

**Rebels maintain slim chance of LV Bowl berth**

# UNLV TOPPLES PRESEASON FAVORITE SPARTANS; CONCLUDE ROAD SEASON IN LOGAN V.S. UTAH ST.

By W.G. Ramirez

With :47 seconds remaining in a Big West Conference matchup with the preseason favorite San Jose St. Spartans, UNLV Head Coach Jim Strong and his UNLV Rebels reacted as if they were the Denver Broncos, playing at Mile High Stadium, in Denver, with QB John Elway at the helm.

Rebels reserve QB Bob Stockham found WR Demond Thompkins alone in the end zone for a five-yard touchdown to push UNLV's score ahead of the Spartans, and lead the Rebels to their biggest victory since 1981.

Last Saturday's 35-31 victory over San Jose St. is said to be the most stunning upset for UNLV, (4-4, 2-2 in the Big West Conference), since their 45-41 upending of then-No. 8 ranked Brigham Young. The victory was the first by a current Big West school over the Spartans since 1989.

UNLV's first victory over San

Jose St. was propelled in the final 6:42 of the game, as the Rebels scored 14 unanswered points down 31-21.

All-purpose back Henry Bailey tallied 313 all-purpose yards, 75 of them coming on a TD strike from Stockham to pull the Rebels within two late in the fourth, setting up the Stockham-Thompkins combination near the end of the game.

Stockham came off the bench to throw for 247 yards and four touchdowns. His other two TD passes were to QB-turned-WR John Ma'ae with :51 seconds remaining in the first half, and a 3rd quarter strike to Bailey.

The reserve QB was not the only one to star off the bench though, Freshman RB Omar Love turned in a blockbuster day rambling for 144 yards, including a 54-yard TD run in the second quarter. Love had a season-total of 41 yds. before the start of the game.

Despite Stockham's performance against the Spartans,

Ma'ae seems to have received the nod for this Saturday's matchup against Utah St from Coach Strong.

Like the Spartans, the Aggies have reigned supremacy over UNLV and are known for being unstoppable during conference play. Despite having a losing overall season since 1980, the Aggies have posted a winning conference record the past seasons.

Utah St., (3-5, 2-1 in the Big West Conference), is led by junior QB Anthony Calvillo, who has thrown for 1,591 yards and seven touchdowns, and junior WR Toney Jenkins, who has

## SHOWTIME

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with Phoenix, Garry St. Jean with Sacramento and Jerry Tankanian with San Antonio.

In addition to a new stadium, Phoenix Suns fans will favor the addition to their newest marquee player in forward Charles Barkley. They will play their home-

gathered 32 receptions for 403 yards.

If the Rebels can claim a victory in Logan, there is an outside chance that they can capture the Big West crown and advance to the Las Vegas Bowl against the Mid-American Conference Champion. A San Jose State victory over Nevada this weekend will keep the winner of the UNLV/USU game in contention for the Big West title.

The football game will be telecast live over KDWN-AM (720) with Ken Korach and Tony Cordasco. The broadcast will begin with "Rebel Warm-Up" at 11:30 p.m. Kickoff is at noon.

## BIG WEST CONFERENCE OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK



**HENRY BAILEY, UNLV ALL-PURPOSE BACK**

All-purpose back Henry Bailey tallied 313 all-purpose yards and scored two touchdowns, helping UNLV to a 35-31 upset of San Jose State.

Bailey caught a 24-yard TD pass early in the third quarter, and was instrumental in a late fourth quarter rally.

Bailey caught a 75-yard TD pass late in the 4th quarter to pull UNLV within two.

points per game, currently has exactly 19,000 points and needs to average only 30.0 ppg. to achieve the 20,000-point club.

Cleveland Head Coach Lenny Wilkens, who enters his 20th season as an NBA head coach, is ready to take over as the second winningest coach in NBA history, behind only Red Auerbach (938). Wilkens only needs 50 wins to overtake No. 2 Jack Ramsey (864). In doing so, Wilkens will also pass Bill Fitch (845) and Dick Motta (856).

Boston center Robert Par-

ish, a.k.a. The Chief, has played in 1,260 NBA games, fourth on the all-time list, and he's primed to pass Celtics' legend John Havlicek (1,270) and then Elvin Hayes (1,303). Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (1,560) is the all-time leader.

Other games scheduled for this Friday include Minnesota at Boston, New Jersey at Philadelphia, Miami at Orlando, New York at Atlanta, Milwaukee at Detroit, Golden State at Utah, L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers and San Antonio at Sacramento.

## SPORTS COMMENTARY FOR GOOD

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Here we go again! On October 8th, I penned my commentary entitled "Magic Perot," and wrote about the past eleven months on-going saga with Magic Johnson. Not one month later, Magic has announced that he will now retire "For Good!"

"What's Really Goin' On?"

Last season, the Lakers dealt with the loss of Magic, as well as James Worthy and Sam Perkins to injuries.

They faced the possibility of not making the playoffs for the first time in 16 years. After squeaking into the playoffs, as the Western Conference's eighth seed their Game 4 matchup with the Portland Trailblazers was moved out here to the Thomas and Mack Center due to civil unrest in their home town L.A.

A season of dismay devastated the Los Angeles Lakers.

Following the L.A./Portland game, I asked Byron Scott what it would take to return the L.A. Lakers to the caliber of play that made them the champions they once were.

Scott glared at me, with a season-ending, disappointed look and replied, "Sam Perkins, James Worthy and Magic Johnson." That was a good enough conclusion for that interview.

Now with the 1992-'93 season approaching, it seemed as if Scott's statement (or wish) had come true.

September 29th appeared to have eclipse all of the Lakers' woes when Johnson announced he would return to the team.

In the few appearances he made during the pre-season, Johnson showed that he can still handle the roundball and run the Lakers' offense.

Unlikely as it may be, if Scott could remember his statement to me, back on May 3rd, he was probably elated.

After Monday's announcement, I wondered

how Byron must have felt.

As a matter of fact, I wonder how the team, owner Dr. Jerry Buss, the city of Los Angeles, and all of the Lakers/ Magic fans feel.

During the '80s, the NBA might have revolved around Bird and Magic, but this is a new era; it's now time for the Jordans, Barkleys and Drexlers to shine through. Let's see how many titles they can accumulate.

Magic,

*This decision must actually be "For Good." Your lust for the game and devotion for your team is enormous - we know it, and love you for it. Let us remember you as the most honored basketball player in history - from high school to Barcelona. You have nothing more to prove to us. You leave a winner and truly remain a legend - For Good!*

•Alright bettors, where are you at? I hope you're hanging in there with me. Let me start by clearing up a few errors in the past two weeks "Best Bets Box." Two weeks ago I had Phoenix and Indianapolis listed as heavy favorites over Philadelphia and Miami respectively. Actually, Philly and Miami were the favorites. Last week there were typos. The first game listed said Atl. v.s. L.A. Rams; It should have read Atl. over L.A. Rams. San Diego and Indianapolis were listed vice-versa.

I have had a few people ask me about the bottom half of the box and why they aren't calculated into the record. Please note, I am only giving you my Top 5 picks of the week, 3 of them being Upset Specials. The bottom half is the remainder of the schedule.

•Please get your ballots in for UNLV's African-American Athlete of the Year. These young men have worked hard through 1992 and we want to know who you feel has been UNLV's MVP. Look at the bright side, no Bush, no Clinton and no Perot to vote for.

## As 1992 winds down, it's time for you to: VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE UNLV 1992 AFRICAN-AMERICAN ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

- Tony Allick - swimming
- Henry Bailey - football
- Danny Barber - soccer
- Evrice Gray - basketball
- John Ma'ae - football
- Rodney Mazion - football/baseball
- Shannon McLean - football
- J.R. Rider - basketball
- Elmore Spencer - basketball
- Demond Thompkins - football/baseball

The top 5 vote-getters as well as the ladies' finalists will be released for voting on **December 3rd**. Voting will continue through **January 13, 1993**. Winners will be announced **January 14, 1993**. Please drop off or mail your ballot to:  
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