217) and senior Mike O'Callaghan (6-4, 223).

Pryor is from Walla, Walla, Washington while Shigematsu is from Kauai and is one of four new Rebels from Hawaii. O'Callaghan is a returning letterman who is overcoming a serious ankle injury to play this season.

At left tackle, junior Mike Evans has "really looked great" according to Smeltzer with junior Hansel Kane not far behind and freshman Art Plunkett is definitely a player of the future.

Evans (6-5, 259) arrived in camp in the best shape of his life according to his coaches and is really doing well. Kane (6-1, 235) came to UNLV this past spring and was moved to guard but has now been moved back to his normal position and Plunkett (6-8, 226) has great size and is expected to be a solid player as he gains experience.

At left guard, senior letterman Dusty Satterfield, freshman Francis Maikai and junior Les Trapps are battling for the starting slot. Satterfield (6-2, 242) has been a part-time starter the past two seasons while Maikai (6-1, 260) is from Palmdale, California and his coaches say that he has the ability to become a starter this season.

Trapps (6-2, 240) is a junior college transfer who came in this spring from Pittsburg, California.

Working at the right guard position for the Rebels thus far have been sophomore returning squad member Dennis Opsal, junior letterman Greg Spencer, sophomore returning squad member Dave Jones and freshman Mike Lindsey.

Opsal (6-1, 222) has been the most impressive offensive lineman in camp this fall, his coaches say. He had an excellent spring practice and has improved even more over the summer. Spencer has been a durable and dependable performer the past two seasons but the 6-0, 228 pounder is bothered with some minor injuries. Jones (6-2, 212) and Lindsey (6-1, 213) still need maturing time but will be needed and used this season.

At center, four candidates are sophomore returning squad member Jordan Phee, junior Mickey Simonton, freshman Bill Nixon, and junior letterman Jack Concannon.

Phee (6-3, 225) came back this fall with 15 more solid pounds on his frame while Simonton (6-2, 212) came to UNLV this spring and Nixon (6-2, 207) is a talented new freshman.

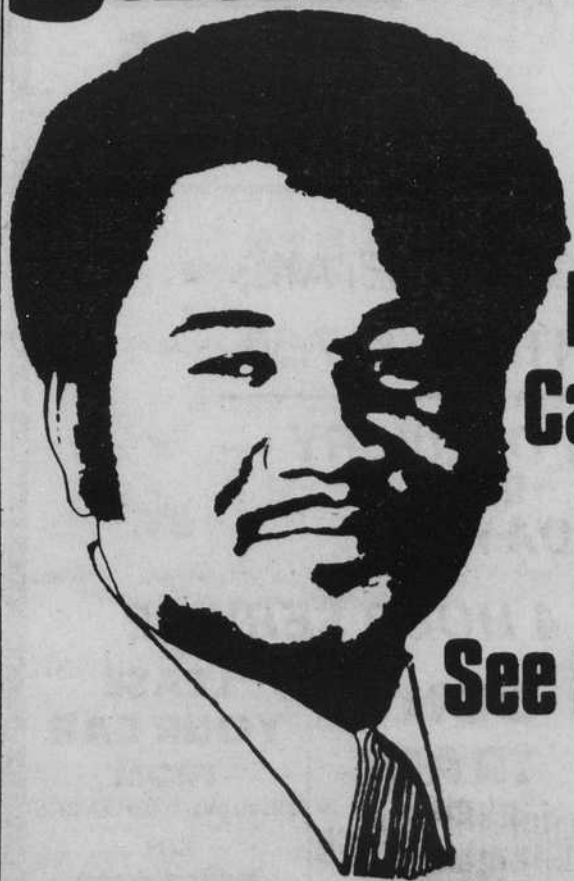
Concannon, a part-time starter each of the last two seasons, reported to camp this fall with an ankle injury and only began practicing in pads Monday. At 6-3, 228, he is strong and experienced and will be at least a part-time starter in 1977.

UNLV's offensive attack has become more and more diversified this year with a greater variety of plays both rushing and passing than last year and the offensive line plays a very important role in that unit's success.

Coach Smeltzer feels that he has the makings of another strong unit and that "time and the ability to play together will make us a very strong unit."

It may take some time, but it appears that UNLV's Ground Crew will be getting its job done in 1977.

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