

SPORTS

N. Arizona, 1-1, will visit the Silver Bowl Saturday REBELS SCORE KEY VICTORY OVER UTEP

By W.G. Ramirez

With the odds against them and a little over two minutes in their season-opener, the UNLV Rebels put together a fierce rally, climaxed by a game-winning field goal by place-kicker Nick Garritano, to topple the visiting Miners from Texas-El Paso 19-17 last Saturday at the Silver Bowl.

In order to keep the rally alive QB John Ma'ae scrambled on fourth-and-19, with 2:26 left in the game, and completed a first down pass to Demond Thompkins.

Garritano, a Chaparral High School product, eventually booted a 40 yard field goal with :27 seconds remaining to lift UNLV to their first season-opening victory since 1985.

Ma'ae who also ran for a touchdown said that the support of the fans that were in attendance gave the Rebels the extra boost needed.

"I was thinking touchdown, but I'm happy with the field goal," explained Ma'ae, speaking of the Rebels' final drive.

RB Shannon Mclean looked

extremely impressive tallying 114 yards in the first quarter en route to a 187 yard night, on 30 carries.

Head Coach Jim Strong agreed with his quarterback by stressing how pleased he was to see the support of the fans behind UNLV.

"It was definitely the boost the team really needed," Strong said. 15,176 people were in paid attendance to see the game as well as get introduced to UNLV's newest addition - "Rouser" - a beautiful gray horse that "Rebel," UNLV's faithful mascot, leads the team on to the field with. "Rouser" performs a pre-game ceremony and remains in the north end of the Silver Bowl throughout the remainder of the game.

This Saturday the Rebels will take on the Northern Arizona Lumberjacks at the Silver Bowl. UNLV leads the series against No. Arizona 4-2. The last time

the two teams met was October 1, 1977 when UNLV captured a 20-16 victory.

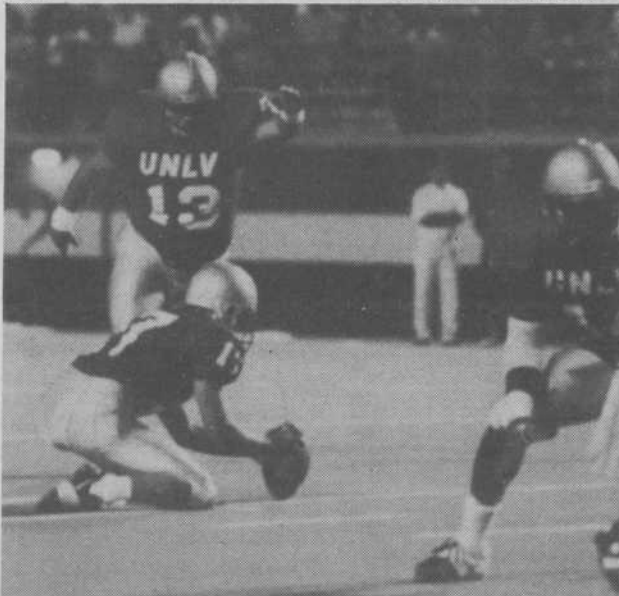
No. Arizona evened its season record at 1-1 with a 21-14 victory over Northeastern University last Saturday.

Head Coach Steve Axman, who is in his third year at Northern Arizona, will bring in a potent offense which averages 293 yards of total offense this season.

The Lumberjacks' offense will be led by QB John "007" Bonds, who has been blessed with a strong arm and good size (6-5, 230-lb.); he has thrown for 6,006 yards and 37 touchdowns in his three-year career but also has thrown 45 career interceptions. Sophomore running back Len Raney, an honorable mention all-Big Sky performer in '91, leads the 'Jacks on the ground, averaging 73.5 yards per game. Senior tight end Christian Cervantes has been Bonds' frequent



U. NEV. LAS VEGAS	NO. ARIZONA
• HEAD COACH : Jim Strong	• HEAD COACH : Steve Axman
• NICKNAME: Rebels	• NICKNAME: Lumberjacks
• CONFERENCE: Big West	• CONFERENCE: Big Sky
• CURRENT RECORD : 1-0	• CURRENT RECORD : 1-1
• LETTERMAN RETURNING : 36	• LETTERMAN RETURNING : 36
• LETTERMAN LOST : 13	• LETTERMAN LOST : 19
• STARTERS RETURNING :	• STARTERS RETURNING :
OFFENSE -7	OFFENSE -9
DEFENSE -7	DEFENSE -8
• OFF. FORMATION :Multiple	• OFF. FORMATION :Pro-set
• DEF. FORMATION :4-3	• DEF. FORMATION : Multiple
• COMMON OPPONENTS: Nov. 21, Montana St.	• COMMON OPPONENTS: Oct. 3, @ Montana St.



Place Kicker Nick Garritano approaches his game-winning kick over UTEP. UNLV won 19-17. Photo by Savoy/LVS-Voice

target thus far with 14 receptions for 120 yards and one touchdown.

Defensively, the 'Jacks are led by junior linebackers Beau Smith and Scott Strini, who combined for 21 tackles against Northeastern, and sophomore strong safety Jeff Bergman, a preseason all-Big-Sky candidate. NAU is yielding 297.5 yards per

game. NAU has a pair of Las Vegas natives listed as starters on their roster: OL Mike Forsch (6-7, 290, Sr.) and DB Will Glover (6-0, 170, Sr.). The duo are 1988 graduates of Valley HS.

Heading into Saturday's contest, both coaches, Strong and Axman, will be vying for their 10th collegiate victory.

WHEN UNLV HAS THE BALL	
UNLV OFFENSE	NAU DEFENSE
SE 3 DEMOND THOMPKINS	LE 50 CHUCK WALTON
LT 77 JOHN HURLEY	DT 96 GREG SEMAS
LG 68 BRIAN MASSEY	DT 97 DONALD HURSTON
C 66 HOWARD MCGOWAN	RE 51 BRIAN LOFTUS
RG 54 LONNIE PALELEI	OLB 16 BRIAN McCURDY
RT 61 JERRY REYNOLDS	ILB 41 BEAU SMITH
FL 33 HENRY BAILEY	OLB 54 SCOTT STRINI
TE 97 KENNETH CRUMP	LC 42 WILL GLOVER
QB 15 JOHN MA'AE	SS 24 JEFF BERGMAN
FB 43 SIDNEY HOLMES	FS 25 DAMIAN RICHEY
TB 38 SHANNON MCLEAN	RC 22 TODD McMILLON

WHEN NAU HAS THE BALL	
UNLV DEFENSE	NAU OFFENSE
LE 80 ANTHONY JONES	SE 11 RICH COPPAGE
DT 56 TIGER TOWNES	LT 73 JOE GARZA
DT 92 STEPHEN ANDERSON	LG 68 CHRIS MUTI
RE 39 KEITH WASHINGTON	C 56 MATT ELLIOT
OLB 55 RUMONE HILTON	RG 64 SCOTT CRAIG
MLB 48 MIKE SMALLS	RT 77 SONNY STIDHAM
OLB 58 REESE THOMAS	QB 7 JOHN BONDS
LC 7 D'MENTRIE LACY	TE 13 CHRIS CERVANTES
RC 5 CLARENCE MACK	SL 5 KEVIN SULLIVAN
FS 2 RODNEY MAZION	FL 21 JERRY AVERY
SS 6 JASON DAVIS	HB 20 LEN RANEY

SPECIAL TEAMS	
UNLV SPECIALISTS	NAU SPECIALISTS
PK 13 NICK GARRITANO	PK 15 TERRY BELDEN
P 17 BRIAN PARVIN	P 15 TERRY BELDEN
PR 33 HENRY BAILEY	PR 21 JERRY AVERY
KR 33 HENRY BAILEY	KR 1 GERALD ROBINSON

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PHILADELPHIA -6 1/2 v.s. Denver
HOUSTON -5 1/2 v.s. Kansas City
NEW ENGLAND -3 v.s. Seattle
WASHINGTON -9 v.s. Detroit
L.A. RAIDERS -8 1/2 v.s. Cleveland
DALLAS -13 v.s. Phoenix
MIAMI -8 1/2 v.s. L.A. Rams
BUFFALO -17 v.s. Indianapolis

Monday Night

CHICAGO -5 1/2 v.s. N.Y. Giants