

Sports



Rebs Nip UTEP in OT

It all came down to free throws, and Michael Burns, UNLV's man of the hour for the second game in a row was able to withstand the pressure and capitalize on the freebies awarded to him.

Burns, a 69 percent free throw shooter, sank 5 of 8 free throw in the final 1:44 of the extra period, and was 12 of 16 from the charity stripe in the game as UNLV captures a 84-77 overtime win over Texas El Paso at the Special Events Center before a crowd of 8,394 Saturday night.

Before the game, a must-win-situation for all concerned, both teams had visions of possibly receiving a post-season bid from the National Invitation Tournament, and UNLV's future considerations look bright now.

"It was a big win for us, said Rebel coach Jerry Tarkanian. "It certainly helps our chances. Not many times will you sweep an Albuquerque/El Paso road trip."

The Rebels, now 15-11, avenged a 85-78 loss to the Miners at the Convention Center Dec. 8, while it was also UNLV's fifth straight triumph with just two home games remaining.

UTEP's NIT hopes were slightly doused as they fell to 16-10 on the year. "It very well could have taken care of us," said a dispondant UTEP coach Don Haskins. The Miners conclude the season by traveling to San Diego State and Hawaii.

The game went into overtime after UTEP's Roshern Amie's long jumper that hit nothing but net at the buzzer was whistled void by the referee.

And once into an extra five minute period, the Rebels took the lead first on an inside move by Sidney Green, thereafter UNLV never trailed in the remainder of the game, but the Miners rallied to tie the game three times.

But after Larry Anderson's jumper that made it 77-75 with 2-53 left, UNLV grabbed the lead for good and went into a delay game that ran a minute off the clock before the Miners began to foul. From there the Rebels canned the critical free throws needed to preserve the win.

The controversial call, that left the score tied at 69-all at the end of regulation, came after Amie's desperation shot swished through the net, but official Jimmy Clark ruled the shot came after the buzzer.

"There's no question in my mind that the ball left his hands before the buzzer, Haskins mused. "It's tough enough to lose, but not that way."

"But the thing that really bothers me is he (referee) thinks he's God. He could've checked with the other guy or the scorekeeper." Haskins went on. "I've never seen a game that messed up."

Of course Tarkanian, a man who has had so few breaks go his way this season was just thankful referees are so stubborn.

"I didn't think it was good," he said. "I saw him (official) wave it off right away and I was just hoping he wouldn't change his mind."

Actually, in the first place, a OT period appeared remotely possibly when UNLV was holding a 69-67 lead and looking to run out the clock when UTEP's Julius Wayne tied up Michael Burns with a five second call. Wayne out jumped Spiderman and Miner Anthony Burns knotted the score on a 20-foot jumper with 24 seconds to play.

And after not responding to Tarkanian's attempted timeout call, with 15 seconds to go, Burns drove the lane and failed to convert a 10-footer with 11 seconds left. Seven seconds later, after a UTEP rebound, Michael Johnson fouled Wayne in the backcourt. Wayne missed his one-and-one try, but the Miners ended up with the ball and Amies hell-mary try set the stage for the overtime.

The Rebels started the game off like gangbuster and took a seven point lead, 17-10, after six straight Sidney Green points. With seven the lucky number, UNLV led by that margin three more times in the first half before UTEP rallied back to take a 39-38 halftime advantage. The second half was more of the same with both teams exchanging leads up until the end of regulation.

"Offensively we did the best job we've done all year," Tarkanian said of the Rebel effort. "Outside of a couple of shot, everything was inside of 10 feet. We really took the ball to the hoop."

Michael Johnson was high man on the night with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Sidney Green tallied 16, Burns and Anderson had 14 apiece and Greg Goorjian finished with 12 points.

Reynold led UTEP with 17 points, Anthony Burns was good for 16 and Julius Wayne scored 14.

Scoreboard

State pairings

Nevada High School Basketball State Tournament Convention Center Class AAA Monday's Results
Clark 50, Procter Hug 48
Valley 104, Reno 72
Carson City 68, Las Vegas 57
Rancho 62, Reed 39

Tuesday's Games Semifinals
Valley (26-4) vs. Carson City (24-3), 6 p.m.
Rancho (22-8) vs. Clark (24-8), 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Game Championship, 7:30 p.m.

Class A Monday's Results
Battle Mountain 59, Pahrump Valley 56
Tonopah 54, Whittell 53
Lovelock 71, Virgin Valley 52
Moapa Valley 58, Wells 44

Tuesday's Games Semifinals
Tonopah (21-9) vs. Lovelock (20-4), 3 p.m.
Moapa Valley (19-7) vs. Battle Mountain (17-9), 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Game Championship, 6 p.m.

State cage boxes Rancho, 62-39

RANCHO (62)
Mike VanDeveren 5 0-1 22, Jerry Nash 5 6-7 16, Willie Lacy 7 2-2 6, John Welch 6 4-6 16, Billy Lacy 3 0-1 6, John Rhodes 0 0-0 0, Darryl Taylor 1 2-2 4, James Jackson 1 0-0 2, Bart Burton 0 0-0 0, Ken Hicks 0 0-0 0, Kendall Davis 1 0-0 2. Totals 24 14-21 62.

REED (39)
Brien Shoemaker 4 2-2 10, Jerry Loy 1 1-2 3, Willard Snell 1 0-0 2, Brad McClellan 1 2-2 4, Ty Shepard 1 0-1 2, Chris Vigil 0 0-0 0, Robert Kendrick 1 0-0 2, Tony Mendonza 2 0-0 4, Steve Leach 1 0-0 2, Craig Rogers 1 0-1 2, Mike Sondergaard 0 0-0 0. Totals 17 5-7 39.

Rancho 6 15 24 — 62
Reed 8 16 4 17 — 39
Fouled out — None. Total fouls — Rancho 12, Reed 19.

Carson, 68-57

LAS VEGAS (57)
Mike Parillo 11 0-1 22, Terry Ormond 4 3-3 11, Andrew Beals 6 0-1 12, Jerry Bush 6 0-1 12, Bill Rohkohl 1 0-1 2, Scott Webb 0 0-0 0, Todd Weber 0 0-0 0, Albert Ennis 1 0-0 2, Anthony Funches 1 2-2 4, Cecil Finks 0 0-0 0. Totals 25 7-12 57.

CARSON CITY (68)
Craig Allison 5 3-5 13, Bruce Barnes 5 0-1 10, Charley Kerfeld 4 2-4 10, Mike Dandos 6 7-10 19, Randy Hunter 0 0-0 0, Chris Padgett 4 2-5 10, Bob Presley 3 0-0 6, Ed Tamey 0 0-0 0. Totals 27 14-25 68.

Las Vegas 12 9 14 20 — 57
Carson City 15 10 15 20 — 68
Fouled out — Rohkohl. Total fouls — Las Vegas 22, Carson City 14. Technical — Beals.

Valley, 104-72

RENO (72)
Jim Puzey 10 4-5 24, Prince Rudd 0 0-0 0, Shane Foster 9 0-1 18, Alfred Chaston 5 0-1 10, John Savage 1 1-3 3, Jeff Kozak 9 5-7 5, Tony Moraffi 1 4-6 8, Fred Tatum 1 0-0 2, Eric LeRude 1 0-0 2. Totals 20 16-22 72.

VALLEY (104)
Chris Carroll 13 5-6 31, Victor Wiley 2 5-5 9, Walter Jones 8 7-10 22, Fred Banks 4 1-1 9, Robert Osley 3 3-5 9, Dwayne Ross 0 0-1 0, Greg Banks 4 3-4 11, Craig Kirkland 11 0-0 2, Darryl Franklin 0 0-0 0, Wade Simpson 2 0-0 4, Darryl Jamerson 3 0-0 6, Jerners Henderson 0 0-0 0. Totals 40 24-30 104.

Reno 11 19 22 20 — 72
Valley 23 17 27 27 — 104
Fouled out — None. Total fouls — Reno 21, Valley 19. Technical — Reno coach King.

Clark, 50-48

HUG (48)
Melvin Haynes 0 0-0 0, Skip Luckadoo 3 1-3 7, Martin Wish 5 6-8 16, Tony Hunter 1 0-0 2, Landis Hanson 0 0-0 0, Alonzo Hurdie 0 0-0 0, Tappert

Marlinez 6 2-5 14, Damien Ingram 3 3-4 19. Totals 18 12-20 48.

CLARK (50)
Bruce Gallor 1 7-8 9, Mark Dixon 1 2-2 4, Duane Kendall 6 2-5 18, Kenny Scott 4 0-0 8, Randy Pientzas 1 0-0 2, Jeff Wilson 0 0-0 0, Brian Brown 0 0-0 0, Phil Lipka 0 0-0 0, Steve Thomas 4 1-2 9, Steve Justice 0 0-0 0. Totals 19 12-17 50.

Hug 10 12 9 17 — 48
Clark 6 20 16 8 — 50
Fouled out — Dixon. Total fouls — Hug 18, Clark 17.

Battle Mtn., 59-56

BATTLE MOUNTAIN (59)
Marly DePaoli 8 1-3 17, Gino DePaoli 4 1-2 9, Lyle Lemaire 6 4-4 16, Lewis Hastings 1 2-2 4, Chad Marichuk 5 1-3 11, Richard Buchanan 0 0-0 0, Julio Sandoval 0 0-0 0, Tim Naveran 1 0-0 2. Totals 25 9-14 59.

PAHRUMP VALLEY (56)
Larry Pellan 4 0-2 8, Ivan Kremer 5 0-0 10, Ted Strafford 10 2-6 24, Don Frank 0 0-0 0, Manuel Gardea 4 1-3 9, Eldon Ward 2 3-8 7. Totals 25 6-19 56.

Battle Mountain 9 14 14 22 — 59
Pahrump Valley 8 16 15 17 — 56
Fouled out — None. Total fouls — Battle Mountain 15, Pahrump Valley 12. Technical — M. DePaoli.

Tonopah, 54-53

WHITTELL (53)
Pat May 2 0-0 4, Marly Swisher 1 1-2 3, Jim McCullough 4 2-3 10, Eric Edwards 7 0-2 14, John Riebe 1 4-5 6, Brian Williams 1 0-0 2. Totals 21 11-22 53.

TONOPAH (54)
Mark Robb 0 0-0 0, Mike Jones 3 5-5 11, Lee Peltis 5 0-0 10, Clint Quiller 6 4-5 16, Tom Friel 5 5-9 15, Bob Carter 0 0-0 0, Frank Trueba 0 0-0 0, Mark Lydon 1 0-0 2. Totals 20 14-21 54.

Whittell 15 20 — 8 10 — 53
Tonopah 13 13 12 16 — 54
Fouled out — Edwards. Total fouls — Whittell 17, Tonopah 18.

Lovelock, 71-52

VIRGIN VALLEY (52)
Juan Romero 0 0-0 0, Henry Frehner 4 1-2 9, Kellin Reese 4 2-2 10, Joe Bowler 12 0-0 2, Vern Pollock 4 2-4 10, Kenyon Leavitt 2 0-0 4, Scott Brotherson 4 2-3 10, Greg Gossard 1 2-2 4, Van Cluff 0 1-2 1, Rusty Thornley 0 0-1 0, Eric Withler 1 0-0 2, Tim Colburn 0 0-0 0. Totals 21 10-17 52.

LOVELOCK (71)
Conrad Flores 7 3-4 17, Mike Brown 0 1-5 1, Robert Davidson 5 4-8 14, Jeff Stewart 7 2-6 16, Tony Booth 9 2-7 20, Ron Hardy 0 0-1 0, Jeff Campbell 0 0-0 0, Jim Pringle 0 0-0 0, Don Pommering 1 1-1 3, Walter Brinkeroff 0 0-0 0, Keith Monier 0 0-0 0. Totals 29 13-34 71.

Virgin Valley 14 12 7 17 — 52
Lovelock 17 14 18 22 — 71
Fouled out — Booth, Leavitt. Total fouls — Virgin Valley 26, Lovelock 18.

Moapa, 58-44

MOAPA VALLEY (58)
Terry Bowler 0 4-6 4, Jon Turner 0 2-2 2, Dave Johnson 4 2-4 10, John Lewis 6 4-5 16, Randy Simmons 5 6-6 16, Jeff Francom 5 0-0 10, Tim Bishop 0 0-0 0, Bruce Doty 0 0-0 0, Marly Hanning 0 0-0 0, David Belcher 0 0-0 0. Totals 20 18-33 58.

WELLS (44)
Jeff Westwood 1 3-5 5, Tony Franco 1 0-1 2, Cliff Mills 5 0-2 10, Rick Soriano 3 4-6 10, Mike Cromie 8 1-2 17, Dale Robison 0 0-1 0, Herk Calton 0 0-0 0, Berry Carone 0 0-0 0, Dusty Twitchell 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 9-17 44.

Moapa Valley 15 11 14 18 — 58
Wells 9 14 16 5 — 44
Fouled out — None. Total fouls — Moapa Valley 18, Wells 15.

Women's Top 20 cage poll

NEW YORK (AP) — The weekly poll of the nation's top 20 women's college basketball teams, with first-place votes in parentheses, season's records and total points, as compiled by Mel Greenberg of the Philadelphia Inquirer. Voting by 50 women's coaches and based on 30-30 34-34 22-20 18-16 14-12 10-9 8-7 4-5 4-2 1:

1. La. Tech (50)	27-0	1,500
2. Long Beach St.	24-5	1,346
3. Tennessee	19-5	1,235
4. Kansas	24-4	1,194
5. Rutgers	25-4	1,062
6. Old Dominion	23-5	970
7. x-UCLA	25-5	832
8. Cheney St.	23-2	827
9. S. California	21-6	703
10. Kentucky	22-4	586
11. Texas	26-6	520
12. Oregon	23-5	509
13. Maryland	17-7	381
14. x-N. Carolina St.	20-8	290
15. Minnesota	26-5	279
16. x-Clemson	23-6	247
17. Auburn	25-5	170
18. Colorado	28-4	128
19. S. F. Austin	23-9	122
20. East Carolina	22-4	120

x-Includes forfeit win over S. Carolina.

NBA standings

By The Associated Press
All Times PST
Eastern Conference
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Philadelphia	58	15	.795	—
x-Boston	56	16	.778	1 1/2
New York	42	30	.583	15 1/2
Washington	35	38	.479	23
New Jersey	21	51	.292	30 1/2

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-Milwaukee	52	20	.722	—
Indiana	39	33	.542	13
Chicago	37	36	.507	15 1/2
Atlanta	28	44	.389	24
Cleveland	25	46	.352	26 1/2
Detroit	18	55	.247	34 1/2

	W	L	Pct.	GB
x-San Antonio	46	27	.630	—
Kansas City	37	36	.507	9
Houston	34	38	.472	11 1/2
Denver	30	41	.423	15
Utah	26	47	.356	20
Dallas	11	61	.153	34 1/2

	W	L	GF	GA	Pts
x-Phoenix	53	22	.707	—	
x-Los Angeles	46	24	.657	4 1/2	
Portland	38	35	.521	14	
Golden State	36	36	.500	15 1/2	
San Diego	32	40	.444	19 1/2	
Seattle	32	41	.438	20	

v-clinched division title
x-clinched playoff berth

NHL standings

National Hockey League
Campbell Conference
Patrick Division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
N.Y. Islanders	39	17	11	299	227	89
Philadelphia	37	21	10	273	214	84
Calgary	35	22	12	284	245	82
N.Y. Rangers	34	24	12	276	282	80
Washington	22	30	16	248	274	60

Smythe Division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
x-St. Louis	41	13	15	309	221	97
Chicago	27	28	13	259	272	67
Vancouver	24	28	17	245	259	65
Edmonton	22	33	12	270	282	56
Colorado	20	30	10	222	299	50
Colorado	8	48	12	209	351	28

Wales Conference
Norris Division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Montreal	28	19	11	200	195	87
Los Angeles	37	22	9	276	214	83
Pittsburgh	27	32	9	263	280	63
Hartford	18	34	17	254	321	53
Detroit	18	32	16	210	267	52

Adams Division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Buffalo	32	16	19	268	206	83
Minnesota	31	22	9	274	218	78
Boston	31	25	12	271	240	74
Quebec	24	34	14	264	301	62
Toronto	23	34	11	273	314	57

x-Clinched division title. Late games not included.