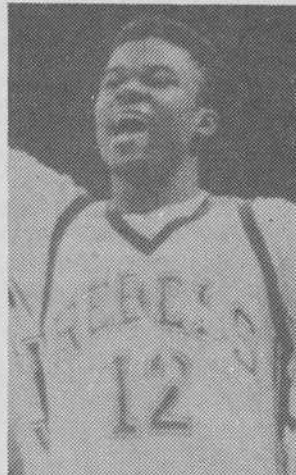


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UNLV and Anderson Hunt have reason to celebrate

UNLV IS NO.1 BUT ARKANSAS IS A SOLID NO. 2

TOP TEN

1. UNLV
2. Arkansas
3. North Carolina
4. Michigan St.
5. Arizona
6. Duke
7. UCLA
8. Ohio St.
9. LSU
10. Georgetown

UNLV: The Runnin' Rebels, with everyone's All-Americans Larry Johnson and Stacey Augmon, are once again the team to beat.

With, perhaps, the best two guards in the land, Greg Anthony and Anderson Hunt, combined with the return of injured center George Ackles, UNLV has the best starting five in college basketball.

Arkansas: With Lee Mayberry and Todd Day providing the scoring power, and big man Oliver Miller inside blocking shots, everyone will have their eye on the Razorbacks.

North Carolina: Along with having All-American Rick Fox, coach Dean Smith and the Tarheels have done the best recruiting in the nation.

Michigan St.: The defending Big 10 champs will return four starters, including leading scorer Steve Smith.

Arizona: The Wildcats are the team with the big men. With two 6-11 forwards and a 7-ft. center, Brian Williams, coach Lute Olsen will always be a winner.

Duke: The Blue Devils, who have been to the final four 4 of the last 5 years, will return with Bobby Hurley and Christian

Laetner, who can play with anybody.

UCLA: The Bruins could be the surprise of the Pac-10. Though they have lost Ed O'Bannon for the season, they have a great player in Tracy Murray.

Ohio St.: The Buckeyes should win more than 20 games in the tough Big-10 Conference, with players like Jim Jackson and quick guards Mark Baker and Jamaal Brown.

LSU: LSU should have a great year with 7-ft. center Shaquille O'Neal. He has the

potential to be one of the best to ever play the game. Last season he recorded 21 double-doubles, and two triple-doubles, while shooting 57 percent from the floor. He also had 61 assists and 38 steals.

Georgetown: With a threatening inside like 6'10" Alonzo Mourning and 7'2" Diembe Mutombo, the Hoyas have the best set of twin towers in college basketball. Coach John Thompson, though, will need some help in the backcourt to get them the ball.

REBELS RANKED PRESEASON NO. 1

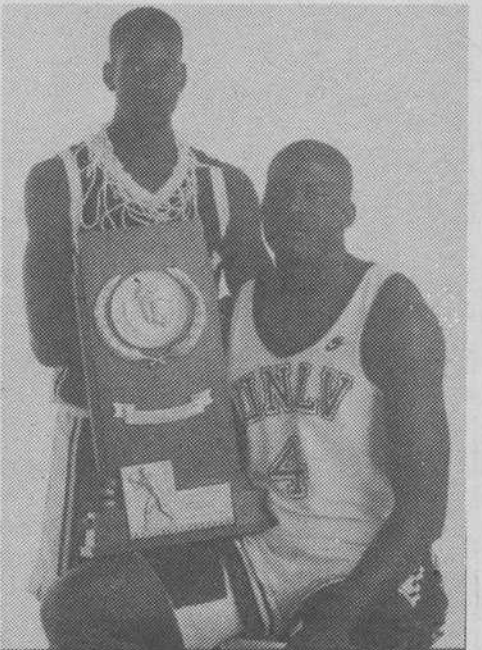
As the preseason college basketball polls rolled out over the past weeks, almost every conversation involving the UNLV basketball program involved the phrase "No. 1".

With the way UNLV routed Duke 103-73 in last season's championship game, combined with the fact that four starters are returning, even Jerry Tarkanian expected his team to be ranked No. 1. "I think the high rating is justified. I like our chances better than anybody else's," he added.

Already, six of the eight basketball magazines on the newsstands have the Rebels ranked No. 1, while one magazine penciled UNLV at No. 5, and another didn't rank them at all because of their pending ban from post season play.

"Sport Magazine" ranked UNLV No. 5, while the "NCAA BASKETBALL PREVIEW," an NCAA approved publication produced by Host Communications of Lexington, KY., did not rank the Rebels at all. The publication's managing editor, Scott Bur-

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