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## FRED THOMPSON

Fred Thompson, Las Vegas High School's basketball forward, has been invited to participate in The Summit All-Stars game April 6, in Houston.

This newly organized all-star game will feature the top Texas high school seniors against a team comprised of prep seniors from throughout the nation in a game at the Houston facility.

Thompson may be the first Southern Nevada AAA basketball player to participate in an out-of-state all-star game. Hopefully, this game will become one of the top high school attractions in the nation.

Sherrill Stephens, coach at Las Vegas High, said, "It's a big honor for Freddie and I know it will help the basketball program in Southern Nevada. He will be playing in one of the best all-star games in the country."

Thompson was also nominated for the Dapper Dan. Fred said about the honor, "I'm grateful for the opportunity to play in such an outstanding game. I hope it opens up the door for other Las Vegas athletes in the future."

This year Fred finished second in the Southern AAA Conference with a 30-point scoring average. He had one game in which he scored 50 points. In three years he scored 2,032 points for a 24.2 career average.

Thompson has not signed for a College as yet, but in the running are: Arizona State University; University of California at Berkeley; Idaho State; and our own UNLV.

## Lady Rebels

For the UNLV Lady Rebel basketball team the season came to a screeching halt two weeks sooner than hoped . . . and expected.

The Lady Rebels were knocked out of the AIAW National Championship picture last Saturday evening by the Lady Bruins of UCLA in the Championship battle of the AIAW District Eight Playoffs at Maples Pavilion on the campus of Stanford University.

The nationally ranked Lady Rebels, entering the contest in the number 17 spot, fell to the number-7-ranked UCLA Lady Bruins, 100-88, before almost 2,000 spectators.

UCLA will not advance to the Western Regionals where they will face Brigham Young University, a team the Lady Rebels smothered, 90-73, back on February 15 at UNLV's North Gym. The winner of the Western Regionals will earn a berth in the AIAW National Championship tournament the weekend of March 24-25 in Los Angeles, Calif.

The UNLV Lady Rebels could very well have been the team making that trip instead of staying home that weekend with just a wee bit of luck.

Although the tears of sadness, disappointment and frustration were evident at the end of the UCLA game, they probably also hid the fact that this was indeed one of the finest Lady Rebel basketball teams at UNLV ever. Head coach Dan Ayala, his assistant coach, Donna Wick, and the entire Lady Rebel basket-

ball team have nothing to be ashamed or embarrassed about. More than one basketball fan was overheard to say that 'this is what women's basketball needs . . . a team that runs the fast break, plays tough, aggressive, man-to-man defense, and simply hustles all over the court.'

In a word the Lady Rebels play a brand of ball that is -- EXCITING.

The 1977-78 edition of the UNLV Lady Rebels will go down in history as one of the best at UNLV. The team set 12 new records and tied five others enroute to a 23-2 record (not including a 4-0 mark against teams from Mexico). A few of the new records the Lady Rebels of 1977-78 established: Best Win-Loss Percentage (.920); Fewest Losses (2); Most Free Throws Made (516); and Highest Free Throw Percentage (.697). The team also tied the seasonal record for Fewest Home Losses (0), Most Home Wins (14), Best Win-Loss percentage at Home (1.000), and the Most Wins on a Neutral Court (3).

This year's Lady Rebels also set three new game records as well: Most Free Throws Attempted and Made (52 attempts and 37 made-both against Eastern Oklahoma State); and the Highest Free Throw Percentage in a Game (.903) against San Jose State in the pressure-packed AIAW District 8 Tournament's first game.

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