

REBELMANIA

THE REBELS "JUST DID IT"

UNLV Wins Its First NCAA Title

By Lee Brown

Led by Anderson Hunt's 29 points and All-American Larry Johnson's 22, UNLV whipped Duke 103-73 to become the NCAA champions for the first time in the school's history.

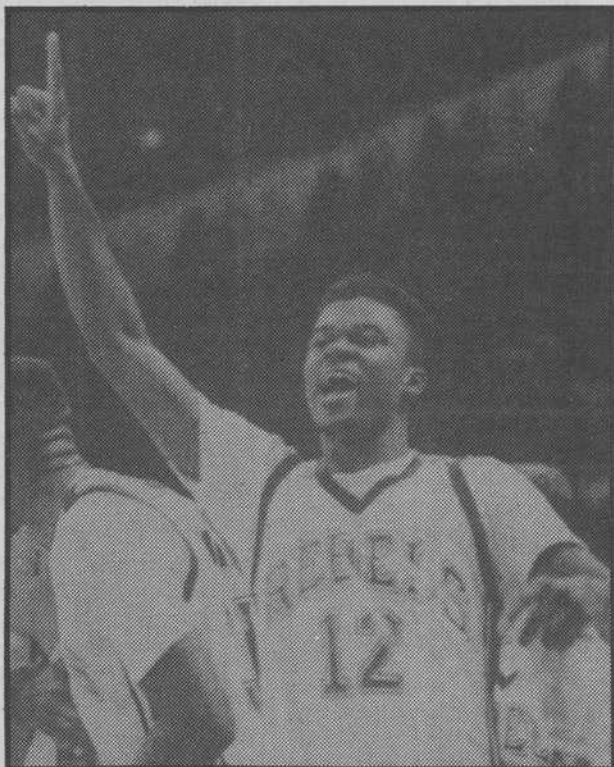
The Rebels had been playing like a team possessed since the beginning of the tournament, and it carried through to the championship game. UNLV's 30 point victory is the largest in championship history, and the Rebels also became the first team to score 100 or more points in a championship game.

While Duke was keying on the inside play of Johnson and center David Butler, Hunt was able to shake his shooting slump for the second game in a row and knock down his three pointers, while point guard Greg Anthony was able to penetrate and hit a few shots of his own.

Hunt was named the championship's MVP.

UNLV's Stacey Augmon, whose outstanding play in the tourney got the Rebels to the finals, chipped in a quiet 12 points, but more importantly, held Duke's star forward Robert Brickey to 4 points.

Duke was paced by slim guard Phil Henderson, who poured in 21 points, and



Final Four MVP Anderson Hunt

center Alaa Abdelnaby added 14, as the Blue Devils finished national runners-up for the fourth time in the school's history.

The Rebels "JUST DID IT" by out-shooting, out-running, out-hustling, and especially out-defending every team they came up against. They earned their first national championship the old fashioned way. By playing hard!

They have had to deal with a lot of controversy

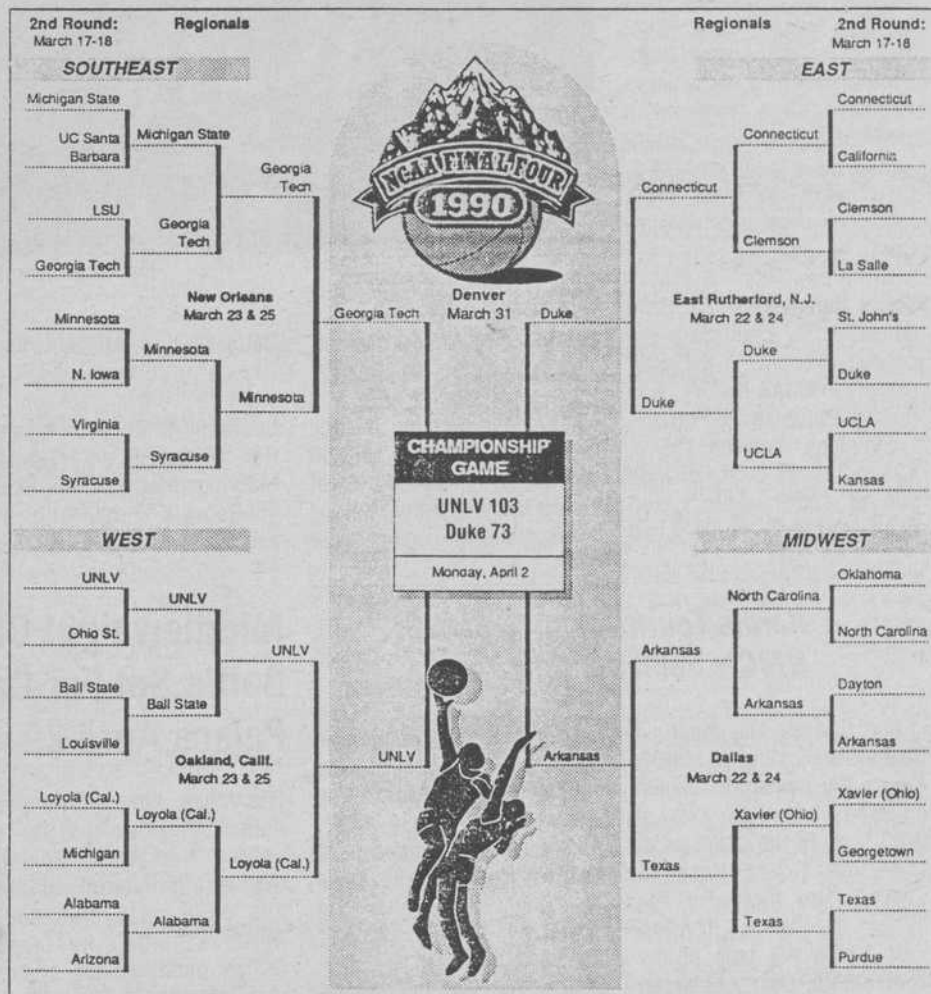
throughout the season. Everything from bad press to NCAA investigations to being labeled college basketball's "BAD BOYS." But through it all they remained focused and kept their composure, and they have rings, trophies and a national championship to show for it.

They showed courage and deserve to be NO. 1.

They were NO. 1 in the beginning, and they are NO. 1 at the end.

They "JUST DID IT"!!!

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...Rebel fan Aubrianna Funchess



...Rebels on parade...



"Tark the Shark" grins at the celebration rally...



...Larry Johnson greets the fans...



Stacey Augmon wears a big smile...



...The final score says it all