

# SPORTS

## AS HOMECOMING APPROACHES, UNR COMES TO TOWN

By W.G. Ramirez

One week after a 40-10 conference loss to the New Mexico St. Aggies, the Rebels will play host to a strong Nevada-Reno Wolf Pack squad at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl this Saturday evening. Saturday will be UNLV's "Rockin' Rebels Eve" Homecoming.

The Wolf Pack has made an immediate impact on the Big West Conference in its first season as a member and in NCAA Division I competition. UNR is 2-0 in conference play and 3-2 overall. The Rebels are 1-1 in conference play and hold an identical 3-2 overall mark.

UNR currently leads the conference in every defensive category and is 18th in the nation in total defense, allowing only 291 yards of total offense per contest. Offensively, the 'Pack is averaging 415.8 yards per game, with 317.8 yards coming through the air.

Although happy with the high marks and top rankings, Head Coach Chris Ault isn't particularly worried with statistics. "We have a lot of potential, but statistics don't win games," expressed Ault, who is in his 17th year of coaching, all of them at UNR. "Our biggest problem right now is staying consistent on offense. We have a very talented receiving corps."

Junior WR Bryan Reeves, who set a school-record with 16 receptions for 184 yards and one TD in UNR's 19-0 victory over Cal-

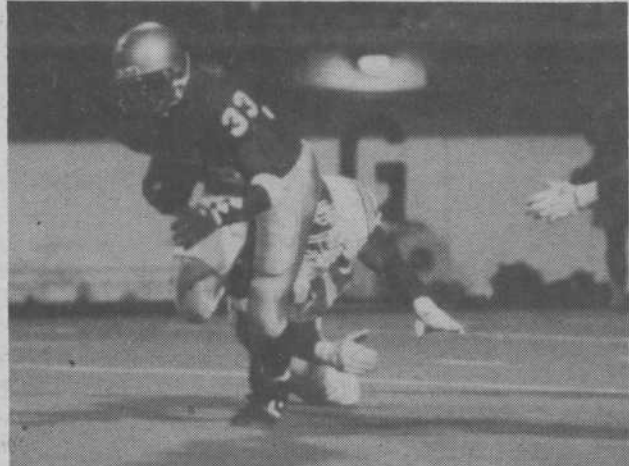
State Fullerton two weeks ago, leads the nation in receiving with 43 catches for 486 yards and three TDs. UNR had a bye last week.

UNLV is fresh off of a conference loss, thanks to the Aggies. NMSU QB Charles Puleri completed 18 of 26 passes for 283 yards and three TDs to help the Aggies even their conference record, 1-1. It marked the first time in school history that UNLV lost to NMSU and moved the all-time series record to 8-1.

Despite their loss to the Aggies, all-purpose back Henry Bailey had an exceptional day in Las Cruces, NM. Bailey picked up 151 all-purpose yards (105 yds. receiving, minus-3yds. rushing, and 49 yds. from kickoff returns). The sophomore has now had 100 or more all-purpose yards in seven consecutive games dating back to last season. For the year, Bailey has 764 all-purpose yds. (152.8 per game) and leads the team with 23 receptions for 454 yards and five touchdowns, which have come in the last four games.

UNLV holds a 9-8 advantage in the all-time series with the 'Pack although UNR has won the last three meetings by a combined score of 121-29. UNR throttled the Rebels 50-8 in the season opener for both teams last season at Mackey Stadium in Reno. UNLV's last victory over UNR occurred at the Silver Bowl, October 3, 1987, 24-19. The Rebels have posted a 5-3 record against the 'Pack in games played in Las Vegas.

The winner of the annual intra-state contest will gain possession of the Fremont cannon. The idea for this tradition came from the Rebels' first head coach, Bill Ireland, who thought a trophy would be an added incentive for both teams.



Henry Bailey will look to extend his seven-game consecutive streak with 100+ all-purpose yards. Photo By Savoy LVS-Voice

As always, the football game will be telecast live over KDWN-AM (720) with Ken Korach and Tony Cordasco calling the action. The broadcast will begin with "Rebel Warm-Up" at 6:30 p.m. Kickoff is at 7:05 p.m.

The game will be televised in Reno, KRNK (Ch. 4), and also by SportsChannel. Geoff Witcher and former Rebel coach Harvey Hyde will be on hand for SportsChannel.

### World Series To Travel North Of The Border For First Time In History

## BRAVES RETURN TO SERIES AFTER NINTH INNING RALLY

After being counted out last Saturday, at the end of Game 4, the Pittsburgh Pirates, down 3-games-to-1, came together to prove why they are the N.L. East champions and arguably boast the best player in baseball in Barry Bonds; Last night, the Atlanta Braves took that all away from them and ruined the Pirates' comeback dream by staging a ninth-inning comeback and overcoming a 2-0 deficit to win the game 3-2 and the National League Championship Series 4-games-to-3.

Starting pitcher Doug Drabek had already lost two games in the series, to John Smoltz, who started Game 7 for the Braves and won the MVP trophy for the NLCS series, pitched a brilliant game before being replaced in the ninth inning. At-

lanta pulled within one, 2-1, before re-loading the bases with two outs.

Pinch hitter Francisco Cabrera approached the plate to face relief pitcher Stan Belinda with the season on the line. Cabrera quaintly smacked a single to Barry Bonds in left field, who then promptly relayed the ball to Mike LaValliere, who anxiously awaited behind the plate. Atlanta's Sid Bream just slid by LaValliere's glove to bring in the winning run and end the Pirates' remarkable race for the pennant.

Earlier that day, the Toronto Blue Jays had eliminated the A.L. West champion Oakland A's. The 'Jays began the onslaught early, on a first inning Joe Carter two-run home run. Toronto went on to win the game

9-2 and capture the American League Championship Series 4-games-to-2. Games 1 and 5 were the Blue Jays' only obstacle in capturing their first ever A.L. Pennant. In clinching the series, Toronto has finally made it possible for the World Series to be an international event.

The World Series begins Saturday evening in Atlanta at 5:30 p.m. Next Tuesday, October 20, it'll mark the first time the World Series has ever been played outside the United States, when the series switches to Toronto, Ontario in Canada.

Toronto's Roberto Alomar was named MVP of the ALCS; John Smoltz, of the Braves, was the NLCS MVP.

Eyebrows may be raised when the Braves take the field Saturday evening against Toronto. Their ace, Smoltz will have only rested 2 1/2 days,

Steve Avery came in as a relief pitcher last night, and young Tom Glavine hasn't looked like the pitcher he was early on in the season.

Game 1 could play a factor in the long run if the Blue Jays take advantage of Atlanta's fatigue. If Toronto can escape the Tomahawk Chop town with at least one victory, their odds for the world championship would look better and better.

Last year, when the Braves faced the Twins in the October Classic, the home team was the victor in all seven games. The Braves have the home field advantage this year, but they will need to concentrate on Game 1 especially.

Toronto's hunger for a well deserved title will be their motivation while the Braves will thrive on last year's heart wrenching loss to Minnesota in Game 7.

### FORMER REBEL TO RECEIVE \$1.7 MILLION OVER THREE YEARS

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By Dave Strege

LA JOLLA - The Clippers finally signed first-round pick Elmore Spencer and finalized their pre-season roster in the process.

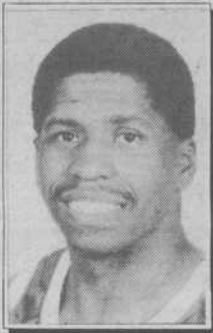
Spencer, the 7-0 center from UNLV who was drafted 25th overall by the team, signed a three-year deal beginning with a salary of \$437,000 with increases of \$131,100 in each of the next two seasons.

The move enabled the Clippers to sign veteran forward Kiki Vandeweghe, 6-8, to a one-year guaranteed deal at the NBA minimum of \$140,000. The club also signed 7-1 center Tito Horford and 6-6 forward Jaren Jackson to partially guaranteed contracts.

Spencer averaged 14.8 points, on 54 percent shooting from the floor, and 7.9 rebounds his senior season. He also blocked 70 shots in 28 games, and was named honorable mention All-America by The Associated Press.

His best game is considered to be a 20-point, 10- rebound outing against LSU and Shaquille O'Neal.

The Clippers were able to sign Spencer by restructuring the contract of John Williams, allowing the club to free an additional \$125,000 under the salary cap.



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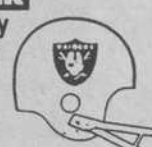
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