

SPORTS

UNLV OFF TO THE ISLANDS AFTER FALLING SHORT AGAINST RENO

By W.G. Ramirez

As the Rebels travel to Honolulu, for their non-conference match up with the Hawaii Rainbows, memories of last week's "turnover contest" against Nevada-Reno should be floating through their minds.

UNLV gave up five turnovers, as did Reno, en route to a 14-10 disappointment. The Rebels fell to 1-2 in Big West Conference play and 3-3 overall, while Reno continued to maintain a perfect record, 3-0, in BWC play, and 4-2 overall.

UNLV's sophomore RB Shannon McLean led all rushers with 159 yards on 29 carries and one TD; unfortunately, he fumbled the ball three times, one of which was picked up by Reno defensive back William Lackey and returned two yards for a

UNR's go ahead touchdown, late in the third quarter, giving the Wolfpack a 14-7 advantage.

UNR, which was held to a mere 110 yards passing, found that running back's Cornel West and Dedric Holmes would be anchoring the offense as they tallied 239 yards combined and rushed for 18 of UNR's 25 first downs. Holmes rushed for one TD, early in the third quarter.

Things started off well for UNLV, and it looked as if the Rebels would be celebrating a homecoming victory.

The Rebels led 7-0 until Holmes' 5-yard rumble with 10:59 remaining in the third quarter. Lackey's fumble return came at the 3:12 mark of the third quarter. UNLV kicker Nick Garritano concluded the scoring with a 36-yard field goal at the



John Ma'ae hands the ball to RB Shannon McLean last week against Nevada-Reno. Photo by B.Lee LVS-Voice

beginning of the fourth quarter as Reno walked away with the win and evened the series between the schools at 9-9.

Hawaii in the meantime, is off to its best start since 1989, touting a 4-1 record. The Rain-

bows are 3-1 in the Western Athletic Conference. All four of the Rainbows' victories have been by four points or less.

Last week Hawaii toppled the Fresno St. Bulldogs 47-45 behind RB Travis Sims' outstand-

ing performance.

Sims rushed for 180 yards on 28 carries and one TD. He currently ranks fifth in the nation in rushing and first on the team with 610 yards on 94 carries and two TDs.

Running the Spread offense - an option-oriented attack - the Rainbows have gained 1,226 yards on the ground so far this season. Junior QBs Ivin Jasper (56 carries, 191 yards, and 4 TDs) and Michael Carter (58, 156.2) alternate calling the signals for the Rainbows' offensive squad.

Hawaii's defensive squad is currently forcing 3.2 turnovers per game and would love to see the Rebels help that statistic out, after viewing UNLV's performance against UNR. UNLV will have to concentrate on holding

on to the football all night.

A battle of the punters will be on hand this Saturday, as UNLV's Brian Parvin, ranked 6th in the nation with an average of 45.7 yards per game. Hawaii punter Jason Elam is ranked fifth with 46.2 yards per attempt.

The all-time series finds the Rainbows with a 7-3 advantage over UNLV. Hawaii has won the last four meetings, although the two teams haven't met since 1984, in Honolulu. The Rainbows dumped the Rebels 16-12 after jumping out to a 10-3 halftime lead.

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 9:30 p.m. Kickoff is at 10:00 p.m.

Once Again, Shannon Miller Talks With The Sentinel

OLYMPIC, WORLD AND U.S. GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONS TO PERFORM AT CAESARS PALACE SATURDAY NIGHT

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Olympic gold, silver and bronze medal-winning gymnasts from the 1992 Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona and other Olympic, world and U.S. champion gymnasts will team together to perform in the Caesars Palace indoor Sports Pavilion on Saturday, Oct. 24.

The athletes set to showcase their championship style include Shannon Miller, winner of five Olympic medals; and Vitali Sherbo of

the Unified Team, winner of six Olympic gold medals, including the all-around. Miller and Sherbo were the most honored of any athletes at the 1992 Barcelona games.

Miller had given the Sentinel-Voice an exclusive phone interview upon arrival in Oklahoma, following the Olympic games. In another phone interview, this past week, the 15-year old silver medalist spoke about the tour, things that are presently happening in her life, and her plans for the future.

Miller conceived that she is having a great time, but misses spending time with her family. Miller's mother will be in Las Vegas to see Shannon perform.

Describing the tour as "a lot of fun," Shannon says that she is enjoying all the attention she receives and has had to get used to signing autographs.

Miller's coach, Steve Nunno, is traveling with her on the tour, which began September 27 in Massachusetts.

When she is not training or performing, Shannon is busy with school work. Miller, who has a tutor on the road with her, is currently a sophomore in high school.

Since Barcelona, Shannon has appeared on Good Morning America and Regis and Kathy Lee.

"I'd really like to be on Arsenio," admitted Shannon. "The agents are working on it."

On a serious note, Miller was asked to touch on the subject of (See Gymnasts, Page 15)

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