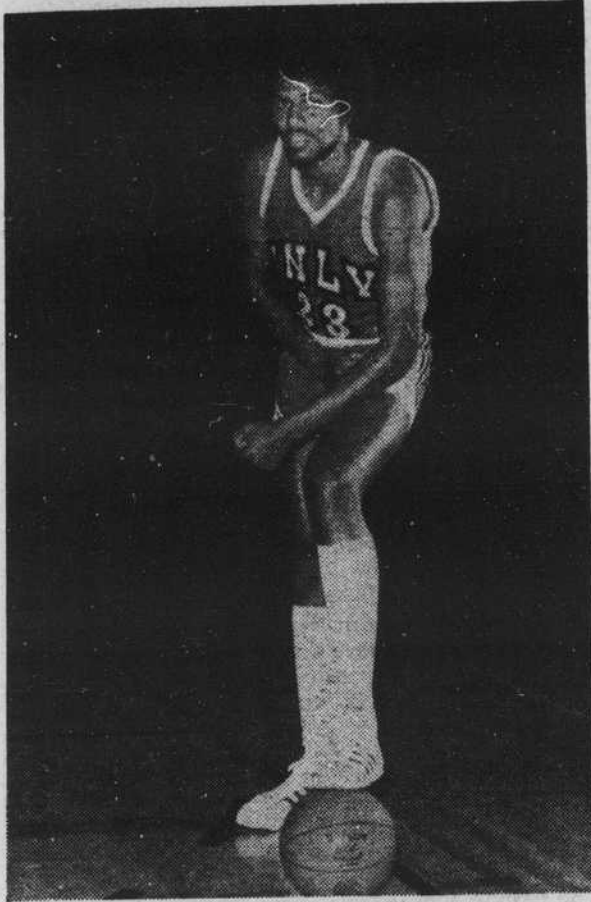
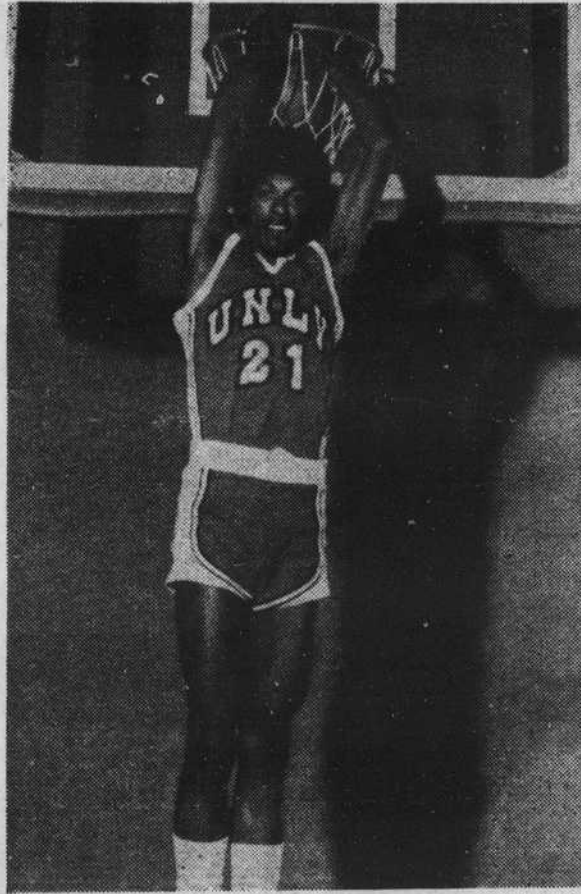


RUNNING REBELS

SPORTS



23 Reggie Theus
6-7, 204, Junior
Inglewood, California



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



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

The Rebels won the Holiday Classic 94-85 over UC Santa Barbara. This was the sixth straight time the Rebels had won the Classic and raises the Rebels to a 13-0 season record, and the 71st straight home game.

Reggie Theus was selected the tournament's Most Outstanding Player. Earl Evans and "Wild Willard" Govain joined him on the six member All-tournament squad. Clint Richardson of Seattle University; Paul Cathey of Gonzaga; and Jeff Perry of UCSB were the three remaining members selected for the All-tournament squad.

Tarkanian said, "I thought that for 30 minutes we played the best ball of the season. We played as well as we can play. We moved well offensively and had good shot selection. We played good defense, too. But we got up by 25 points and then we got very selfish and played as individuals. We got that 25-point lead and everybody decided to go out and make the all-tournament team. We just broke down on defense the last 10 minutes. We did a hell of a job till then, then we just died."

The Rebels 23-point explosion early in the second half came when Evans scored eight-points and Tony Smith scored five.

Things seemed so well in hand as UNLV ran up its large lead that Theus, during an official's time out, sat on the press table, rather than stay on the court.

It was a rough game at times. Both Govain and Robinson went down after catching an elbow accidentally thrown in their faces.

UNLV hit 54.7 percent and UCSB 61.4 percent from the floor.

Theus led all scorers with 26. Other with double figures were: Robinson, 15; Evans 14; Smith 13; and Gerald Sims 10. Evans led with 15 rebounds and Robinson had 10.

Many of the fans booed when Theus was named the MOP; they felt Evans should have been the one named.

UCSB coach Ralph Barkey said, "I was very pleased with our play in the second half. We didn't lose our dignity. We didn't control the tempo in the first half as we should have. We didn't respond to their double-team defense and that was the difference. We let them take it away from us."

Most of UCSB's points during the final 10 minutes came from in close as the previously man-to-man defense of UNLV broke down.

The Rebels have three more games scheduled for here at home, then they start on the road, with the next six games away from home, before they come back for three more.

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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	89	Lamar University	88 Las Vegas, NV
Dec. 17	101	Loyola Marymount University	84 Las Vegas, NV
Dec. 20-21		REBEL ROUNDUP	Las Vegas, NV
		101 UNLV, Northwestern University,	95
		85 U. of Iowa	84
Dec. 28-29		HOLIDAY CLASSIC	Las Vegas, NV
		91 Gonzaga University,	68
		94 U. of California, Santa Barbara,	85
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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 McQuarn, Odis Allison			