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## REBELS TAKE FOURTH STRAIGHT LOSS

UNLV Rebels took another pasting this past Saturday by dropping another wild game for a fourth straight loss of the season to San Diego State University, 38-20.

San Diego State, behind Kofler's 2 touchdown passes and 408 total yards, ran off more than twice as many plays and held possession nearly twice as long as

the Astecs wore down UNLV en route to a 38-20 victory before a Rebel homecoming crowd of 23,090 Saturday night at the Silver Bowl.

Due to the offense's ineptness, the defense got a lot of playing time Saturday.

"I was proud of our defense. Doggone, they got better and better and tougher," said UNLV

head coach Tony Knap.

"We just ran out of down linemen," said Knap. "We used three down linemen and we used linebackers and defensive backs as down linemen, too. I was proud of this defense. Doggone, they got better and tougher. Those embattled kids, boy, they got good. They stuck it to them."

We had six defensive backs start tonight," noted UNLV defensive coordinator Tom Cruickshank. "I'm disappointed they got 38 points. I thought we played better than that.

UNLV senior quarterback Sam King did not have one of his better nights. He did complete 20 of 34 passes for 234 yards

## ELIZONDO CHALLENGES ARGUELLO FOR TITLE

The second great world champion in as many weeks will be fighting at the Showboat Hotel, Casino and Bowling Center Saturday, Nov. 21, when World Boxing Council lightweight king Alexis Arguello faces challenger Roberto Elizondo in a nationally televised 15-round title bout.

The fight in the Showboat Sports Pavilion will be the second title defense for the legendary Arguello since he won his third professional world championship in June. This will be Elizondo's first attempt at a world title.

The fight, presented by Azteca Promotions, Inc., in association with the Showboat, will be a Saturday afternoon affair and will be televised live by CBS. The fight will be blacked out in the Las Vegas area.

Tickets for this championship card are now on sale daily at the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Prices are \$50 for ringside reserved, \$25 for preferred and \$15 for general admission.

Arguello, one of only six persons to ever win professional world championships in three different weight divisions, enters with an amazing 72-4 record with 58 knockouts.

Perhaps the most complete boxer-puncher in the sport today regardless of weight class, Arguello won the WBC lightweight title on June 27 when he easily decisioned James Watt in London. His first defense was on Oct. 3 when he stopped gritty but outclassed Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini in the 12th round at Atlantic City.

The 29-year-old Arguello, originally from

Nicaragua but now living near Miami, Fla., won his first title, the World Boxing Association featherweight crown, on Nov. 23, 1974, by stopping Ruben Olivares in the 13th round in Inglewood Calif.



Arguello

He defended successfully four times before moving up to capture the WBC's junior lightweight title on Jan. 28, 1978, by stopping Alfredo Escalera in the 13th round in Bayamon. He successfully defended that crown eight times before moving up in weight once again in 1980.

Elizondo, originally from Corpus Christi, Texas, but now fighting out of Los Angeles, Calif., has a 22-1 record with 18 knockouts and is the WBC's No. 3 contender.

The lone loss of Elizondo, who turned pro in 1977, came 34 months ago. Since then he has won 15 straight. His three wins this year all have ended early: Pablo Gomez in the third on March 8, Roberto Torres in the third on March 26 and Manny Lopez in the seventh on May 15.

The undercard currently is being finalized by matchmaker Don Chargin and will be announced early the week of the fight.

Last week, on Nov. 14, the Showboat hosted WBC junior middleweight champion Wilfred Benitez' title defense against Carlos Santos.

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