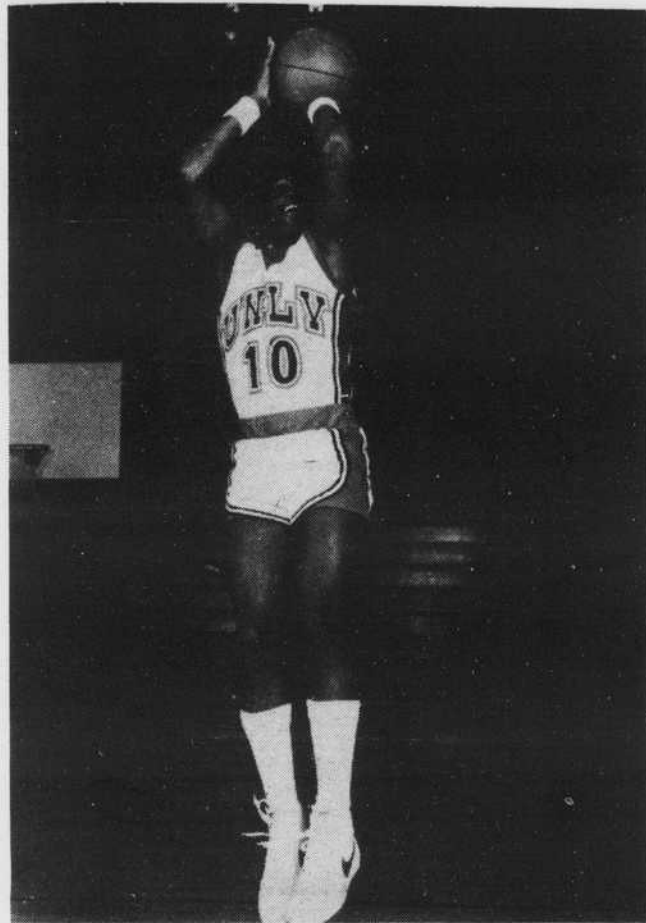


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Rebels Split Two On Road Trip



Michael Loyd, the Rebels 5'10" guard who is known as the "Little Fella," replaced starter Flintie Ray Williams who was out with a pinched nerve in his back. Loyd ran the Rebel attack with great poise throughout the entire game. Loyd scored 13 points and dished out 10 assists. Earl Evans led the Rebels with 18 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Co-captain Tony Smith, who has been bothered by the flu, had 16 points. Freddie Thompson and Brett Vroman combined for 24 points.

For the Aztecs, Mike Dodd scored 19 points, while his back-court mate Perry Gilbert dropped in 16 points to help the Aztec campaign.

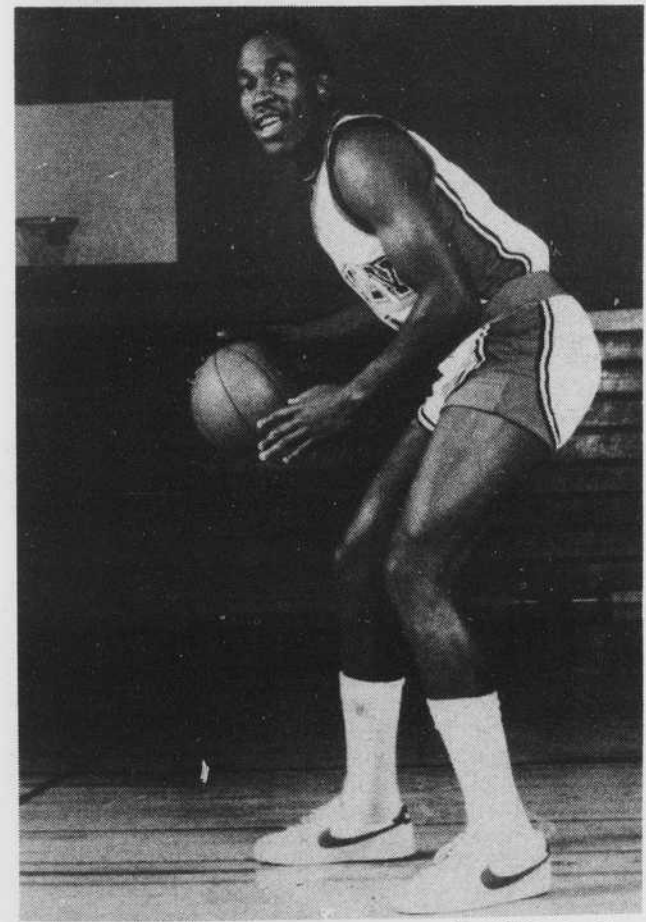
In the second game of the Rebel's road trip, it was the hot shooting University of Utah that handed the Rebels their third loss of the season. Saturday night, before a capacity crowd of 14,328 in the Special Events Center in Salt Lake City, the Utes downed the Rebels 103 to 97, as the Rebels comeback try fell short, or was stolen in the last 3 minutes of the game.

The Utes put together good passing and great shooting, and added the effect of the altitude on the Rebels for good measures to stifle the running game. The Utes shot 70 percent from the floor to take a 57 to 43 half-time lead. The Utes were led by Tom Chambers who scored 27 points. Danny Vranes scored 21 points, most of them from the inside. Earl Williams and Greg Deane both scored 12 each.

Earl Evans scored 23 points and helped with his crashing of the boards as he grabbed 12 re-

bounds for the Rebels. Tony Smith also scored 23 points, most of them in the all important comeback try. Michael Loyd who was still replacing Flintie Ray Williams, scored 18 points and dished out 10 assists. Brett Vroman scored two points before fouling out with more than 11:00 minutes in the game. Vroman, who as was playing before a home town crowd was booed throughout the game. Michael Burns scored 14 points before fouling out with 6:15 left in the game. Burns protested the call by the referee, and with good cause. Because of the emotional display by Burns, he had to be escorted from the arena by several teammates. From all indications Burns was correct to protest.

Reporter's Comment: I personally would like to commend the Rebels for not giving up when they were down.



On Thursday night, January 4, 1979, in the San Diego Sport's Arena, the Runnin' Rebels captured their tenth victory of the season by defeating The Aztecs of San Diego State University by a score of 85 to 80. The Rebels used a combination of great free-throw shooting and the poised play of freshman guard Michael Loyd, who replaced the injured Flintie Ray Williams.

The Rebels shot 49.3 percent from the charity stripe, hitting on 17 of 21 from the free-throw line. Michael Loyd dropped in 7 of 8 from the line, and Freddie Thompson hit of 6 of 7 free throws.

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