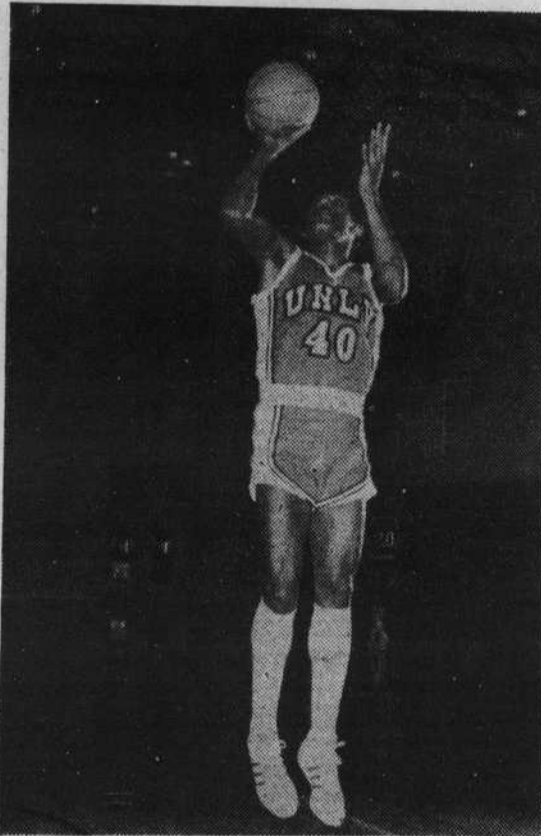
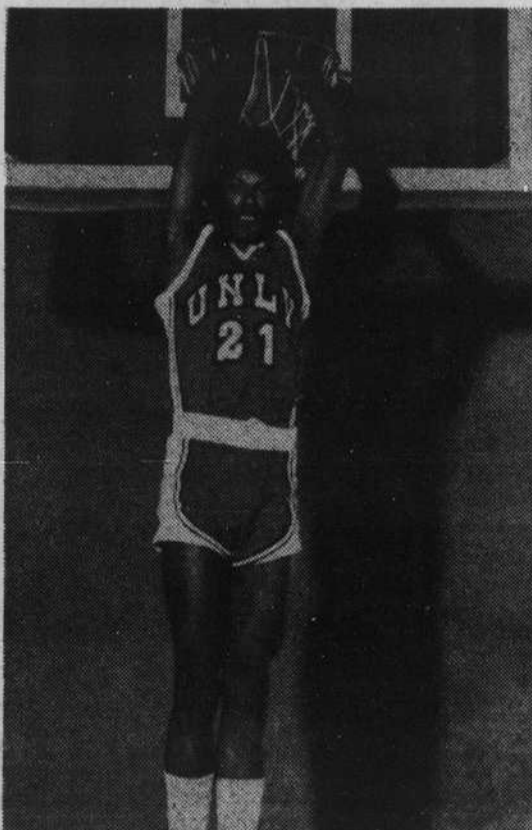


RUNNING REBELS

SPORTS



3 Willard Govain
6-3, 196, Junior
Oakland, California



21 Earl Evans
6-8, 202, Junior
Port Arthur, Texas

The Rebels faced San Diego State on Friday, 12/9, and won 101-95. In the final 50 seconds of play, Willard Govain scored four points to secure UNLV's win.

Besides the four points to win, Govain rocked up 20 points (including the four to clinch the win), Jackie Robinson scored 22, Earl Evans had 16 points and 14 rebounds despite fouling out with more than nine minutes of play left. Reggie Theus was the biggest star who picked up the slack when Evans left the game, leading all scorers with 26 points.

With 57 seconds left, Gerald Sims was at the free throw line for two shots - he made the first, but missed the second. Govain grabbed the rebound and scored on a layup, making the score 99-92 with 50 seconds remaining. San Diego missed a shot and the Rebels recovered and with 26 seconds left Govain was fouled. He sank two free throws, making the score 101-92 backing up the victory.

A somewhat three ring circus followed with San Diego State calling a timeout with two seconds remaining, a couple of free throws by the Aztecs after the buzzer with UNLV coach Jerry Tarkanian becoming livid, at the same time almost screaming at an official.

This was a rough game, especially near the end of the second half and the officiating, while not necessarily bad, was inconsistent. It seemed, at times, that the game might get out of control.

UNLV forward Robinson agreed with Tarkanian that the game, at times, was a bit physical. He said, "It was too physical, there was too much contact, it was out of control."

Theus, who spent much of the time on the floor agreed, by saying "It was unreal. Towards the end the officiating was inconsistent. At times it was good, at times it was bad, at times it was okay."

On Saturday evening, 12/10, the Rebels faced the University of Tulsa and beat them 104-103 by going into two-five minute overtime periods.

But, the effect of 38 straight days of basketball practice and games almost caught up with UNLV at the Sat. game.

This win improved the UNLV record to 6-0 and made it the 64th straight home game win. This also was the first overtime game for UNLV since late in the 1974 season and the first multiple-overtime contest since earlier that same season.

Earl Evans hit two free throws with 24 seconds left in the second overtime to give UNLV a 104-101 lead and finally wrap up the win.

At the end of the regulation time the score was 95-95 and at the end of the first overtime period was 99-99.

Coach Tarkanian said, "We were tired. We haven't had a day off since November 3. Will give them a day off Sunday. They were tired going into this week. There was no enthusiasm in the locker room or on the floor. I could sense it. We prepared so hard for San Diego State. I don't think we took Tulsa too lightly. It was just fatigue. We were lucky to win."

Early in the second five minute overtime period it appeared as though neither team was going to win. UNLV turned it over twice. Tulsa also missed a scoring opportunity when he blew the first of a one-and-one free throw situation at 2:38.

The Rebels had to play the final 9:15 of the contest without the services of point guard Tony Smith, who was ejected for swinging - actually a left job and a right cross that missed - at Dobbins.

Wednesday night the Rebels met UNR at the Convention Center, and true to form won again - 77-64 - the seventh win of the season, with no losses, and the 66th in a row at home.

The "Doctor" Reggie (Dr. T) Theus only scored 19 points in this game, but they came at opportune times - to lead the Rebels to their victory.

The last time UNR beat UNLV was the 1972-73 season, but they have never defeated Jerry Tarkanian coached teams.

UNR coach Jim Carey said, "Theus just broke the game open for them. He didn't do it with his scoring, but with his passing, rebounding, and intelligent play. He's such a great player and if he wants to transfer, we'll take him."

Tony Smith meshed 16 points and Earl Evans 14 points and seven rebounds, Jackie Robinson also had 12 points and six rebounds.

Tark said, "I was pleased with our overall play and especially our intelligent game. We played a tremendous man-to-man defense, applying pressure throughout the game. Our defense forced them into many turnovers. But don't take anything away from Reno. They have a good club. They have a lot of new kids and it takes a while to jell. I know what coach Carey is going through."

The Rebels will host Lamar University of Texas tonight and Loyola-Marymount Saturday night.

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RUNNIN' REBEL SCHEDULE			
DATE	UNLV OPPONENT	OPP	LOCATION
Nov. 26 85	Northwestern State, LA	80	Las Vegas, NV
Nov. 29 78	Pepperdine University	75	Malibu, CA
Dec. 3 91	Bradley University	90	Las Vegas, NV
Dec. 5 117	Pepperdine University	90	Las Vegas, NV
Dec. 9 101	San Diego State University	95	Las Vegas, NV
Dec. 10 104	University of Tulsa	103	Las Vegas, NV
Dec. 14 77	University of Nevada, Reno	64	Las Vegas, NV
Dec. 16	Lamar University		Las Vegas, NV
Dec. 17	Loyola Marymount University		Las Vegas, NV
Dec. 20-21	REBEL ROUNDUP UNLV, Northwestern University, University of Tennessee, U. of Iowa		Las Vegas, NV
Dec. 28-29	HOLIDAY CLASSIC UNLV, U. of California, Santa Barbara, Gonzaga University, Seattle University		Las Vegas, NV
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Jan. 5	California State, Northridge		Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 7	University of New Mexico		Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 13	Illinois State University		Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 15	Marquette University		Milwaukee, WI
Jan. 17	University of New Mexico		Albuquerque, NM
Jan. 21	Wichita State University		Wichita, KS
Jan. 24	University of Arizona		Tucson, AZ
Jan. 28	University of Louisville		Louisville, KY
Feb. 4	University of Maryland		College Park, MD
Feb. 11	Arkansas State University		Las Vegas, NV
Feb. 17	Pan American University		Las Vegas, NV
Feb. 18	Portland State University		Las Vegas, NV
Feb. 24-25	University of Hawaii		Honolulu, HI
Feb. 28	St. Mary's College		Las Vegas, NV
Mar. 4	University of Kentucky		Lexington, KY
Mar. 7	Athletes in Action		Long Beach, CA
HOME GAMES - 8:15 p.m.			
LAS VEGAS CONVENTION CENTER			
HEAD COACH: Jerry Tarkanian			
ASSISTANT COACHES:			
Ralph Readout, George McQuam, Odis Allison			