

# "ROLLIE'S REBELS" OPEN SEASON WITH VICTORY; WILL TRAVEL TO SDSU ON SATURDAY NIGHT



Dexter Boney (L) and Evric Gray (R), seen here against New Mexico State, are a big part of UNLV's stinging defense

**By W.G. Ramlrez**  
Holding off a furious pack of Lions, the UNLV Runnin' Rebels withstood a late 12-point rally to defeat Loyola Marymount 84-80. The victory marked the first in the Rollie Massimino era and also extended the nation's longest winning streak to 24 games. UNLV has now won their eighth straight season-opening victory.

Senior forward J.R. Rider led all scorers with 29 points and senior forward Evric Gray co-starred in the contest, filling the net with 19 points.

The Lions, coached by one of Massimino's former assistants at Villanova, nearly spoiled Rollie's debut with UNLV when they pulled within two points with 20 seconds left. Rebels junior guard Ken Gibson put his game-total in double figures when he canned two free throws with 16 seconds remaining to push the Rebels lead to 84-80. Gibson ended up with 11 points.

Now in its 35th season of collegiate basketball, UNLV will play its 1,000th collegiate basketball game when they travel to San Diego State this Saturday.

Coming off of a 2-26 season, including a winless record in the Western Athletic Conference, the Aztecs have begun their

1992-93 campaign by already achieving half of their win total from last season.

The Aztecs are 1-2 thus far, with a 72-68 victory over Cal Poly Pomona landing between a season-opening loss to the University of San Diego 85-60, and a heartbreaking defeat at the hands of Arizona State 67-64.

SDSU has four returning lettermen that start, including 6'10" junior center Joe McNaull and 6'7" junior forward Courtie Miller. Freshman guard Jason Hamilton has tried to ignite the Aztecs, averaging 10.3 points per game along with 10 steals as a reserve.

Junior Danny Griffin, who has been slowed by strained knee ligaments, was able to play eight minutes against LMU. Although scoreless, Griffin grabbed three rebounds.

Gray, who has been hampered with a strained lower back, and sophomore guard Reggie Manuel, who has been bothered with a sprained ankle, seem to be back on track for the Rebels and are expected to see action Saturday against SDSU.

UNLV holds a 14-4 advantage over SDSU in a series that dates back to 1966. The Rebels peeled away with an 88-72 vic-



J.R. Rider, who poured in 29 points against Loyola-Marymount last Saturday, will lead the Rebels against San Diego State this Saturday.

tory last season in the Thomas and Mack Center. Gray had a career night, scoring 28 points including four three-pointers. The senior forward also snatched 10 rebounds off the boards.

As always, the game will be carried live over KDWN-AM (720) with Tony Cordasco calling the action. The pre-game show begins at 7 p.m. Also, the game will be telecast live on KRLR-TV 21 at 7:30 p.m., with Ken Korach and Glen Gonderzick calling the action. This season marks the return to live TV for UNLV.

Last season the Rebels were banned from being telecast live due to an NCAA infraction in 1977. The only time UNLV was on TV last season was on a tape-delay basis.

UNLV	THE STARTERS	SDSU
F-Evric Gray, 6'7" Sr.		F-Tony Clark, 6'8" So.
F-J.R. Rider, 6'5" Sr.		F-Courtie Miller, 6'7" Jr.
G-Ken Gibson, 6'3" Jr.		C-Joe McNaull, 6'11" Jr.
G-Dexter Boney, 6'4" Sr.		G-Chris Walters, 6'2" Jr.
G-Dedan Thomas, 6'0" Jr.		G-Rober Ringo, 6'2", So.

## LVSU TOP 25

TW Team	LW
1. KANSAS	3
2. DUKE	4
3. INDIANA	2
4. KENTUCKY	5
5. MICHIGAN	1
6. SETON HALL	6
7. FLORIDA STATE	7
8. NORTH CAROLINA	9
9. GEORGETOWN	11
10. LOUISVILLE	12
11. ARIZONA	8
12. UCLA	14
13. IOWA	13
14. OKLAHOMA	15
15. TULANE	17
16. MEMPHIS STATE	10
17. GEORGIA TECH	16
18. CINCINNATI	19
19. SYRACUSE	20
20. MICHIGAN STATE	18
21. UNLV	24
22. CONNECTICUT	22
23. NEWMEXICOST.	21
24. NEBRASKA	NR
25. PURDUE	NR

**THE FINALISTS ARE IN**  
**VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE UNLV 1992**  
**AFRICAN-AMERICAN ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

<b>MEN</b>	<b>WOMEN</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Henry Bailey - football	<input type="checkbox"/> Teresa Jackson - basketball
<input type="checkbox"/> Danny Barber - soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Sharon Hargrove - basketball
<input type="checkbox"/> Evric Gray - basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Shunta Rose - track & field
<input type="checkbox"/> Shannon McLean - football	<input type="checkbox"/> Trevia Williams - track & field
<input type="checkbox"/> J.R. Rider - basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Crystal Irving - track & field

These ten outstanding athletes for UNLV have been named as finalists for UNLV's African-American Athlete Of The Year for 1992. Please fill out your ballot and drop off or mail to: Athlete Of The Year, 1201 S. Eastern, L.V. Nev. 89104.  
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