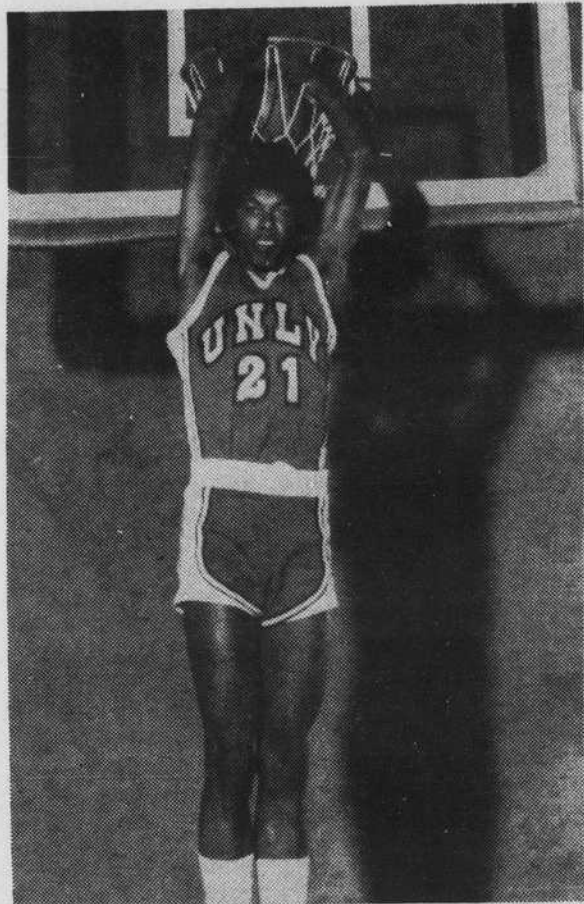
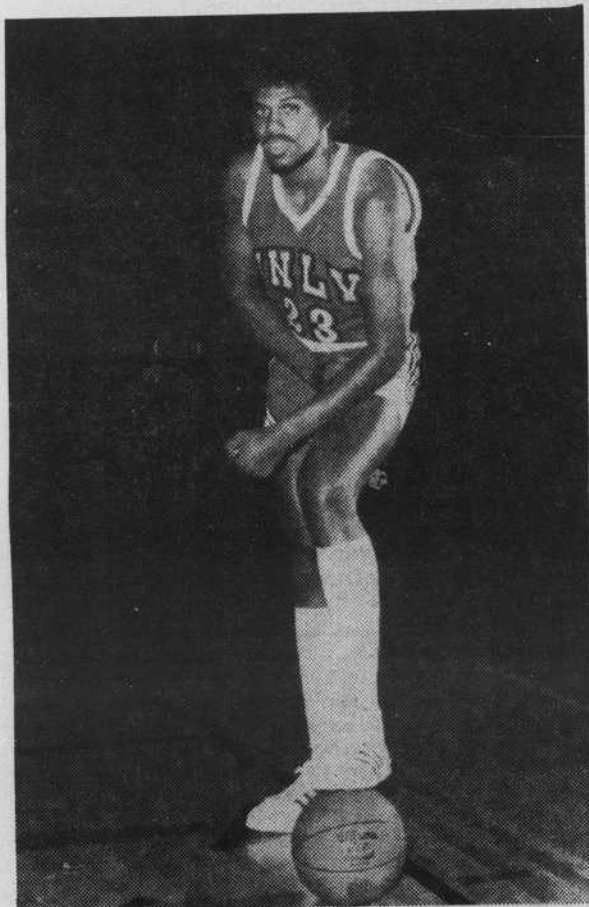


# RUNNING REBELS SPORTS



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



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

## Support The Rebels

Friday night the great Running Rebels almost had their second defeat - they beat Illinois State by only two points - 94-92. Tarkanian said, "We played really good ball for most of the game. We even had the game under control after Evans fouled out. It was just in the last three minutes."

Evans picked up his fifth foul with 7:36 remaining, so McLeod was sent in as replacement.

The Rebels led on rebounds having 11 out of Evans, and Robinson and Theus responded with a super overall game to add 10 more. Theus led the Rebels with 26 points; Robinson had 20; and Tony Smith 16.

"We took some bad shots and did some of the damndest things. But then the guy who took the bad shots (Theus) was the guy who won the game for us," said a puzzled Tarkanian.

The Rebels went into an unpopular stall with 10 minutes remaining but it only gave berth to some crucial turnovers.

Tarkanian explained, "I think we should have gone to the delay game even earlier. I just don't have enough confidence in it. We almost blew it by not ging into it soon enough."

On Sunday the Rebels did fall in defeat for the second time this season. Marquette beat them 97-81.

Reggie Theus and Tony Smith nearly took on the entire Marquette team, but the Rebels ran out of gas during the last five minutes. The Rebels now hold a 15-2 season record, while Marquette is 12-1.

Tarkanian said, "I don't know what it is. We always seem to bring out the best in everyone. I told the kids before the game that Payne wasn't shooting very much and he came out hitting very well. I thought he and Toone played a fine game."

Tony Smith led with 27 points; Reggie Theus had 18; Jackie Robinson 16; and Earl Evans 10.

When the Rebels arrived in Chicago on their way to Albuquerque, NM for their next game, Willard Govain suddenly quit the team. He requested to be sent back to Las Vegas instead of continuing with the team.

"This is it. He said he just ins't enjoying basketball anymore. I just told him he didn't love the game enough," admitted Tarkanian. Govain had discussed this twice before, but this time was serious.

Govain was a walk-on earlier in the year and captured the respect of the UNLV coaching staff with his aggressive style of play and started all of the Rebels 17 games.

Assistant coach, Ralph Readout said, "The kid has definite concerns with college life and college basketball. This is something he has considered on two previous occasions. He leaves us with no animosity. We have no ill fellings and we wish him success. Part of big-time college basketball is that it should be a pleasurable experience. When it isn't, it can be very self-destructive."

Theus, the UNLV team leader admitted that the loss was pretty unexplainable. He

said, "I really don't know what to say. What give a person the right to quit? I've been mad enough to quit plenty of times. It's hard enough as it is."

With Govain out of the picture, the load now falls squarely on the shoulders of 6-5 guard Gerald Sims.

Tuesday night the Rebels went to Albuquerque to play in New Mexico's "Pit". Needless to say, the Rebels lost again. They now have a 15-3 record.

This defeat established a couple of firsts for UNLV coach Tarkanian. It was the first time since taking over the Rebels that he has lost three out of four games and also the first time he has been beaten twice by the same school in one season.

Reggie Theus led all the players with 27 points; Tony Smith had 15; Jackie Robinson had 12; Evans and Gerald Sims had nine each.

## 1977-78 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	83	California State, Northridge	72	Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 7	98	University of New Mexico	102	Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 13	94	Illinois State University	92	Las Vegas, NV
Jan. 15	81	Marquette University	97	Milwaukee, WI
Jan. 17	76	University of New Mexico	89	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				