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## Sports Profile

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### Keenan "Eel" McCardell's 3 TD's Key To UNLV's First Victory

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Keenan McCardell's 6 catches for 109 yards and 3 TDs helped lead UNLV to a 45-20

win over Oregon State last Saturday in Oregon.

The 6'-11", 185 pound senior from Houston, Texas is currently ranked 14th on

the all-time UNLV receiving list with 75 catches and 1,143 yards. "The Eel" started the season needing 80 recep-

tions to catch all-time leader Mike Morton's 155.

Oregon State could not make any more mistakes than they did allowing UNLV to recover 6 of their 10 fumbles.

Even though the Rebels were down 14-12 at half time, they did manage to score 36 unanswered points during one stretch in the game.

But as the second half started, UNLV really went to work for Coach Jim Strong to give him his first ever win as a Rebel Head Coach.

UNLV's Marvin Eastman ran for 16 and 32 yard TDs, Derek Black had a 47 yard TD run and Luis Solorio added a 42 yard field goal, even though Oregon State was a 20 point favorite. This Saturday, UNLV (1-2) will open Big West Conference play against San Jose State (1-1) at the Silver Bowl at 7 p.m.

### Walter Davis Chooses Denver Over Chicago

When Michael Jordan agreed to rework his contract, giving Chicago an additional \$450,000 to spend this season, he did so with the understanding that the Bulls would use part of that money to sign free-agent Walter Davis.

Jordan has always idolized Davis and credits the small forward with influencing his decision to attend the University of North Carolina.

However, when Davis was offered a total of \$2.6 million over two years to serve as backup to Scottie Pippin, Davis' wife balked at moving from Denver to Chicago. According to the explanation given the Bulls, she felt there were too many "gangsters" in Chicago to accommodate family life.

Although Eliot Ness has reportedly made great inroads in that area, Davis opted to accept a one-year deal to remain in Denver for a reported \$1.1 million.

### The Top Ten Teams in the Sheridan Poll of Black College Football

	Record
1. Grambling St.	2-0-0
2. Central St., Ohio	1-0-0
3. Virginia Union	3-0-0
4. Tuskegee	3-0-0
5. Howard U.	2-0-0
6. Texas Southern	3-0-0
7. Norfolk St.	3-0-0
8. North Carolina A&T	3-0-0
9. Jackson State	2-1-0
10. Ark.-Pine Bluff	3-0-0



### The Stretch Run

The weeks between Labor Day and the end of the season are a critical time for all baseball teams still in the running for a pennant. It's no accident that baseball writers borrowed a term from horse racing, calling this part of the season "the stretch run." The finish line is in sight, and that is when the real thoroughbreds charge to the front.

The strong clubs start to surface in the thick of the pennant race. Weaknesses that weren't apparent on some other teams earlier in the season begin to show themselves in the September sunlight.

Often you see the veteran clubs begin to make a move. They've been there before, and the players know what they have to do to make up lost ground. On the other hand, younger clubs sometimes begin to fizzle out — teams that may have looked unbeatable in June and had the sports-writers talking of a new dynasty. The young clubs sometimes start anticipating the World Series long before they've earned the right. Those dreams can give way to reality when the pennant races get hot.

There is no single factor that makes a team a winner in September. As with any time, it is a combination of pitching, hitting and defense. The really good ballclubs, however, always do the little things. They always move the base runner from second base to third, where he's in position to score on a sacrifice fly. On defense, they almost never make an error in the ninth inning.

A real champion baseball team must be balanced. They may be better in one aspect of the game, but they are not bad in any one area. For example, a team may be considered a good hitting club. But to be a champion, their pitching has to be strong enough to hold onto the lead in the late innings.

The Dodgers were known as a pitching team when they had Sandy Koufax and Don Drysdale. But when you look back at their championship teams, remember that in addition to the superb pitching, they had Tommy Davis and Maury Wills swinging good bats.

The Yankees were the same way when they were winning all those championships back in the '50s and '60s. Besides Mickey Mantle and the other great hitters, they had Clete Boyer, one of the best fielding third basemen in history, and Tony Kubek, who never made mistakes. Elston Howard and Yogi Berra were solid hitters as well as good catchers, and Roger Maris was one of the most underrated outfielders in the league. In other words, they had balance, and that made them hard to beat.

I always remember what the old Yankee manager Casey Stengel used to say about winning. He said the key was in beating the bad teams. Back then the teams played each other 22 times. Stengel said a winner just had to beat the bad clubs 16 or 17 out of those 22 games and then hold their own with the other contenders. That still sounds like a good plan for a pennant in October. lol

Hank Aaron is the top home-run hitter of all time with 755 homers. A member of baseball's Hall of Fame, Hank is senior vice president of the Atlanta Braves.

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