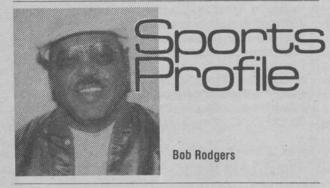
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Maddette Smith Key to UNLV's 2nd Big West Track Championship

By Bob Rodgers Sports Writer

Maddette Smith, who won the long jump, the 100 meters, and ran legs for the winning 400 meter and 1600 meter relay teams, helped lead UNLV to its second Big West Track and Field Championships.

The junior from Lancaster, California also took second in the 200 meters. She was beat at the finish line.

UNLV coach Al McDaniels was very disappointed that Smith was not named the meet's outstanding female athlete, but he did have a lot of praise for her.

"That young lady has really come on these past few weeks. She was one of the people we needed to come through for us, and Maddette Smith was super."

UNLV Softball Team Gets an NCAA Bid

The UNLV softball team received its first NCAA post-season playoff invitation Sunday night and will compete in a three-team, double-elimination regional this weekend with Big West Conference foe San Jose State and host California on the Berkley campus.

The 17th-ranked Lady Rebels, 37-24, will play 11th-ranked San Jose State, 32-26, in Friday's first game. Ninth-ranked California, 39-26, will receive a first-round bye.

In addition to UNLV and San Jose State, three other Big West teams - Cal State-Fullerton, Fresno State and Long Beach State - earned berths in the 20-team, post season field.

Other outstanding Rebels were:

Billie Butler, who recorded a personal best in the long jump in which she finished second. She won the triple jump with a personal best of 43 feet 1 inch. It had been her goal for two years to clear 43 feet. She also ran a leg on the winning 400 meter relay team.

TanyaDavis, who overcame a sluggish start in the 100 meter hurdles, and went on to win in a school and conference record of 14.28. She was also a member of the 400 meter relay team.

Julia Harrison, who won the 400 meters in 54.67 also took second in the 400 meter hurdles, and ran a leg in the realy team.

It should also be noted that UNLV's 4x100 meter relayteams have won the event seven years in a row.

After it was all said and done, UNLV, on its home turf, whipped U.C. Irvine and San Diego State for its 2nd crown.

UNLV scored 146 points, U.C. Irvine scored 135 and San Diego State finished with 132.

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O'Bannon Commits To UNLV

Another long wait for UNLV came to an end last week as Artesia High School basketball star Ed O'Bannon officially announced he would attend UNLV.

Because UNLV is under NCAA investigation, the 6-8 All-American chose not to sign a national letter-of-intent, which would bind him to the school if UNLV goes on probation.

Instead, he signed a scholarship letter, requiring UNLV to give him a scholarship but allowing him to leave without penalty if probation hits before he enrolls in the fall.

O'Bannon, who many considered the best of last year's High School talent, averaged 25 points and 11 rebounds for Artesia, which won the California State Division 2 championship this

Augmon, Johnson To Return

The wait is over.

As the deadline for underclassmen to apply for this year's NBA draft came and went last Sunday, neither Stacey Augmon nor Larry Johnson, two integral members of this season's NCAA champion UNLV basketball team, officially declared.



Ed O'Bannon

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The foward, who will play behind three year starter Stacey Augmon, chose UNLV over Arizona State, USC, Syracuse and UCLA.



Larry Johnson

For UNLV and Rebel fans, this means Augmon and Johnson will return to UNLV for their senior season of eligibility.

There had been mounting speculation that Augmon and Johnson would declare for the June draft, ever since UNLV won the national championship in a rout over Duke last month. However, both players repeatedly denied that they would do so.

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