

# Sports

## Rebel AD says PCAA just one option

A recent article in the Santa Barbara (Calif.) News-Press stated that UNLV reportedly has its sights set on joining the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, possibly this summer.

But new UNLV Athletic Director Dr. Brad Rothermel last week responded by explaining that no formal discussion is currently underway with the league and that the university is still exploring several options for its athletic program.

"As far as I know, no one has discussed anything with me about the PCAA," said Rothermel who officially took over the UNLV AD job in February.

Rothermel, named and confirmed athletic director by the University of Nevada Board of Regents in January, said that he has had token contact with PCAA officials, but nothing really serious.

"There was one phone call before I came here. I talked with Lew Cryer (PCAA Commissioner) in Miami," said Rothermel who met Cryer at a convention several days after Rothermel was named AD.

The March 15 News-Press article, quoting "reliable sources," stated that UNLV officials would conduct a poll of PCAA members to see if it had enough voted to win membership into the current eight-member conference. If UNLV

had the necessary votes, stated the article, the school would file a formal application to join the conference possibly this summer.

The PCAA, comprised of Utah State, Long Beach State, UC-Santa Barbara, UC-Irvine, San Jose State, Cal State-Fullerton, University of Pacific and Fresno State, is considering adding two more football playing schools. All schools except UC-Santa Barbara and UC-Irvine play major college football.

The News-Press article stated that UNLV and its football program, which enters its fourth year of major college status this fall, are appealing to PCAA officials, but that the

same officials are also wary over UNLV's "renegade school" reputation and the problems last fall between former athletic director Dr. Al Negratti and the UNLV finance office over fund raising records.

Despite UNLV's past reputation and problems, the article stated that five of the eight PCAA schools would most likely vote to admit UNLV into the league.

UNLV, currently an NCAA Division I independent, has played PCAA schools in football, basketball and baseball over the past decade. The Rebels meet San Jose State, Long Beach State and Fresno State in football this coming fall.

UNLV, which for the past

four years, had been preparing itself for possible admission into the Western Athletic Conference, was put on inactive status by the WAC President's Council at that group's last meeting last December in San Diego.

"I hope we could make some decision before the end of this academic year," said Rothermel when asked about plans for UNLV's athletic future. "We're still trying to determine what are our best options. There could be reapplication to the WAC, but that may be a bit premature. It's possible we could remain independent. It's possible we could join the PCAA. It's possible we could try and create a new conference."

### UNLV FOOTBALL FOOTBALL RECRUITS

The three new receiver recruits are all from Southern California and they are: 6-3, 190 pound Danny Gantt (Gahr HS), 6-1, 180 pound Melvin Jackson (Edison HS), and 5-10, 185 pound Ray Taylor (Compton HS).

As a junior at Gahr, Gantt was the conference athlete-of-the-year, starring in football, basketball and track. He has been timed at 4.5 in the 40.

Jackson was considered one of the top prep receivers in California last year. With his 4.5 speed in the 40, he is a deep threat in and both his junior and senior seasons, he led his Edison Chargers to the conference title and national rankings.

Taylor is "like a stick of dynamite," according to Filan. He has 4.3 speed in the 40 and he is a threat to score everytime he has the ball. He was the quarterback for Compton HS and was recruited by a number of Pac-10 schools. In addition to moving to receiver for UNLV. Taylor will also be used as a return specialist on kickoffs and punts.

Randall Cunningham, the Rebel quarterack recruit, brings an especially big smile to Coach Knap's face and a bright twinkle in his eye. Cunningham, the 6-4, 195 pound brother of former USC star Sam Cunningham, was a superb performer for Santa Barbara High School. Cunningham was Knap's number one QB choice and the Rebels had to beat USC to get him.

The youngest Cunningham (his brother Bruce is a JC transfer to UNLV this year), passed for 2,344 yards last year and 20 touchdowns on a team which went 13-1, losing only in the championship game of the CIF playoffs.

Rebel runningback coach Roy Shivers signed just two backs this year, so far, to help his unit, and both of them come with impressive credentials.

Andrew Lazarus was the JC transfer that Shivers brought in this spring and his new freshman recruit is Tony Lewis, a blazing 6-1, 190 pounder from El Camino Real High School in the San Fernando Valley in Southern California.

Lewis was an all-City performer both his junior and senior seasons. As a senior he rushed for 1,037 yards and scored 16 touchdowns as he was selected the West Valley League's player-of-the-year. He led his team to the city championship game against Banning HS.

Shivers reports that Lewis is on the Silver list of Blue Chippers, or among the top 20 in the nation.

The freshman defensive lineman signed by the Rebels is rugged Greg Durkac, a 6-5, 220 pounder from Erie, Pennsylvania. Durkac is in the mold, according to reports, of current stellar Reb defensive end Todd Liebenstein, who will be a senior this fall.

UNLV will begin spring practice 1981 on March 28 and conclude the 20 days of spring with the annual Scarlet and Gray game on May 2 at the Las Vegas Silver Bowl, the 32,000-seat home of Rebel football.

### NBA summary

#### Standings

National Basketball Association  
By The Associated Press

FINAL STANDINGS			
Eastern Conference			
Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct.
y-Boston	62	20	.756
x-Philadelphia	62	20	.756
x-New York	50	32	.610
Washington	39	43	.476
New Jersey	24	58	.293
Central Division			
y-Milwaukee	60	22	.732
x-Chicago	45	37	.549
x-Indiana	44	38	.537
Atlanta	31	51	.378
Cleveland	28	54	.341
Detroit	21	61	.256
Western Conference			
Midwest Division			
y-San Antonio	52	30	.634
x-Houston	40	42	.488
x-Kansas City	40	42	.488
Denver	37	45	.451
Utah	28	54	.341
Dallas	15	67	.183
Pacific Division			
y-Phoenix	57	25	.695
x-Los Angeles	54	28	.659
x-Portland	45	37	.549
Golden State	39	43	.476
San Diego	36	46	.439
Seattle	34	48	.415

### Playoffs

All Times PST

**FIRST ROUND**  
Best of Three

**Eastern Conference**

Tuesday's Games  
Philadelphia 124, Indiana 108  
Chicago 90, New York 80

Thursday's Game  
Philadelphia at Indiana, 5:05 p.m.

Friday's Game  
New York at Chicago, 5:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games  
Indiana at Philadelphia, 10:05 a.m. If necessary  
Chicago at New York, 10:05 a.m. If necessary

**Western Conference**

Wednesday's Games  
Houston at Los Angeles, 8:35 p.m.  
Kansas City at Portland, 8:35 p.m.

Friday's Games  
Los Angeles at Houston, 5:05 p.m.  
Portland at Kansas City, 5:05 p.m.

Sunday Games  
Houston at Los Angeles, 12:30 p.m., If necessary  
Kansas City at Portland, 12:30 p.m., If necessary

NOTE: Boston, Milwaukee, San Antonio and Phoenix received first-round byes.

### NBA playoffs 76ers, 124-108

INDIANA (108)  
G. Johnson 4 0-0 8, Bantom 9 1-1 19, Edwards 0 0-0 0, Davis 4 2-4 19, Knight 10 5-7 25, Bradley 3 0-0 7, Buse 1 2-2 5, McGinnis 2 3-5 7, C. Johnson 3 4-7 10, Orr 2 4-4 8. Totals 40 26-34 108.

PHILADELPHIA (124)  
Erving 13 6-11 32, C. Jones 2 3-5 7, Dawkins 8 4-6 20, Cheeks 4 0-0 8, Hollins 1 0-0 2, Toney 6 3-4 15, B. Jones 8 4-6 20, Mix 4 2-2 10, Richardson 2 2-6 6, O. Johnson 1 0-0 2, Cureton 1 0-0 2. Totals 50 24-40 124.

Indiana 33 16 30 29-108  
Philadelphia 38 29 24 33-124

Three-point goals—Bradley, Buse. Fouled out—None. Total fouls—Indiana 28, Philadelphia 27. A-7, 288.

### Bulls, 90-80

CHICAGO (90)  
Greenwood 8 1-2 17, Jones 5 6-6 16, Gilmore 4 5-6 13, Theus 4 2-4 10, Wilkerson 4 0-0 8, Sobers 8 2-2 18, Kenon 3 0-0 6, Dietrick 1 0-0 2. Totals 37 16-20 90.

NEW YORK (80)  
Russell 3 4-17, S. Williams 4 0-0 8, Carwright 3 5-8 11, Richardson 4 1-2 9, R. Williams 9 0-0 19, Demic 2 1-2 5, Webster 3 0-4 6, Glenn 1 3-3 5, Woodson 0 0-0 0. Totals 33 13-23 80.

Chicago 12 23 25 30-90  
New York 24 16 18 22-80

Three-point goals—R. Williams. Fouled out—None. Total fouls—Chicago 23, New York 23. Technical—Sobers. A-14, 822.

### Prep baseball Standings

CLASS AAA DIVISION II  
NON-CONFERENCE STANDINGS  
Sunset Conference

	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.
x-Clark	3	0	1.000	—	5	2	.688
Valley	2	1	.667	1	7	2	.778
Chaparral	2	1	.667	1	3	5	.375
Bonanza	1	2	.333	2	5	5	.500
Bishop Gorman	0	4	.000	3 1/2	1	7	.125

Sunrise Conference

	W	L	Pct.	GB	W	L	Pct.
Western	3	1	.750	—	5	3	.625
Las Vegas	2	1	.667	1/2	7	3	.700
Eldorado	2	1	.667	1/2	3	5	.375
Rancho	1	2	.333	1 1/2	4	4	.500
x-Basic	0	3	.000	2 1/2	3	4	.438

x includes one tie game in overall standings

**Monday's Results**  
Clark 2, Chaparral 1

**Tuesday's Results**  
Western 3, Basic 2  
Eldorado 10, Las Vegas 1  
Bonanza 8, Bishop Gorman 4  
Chaparral 4, Valley 2  
Rancho 5, Clark 2, non-conference

**Thursday's Schedule**  
Eldorado at Basic, 3:15 p.m.  
Rancho at Las Vegas, 3:15 p.m.  
Bonanza at Chaparral, 3:15 p.m.  
Clark at Valley, 3:15 p.m.  
Western at Bishop Gorman, non-conference, 3:15 p.m.

### Prep softball

Friday's Schedule  
Bonanza at Basic, 3:15 p.m.  
Eldorado at Chaparral, 3:15 p.m.  
Las Vegas at Clark, 3:15 p.m.  
Rancho at Bishop Gorman, 3:15 p.m.  
Western at Valley, 3:15 p.m.

Chaparral 8 Las Vegas 2  
000 002 2 — 2 5 3  
Las Vegas 116 000 x — 8 1 2  
Chaparral 000 01 — 1 5 10

Berndt and Franklin, Sherri Peterson and Rose Thomas, W — Peterson (5-0). L — Berndt. 2B — Lisa Miller (Ch). HR — Kathy Denton (Ch). 1st inning, bases empty, her third.

Rancho 14 Bonanza 1  
406 40 — 14 7 2  
Bonanza 000 01 — 1 5 10

Julie Dalley, Rena Falss (4) and Simone Billingsley, Jill Soter and Stephanie Bray, Sharisse Olsen (4). WP — Dalley. LP — Soter (1-4). 2B — Angie Davidson (Bo). 3B — Terry Reel (Bo). 5 Rahr (Ra). A. Jones (Ra).

Valley 24 Boulder City 7  
432 5(10) — 24 10 2  
Boulder City 610 00 — 7 8 15

Deb McCuan, Angela Giger (2) and Mowe Colbert, Wendy Basham, Kim Effertz (4) and Lara Spinkelink. WP — Giger. LP — Basham (0-1). 2B — Kim Effertz (BC).

Eldorado 16, Bishop Gorman 0  
823 21 — 16 10 0  
Bishop Gorman 000 00 — 0 2 4

Valerie Scott and Holly DeCaires. WP — Scott (4-2). HR — Sara Skeen. 1st inning, two on, her second.

Clark 17, Basic 7  
204 001 — 7 9 3  
Clark 223 514 — 17 14 5

Sharon Golden and Laurie Wilden. Holly Larson and Jill Skanchy. WP — Larson (3-2). LP — Golden (1-4). 2B — Elaine Braschler (Ba). Jill Skanchy (Cl). Holly Larson (Cl). Laurie Cammill (Cl). 3B — Laurie Wilden (Ba). Angela Smyth (Cl). HR — Nancy DeViese (Cl). 6th inning, one on, her first; Jill Skanchy (Cl). 6th inning, bases empty; Angela Smyth (Cl). 3rd inning, one on; Lissa McClure (Cl). 4th inning, one on.

Chaparral 4, Valley 2  
300 000 1 — 4 4 0  
Valley 000 011 0 — 2 8 1

Mirko Lazenby and Dan Jacober. Kerry Bray, Scott Rohlf (7) and Mike Garv. WP — Lazenby (1-1). LP — Bray (3-1). 2B — Fernando Carmone (Ch). Guy Welch (Va). 3B — Mike Greer (Ch).

Bonanza 8, Bishop Gorman 4  
102 000 1 — 4 6 1  
Bishop Gorman 211 310 x — 8 7 0

Siever Gradyan, Chris Malm (4) and Chuck Soberinsky. Scott Frank and Kevin Emery. WP — Frank (2-2). LP — Gradyan (0-3). 2B — Joe Horne (BG). 3B — Joe Horne (BG). Ron Simmers (Bo) 2. HR — Scott Frank (Bo) 3rd inning, bases empty, his second.

Eldorado 10, Las Vegas 1  
100 000 0 — 1 3 5  
Eldorado 031 510 x — 10 9 2

Mike England, John Fitzgerald (3) and Brian Arnold. Tom Jackson, Bobby Romero (7) and Nick Boyer. WP — Jackson (2-1). LP — England (1-1). 3B — Nick Boyer (El). HR — Ricky Tatum (El). 2nd inning, two on, his second.

Western 3, Basic 2  
020 000 0 — 2 2 0  
Basic 110 001 x — 3 5 1

Kevin Sims, Reid Wilke (5) and Joe Montoya. Bruce Lewallen and Mike Lijeroos. WP — Lewallen (3-0). LP — Wilke (2-2). 2B — Dave Compton (We). 2B — J.D. Campbell (We).

Rancho 5, Clark 2  
002 010 2 — 5 9 3  
Clark 000 100 1 — 2 5 3