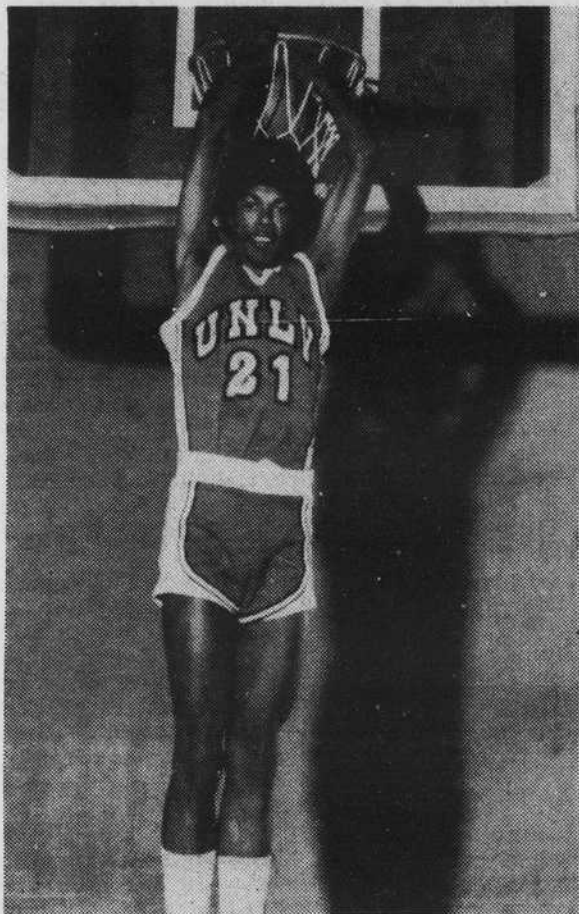
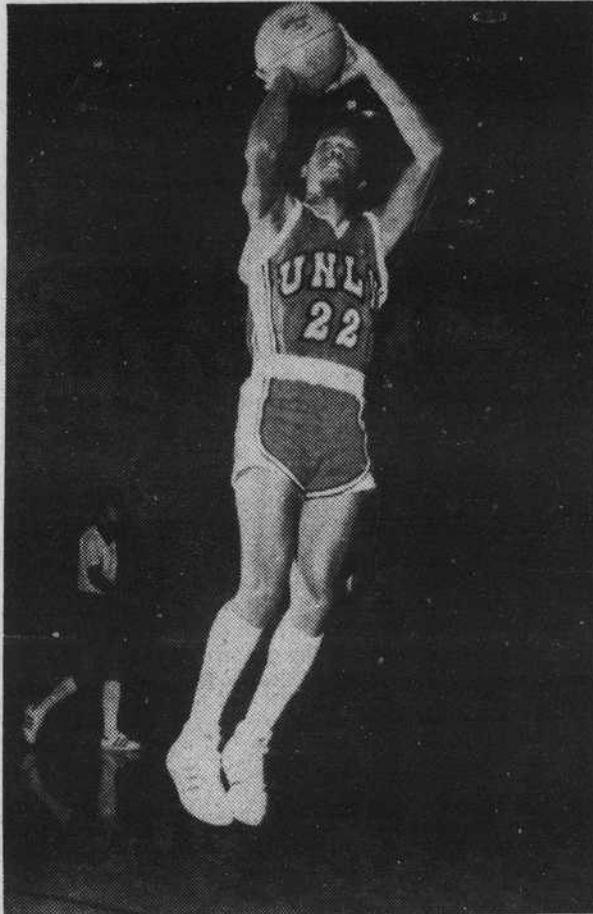


RUNNING REBELS

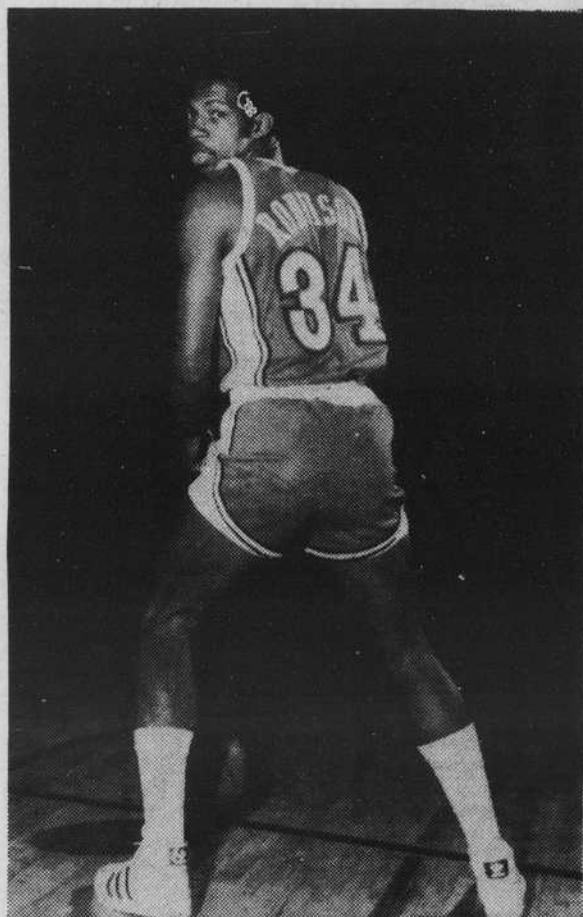
SPORTS



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



22 Tony Smith
6-2, 175, Junior
Saginaw, Michigan



34 Jackie Robinson
6-6, 206, Senior
Inglewood, California

The Rebels lost their third straight game Saturday night to Wichita State 87-83.

UNLV has lost four of their last five games, and now has a 15-4 season record.

The Rebels led in the opening minute of the contest, but never again. The largest lead by Wichita State was 11 points, with 13:29 left in the game.

"We missed at least 10 layups that would have won the game handily for us. I just can't believe it. I thought we had good shots," said Tarkanian. "We shot 50 percent for the game, but they got the key rebounds time and again. We're still rushing our shots underneath. WSU is not that big and our kids have been playing against taller players and have been having to rush their shots somewhat. They didn't have to tonight, but they did."

Smith led UNLV with 20 points; Sims followed with 19; Evans was next with 17 points; Theus, 11 points; and Robinson had 10. Evans led all players with 17 rebounds.

Wichita State coach Harry Miller made a defensive change at halftime. "We moved our guards out a little further to take Sim's shot away." Miller couldn't stop Smith, however, who was bombing away the entire game. "I haven't seen such range as Smith had tonight. I just can't get over the shots he took and made from far out."

Tarkanian may be losing his confidence in scouting reports. He followed one to Tucson on Tuesday night and ended with the worst defeat of his college career.

The University of Arizona, supposedly a team which could not shoot the ball, didn't seem to want to miss, and handed UNLV its fourth straight loss of the season, before a crowd of 11,000.

"Everything I have done has backfired. We were led to believe they could not shoot from the outside and their whole game was

the boards," said a depressed Tarkanian.

The Rebels, to their dismay, found out that somebody had some bad information. "We tried a defense that we could get to the boards on, and they never missed from the outside," said Tarkanian.

Tarkanian's plan to stay with Arizona on the boards was successfully executed, but Arizona on the boards was successfully executed, but Arizona offset that success by shooting 59% from the field.

Tony Smith ended with 21 points; Theus topped all with 24 points; and Evans, whose wife Debbie was in the hospital in Texas in labor, had 20 points and 12 rebounds.

Robinson sat out during the game, because of an ankle injury from the game with Wichita State.

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 | |
| 1978 | | | | |
| 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 | 83 | Wichita State University | 87 | Wichita, KS |
| Jan. 24 | 89 | University of Arizona | 114 | 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 | | | | |