

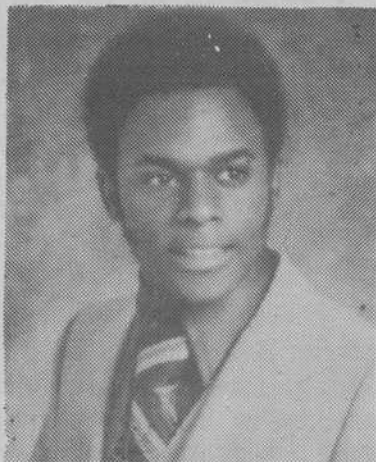
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## KEN'S COMMENTS



By Ken Wilson

As the midway point of the current collegiate hoop season drifts slowly by, local roundball fans in Las Vegas are spelling relief: UNLV.

In the midst of the nation's longest winning streak, the Rebels basketball team has indeed truly recovered from a slow start early in the season to develop into one of the better clubs on the West Coast.

Recent upsets of several college roundball powers and excellent hometown performances have enabled the Rebels to reappear in the wire services' rankings; thus UNLV should continue to rise in the polls as the two teams, Georgetown and SMU, both tasted defeat this past weekend.

The Rebels disappeared totally from the top 20 after a horrible beginning in which UNLV dropped two of its first three contests, including a terrible 82-46 trouncing by Georgetown early in December.

Since then, however, the Rebels have constantly been on the move, capturing 14 straight victories with a 75-61 triumph over Cal State-Long Beach last Saturday night.

Coupled with Georgetown's loss to St. John's earlier in

the day, UNLV now holds the longest active Division I winning streak.

Inspired by the Georgetown debacle, the recent Rebel roll includes several outstanding efforts, featuring an exciting 142-140 triple-overtime win over Utah State, while at other times the Rebels have played only up to the level of their opponents.

Despite the mild occasional letdowns, UNLV has managed to impress the country on the strength of a nationally televised victory over Maryland, and now may well simply cruise to a third consecutive Pacific Coast Athletic Association crown.

Already the Rebels, 14-2 overall, have taken a commanding lead in the chase for this year's PCAA title, recording seven straight wins without a defeat in conference play.

In a conference tabbed by experts as one of the worst in the nation, UNLV can create an even wider margin when the Rebels host San Jose State Thursday night, and then face Utah State on Saturday night in a big rematch.

With few challenges awaiting the Rebels in league play down the road, UNLV team mem-

## U.S. AMATEURS TO BOX SOUTH KOREA FRIDAY, FEB. 8

A strong and experienced South Korea squad, including five persons who participated in the 1984 Los Angeles Summer Olympic Games, meets the United States team in an amateur boxing match Friday night, Feb. 8, at the Holiday Inn Hotel/Holiday Casino.

This nationally televised international event will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Holiday Inn Convention Center, located on the second floor of the center Strip Holiday Casino. Doors open at 6.

Tickets, priced at \$12.50 for general, \$20 for preferred and \$50 for Golden Ringside, are on sale now, 24 hours a day, at the Holiday Casino cage. All seats are reserved.

This will be the only meeting between these two teams this year and

members must rely on themselves and Head Coach Jerry Tarkanian to provide motivation for both the PCAA Conference in addition to the NCAA playoffs.

Steady performances from seniors Richie Adams and Spoon James, plus junior Anthony Jones, in addition to a very long bench, should assure UNLV success in the forthcoming postseason.

However, the steady improvement of Fred Banks, Armon Gilliam, Ed Cathings, and Gary Graham may well determine how far UNLV will go.

is the first international competition in Las Vegas in almost two years.

South Korea brings a veteran team to the Holiday Casino, hoping to determine early the members who will represent that host country at the 1988 Seoul Olympics. The United States also is expected to field a strong squad here as it begins to lay the groundwork for another Olympic medal harvest. American boxers won nine gold, one silver and one bronze last year at the Los Angeles Olympics.

Leading the South Korea team in this important dual competition are five boxers in the light and middle-weight divisions: Kwang-Sun Kim at 112 pounds, Seung-Gil Moon at 119, Hyung-Oc Park at 125, Dong-Gil Kim at 147 and Dal-Ho An at 156.

All five participated at the 1984 Olympics, and Moon is the one who cost the United States from winning a medal in all 12 weight divisions; he eliminated 119-pound American Robert Shannon before the medal round competition. Kwang-Sun Kim, 112, and 106-pounder Kwang-So Oh also bested Americans in their 1983 dual meeting.

Oh and Park, 125, won the Asian Championship in 1983 while Moon and Dong-Gil Kim, 147, won that title in both

1981 and 1982. Dong-Gil Kim also won the Korean Championship for five straight years,

1980 through 1984. Moon also won the Korean Championship in 1984.

## "CHILI WINTER CLASSIC" SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 2

The "Chili Winter Classic" Over-the-Line Softball Tournament will be held on Sunday, Feb. 2 at the Ed Fountain Park, Decatur and Vegas Dr. Registration is currently being taken at the City of Las Vegas, Department of Parks, Recreation and Senior Citi-

zen Activities Building, at 749 Veterans Memorial Dr.

Free chili will be served to all participants in this tournament. For more information, please call Dick Morgan or Dan Higgons at 386-6519.

## Donkey Basketball Game To Benefit Clark High School Band

Clark High School will hold a Band Benefit Donkey Basketball Game on Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Two 15-minute games will be played: district court judges vs. highway patrolmen and Clark lettermen vs. band members. A 15-minute play-off game between the two winners will follow a 15-minute half-

time period. All members of each team will be riding donkeys during play.

Tickets purchased prior to game-time are \$3 each; those purchased at the door are \$3.50. Children six years of age and younger will be admitted free.

Proceeds will help pay travel expenses of the band for an upcoming trip.




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