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# Sentinel Voice Sports

## Knee Injury Dampens O'Bannon's Career

When the UCLA team picture is published, freshman forward Ed O'Bannon will be easy to spot. He'll be the one with the crutches and heavy brace hugging his left knee.

Posing for the picture marked what probably will be his only appearance this season in a UCLA uniform. He will undergo surgery next week to repair a torn ligament and cartilage, and

will be out for at least a year.

One of the nation's most highly recruited prep players last year, O'Bannon suffered a season ending knee injury in a pickup game with his teammates last Tuesday.

The injury, common among basketball players, was the second disappointment for the 6-foot-8, 215-pound O'Bannon since coming out of Artesia High

School in Los Angeles. After committing verbally to UNLV, O'Bannon was forced to change his plans when the NCAA ruled the NCAA Champion Runnin' Rebels ineligible for post-season play.

"I went up for a dunk and as I came down, my knee turned," he said. "I felt something pop. I looked at it and it was turned the wrong way."



## Sports Profile

Bob Rodgers

vada where he starred at Las Vegas High School. There he earned 3 letters in both football and track, and won the state track meet with a time of 10.7 in the 100 meters.

The senior is a Sociology major.

### UNLV BEATS A STUBBORN NEW MEXICO STATE - 24-20

By Bob Rodgers

Last Saturday, UNLV came from behind to beat New Mexico State, the team with the longest losing streak among Division 1-A teams, 24-20. The Lobos have lost 23 straight football games.

The victory was the 3rd in a row for the Rebels, who improved to 4-3, and 3-1 in Big West Conference play.

UNLV put together a 71-yard drive in the closing minutes which ended in a 14-yard TD run by quarterback Derek Stott with 3:30 left on the clock.

Marvin Eastman rushed for 113 yards on 25 carries, and scored once for the Rebels, while Hunkie Cooper rushed for 158 all purpose yards. Derek Stott passed for 116 yards and no interceptions.

This Saturday, the Rebels host state rival Nevada Reno (5-0) at the Silver Bowl at 7:00 pm.

### Woods Will Likely Return Next Week

Running back Ickey Woods, who starred as a rookie for the Cincinnati Bengals in their 1988 Super Bowl year before a knee injury last season put his career on hold, is likely to return to the active roster next week.

Mike Brown, the Bengals' assistant general manager, said the team expects to activate the former UNLV star next week, but has not decided what his role will be when he returns to action.

"We'll put him in the game and then we'll determine what his role is," Brown said.

The 230-pound Woods, 24, suffered a torn knee ligament in the second game of the 1989 season and was sidelined the rest of the year, undergoing reconstructive knee surgery. The Bengals debated activating him for the start of this season.

## UNLV SENIOR TYRONE STARKS MAKES THINGS HAPPEN ON DEFENSE

By Bob Rodgers  
Sports Writer

After transferring from Purdue of the Big 10 Conference, Tyrone Starks is playing in his first season as a Rebel after missing last year.

After playing great in Spring football, he became UNLV's No. 1 outside linebacker.

Starks possesses good speed and size to go along with his excellent tackling abilities.

During his stay at Purdue, the redshirt freshman went on to start in 9 games for the Boilermakers.

But he eventually wanted to return home to his roots in Ne-



Tyrone Starks



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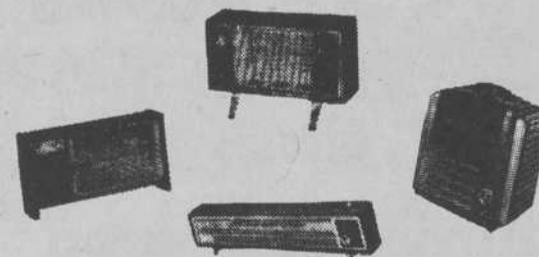
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