

SPORTS

Rebel Victory: How Sweet It Is

Isn't Sunday for church? Well the Runnin' Rebels held their own services at the Las Vegas Convention Center Sunday night before a capacity crowd that cheered the Rebels to a 93 to 76 victory over the Wyoming Cowboys. From the beginning of the game, the crowd played an important part of the game. In attendance at the game were former Rebel stars, Robert Smith, who now plays with the Denver Nuggets, and Robert Ulrich, star of the hit T.V. Show "Vegas".

The Rebels victory put their season record at 17 and 5. The win also gave the Rebels sweet revenge that they so richly deserved. Earlier in the season the Cowboys defeated the Rebels by a score of 84 to 70 in Wyoming. In that game, the Rebels' fans "favorite official", Blaine Sylvester made two extremely bad calls late in the game that stifled the Rebels' comeback.

The Rebels used the full-court press to force the Cowboys to turn the ball over numerous times in the first half. The Rebels jumped out to an early 15 to 6 lead, but, with persistence, the Cowboys tied the score at 19 with 12:09 left in the first half. At that point in the game, the Rebels started to run, upping the score to 53 to 39 on a rainbow shot by Tony Smith to end the first half. In the second half, the Rebels continued their assault on the Cowboys as they ran perfect plays. In particular, the lob pas over the hoop in which Flintie Ray Williams passed to Earl Evans over the basket for one of five spectacular slam-dunks, caused the Rebel fans to go wild with happiness.

For the Cowboys' effort, Freshman Bill Garnett dropped in 11 of 15 from the charity stripe to lead the Cowboys with 19 points. Six-five 200 pound sophomore guard Charles Bradley scored 15 points, Lonnie Buckner and Ken Ollie combined for 28 points. Doug Bessert dualed with Brett Vroman inside for 12 points.

Flintie Ray Williams set a new school record as he dished out 16 assists in a single game, a record formerly held by Ricky Sobers who now plays in the NBA with the Indiana Pacers. Earl Evans kept the fans excited with slam-dunks, and also led the Rebel scorers with 21 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. Co-captain Tony Smith amazed the crowd with his patented high arch jump shot on the way to collecting 13 points. Brett Vroman improved his inside game as he scored 17 points. Freshman Freddie Thompson came off the bench to add 12 points for the Rebels' cause.

Lady Rebels

Despite being hampered by the flu, the No. 10 ranked University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Lady Rebels notched their 18th and 19th wins of the season against no losses when they truned back San Diego State, 78-58, Friday (February 2) night at the UNLV South Gym and the Titans from Cal State, Fullerton, 87-79, in the Las Vegas Convention Center Sunday (February 4).

The pair of victories, which featured all of the Lady Rebels seeing action, extended UNLV's home game win streak to 56.

Teresa Endicott Willis, a 5-9 junior forward and All-America candidate from Jennings, Oklahoma, led the Lady Rebels against the Aztecs with 28 points while 6-0 freshman center, Kathie Calloway, a native of Michigan City, Indiana, was the top performer on the boards with 15 rebounds. Sandra Hamilton (12 points), Calloway (12) and Paula Odnaha (10) also showed double figures in the UNLV scoring column.

Coach Dan Ayala's squad will resume action Friday (February 9) at 7:30 p.m. in the UNLV South Gym when they welcome Pepperdine University from Malibu, California. Then, for the first time this season, they will play the role of visitor when they travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico for a Valentine's Day meeting with the University of New Mexico.



Flintie Ray Williams Scores new assist record.



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